

as everybody knows, created on the same day. Who could have the face to blame Eve if the snake had tempted her with a ripe persimmon instead of an apple?

Nearly every part of the persimmon tree is useful in some way. The fruit yields a very palatable beverage called 'simmon beer. It is sometimes pounded up with bran, and the cakes, dried in an oven, are preserved for making beer with the addition of hops and yeast. The fermented fruit furnishes a brandy that improves with age. The wood serves the shoemaker for shoe lasts and is equal to ash or beech. Mallets and axe handles made of it are as nearly everlasting as anything. A decoction of the very bitter and astringent inner bark is supposed to be salubrious against intermittent fevers.

Owing to their softness, persimmons cannot be easily shipped North in quantity with safety, which is surely regrettable if we consider that millions of people are condemned to pass their lives without ever having tasted one of these luscious fruits.

The best place to get them is, of course, the close neighborhood of Pinehurst, and then say with Goethe, only somewhat different:

'After I ate persimmons  
I can die in bliss.'

OTTO KATZENSTEIN.

#### Concert at Holly Inn.

The Holly Inn orchestra arrived last week, and with one exception includes the same musicians as last year, with Mr. Lindsey as leader. It is made up as follows: Frank Edward Lindsey, piano; E. Royal Ellis, violin; Fred J. Pool, cornet, and F. A. Brooks, clarinet and saxophone. Mr. Brooks takes the place of L. Stanley Redding who was here last season.

The first concert of the season was given at the Inn last Sunday evening and the following is the excellent program.

Mazurka—"La Czarina,"	Wagner
Overture—"The Bridal Rose,"	Levalle
"La Cinquantain," Air in Olden Style.	
Duo for Cornet and Clarinet.	
Intermezzo—"Cavalleria Rusticana,"	Mascagni
Selection—"Maritana,"	Wallace

About fifty of our villagers assembled to enjoy this musical feast and thoroughly appreciated the numbers, all of which were finely rendered. The orchestra gives promise of even better work than last winter.

The following program has been provided for the concert next Sunday evening:

March—"Nibelungen,"	Wagner
Overture—"William Tell"	Rossini
Spanish Song, "La Paloma"	Yradler
Piano Solo—Mazurka,	Godard
Mr. F. E. Lindsey.	
Selection—"The Serenade,"	Victor Herbert
Violin Solo—Mazurka,	Musin
Mr. E. Royal Ellis.	
Gavotte—"Beau Brummell,"	Bendix

#### Christmas Is Coming.

Manager Pritchett has been making great preparations for the Christmas trade at the Department Store, and now has a stock of goods well calculated to suit the fancy of our villagers. During the week a Lamson cash carrier system has been installed, with a sufficient number of carriers to accommodate the increasing business. Miss Lucy Peasley of Medford, Mass., is the new cashier. The interior of the store has been rear-

ranged, the goods tastily displayed, and competent clerks are in attendance in each department.

The line of heavy and fancy groceries is very large and includes all reasonable eatables.

The meat and fish market is daily presenting a greater variety of goods for our villagers to select from, and the quality is up to the standard.

The dry and fancy goods department has been enlarged and is fully up to date.

A new stock of silver-ware, souvenirs and toys has just arrived and can be seen at the south end of the building. The line of silverware is especially elegant and complete, and is one of the finest in this part of the country. The prices too are remarkably low. These wares have been effectively displayed and the people of our neighboring cities and towns, as well as those in our own village will find it to their advantage to inspect these goods before purchasing elsewhere.

#### Entertainment Committee.

A meeting of our villagers was held at the Casino parlors last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of appointing a committee to arrange and take charge of a series of entertainments in the Village Hall during the coming winter. Supt. Benbow was chosen chairman of the meeting, and Miss Baxter acted as secretary.

The following general committee was elected: Mrs. Edwards, Misses Gilbert, Upham, Hoyt, Harris, Canning and Baxter, and Messrs. Adams, Jones, Lindsey and Miller, with Mr. Edwards as chairman.

Some general plans were discussed, at the suggestion of Mr. Benbow. The first subject under discussion was provision for an entertainment and Christmas tree for the guests, and one for the colored employes and their families. The meeting then adjourned.

Mr. Edwards immediately called a meeting of the general committee, and special committees for Christmas tree work were then appointed. Miss Gilbert was chosen chairman of the committee to provide the colored people's Christmas tree, with Misses Hoyt and Baxter as her assistants.

The following committee of six was appointed for the work of decorating the Christmas tree for the guests: Mrs. Edwards, Misses Harris and Canning, and Messrs. Edwards, Adams and Miller.

The entertainment committee is composed of Misses Upham and Canning, and Mr. Lindsey.

A subscription committee of seven was chosen, with Mr. Edwards as treasurer, and includes Mrs. Edwards, Misses Harris, Canning and Baxter, and Messrs. Adams and Miller. This committee, with Miss Gilbert added, was also authorized to act as a purchasing committee.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

On Monday evening the committee again met in the Casino parlor, to decide upon the time for the Christmas entertainments. By unanimous vote 7 o'clock Saturday evening December 24th, was the time appointed for the Christmas tree and entertainment for the guests, and 2 o'clock the following Monday afternoon for the colored people. Mr. Adams moved that the general committee be enlarged, and that Mr. Edwards, the

chairman, be authorized to ask to join the general committee, any whom he chooses among those who come into the village during the winter. The motion was carried, and Mrs. Noble, Miss Stevens, Miss Merrill, and Mr. Pool were elected to the general committee. A discussion as to the various methods of decoration, etc., followed, after which the secretary was asked to obtain a list of the names of the white children of the town and of the colored people of the immediate vicinity.

The meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock when the subscription committee was to report.

At the meeting of the general committee on Wednesday evening the report of the subscription committee was received and an appropriation made. Miss Gilbert resigned as chairman of committee on tree for colored people, and Misses Upham and Stevens resigned from the general committee. Miss Merrill was elected to serve on the purchasing committee and Mrs. Noble on the entertainment committee.

The time for other meetings was agreed upon and the meeting then adjourned.

#### SOUTHERN PINES.

Sheriff Jones was after our taxes Wednesday.

F. T. Spinney of Pinehurst was in town last Wednesday.

Sylvanus Stewart, of Haverhill, Mass., is at the Central House.

Matthew Carroll who was at the Holly Inn last winter, is employed as chef at the "Ozone."

The Kings Daughters' sale of Christmas goods will be held in Odd Fellows Hall this afternoon and evening.

Dr. G. H. Sadelson has been appointed chairman of the health board, in the place of Dr. L. T. Smith, resigned.

Extra seats were required in the Congregational church last Sunday, which is an indication of the rapidly increasing number of winter visitors.

J. B. D. Tupper and wife of Washington, D. C., have gone to Atlanta to be present at the peace jubilee. They were guests at the "Ozone" hotel.

C. A. Adams and wife, from the Holly Inn, Pinehurst, stopped over at the "Ozone" to take the 4.23 vestibule train for the jubilee at Atlanta. This is their second season at Holly Inn.

Initiatory degree and nomination of officers at the meeting of Alpha Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F., next Tuesday evening, after which free refreshments will be served. Pinehurst Odd Fellows are invited.

E. D. Oslin, editor of the *Free Press*, has arrived from Melbourne, Fla., and is stopping at the "Ozone." The office of his paper is likely to be located in the new building on Bennett street, near Dr. Sadelson's drug store.

"Look here," said a young lieutenant, "this uniform you have made for me is entirely too large." "That's all right," explained the tailor. "When you get it on, you'll feel so big that it will be a perfect fit."—*Philadelphia North American*.

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