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NEW FIRM

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS

G. H. McDaniel will open up Dry Goods business in February.

We are glad to announce that Kings Mountain is to have a new business house to open February 15th. Mr. G. H. McDaniel has planned to put in a big stock of dry goods and notions in the new Mauney building next door to H. T. Fulton's furniture store. Mr. McDaniel will have no associates but will conduct the business on his own account.

Mr. McDaniel is one of the best known and most popular young men in this section. We might go further and say that he is one of the best liked and most efficient salesmen in Kings Mountain. He has a pleasant face, a strong personality and just the turn that everybody likes and we predict that he is going to enjoy a most splendid patronage in his new venture. He has the advantage over any new comer because he not only knows the people who trade in Kings Mountain but is known to them as a sober, reliable and accomplished business man. He is already established in one of the best business assets that any man can ever acquire, namely, the confidence of the people to whom he is to look for his patronage. Mr. McDaniel is an old resident of the place when the days and years on ones habitation is measured with all the days and years of his life, for he has been here about all his days. For the past eight years he has been a very efficient salesman in the grocery store of Mauney Brothers. This is sufficient recommendation as to his qualification as a business man, for Mauney Brothers has no other kind.

Burglary at Grover.

The general store of R. C. Ellis was burglarized at Grover Tuesday night of last week. The entrance was effected through a window in the rear of the store. The three panes of the bottom of the window were already out but was protected by iron bars about six inches apart. The burglars seemed to have taken a crate as a fulcrum and prized against a bar bowing it up just a little and then crawled through between the bars and where a pane was out. Mr. Ellis could not ascertain just how much stuff was taken but certainly some clothing and shoes. A pair of old No 8 shoes were left at the foot of the stairs and a number of new shoes were scattered around indicating that the scoundrel was somewhat choice. Old clothes were found outside where a change of outer garments was clearly in evidence. There were two suspicious negro boys in Grover the day before and were missing next morning and they are saddled with the responsibility of the act. But as there is catching before hanging in this country they may escape punishment. Mr. Ellis tracked one of the burglars nearly to Kings Mountain Wednesday.

Xmas Tree at Dixon Academy.

The people of Dixon Academy Community enjoyed a most splendid Christmas entertainment on Christmas eve. An unusually good program had been prepared by the children and a Christmas tree was set up.

Christmas In Kings Mountain

A Rainy Day

Christmas day brought with it a continual downpour of rain. The inclemency of the weather kept most people indoors and thereby greatly reduced the activities of the day. It was a quiet time in Kings Mountain. Only one arrest was made and that was for drunkenness. Many people passed the day in public without seeing any sign of strong drink. There was no disorder at any public gathering on account of it. People were in the best of behavior and seemed to be more in the true spirit of Christmas than the Herald man has ever seen anywhere at any time before. It may have been the war, hard times, or bad weather, but we believe that the people are actually growing better.

Breakfast At 5

Miss Daisy Carpenter gave a very delightful Christmas Breakfast to the members of the Chorus Club Christmas Morning at five o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated in holly, mistletoe and hot house flowers. The guests were met at the door by Miss Eula Long who ushered them into the parlor where a cold stove greeted them and added to the cheerfulness of the occasion—Mr. James McGill very graciously presided over the wood box. After the rendering of a Christmas program the guests were shown into the dining room where a three course breakfast was served.

The Club members are Misses Nell Dilling, Eula Long, Marie Moss and Bonnie Mauney and Messrs Cooksey, James McGill, Palmer, Sage and Dock Fulton.

The purpose of the young people was a Christmas Serenade at 6:00 a. m. but on account of the inclemency of the weather they were unable to carry out their plan.

Cora Xmas Tree

Cora Mill Sunday School

The Cora Mill Sunday School held its Christmas celebration on Thursday night in the Cora chapel. A splendid program of speeches and songs was rendered by the children and the choir. The selections of the pieces and the way in which the children presented them showed that the management of the Sunday school had the situation well in hand, and it also spoke well for the mentality of the children who participated in the program. After the exercises by the children Prof. Gardner gave some special music of his own composition and read a Christmas selection from the Kings Mountain Herald. The editor was present and delivered an address on "Christmas as a Birthday Observance."

A splendid Christmas Tree had been prepared on one end of the stage which was robed from top to bottom with good things for the children and some of the grown-ups. The tree was disrobed and then a treat composed of fruits and candies was distributed to every member of the Sunday school, and on this score the editor came in for a share.

Tree At Grace

At Grace Methodist Church.

Two o'clock Friday afternoon was the hour set for the annual Christmas entertainment at Grace Methodist church. The hour was greeted with a deluging rain that was literally bathing the earth. But a goodly number showed their interest in the occasion and gathered until the house was well filled on good time. A good program was carried out by the members of the Sunday School. Dr. O. G. Falls had been staged for the opening address but was not present. The editor of the Herald was present and spoke on "Christmas in other lands". A big Christmas tree was groaning under its huge load of Christmas gifts and one whole corner of the church was banked with bags of confectioneries. After the literary part of the program had been dispensed with the presents from the tree were given out and the confectioneries distributed and in each case the Herald man was remembered. It was a good exercise. Every time they had met for rehearsal of the program it had rained them out but the stranger didn't detect but what a due amount of practice had been put to each number.

Mountain View

The Mountain View Sunday School held its Christmas exercise in the Chapel near the Sevier Mills on Christmas eve. A splendid program of songs and speeches by the children was well rendered after which fruits and candies were distributed among the pupils. Then came the disrobing of the Christmas tree which was the chief object of interest.

Lutherans

Christmas was observed at the Lutheran Church by an exercise by the children on Christmas eve night and preaching service at eleven o'clock Christmas day.

Methodist S. S.

The people of the Methodist church held their Christmas exercises on Tuesday night December 22. The program consisted of speeches and songs by the children. Great credit is given Mrs. Charles Fulton for training the children for this occasion.

BAPTIST

The Baptist Sunday School had arranged for a fruit and confectionery feast for the little folks on Christmas morning but the deluge of rain caused them to defer the matter until Sunday morning immediately after Sunday School.

BANQUET

On Wednesday night before Christmas Mr. H. F. Peterson, General Manager of the Kiser Lumber Company of this place, gave a banquet to his employes and a number of invited guests. It was one of the most enjoyable occasions ever enjoyed solely by men in this town. But if there had not been a lady connected with it somewhere it would have fallen far short of the standard reached. The woman who figured so largely in the pleasures of the evening was Mrs. J. R. Reynolds who personally superintended the preparation of the banquet supper. A number of times during the splendid hour was her fine cooking complimented and in conclusion of the program Toastmaster, Rev. C. K. Bell, had her brought to the door where he personally bestowed the compliments of the participants in the good things which she had so graciously set before a set of hungry men.

It was conceded by all present that Mr. Peterson was an all round first-class, competent and hospitable host. Everybody was in good humor to begin with and grew more so as the hour, or rather two hours, passed so rapidly by. The menu consisted of a number of courses of the most tempting and well prepared dishes that any man's taste buds ever relished. Some of the articles of food were, fruits, celery, oysters fried, oysters stewed, crackers, coffee, ham, turkey with cranberry sauce—places a long heavy line under the last two named articles please for the sake of emphasis and other things.

The eating season was also a season of joking and much fun. The toastmaster, Mr. Bell, presided at the head of the table and opened the program with prayer. After the menu was disposed of and everybody had resumed a comfortable position by backing away a sufficient distance from the table to allow their extended anatomy sufficient fair play at digestion a season of after dinner speeches was enjoyed. The toastmaster went somewhat into the history of the lumber industry of our section mentioning the fact that the original forest had been utilized and that the present day lumber business had to deal mainly with the old field pine.

He stated that another factor which had grown up with the old field pine that had contributed largely to our present day civilization was the old field school and called upon Esquire W. A. Mauney for a toast on the "Old Field School". Mr. Mauney acquitted himself to the satisfaction and enjoyment of all present. He stated that he became a teacher in the old field school ten days before he reached his fifteenth birthday and that he followed it to manhood. Many were the funny experiences which he related concerning his discipline and especially as applied to the "girls". Mr. J. S. Mauney was next called to speak on "How We Used to Spend Christmas". He stated that the boys in the days of his youth didn't get so many Christmas holidays as at present, but that the number of their holidays was measured by the duration of the Christmas back log which was usually a cut from a huge black gum. Mr. Mauney didn't tell it but it developed that the boys then known as Andrew, Sam and Jake, learned to play tricks on their father by going several days before Christmas and preparing the Yule log and submerging it under water where it remained until it was called for by the head of the house. Mr. J. P. Kiser was the next on the program of speech making but declined to speak. The old colonial punishment adopted by Capt. John Smith in the Jamestown settlement in 1607 of pouring cold water down the sleeve of those who cursed was adopted as the punishment for any who should fail to make any toast that should be assigned him by the toastmaster. Mr. Kiser was asked to speak on "Why I Live So Far From Town". After much fun and discussion as to whether the punishment should be administered. E. W. Hord, shop foreman, made a motion that Mr. Kiser be excused. Mr. W. A. Mauney seconded the motion on the ground that Mr. Hord speak in Mr. Kiser's stead. The motion passed and Mr. Hord with some hesitance responded to "What a Buzz Saw Will do For You If You Don't Look". Mr. Hord gave some practical and interesting information regarding lumber machinery which was very much enjoyed by all. Mr. Bell next introduced Mr. D. M. Baker as of good business judgment and experience and one who was familiar with the present situation in the business world and able to give good ideas as to the prospects for the future. Mr. Baker made everybody happy by assuring them that he was confident that the worst had passed and that business was already improving and he believed would continue in the same vein until normal conditions were again reached.

The toastmaster again arose to his feet and took cognizance of the fact that the business world was rapidly relegating the idea of employing help which was addicted to strong drink and called upon Mr. G. G. Page for a speech on "A Whiskeyless Christmas". Mr. Page presented Christmas as an observance of the birthday of our Lord and especially stressed the fitness of making it a season of rejoicing on earth that would strike a responsive chord in Heaven a thing which could not be done if people indulged in those things which were calculated to drive them from the true spirit of the occasion, whiskey being paramount among those things. Mr. Page congratulated the Kiser Lumber Co. on a set of sober men as employes and stated that if any of them had ever been in troubles arising from the use of intoxicants that it had never reached his ears. He concluded by offering for Kings Mountain a whiskeyless town and this a whiskeyless Christmas. Mr. Peterson and all the employes were called upon for extempore speeches all of whom responded.

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"Resolve that the patrons of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company at Kings Mountain, N. C. will have their phones taken out at any time when the company shall demand or charge any additional rates above those now charged, and that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Mr. Babington. (General Manager of the Telephone Co.)"

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The committee had a conference by telephone with Mr. Babington manager of the company, which was followed by a letter to the effect that the company wished to have time to compile data to submit to the committee and would hold the advance in rates in abeyance until a settlement could be reached. As it appeared at the first meeting that our people wanted to settle the matter in 1914 the next meeting was called to act on the findings of the committee which was done with the above result. Some thought it an opportune time to wage the fight further and settle the matter of discrimination that has been practiced by the company against the town but it was the sense of the meeting that this was a matter to be taken before the Corporation Commission and that it could not be wisely considered in connection with the present rate fight. The discrimination above referred to is in regard to free territory which is being granted other places paying no higher rate than we pay without any outlet.

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All Day Sunday Telephone Service.

We are asked to announce that the telephone service here will be extended on Sundays from now on. We will have all-day service except the hours between 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and 5:30 and 7 p. m. It has never been the desire of the telephone patrons to deprive the operators of church hours on Sunday.

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