

Not a Good Christmas.

The Charlotte Observer says editorially:

"It is the universal comment that there was never witnessed in Charlotte such debauchery as characterized Christmas day, and it was a special grief to observe that this extended so far into the ranks of the young boys of the community. Numbers of them, not more than half way through their teens, exhibited themselves openly in various stages of intoxication, and for this cause, if no other, Christmas day, 1899, will long remain a painful memory."

War Movements Rather Quiet.

There is more or less fighting on a small scale in the Philippines but little to indicate any special turn of affairs.

In South Africa the Boers hold the English at bay. Gen. Buller has destroyed a bridge apparently to avert the danger of the Boer aggressiveness. The British, it seems, must have time to take a new start.

Notice.

Bring all your second hand bags to the Fenix Flour Mills and get 3 cents in cash or trade for each. This is \$30.00 per thousand. Don't let them lie around and go to waste. They must be in good condition. G. T. CROWELL, Prop.

Southern Railway SCHEDULE.

N EFFECT JULY THE 16TH, 1899.

This condensed schedule is published as information, and is subject to change without notice to the public:

Trains leave Concord N. C.—

5:52 A. M.—No. 8, daily, for Richmond; connects at Greensboro for Raleigh and Goldsboro; at Goldsboro for Norfolk, at Danville for Washington and points North, at Salisbury for Asheville, Knoxville and points West.

7:19 A. M.—No. 33, the New York and Florida Express, carries Pullman sleeping cars between New York and Augusta, New York and Tampa, Fla., and Norfolk to Charlotte.

8:45 A. M.—No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern, limited for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and all points South and Southwest. Through Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans and New York to Memphis. Dining car, vestibule coach, between Washington and Atlanta.

10:00 A. M.—No. 34, daily, for Washington, Richmond, Raleigh and all points North. Carries Pullman drawing room buffet sleeper, New Orleans to New York; Jacksonville to New York; Pullman tourist cars from San Francisco via New Orleans and Southern Pacific Sundays and Wednesdays.

11:28 A. M.—No. 11, daily for Atlanta and all points South. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta.

7:09 P. M.—No. 12, daily, for Richmond, Asheville, Chatanooga, Raleigh, Norfolk, and all points North.

8:41 P. M.—No. 7, daily, from Richmond, Washington, Goldsboro, Selma, Raleigh, Greensboro, Knoxville and Asheville to Charlotte, N. C.

8:51 P. M.—No. 38, daily, Washington and Southwestern limited, for Washington and all points North. Through Pullman car, Memphis to New York; New Orleans to New York. Also carries vestibule coach and dining car. Close connection at Greensboro with sleeper for Norfolk.

9:00 P. M.—No. 35, daily, for Atlanta and New Orleans, carries Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans, New York to Jacksonville and Charlotte to Atlanta; dining car. Also Pullman tourist car Washington to San Francisco, via New Orleans Tuesday and Fridays.

9:45 P. M.—No. 34, daily, the New York and Florida Express, carries Pullman Sleeping Cars between Augusta and New York, Tampa, Fla. and New York and Charlotte to Richmond. Carries sleepers Charlotte to Norfolk via Greensboro.

First sections of regular through or local freight trains carry passengers only to points where they stop according to schedule.

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John M. Culp, Traffic Manager, Washington, D. C.

W. A. Turk, Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Washington, D. C.

C. van Dusenbery, Local Agent, Concord, N. C.

Fortunate Editors.

The Durham Morning Herald is happy over a very excellent office chair received as a Christmas present. There's no more foretelling the luck of an editor than that of a lousy calf. The writer has been eating some of the best country sausage for Christmas that he ever stuck a tooth into. It came from Mrs. Jno. A. Lippard of No. 6 township. We lack words to express our thanks but not the appetite to enjoy the treat.

THE BEST PRESCRIPTION FOR CHILLS

and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. Never fails to cure; Then why experiment with worthless imitations? Price 50 cents. Your money back if it fails to cure.

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The Week in Washington.

From our Regular Correspondent.

December 24, 1899.—One of the wonders of the closing of the year is the weather experienced by the people of this region. Throughout the autumn and thus far in the winter the climate has been marked by mildness and an absence of snow or rain.

No finer conditions could be asked for than those which have prevailed during the entire period of this season's activity and in consequence the merchants of Washington have occasion to be thankful as never before in their history for a trade which surpasses all hopes and breaks all records.

Mr. Roberts, of Utah, will get the Christmas present that he probably expected, if the report of the Taylor investigating committee is adopted by the House. The committee has determined Roberts' status as a polygamist, and will apply the Edmunds law and declare him legally ineligible to election as a member of the House of Representatives. Contrary to the general belief, the committee managed to do its little stunt without resorting to a junketing trip to Utah, at the expense of the tax-payers of the United States.

Such forbearance on the part of a Congressional committee is almost without precedent.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung trouble. Regular sizes 50c cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Fetzler's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Arizona and New Mexico have bobbed up again with petitions for statehood. Of course neither of them is fit for it, but either has better qualifications than some of our present states, Nevada, for instance.—Atlanta Journal.

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The three upper classes of the United States Military Academy have voted unanimously to abolish hazing. If the cadets are sincere in this action it will have more effect for the suppression of orders from the faculty or acts of congress.—Atlanta Journal.

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That is the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults refer to it as bitter, nauseating Tonic. Price, 50c.

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There is hope that some day the cigarette may be universally condemned.—Salisbury Sun.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas O. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by M. L. Marsh & Co. Druggist.

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