

Western Carolina News

CRABTREE.

Crabtree, N. C., Dec. 30.—Merry Christmas has come and gone, bringing much expected presents, that make the children and others rejoice and be glad. Santa Claus is always looked for and his visits are highly appreciated by those who are gladdened by his gifts of toys etc.

Rev. Crawford S. Lee has been conducting revival services on Pines Creek for more than four weeks, resulting in much good. He is a fine preacher and doubtless will receive the commendation of those who are fortunate enough to have him in their midst.

Weddings, sociables, dances and base ball have been the pastime for the young people during the holidays.

Charles Kilpatrick, who has spent the holidays at home, will return to-morrow to Weaverville College, and Ben Kilpatrick, who came home to witness the wedding of his sister Ellen, to Mr. C. H. McCracken, will return to Chapel Hill January 3, to resume his studies of law.

A beautiful little snow Monday night made the landscape exquisitely charming.

Messrs. Will and Arthur Rogers, of Bridgeport, Tenn., have spent Christmas with friends and relatives in this county.

WAYNESVILLE.

Waynesville, Dec. 30.—Mrs. A. L. Herren, of Seattle, Washington, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Homer Ferguson, wife of assistant constructor of the Navy, at Seattle, is visiting her parents in this place.

Marvin Wells, son of Dr. H. N. Wells, has been quite sick for some time. Marvin has charge of Mears & Son's stock of goods here.

Rev. Mr. Wey, the Episcopal minister here, was robbed of 1,100, while in Connecticut, recently.

Miss Fannie and Hattie Boone who have been attending college at Asheville, are spending the holidays at home.

James W. Bynum, the Waynesville coal dealer, will put in a pair of the latest improved scales, for weighing hay and cattle.

We understand that Vann D. Norwood, son of Judge Norwood will open a law office here. His friends wish him much success.

Mr. Nathan Ferguson, son of Hon. G. S. Ferguson, and brother of Representative J. W. Ferguson, arrived this morning with his bride, Mrs. Rosa Ferguson (nee Miss Rosa Egan,) of Charleston, S. C. A reception was given the beautiful bride and handsome groom at the home of the groom's parents. S. W.

SEVERAL TOWNS.

Only a few days and Hendersonville will be a dry town. Deputy Marshal T. C. Israel and his assistants say all they want is the co-operation of the people in their efforts to prevent the existence of "blind tigers."—French Broad Hustler.

At the meeting of the Veterinary Medical association at Greensboro Monday the association recommended state or city ownership of slaughter houses, so that all meat killed can be inspected by one inspector. It was found that there is no town or city in the state that has the proper meat and milk inspection.

Mrs. Capt. Tomson departed for New Orleans Monday where she will visit with friends for the next six weeks. The captain will not be quite so lonely during his wife's absence as C. F. Tomson, Esq., and wife have moved from their fine home to the captain's and will keep house for them during her absence.—Hendersonville Times.

Mr. Garland Torrence, who has been living with his brother, Spratt, at Gastonia started last Monday to join his brother, Fry, in the frozen regions at Skagway. In the spring the two brothers will go into the Klondike country seeking a fortune. Fry has already made a lot of money "packing" on one of the trails leading into the hard-to-reach land of promise.—Lenoir Topics.

The Winston Journal gives the following illustrating the sagacity of the most intelligent of the dumb brutes: Adog crossing a very high, long trestle on the road near Crutchfield, hesitating the approach of the train to the trestle, trotted along quietly, knowing the end of it could not be reached before the train passed, and as the train came within a few yards of him crouched very low, allowing the train to pass over him. And looking out the window the dog was seen to pass unhurt onto the adjacent side.

Newell Robinson, a Southern railroad section hand, living about a mile south of town, was severely cut with a razor in the hands of his wife late on Thursday afternoon. They had been drinking and it is said, engaged in a hand-to-hand fight. Robinson knocked the woman down twice, but she was plucky and succeeded in getting several telling strokes on the back of his head and neck with a razor. The wounds were dressed by Dr. O. B. Ashworth, and although it took sixteen stitches to close the wounds, he thinks they are not fatal. They were tried by Squire Waldrop Friday afternoon and bound over to next term of court.—Hendersonville Times.

The city was thrown into a state of intense excitement at high noon to-day. The cause of the excitement was the shooting of Paul Stockton by J. H. Harrison at West End, near the end of the street car line. The ball from Mr. Harrison's pistol penetrated the left eye, passed through the head and came out at the right side of the head of the skull. Mr. Stockton was in charge of street car No. 4 as motorman. The prisoner was seen by a reporter in Sheriff Knapp's office this afternoon, but refused to make a statement for publication, except that the shooting was done in self-defence. The state will attempt to prove that the killing was wholly premeditated upon the ground that Mr. Harrison had made threats against the life of Mr. Stockton.—Winston Journal, Dec. 29.

Brevard, N. C., Dec. 30.—One of the noted events of the holiday season was the marriage yesterday of Miss Beula McMillin, daughter of Nathan McMillin, of this place, to W. W. Zehary, Esq., of Marshall, N. C. The house was beautifully decorated with mistletoe and holly and a beautiful quiet Methodist ceremony was performed at 9 o'clock by Rev. L. A. Falls, the party then went to a bountiful and elegant breakfast, after which they took the train en route to the home of the groom. The bride is a beautiful brunette, very popular

with the people with whom she has spent her life, and the groom is a well known lawyer of unusually bright prospects. W. E. Shuford of Asheville, was best man, while Misses Flora Gash and Josie Cannon were the only ladies present except home friends.

THE JANUARY 'SOUTHERN FIELD.'

The January number of the Southern Field begins the new year in almost satisfactory way for the readers of that publication, always so full of entertaining matter concerning the southern states. It contains a wide variety of interesting articles of description and information in regard to many places and localities in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. The illustrations are of a great cotton mill at Gaffney, S. C., showing the character of the factories in the south which are now causing so much anxiety to New England mills; and of Alabama's new and growing industrial school for girls, which is playing an important part in that New South of which so much is heard. The Old Dominion is represented by articles on Danville, Norfolk, Alexandria and the Shenandoah Valley. There are a number of interesting letters about various points in North Carolina. Horticulturalists will be interested in the article on apple raising in Western North Carolina. There is also a description of the rich country between Columbia and Greenville, S. C., and other articles referring to the Palmetto state. An entertaining sketch is that of a trip through Georgia over the Southern railway lines. Mississippi, from the Alabama line to Greenville, including the rich Yazoo Delta country, and that part of the state near Meridian, is described. The history of the marble deposits of East Tennessee, is given. An article which will interest sportsmen in "Bird Shooting in the South." Among the industrial articles are "Southern Steel," the "Brown Ore Fields of Alabama" and "Tanneries in the South." There are scores of short articles. The Southern Field is published by the Land and Industrial department of the Southern Railway at Washington, D. C. No charge is made for the publication. No paid advertisements are inserted. It is published exclusively in the interest of the entire country tributary to the Southern railway.

THE LANDING NET.

Its Various Uses—Nets That Can Be Carried in a Fishing Rod Case.

A landing net can be bought for 50 cents. One can buy a crab net for 15 cents, but a crab net, properly speaking, is not a landing net. The landing net for 50 cents has a ring and a handle of willow, the handle being from 15 to 18 inches in length. Such a net is used by a man wading in a stream or for dipping up small fishes from a boat. Landing nets with handles from 4 to 6 feet in length are used for dipping up fish from the bank or larger fish from the boat. These handles are of bamboo, and the longer handles are jointed.

The rings are either jointed or collapsible for greater convenience of carriage when not in use. Jointed rings are divided, some into halves, some into thirds and some into quarters, which may be folded together. Collapsible rings are made of steel in two parts, which are spread out to form the ring when the net is in use and which lie flat together when the net is collapsed. The handle unscrows, and the collapsed ring with the net rolled around it is laid alongside the handle. It all occupies but very little space. Collapsible nets with jointed bamboo handles sell for \$2 to \$7. For \$5 the purchaser gets a landing net of the best kind, with a net of braided linen, waterproofed; for \$7, one with a net of braided silk, enamelled. Such nets are articles of steady sale. A man who buys fine fishing rods, who may perhaps pay \$50 or \$75 for a single rod, doesn't hesitate to pay \$5 or \$7 for a landing net of corresponding quality, and he has a place for it in his fishing rod case.—New York Sup.

To Prepare Game For the Table.

Certain birds do not require to be drawn, in the estimation of epicures. These are the woodcock, snipe and golden plover, although as a concession to the prejudice of some the plover is sometimes drawn, but an important point to remember is that game should never be washed inside, but merely wiped with a clean cloth.

With few exceptions game should never be underdone, while if overdone it toughens and is ruined. Wild duck, teal and pigeon are the exceptions, which should be rather underdone. Next to the open fire, the double roasting pan gives it the best result, and frequent basting is imperative.

Slices of fat bacon skewered over the breast will improve most game, and in the case of quails, ortolans and such small birds some cooks add a vine leaf.

In the case of young game there is no better way of cooking than roasting or broiling, but it is often necessary to cook old birds, and from these no end of toothsome dishes can be made in the way of pies, gelatins, ragouts, soups, etc.—New York Herald.

Perseus and Andromeda.

"I have come," announced Perseus, "to strike off thy chains!" Andromeda cast down her eyes and fingered her dance programme nervously. "Do you really think the 'bevel gear' is an assured success?" she finally faltered. It was rather difficult, in fact, for the unhappy maiden to protect her own interests and yet not appear ungrateful.—Detroit Journal.

It is not generally known that by an act of the English parliament, passed in 1855, it is enacted that all wedding rings must be of standard gold, the enactment being intended more to raise the amount of the gold duties than to protect the public from imitations.

SPECIAL RAILROAD RATES.

The Southern railroad announces the following special rates:

To Charlotte, N. C., account meeting of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association. Tickets on sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive with final limit, January 15th; round trip rate via Salisbury \$5.20; via Spartanburg \$4.70.

To Oxford, N. C., account meeting General Lodge A. F. and A. M. tickets, on sale January 8-11, final limit, January 13th; round trip rate \$11.55.

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An Afghan Wife.

Although an Afghan woman is supposed to exist entirely for the benefit of her lord and master, she is not always as meek as might be expected under these circumstances.

When a man has many wives, one particular one may not see him for many days at a time, but it is not considered proper for him to stay away from her as long as he feels inclined, particularly if she be of high social position. The result of such an experiment on the part of a man married to the granddaughter of the great emir was that he actually suffered personal violence at her hands, and then the story got abroad and he became the laughing stock of the court.

He had neglected to visit his august wife for 20 days, and when at last he did go she was dining off a leg of mutton. Feeling like a schoolboy who has failed in his attendance at school, the delinquent husband sat down to the food, trying to appear unconscious of any neglect or misconduct. The lady, too, appeared guiltless of any irritable feelings or sinister designs. She quietly (with her fingers, of course) picked all the meat off the bone and laid the pieces before her husband, who graciously accepted the delicate little attentions she bestowed upon him and thought he was going to escape cheaply. But he was mistaken, for no sooner had she completed the operation than she raised her weapon of vengeance aloft and struck him with such force as to make a considerable wound, the broken end of the mutton bone being no doubt sharp and jagged.

The next day the man appeared at court with his head all plastered up, and the story soon came out, to his intense mortification and disgust.—New York Tribune.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since five had your Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by W. C. Carmichael, druggist.

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Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at T. C. Smith's drug store and Pelham's Pharmacy.

NOTICE—At a meeting of the board of aldermen an order was passed to notify water consumers having "pipe hydrants" on their premises to replace them with non-freezeable hydrants by the 1st of January, 1898. All concerned will please take notice and act accordingly. M. E. Roberts, superintendent.

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