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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1911.

MEANS BIG THINGS FOR N. C.

The United States Board of Engineers has recommended the construction of a free waterway from the Chesapeake Bay through the North Carolina sounds to Beaufort inlet. Cost of same is estimated at about five million.

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The Houston Post touches a warm spot in every dead bear's heart in the following: "Senator Simmons of North Carolina says he is in favor of anything that will make Germany treat our people fairly. The Houston Sons of Rest are in favor of anything that will make Germany or any other country treat people frequently."

The New York Times has not published on Monday. This is the one holiday for the working force in the year and we do not believe that any of our readers use this one day of rest and pleasure.

Dust up those new year's resolutions. We wish for Phillips a sock full of pies. Do your Christmas paying early.

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The father of the young man electrocuted for wife murder and the father of the murdered woman walk the quiet streets of Dover arm in arm.

The Beattie baby will remain here and be brought up in the Owen home. This conventional news "special" carries a story of wonderful meaning. It is a story as old and as new as the races of men, and as precious as their tenderest feeling. It sounds the most sublime note of human emotion. It registers the power of a little child to lead.

Here in brief sentences is a significant drama of human experience. Between the lines is written the full tragedy and ruin of a dozen lives. The history of the case is suggested, and is, at any rate, too well known to need repeating. It is not new, wonderful, after all, that two fathers who have suffered the blight and woe of a life-long devotion and purpose should carry their sore hearts and tired faith to childhood, to seek and find justification for life. So it is with the world, and so it will be while feeling exists. A baby's untaught eyes have faith to answer the doubt and disappointment that spring from experience; its curious, searching fingers own a cunning to touch a hardened cheek, to sweep to touch a heart-string, and evoke softer harmony out of discordant elements. The grave of a murdered daughter and the death-chair of a murderer son lay between the fathers; but their fatherhood was swallowed up in grandfatherhood. The emphasis of their suffering is now behind them, walking the street, arm in arm, they have acquired a fresh interest in living. The end and object of their further endeavor and devotion is the child.

But what of the little infant son of the late Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., who so unwittingly, has played this part? For the others the bitterest hour of their shame and grief has passed and time will do much to heal the scars. But for the child the tragedy of his life is but beginning. Society, after its peculiar fashion, will never forget the purple stain upon him. Time will do little to dull the reproach. He is an outcast predetermined. The hopeless certainty that whatever achievement he might own would be chattered by the infallible, ever-remembering, modern press in relation to the outstanding fact of his life, leaves a haunting resource or aspiration. It is wrong, all wrong, but true that he has little chance to make good unless he can triumph in a remarkable degree over sensitiveness.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS..... You Bet! On to Charlotte is the decision of the Norfolk Southern railroad, according to recent dispatches. That is good news.—Daily Reflector.

Discrimination Against Roosters. In answer to an objection that one of the police regulations of the District of Columbia, prohibiting the keeping of roosters without the written consent of a majority of the householders on the block, was void because it delegated the power of the commissioners to the people of the block, the court in Pithyann vs. District of Columbia, 36 App. D. C. 186 said: "The requirement with reference to the keeping of roosters within the fire limits is not a delegation of power. It merely puts vain and noisy roosters upon their good behavior."

Probably the prohibition is unconstitutional as class legislation. Why should the "vain and noisy roosters" of the banyard be put upon good behavior, while no limitations are placed upon the congressional breed? Chancellor at his worst deprives only a few of his immediate neighbors of material things, while the crowing of the featherless bipeds at the capitol not infrequently gives insomnia to a mighty nation.—Colliers' Weekly.

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The superior court judges of Georgia at their Aanta convention, did not mince terms in denouncing the archaic procedure and the tyranny of technicality that impedes the administration of law and justice in this state. As a unit, they agreed that a sweeping reform was imperative, if the courts are to serve their functions, and not parody them.

It was the unbroken opinion that technically, hallowed by years of usage, is the greatest barrier in the way of reform. It was shown by more than one of those participating in the discussion that the courts are powerless to mete justice, when appellate courts are compelled to reverse or stay decision on points that may be absolutely irrelevant to the real merits of the case under consideration.

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Song for Christmas

HANT me a rhyme of Christmas— Sing me a jovial song— And though it is filled with laughter, Let it be pure and strong

Sing of the hearts brimmed over With the story of the day— Of the echo of childish voices That will not die away—

Of the blare of the tasseled bugle, And the timeless clatter and beat Of the drum that throbs to muster Squadrons of scampering feet.

But, O, let your voice fall fainter, Till, blent with a minor tone, You temper your song with the beauty Of the pity Christ hath shown,

And sing one verse for the voiceless; And yet, ere the song be done, A verse for the ears that hear not, And a verse for the sightless one.

For though it be time for singing A merry Christmas glee, Let a low, sweet voice of pathos Run through the melody.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

attractive. Most young girls are, I think, very young to be engaged, and my advice is to wait at least two years. Enjoy your youth a while longer. Do not pay any attention to what the girls say; they are probably only thoughtless, and it is quite natural to tease. As long as you are sure of your own conduct, do not worry. Do not wrangle over a car fare; if the friend paid it and you offer it back and he refuses, let it go.

A New Year's Reception. An interested reader comes to you for assistance. My home is in a small town, but I would like to receive New Year's calls. How shall I dress and decorate? Shall I serve at a large table or pass things? Tell me all about it please.—Reader.

One "reader" at least is making advance preparation, for which I am very thankful, for I am always sorry when requests come that are too late for publication, owing to the department being made up in advance. I hope the good old custom of New Year's calls will be revived. Announcements to this effect may be inserted in the society column of the local paper: Miss Blank, of 16 James street will be at home to her friends on the afternoon of New Year's day from four to seven. If others are to receive the names should be added, preceded by "assisted by." The Christmas decorations are usually kept up till Twelfth Night (January 6), so that is all you will need, with plenty of candles. Have a bowl of frappe conveniently placed, then in the dining room have a couple of pretty girls to preside over the coffee and chocolate.

A Bride's Outfit. How many towels, dish towels, sheets and pillow cases does a bride need? I am very young, never had any experience and no one but you to ask. Please help me.—A Bride-Elect.

That is just what I am here for, to help those who have no one to ask. Much depends upon how large a home you are to maintain after you are married. A modest little bride whom I asked tells me that she is doing very comfortably with a dozen sheets, some number of pillow cases, three table cloths, two luncheon cloths or sets of doilies, three dozen napkins of three sizes, two dozen towels, six bath towels, a dozen wash cloths, four roller towels, two dozen dish towels. She has three single beds to use all the time. I think you will find this list the least you can manage nicely with; add as many more as you are able from time to time.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Reply to "Blue Eyes." I am a young girl, 18 years old, and a constant reader of your column. I do not go out very much and would like you to help me in a few ways. When a young man asks you to eat supper with him, it is to be understood that he is to take you home? A young man came home with me from a party and he wanted me to give him a good-night kiss. I wouldn't give it to him. Did I do right? Do you think it proper for a young girl to stand on the street corners and talk to boys? I have a friend who does this. Do you think I am too young to have company ones in a while? How is my writing and composition?—Blue Eyes.

Surely, if a young man invites you to supper he should see that you are safely returned to your home. You did exactly right in not kissing the young man, and I hope you will continue to be strong and brave enough to resist. I almost believe I would not go with that man any more, and let him know the reason why. A man should not put a girl in a position that she will regret afterward, and no girl of 15 should kiss men promiscuously; it is not a good thing to do, but there are exceptions to all rules. Your writings are very good and the letter is fairly well composed.

Reply to "A Brown-eyed Girl." It is impossible to be "in" next Sunday's paper, such as I would like to grant all requests to do so. The paper has a most forerhand way of keeping ahead of the game, and the department is made up in advance, so if replies are very urgent, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with care of the paper, for a personal reply. You are plenty stout enough and will no doubt taste more any other older, and I would think you...

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Progressive Dinner Party. Our club of six girls has decided to give a progressive dinner party during the early part of the approaching holidays, and ask six boys. I thought I would write and ask you for a few helpful suggestions on what to do. What would you have for the six courses?

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Place at Table for Guests of Honor. Please tell me in next Sunday's paper which is considered proper to seat the honored guests at the table at the right of the host and hostess or to the left? There is a difference of opinion about it.—"Idylwild."

The generally observed rule is that the honored woman guest is the right of host, the man at right of hostess, next in honor at left of host and hostess.

FIELD ARTILLERY TO BE LOCATED IN SOUTHWEST. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—The war department has decided to take all field artillery from this section and locate it in the southwest.

An order has been issued from division headquarters directing the quartermaster at Fort Snelling to advertise for bids for the transportation of troops. This information came in a letter informing the quartermaster that the order was on the way.

It is said that the order is preliminary to the transfer of the Fort Snelling artillery to Fort Sill, Okla.

The best way to conduct a progressive dinner party is for each hostess to arrange her own centerpieces and place cards, keeping her plan a secret. This lends excitement and interest, and there is never a dull moment, as the dinner guests have no other...

897,000 From Sea Stories. The value of the estate left by W. Clark Russell, the late writer of stories of the sea, is said to be about \$97,000.

SUSPECTS ARE HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The five persons arrested for the death of Miss Mary Boldue, of Manchester, N. H., and formerly of St. Ludger, Quebec, were held without bail for a hearing Dec. 27. The prisoners, who are all charged with murder in the first degree, are Mrs. Annie Reed, Mrs. Hattie M. Hazlett, Mrs. A. M. Cambridge, and Dr. John D. Ferguson, and Miss Mary A. O'Neill, of Manchester.

It is alleged that Miss Boldue died in Mrs. Shattuck's home in Forest Hill as the result of a criminal operation.

THREE MEN GET FREEDOM FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 23.—"I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a prosperous one. Judge John E. McCaskey told three striking employees of the Illinois Central Railroad in the United States district court here today when he suspended jail sentences rendered upon conviction of the violations of the injunction that began railroad stop after the strike began. Joseph Humphreys, Albert Roe and W. H. Wall were the men given freedom as Christmas gifts. The judge today declined to sentence a fourth man, Herman Simonson, convicted of the same offense.

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