To us boys 't was no surprise.
We had known our Old Men wise
Long age.
When he rube his glasses dry,
Shifts his seet, and houves a sigi
Then we know
He will follow like a sleuth
Truth, and never clee but truth,
High or low.

Not the humblest citizen.
Even the least of all God's men,
At his hand
Farse but justly; and the great,
Even the pilots of the State,
Understand
How those well-weighed words are
For his ear, whose lefty sent
Topa our land.

We were not surprised, but glad, for the Presidential ad.
(So 't is styled).
Our Old Man was pleased the more That the Paper made the score.
Being his child.
He nor loves it more nor less Clad in Presidential dress
Or reviled.

TOT AND TED. If Tot and Ted would sit up sate Till all the coals died in the grate-And all the house grew still and dark and Man, the cur, would not dare bar

They'd get to see old Santa Claus.

through does not leave a track of soot at the hearth to mark his foot.

But Ted and Tot will not sit up. The sandman and the sleepy cup Will fill their eyes and drowse them They'll fall asleep before they know. Santa will see them when he comes Lugging his load of dolls and drums, And he will smile, as who should say, "I wish grown folks could sleep tha

And when he fills their stockings full Of slings and sweets and things to pull, He'll look at head and curly head, And say, "Good-by, old Tot and Ted."

How down the chimney does he squeez How climbs he back with unskint knee Don't ask me questions. Ted and Tot: You watch and see the how and what.

THE SCHOOL BOY. I wish I was a teacher So I could hold the book. F I din know how to spell a word I'd dryp my eyes an' look.

'F' I din know how to work a sum The unswer I could see, An' make the whole thing figger out Jis' like it otter be.

A teacher haves a easy time; Don't have to hoe or cook; an' when she hears yore lesson It's 'her 'at hold the book.

THE OLD BACHELOR. THE OLD BACHELOR.

If I give Jean a shawl of plaid
And Jack a dog or gun,
Mary some gloves wherewith to clad
Her small hands from the sun,
When Bill must have an amber pipe
For dream and cosy nook,
And Belle some silk to suit her type
And Beam a Christy book And Bess a Christy book.

And there are Hal and little Nan, Tommy, Fred, and Hugh, Carrie, Cora, Dick, and Dan, And Helen's little Sue. And there are Great Jehosaphat!
"I would make a regiment.
And, see? my purse is sump and flat

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AND SAD

SONGS MERRY

T would not do to put them off With some small souvenir.

outlant stand the quiet cough And the sarcentle sneer.

Nor would it do to please a few And leave the rest forgot.

Ay, met I know not what to do And none will tell me what.

He thunk a long time wut to de To make 'em sorry how dey done, En 'es'se he knowed how he could run He 'cided dat he'd scatter dew.

He tuck 'em whar de Philippines
Wus cradlin' wheat en makin' shoc
Dey seed him, but dey hates a fox,
'Ca'se foxes robs deir bullis vines. Dey thunk he 's gwine a kill 'em out, En so dey let ol' Sam alone To claim dem varmints far his own, Hide en heels, en tall en snout.

He tied deir tails tog'er, he did.
Hit mus' 'a' been a great big ring.
Else each fox had a right long stringFive hundred er 'em, en a kid!

He tetch a match to all dat ha'r. En hollered, Whoop! en turnt 'en loos En dey din hunt fer no excuse To tote deirse ves on off fum dar.

In co'se dey burnt up all dat wheat En burnt up all dem shocks en vines En de orchids er dem Philippines En let' 'em not a thing to eat.

But how'd dey kiver so much groun'?
Deir heads wus all turnt differ'nt ways.
En while dey tried to dodge dat blaze.
Seem lak dey'd jis' went roun' en roun'.

YULE NIGHT.
When the ruddy firelight shimmers
On the memoried walls
And the Christmas berry glimmers
Where the firelight falls,
Out from night's mysterious spaces,
From dead years and pleasant places,
I shall summon old fair faces
Back to the old halls,

All the friends whom time hath parted, Though they rest or roam. All the loyes once broken-hearted Far on field or foam, All the dear things to remember Rise before me where the ember Lights the cold heart of December In the heart of home.

More of sad than sweet? No matter: Time will soothe all grief, And to-morrow's sun will scatter Withered love and leaf While new loves and leaves are

where new songs but wait the sing- and Miss Julia Crouch will spend the ing. Time comes on, new harvests bringseason in Gainesville, Fla., and the new citizens, Messrs. James Trimble, ing r the trodden sheaf.

Yet I would they might remember Me as I do them. See my face wrought with the ember Saying, Let our hearts grow colder Ere their time, let droop each shoul-

If we forget, we growing older, Our Jerusalem.
-JOHN CHARLES MCNEILL. KNOWS NOTHING OF COMBINE

WIND UP AT TRINITY. or Murphy Says He is Not in One, and Knows of None Against Hiss-onthern Will Contribute \$5,000 to riveway. Themselves Abroad.—Professor Mor-deoni Prepares Pamphlet.—Trin-ity Downs Trinity Park at Basket Ball. cial to The Observer.

Salisbury is very proud of the

charge of the guard who was

and there is doubt that they will ever

night and returned this morning with

Clyde Rudessel, who is wanted there

for highway robbery. Rudessel is the

man, and the officer says his crime is

peculiarly an ugly one.

The first social sally of the holidays

was made last night at the home of

Mrs. J. C. Chunn, the young men giv-

was the teen set and a happy one

composed almost entirely of the

books. One of the charms of the re-

ception was the delightful 11 o'clock

Tuesday night the first dance will be given and Thursday night the Sat-

urday Afternoon Club gives its an-

nual floating reception. There is no

year as usual, scores of her people are going away. Mr. and Mrs. A. H.

Fla., where they will live in the fu-ture, and Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mr. and

Mrs. Nelson V. Taylor and Will Tay-

for went to Florida this morning for

Ned March, John Heagland and A. E.

These are supplemented by

guests of Miss Beulah Kern.

ing the party to the young girls.

school crowd, returning from

A Lincolnton officer was here last

conditions prevail.

be caught.

months.

Salisbury, Dec. 22.-Major Walter Murphy, who is represented in The Industrial News as leading the forces for the speakership of the next House of kepresentatives, to-day says of the reported combine against him: "I do not believe there is any such move to deteat me in the race for the speakership, but I want to say if there is, I am in the fight fairly and openly. I am relying solely upon my recly. I am relying solely upon my rec-ord and experience as a legislator to carry me through, and I know of no combination against me or for me. Certainly I am not in one against any from distant places or students who will do some special work during the vacation. Professor S. F. Mordecal, dean of in the race whom I shall not give my support, if he is nominated, and every

man aspiring is worthy of it. I have never fought in the dark, and the people have known where I stand year course on real property. upon every matter of public policy."
Mr. Murphy is, of course, glad of
the support that he is receiving, and that her able young Representative Southern is to add \$5,000 to the \$15,-600 offered by the government for the driveway to the Federal Cemetery. The road is to follow Main street, and near the cemetery will pass under the Southern's track, an arch being made for the passage. It is hoped to begin the work before the early

they have begun practice. Professor Charles W. Edwards, of the department of physics, will attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which will meet in New York from

In a rather one-sided contest the Trinity basket ball team defeated the team of Trinity Park School Tuesday evening by a score of 38 to 6. The contest, was not as easily won as the score would indicate, as the "preps" put up a good game, and lost out principally on account of the inability of their centre to cope with the big centre of Trinity. The line-up of the teams was: Trinity-Right forward, Baxter; ueft forward, Puryear; centre, P. J. Kiker; right guard, Stem (capt.); left forward, Spence. Trinity Park School-Right forward, Morrison; left forward, Tuttle; centre, right guard, Hinton; left guard, Harris.

The December Archive is a Christmas number and contains two or three articles on Christmas topics that are very interesting and well writconcealment of the fact that Salis- ten. These are "A Christmas in Gerbury is not to be quite so gay this many," "Christmas with Irving and Dickens,' and a poem, "The Song of the Angels." Other articles in Price left to-night for Jacksonville, number are: "An Unforseen Deliverby L. G. White, and "John ance." Redeems Himself," by Aot, both stories; "Shakespeare's Christmas," by Miss Lelah M. Starr; "Home and Homeward as it Appeared." by W. V. McRae; "Nocturne," (poem) by Reese Morganton, Dec. 22.—"Doc" Huff-Scroggs; "To La Belle," (ppem) by man, a well-known countryman of E. B. Hobgood, and "To Trinity"

Gazlay will go to other places to have their vacation.—Mrs. P. N. Smith and Miss Mary are in Savannah for two lovely visitors. Misses Lou, Beryl and Frances Van Devender, of Parkers-burg, West Virginia, are here, the

Special to The Observer. Trinity College, Dec. 23.—Yesterday afternoon at I o'clock Trinity suspendes for the Christmas holidays, and school will not be resumed till Thursday, January 3. All of the students, except about a dozen, have left for their homes. Those who will spend the vacation here are students

the law department, has prepared a pamphlet to accompany "Finch's Cases," which is used in the second pamphlet was prepared by Dean Mor-decal for the convenience of the law students of Trinity, and was printed by the college. It summarizes the North Carolina law on the most important points and cites the North Carolina statutes and decisions. By means of it the students are enabled to learn the common law and the general trend of it and at the same time learn accurately the present statutes of this State relating to real property. The pamphlet is intended not only for the instruction of students while taking their course, but also after

spring, if anything like good weather T. M. Kern, chairman of the county board of commissioners, to-day announced that he will order the disduty when the three convicts escaped. Nothing has been heard from them, December 27 to January 2.

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MARRIAGES.

Rasser-Matthews, at Sanford.

Special to The Observer. Sanford, Dec. 22.-The marriage of Miss Katle Matthews and Mr. C. K. Rosser was beautifully solemnized at the Presbyterian church last night, Rev. M. D. McNeill performing that

The wedding took place at 7:30 o'clock, and was attended by a large crowd. The church was beautifully decorated, and the services were very Impressive.

The bride and groom are well and

favorably known in this place, the groom being a young lawyer. They received quite a lot of handsome pres-

The bride and groom left on the midnight train for a Northern tour. Sink-Williams, at High Point.

Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 22.-A recent marriage here is that of Mr. O. C. Sink and Miss Cora Williams, at the home of the bride's father, Rev. C. A. Cecil officiating.

Farmer Found Dead in Ditch Near Morganton.

By Bell Telephone to The Observer. Burke county, was found dead this afternoon in a ditch by the roadside About half his body was immersed in a foot of water, which had collected there. The place is near the State Hospital. His buggy.

Sporting News

The Races at New Orleans, The Races at New Oricans.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Only four horses marted in the Cypress handicap, the feature event at City Park to-day. James Reddick, the favorite, was beaten a length by Goldic while the other two starters had a warm sprint for third honors. To-day closed the two weeks period of racing at City Park and the horses on Monday will go back to the Fair Grounds for a two weeks session. Entries for the Christmas handicap auncunced to-night, include 64 horses. Summaries:

maries:
First race, 6 furiongs, selling: Ralbert, 9 to 2, won; Gold Coin, 15 to 1, second; Bazil, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:18, Second race, 5½ furiongs, selling: Expect To See, 5 to 1, won; Refined, 7 to 1, second; Billy Vertres, 13 to 1, third. Third, 1:15 1-5. Time, 1:15-1-5.

Third race, mile and an eighth: The Cypress handicap \$1,500 added. Goldic, 3 to 2, won; James Reddick, 9 to 10 second; Shawana, 11 to 1, third. Time, 1:50 2.5

Seventh race, mile and sixteenth, sell-ing: Kleinwood, 7 to 5, won; Foreigner, 6 to 1, second; Jungle Imp, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:531-5.

COLUMBIA WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Gained Lead in First Day's Play of Inter-Collegiate Chess Match and Maintained it Throughout,

New York, Dec. 22.—Columbia won to championship to-day in the 15th inte-collegiate chess tournament in which C lumbia, Harvard, Princeton and Ya-were represented. These games has were represented. These games heen played by students from the funiversities since 1982. In that of Harvard has won nine tourneys, Colbia five and Yale one. The tournamenthis year began on last Thumday at West Side Republican Club with men in each team. Columbia obtained men in each team. Columbia obtains
substantial lead in the first day's
and maintained it throughout. At
cpening of the play to-day Colum
needed one game to win the trophy needed one game to win the trophy and championship The New York men, how-ever, took four straight games from Princeton, as they did from Yale the day before. Harvard to-day defeated Yale four straight games, winning second place in the tourney. Princeton got third,

Burns and O'Brien Sign for 20-Round

to 2. won; James Reddick, 9 to 19. second; Shawana, 11 to 1, third. Time, 159 3-5.
Fourth race, 5½ furlongs: Tudor, 13 to 5. won; Tichimingo, 29 to 1, second; Second; Tudor, 10 to 1, third. Time, 110 3-5.
Fifth race, mile: Jacomo, 13 to 5, won; Royal Breeze, 8 to 1, second; Morales, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:463-5.
Sixth race, 5 furlongs, selling: Mercta, 12 to 1, won; Excuse Me, 6 to 5, 1, Jeffries to act as referee. The men second; Dinemock, 14 to 5, third. Time, 10062-5.

ing: Kleinwood, 7 to 5, won; Foreigner, 6 to 1, second; Jungle Imp, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:31-5.

Welsh to Referee Fight.

San Francisco, Dec. Z.—Jack Welsh, it was announced to-night, will referee the Gans and Herman fight at Tonopah, on New Year's day, instead of James J. Jeffrica, who yesterday declined the honor.

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