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TOUCHING SCENES, ELOQUENCE, SONG

Christmas Spirit Breaks Out In The Gazette's News Composing Room.

The Christmas spirit which has pervaded for several days the mechanical department of The Gazette-News—broke this morning shortly before noon when the boss from the business office paid a visit to the boys, distributed pay-envelopes a couple of days in advance, wished each and everyone a merry Christmas and announced that "we will all take a holiday tomorrow."

A couple of war-like yells came from Bill Frank's "ads" department while the office devil came near "pieling" a galley of the Old Man's editorial. There was an instant cessation of labor and when Ed Johnson insisted that he was dreaming and begged the boss not to wake him up, the editor in the reporting department anxiously inquired if his couple of local items, over which he had labored through the morning hours were going to get left out; the society editor insisted that the paper was going to get "scopped" if the hotel arrivals failed to appear, while the news editor "threw a fit" over the "winning" of a piece of "grapevine" by the Chief.

In the meantime the sounds that emanated from the aforesaid "work-log" department—no accent on work—were not unlike that which precedes a band of Comanches off the reservation. Some one struck up "Oh, Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" and with the first spasmodic note the Kubrick of the shop was graciously presented a little wooden man sawing on a fiddle. Other presentations followed in rapid succession. Ben Shook, who presides at the head of the department, drew a nice little bunch of fire crackers, while Charley Welborn, who manipulates one of the machines that drove Ott Mergenthaler into the foolish house and which sometimes makes you say what you don't want to say was the happy recipient of a little "choo-choo" train of cars real life-like. Charley was very happy. "Peter" Smith was handed a nice little rag doll with a "12-point" face, while Jim Barrett, the orator, was entirely satisfied with a poke of striped stick candy. Bill Frank got an apple. The boys in the press room where the several thousand copies of the Gazette-News are turned out every day in dizzy swiftness, did not even get a look-in on the good things.

The fact that Charley was picked as the recipient of the "choo-choo" train was due entirely to his efforts some time ago on behalf of the Appalachian Interurban Transcontinental railway. Jim Barrett, in presenting train, said: "Mr. Welborn:—From time immemorial it has been human nature for the weak to admire the strong; for the homely to envy the beautiful; for the little to stand in awe of the great. But the weakness and strength here do not apply to the physical man. The strength of one's loyalty to country and home is much more admirable than physical strength. And we, your comrades in work, see in you that perfect, that beautiful, that most essential element of manhood, and, in our littleness, we admire, yet stand in awe of such faith, such loyalty. But to show our appreciation of those elements which comprise such manhood, a loyalty that sends you forth from your work, losing half a day's time and walking five miles to vote for the proposition which is beneficial to your country, to show our esteem for such loyalty, I, on behalf of our force, present to you this little token."

Quiet in the shop was finally restored, the boys made up the lost time, and tomorrow, The Gazette-News and its force will enjoy with the friends a merry Christmas and a holiday.

One of the pleasing incidents of the day in the shop was the presentation to E. M. Messler, business manager of the Evening News Publishing company, of a handsome silk umbrella by the composing room force.

DEPUTIES SURPRISE THE HIGH SHERIFF

They Give Him a Handsome Umbrella, Along With the Season's Good Wishes.

An interesting pre-Christmas event occurred at the office of the high sheriff of Buncombe county this morning about 9 o'clock when the deputies serving under Sheriff Hunter, including Miss Exum Clements, office deputy, and Deputies Williams, Jordan and Mitchell, presented to Sheriff Hunter a handsome umbrella as a token of their esteem. The umbrella is one of the handsomest seen in Asheville this season. It is of very fine silk with a buckhorn handle, silver-mounted. Sheriff Hunter was taken entirely by surprise when the officers under him gathered about, and bringing forth the gift presented it through Deputy Sheriff Jordan, the spokesman of the occasion. In presenting the gift Mr. Jordan said: "It has been the custom for ages at this season of the year for friends to remember their friends. It now becomes my duty, and it is a very pleasant duty, to present to you this little token expressing in a small way, the esteem in which you are held by us, your clerk and deputies. To us you have been firm yet patient, kind and courteous and now on behalf of Miss Clements, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams and myself I present you this umbrella."

Sheriff Hunter accepted the gift in pleasing manner and in return presented to each of his force a handsome pair of kid gloves. The event at the sheriff's office this morning was had today instead of tomorrow by reason of the fact that Deputy Sheriff Williams desired to go to Weaverville this afternoon to spend Christmas with his family.

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CITY NEWS

Dr. Hunicutt is again located in the Morsell building, occupying rooms Nos. 1 and 2.

The banks of the city, inaugurating a new custom, will be closed tomorrow and Saturday.

The city ticket office of the Southern Railway company will be closed all day tomorrow.

The Salvation Army Christmas tree entertainment for the unfortunate children of the city will be held Tuesday, December 29.

All of the coal companies of the city will close their places of business tomorrow, Christmas day.

The freight offices of the Southern railway will observe tomorrow and Saturday and will not be open for business again until Monday morning.

There will be no issue of The Gazette-News tomorrow, Christmas day, unless perchance some happening of the day should make it necessary. In such an event an extra will be issued.

Any Woman Can Do It.

Any housekeeper can have perfect success with her desserts if she will use Blue Ribbon Vanilla. Most desserts taste flat because inferior extracts are used.

Cornucopias for Xmas. Candy Kitchen

W. T. LEE CHOSEN FOR LEGISLATURE

The Democrats' Nominee in Special Election for Successor to Ferguson.

A special dispatch to The Gazette-News today from Waynesville says that at a convention of democrats of Haywood county, held yesterday, Chairman W. T. Lee of the democratic executive committee for the Fourth congressional district, was unanimously nominated as a member of the state legislature from Haywood county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Legislator-elect H. R. Ferguson. The date for the special election in Haywood county to choose a representative has been fixed by the governor for Saturday, January 2, and there is no doubt but Mr. Lee will be chosen at the polls.

W. T. Lee—Tom Lee as he is familiarly known throughout western North Carolina—has been a leading figure in democratic politics in this section of the state for many years. He has hosts of friends in Asheville and Buncombe county who will confer with pleasure of the honor conferred upon him by his fellow democrats of Haywood county. Mr. Lee is one of the most prominent influential men in Haywood county, both socially and politically. He ably represented Haywood county in the general assembly of North Carolina 14 years ago and two years ago successfully conducted the congressional campaign as chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Crawford at that time was elected to congress and while Mr. Lee again managed the campaign this year, he was unable to swing the district for the democratic nominee notwithstanding his untiring efforts and devotion to democracy's cause. Mr. Lee will be elected to the legislature without doubt, and will again represent his county ably in the lower house of the general assembly of North Carolina.

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