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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1907.

A HOPEFUL SIGN.

We have searched in vain among the scores of exchanges that come to this office to find a single paper that defends or excuses the performance of Mr. Davis in the Senate.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

Delightful Recital of the Music Students at the Presbyterian College—The Programme in Detail.

THE MARCH OF LIFE.

The following poem was written and published in the number of years ago by Capt. Duncan McNeill, father of the late John Charles McNeill.

The Mobile Register has the following to say: "Mr. Bryan can win he is entitled to his chance, we think. Now, if he cannot win, and does not wish, we have the consolation at least, Mr. Bryan, with a united party behind him, and yet a future will be disposed of as a political question as far as a presidency is concerned. It is worth a great deal to the Democratic party to have this problem solved."

Christmas and all the things that the magic word conjures. We submit that this is most unkind! It is difficult enough to band to the hard task of laying before the public the news of the day. How are we to finish our work if you keep up this clog-dance of expectation?

We push our work away, "else back" in our chair. Kings and Presidents and congresses must wait. We are thinking of more important things. The faces of children shine upon us their light of joyous expectation.

THE BAD DEBT COLLECTING AGENCY, INC.

President Kerns Issues the Call—Negroes Have a Serious Fight. Special to The Observer.

THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.

Dr. J. C. Walton, of Chase City, Va., was in town Saturday and given the glad hand by his numerous friends here.

ASCENDING BANK TREASURER CAPTURED.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Pinkerton detective agency, in this city, confirmed to-night a report that William F. Walker, the ascending treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank, had been captured at Escondido, lower California.

HOW TO GET A HUSBAND OR WIFE.

Any young people who are anxious to get married will do well to advertise in The Courier, as the "Gentleman" who had the "ad" in a few weeks ago is now well on his way to the matrimonial altar.

The Christmas edition of The Charlotte Observer was creditable in every way. It was an advertisement that was an advertisement of a magnificent newspaper—Durham Herald.

It is nothing at all like the "Industrial" editions which flood some towns occasionally with a veritable lot of extravagant waste-paper paid for by the advertiser.

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It contained 64 pages of interesting and entertaining matter and is a gem from any viewpoint. Among the many striking contributions was the poem "Because" from the pen of Cleveland's gifted son, Rev. Plato Tracy, Durham.

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REASONS FOR MORNING SHOPPING.

Rested clerks, store not crowded, goods better displayed, can get better attention and have more time—no rush and can get better deliveries. Try early morning shopping and get better service.

Toys by the Thousands.

Everything to amuse the little ones—many useful serviceable Toys for boys and girls.

Genuine Oriental Rugs, One-Third Off.

These are the genuine, but are slow sellers on account of being so expensive; so we wish to close them out. They are fine gifts. Original prices \$3.50 to \$25.00. Big line 9x12 Druggets... \$12.50 to \$40.00

Cut Glass Gifts.

An elaborate display of rich, deep Cut Glass of every description and prices just as cheap as the cheapest.

Sterling Silver Carving Sets.

Two and three pieces of a make that has no superior. \$4.50 to \$15.00

French and American Clocks.

One Imported Clock, chimes each 1-4 hour, mahogany frame, beautiful style... \$30.00. Small French Clocks... \$25.00. Gilt Clocks... \$1.50 to \$10.00

Special Lot 25c China.

In Jap and French goods—Cups and Saucers, small pieces for table; in fact, most anything you can think of in this lot for 25c. Look at the counter in China department. You want to see that big sample line Hand-painted China and those Sample Oriental Vases. They are awful cheap.

\$1.50 Mission Rockers.

These are serviceable Chairs and Rockers for Children and are splendid for... \$1.50. Other Rockers and Morris Chairs from \$1.00 to \$6.00

Get Your Wife a Fur, Consignment Sale.

If you have no wife, get one for your mother or sister. These are going for much less than regular bought Furs and Muffs.

Diamonds on Consignment.

Several thousand dollars worth have just been sent us for holiday trade—Brooches, Bracelets, Rings, Lockets, etc.

We Ask Customers.

To be patient with our deliveries, as it takes time, and when convenient, if they will carry small packages they will confer a great favor on us and the delivery boys, who have to deliver till possibly 1 or 2 o'clock.

Request.

Those getting goods through mistake of delivery will kindly notify us. No goods sent on approval, as we are too busy.

The Little Long Co.