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HOW THE GREAT DAY PASSED.

Some of the Things Lexington Did to Celebrate the Return of Yuletide.

Speaking figuratively it was a very quiet Christmas; speaking literally, the nerves of the entire community...

AT THE CHURCHES.

The churches the programs announced last week were carried out with the exception of a few minor details...

THE MAYOR'S CELEBRATION.

In the police court it was a dull day. But three drinks were raked in by the police...

Good Corn Yields.

There is no weekly newspaper in the state that is doing more intelligent and valuable boosting of its home section...

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Horse Without Food and Water Two Weeks.

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Rev. W. P. McGhee Dead.

Rev. W. P. McGhee, at one time pastor on the Lincoln circuit, and a resident of Lexington, died last Thursday in St. Peter's hospital at Charlotte...

He joined the Holstein Conference at Morristown, Tenn. When a division of that conference occurred in 1890 he became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference...

Mr. McGhee is survived by a wife and several children. Mrs. McGhee was formerly Miss Belle Caldwell, daughter of Marjion and Elizabeth Caldwell of Haywood county...

Mr. McGhee was deeply beloved among his brethren of the ministry and particularly by the congregations to whom he had stood in the pastoral relation during the more than two decades that he had devoted himself to his work...

Marriage on Decrease in the County of Iredeed.

Cupid and the "match-makers" have evidently been sleeping in Iredeed, and unless they get busy there are going to be some old maids and bachelors...

The Statesville Landmark relates this story: According to the records in the office of the registrar of deeds, who issues the matrimonial permits, marriages are on the decrease in the county, despite the fact that the population is on the increase...

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Remarkable Usefulness of a Glass Eye.

Sir James Dorman was for a number of years at the head of the British army in Egypt, and as such took part in several of the Sudan campaigns...

CHRISTMAS AT THE DACOTAH.

Hands Given a Yuletide Treat—Overseers Presented With Christmas Remembrances.

Last Saturday afternoon at the Dacotah Cotton Mills an event took place that promises well for the industrial peace of Lexington...

But the generosity is by no means all on the side of the employers, for every foreman and second hand in the place received a Christmas remembrance from his force...

You good people have called on me for a speech; now this is something that I have never been guilty of before in my life...

Quite a number of you good people have been with me ever since the first wheel turned; some have been here a much less time than this, but I want to say that I think a great deal of each one of you...

I have been running this mill about a year and a half, we have had all kinds of disappointment and trouble, and have made no money until the last few months...

Now to make a mill successful, the management must have the co-operation of each employee. It matters not how small the position may be, to work for the interest of the mill...

When you leave here, some people will say that I am trying to copy after one of the best mill men in the country, who is one of the best friends I have...

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

When he had concluded Mr. Pickard presented the operative gifts to the foremen, and the hands proceeded to the office where they were paid off, and in addition to their money every family whose bread-winner works in the mill was presented a half sack of Grimes' Best flour...

Of interest in naval circles was the presentation on Monday of a magnificent silver service to the battleship Florida. The service is one of the finest ever presented to an American warship...

Mr. F. L. Fessler, of Southport, passed through Thursday on his way home to spend the holidays with his term's work in Wake Forest College.

DID HE FIND THE BOOZE?

Instead of Alcoholic Beverages the Grips Contained Only Clothes and Papers.

Somewhere in this community there is a would-be booze artist who is nursing a large and persistent grudge during the holidays...

It seems that Charlie Crotts, her son, same to town a week ago last Saturday, and hid his horse behind Mr. J. C. Smith's establishment...

Mr. John C. Ennis has three acres of his cotton crop from which none has been picked yet. The guano and rent of this land amounts to forty dollars...

Nothing But a Republic for China. "I am convinced that the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing which will satisfy the people of China...

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Mr. E. H. Small, clerk in Smith's drug store, is spending a few days at his old home at Fayetteville, Mr. Cleveland Brinkley, for several years a popular dispenser of drinks and drugs at Smith's, is "subbing" for Mr. Small during his absence...

Mr. Herter, Judge Conlan and Mr. W. P. Dreyer are the guests of Mr. E. I. Bugg this week. All the gentlemen are from New York and are taking advantage of the unusual supply of birds this year to do a little hunting in this section during the holidays...

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IN AND ABOUT LEXINGTON.

Personal Mention—Movements of the People—Small Items of Interest.

Miss Pat Walsler arrived to spend the holidays at home Thursday. Mr. Walter Fitzgerald, ex-county treasurer, spent Tuesday in the city...

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer Sink are visiting relatives in Salisbury this week. Mr. C. M. Wall of Wallburg, was a visitor to the city yesterday afternoon...

Miss Alice Earnhardt of Mt. Airy, arrived Tuesday to visit relatives in this city. Miss Eva Covington, of Laurinburg, is the charming guest of Miss Zula Hedrick...

Mr. B. K. Taylor, of Handy, favored The Dispatch with a call and a renewal last week. Miss Zula Hedrick spent Christmas in Laurinburg as the guest of Miss Eva Covington...

Wednesday Miss Annie Johnson left for Greensboro, where she is spending the holidays. Mr. S. C. Goult Welborn, of Columbia, S. C., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. F. Welborn...

Miss Lois Love left last Thursday for her home at Statesville, where she will spend the holidays. Miss Alma Owen, who has been teaching at Roxboro, has arrived in the city for the holidays...

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Butler, of Durham spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Timberlake. Mr. and Mrs. Dermot Shemwell are spending the week with Mrs. Shemwell's parents at Euflala, Ala...

Miss Allie Hutchinson is at home for the holidays from Hepzibah, Ga., where she has been teaching. Miss Katherine Schultz, of Baltimore is visiting her sisters, Miss Lena Schultz and Mrs. H. W. Dornett...

Miss Maud Kirkman is spending the holidays with her father, Dr. J. C. Kirkman, at Mt. Vernon Springs. Mr. W. A. Reid, of Jackson Hill, was here Sunday to see Mr. J. B. Smith, who improves very slowly...

Mr. J. F. Sprull is spending the holidays with relatives and friends at his old home at Centrial, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lindsay are spending a few days with relatives in Thomasville and in the county...

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Plyler are spending a few days this week with friends and relatives in Charlotte. Mr. W. O. Boger left Saturday for Asheville, whether his family had preceded him, to spend Christmas week...

Mrs. J. D. Heilig and children, of Salisbury, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson. Misses Nellie and Arline Trice are in the city, spending the holidays with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. W. Trice...

Mr. M. Q. Hedrick, son of Mr. G. F. Hedrick, is home from Catawba College to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Moffitt, of High Point, spent Christmas here with Mr. Moffitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moffitt...

Mr. W. C. Weaver, a former Lexingtonian who is now living in Virginia, is spending the week here with relatives. Mr. H. O. Sink arrived from Washington Monday morning to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Sink...

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FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

The News in Brief of What is Going on in North Carolina During The Past Week.

The North Carolina Bar Association has decided on June 25-27 as the date for holding the annual convention. The place has not been determined but it is expected that Raleigh will get the gathering...

Government engineers have recommended expenditures on the canals and waterways the respectable total of \$6,000,000. The improvements will "unbottle" 3,000 miles of navigable streams...

Salisbury's zoo has returned and happiness reigns in that city. The Salisbury Post invites the people of all near-by cities to come over and see the animals. This is the second winter that Sparks' circus has wintered in Salisbury...

Curtis Benton, a young farmer of Harnett county, was found near Dunn one day last week badly wounded. He died soon after being carried to town. It is supposed that he was struck by a train, as his body was found near the tracks...

Attorney General Bickett went to Washington last week to appear before the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Red C Oil Company vs. The N. C. Board of Agriculture, a suit arising out of the state law requiring inspection of oils...

Four negroes and a mule were drowned in Cranes Creek near South-east Pines last week. They tried to drive across the bridge in the dark when the creek was unusually high and went off. The body of the mule was found next day but the bodies of the negroes were missing at last accounts...

It has been found that the lands of G. W. Partin, near Raleigh are well supplied with amethysts of commercial value. The depositors were examined this week by Secretary Elias Carr of the state department of agriculture and experts who declare that there are valuable deposits on the Partin place...

Cleveland Jackson, a member of the wholesale grocery firm of C. W. Stevens Company, of Wilmington, met with an accident Thursday afternoon resulting in his sustaining a broken leg. As he started out from his stable his horse stumbled and fell, catching Mr. Jackson's leg under him. The limb was broken just below the knee...

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Thursday afternoon at Seasons, a station on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line Claude Vandergrift a young man connected with the Sampson Lumber Company, was caught by a revolving shaft with the mill and fatally injured. Both arms were broken, his face and head fearfully lacerated, and he was internally injured. In response to phone calls, physicians rushed to the injured man in automobiles and did what they could to save his life, but without avail. He died that night...

Blythe Says South is for Wilson. Samuel G. Blythe, the famous Washington correspondent, and writer on affairs political, has lately had a series of three articles in the Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia, on the subject "What of 1912?" The first two articles dealt with the situation in the north and west. The last one, which appears in the current issue, deals with the south. Mr. Blythe comments upon the fact that for the first time in nearly fifty years this section has serious thoughts of insisting upon a southern man as the democratic nominee. He also pays us the compliment of calling the south the most important factor in the situation at present; it is his belief that at the present writing Woodrow Wilson leads all other candidates in popular favor in the south, though he admits that Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, is growing in the minds of the people, and that if Clark can win the Missouri delegates away from Folk, that he may prove a formidable obstacle to the Professor-Governor's triumphal progress. One interesting statement he makes is that Wilson already has the North Carolina delegation, lock, stock and barrel. If the rest of Mr. Blythe's prognostications are no better than that, his opinion is not worth much. He concludes that the real fight will simmer down to Wilson and Harmon, with Clark a bad third...

Men Who Make Good. "I have on my desk," said the writer, a "list of 1,000 successful men of this nation. By 'successful' I do not mean mere money-makers, but men who have given us new conceptions of steam, electricity, construction work, education, art, etc. These are the men who influenced our moral as well as our physical lives. They construct for better things. How these men started in life is interesting. Their first foothold in work is a fine study. "Three hundred started as farmers' sons. "Two hundred started as messenger boys. "One hundred were printers' apprentices. "Two hundred were newsgboys. "One hundred were apprenticed in manufacturing. "Fifty began at the bottom of railway work. "Fifty—only fifty—had wealthy parents to give them a start."—Western Christian Advocate.

WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. W. L. Wanner, of Charlotte, was here yesterday.

Mr. T. M. Swink was The Dispatch's first "after Christmas" caller. He dropped in early yesterday morning and subscribed for the paper for a year for himself and a year for a cousin, Miss Mittie Swink, of Morven N. C.

Mr. S. R. Wagoner, who lives near Bethesda, killed two fine porkers recently. The two hogs netted him 78 pounds of meat, the largest one weighing 528 pounds. Mr. W. D. Trexler, of Lexington, a few weeks ago killed two which weighed even 800 pounds.

Among the visitors to The Dispatch office last week was Mr. A. W. Clodfelter, of Conrad Hill. Mr. Clodfelter was a member of Co. G, 28th North Carolina during the war. He is seventy-six years old and still enjoys pretty good health; he believes strongly in keeping up with what is happening and to that end paid up his subscription to The Dispatch.

The Dispatch was pleased to receive a visit last Wednesday from Mr. J. F. Peters, of Linwood Route 2. Mr. Peters says that the people of his section of the railroad people to bring farming experts to their doors without expense to them, as evidenced by the Southbound's farming train. Furthermore, he says that he can't do without The Dispatch, and to prove it he paid up his subscription.

Surgery of the Scissors. The wife of a prominent lawyer in a western city was ordered by her physician to a sanitarium for treatment in preparation for a surgical operation. Her husband saw her safely established at the hospital, with her sister and maid in attendance, to do some necessary sewing for the invalid; then he departed on a short business trip with strict instructions to doctor not to perform the operation until his return. Upon the receipt of the first letter from his wife he returned post haste, and, encountering the doctor at the hospital door, angrily demanded to know why the operation had been performed before notifying him. "Your wife has undergone no operation, to my knowledge," replied the puzzled physician. "Then what does this letter mean?" demanded the lawyer, and produced the alarming document, which read: "Dear Joe: I am so glad you brought me here before you left. Everybody is so nice to me, here. They cut out my kimono yesterday, and had it all sewed up before I knew anything about it. I am feeling better, already."—McCall's Magazine.