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Christmas.

The festive Christmas time which commemorates the nativity of the Saviour of mankind is near at hand again. More than nineteen hundred years ago His Star was seen by the shepherds at night on the plains by Judea and the air resounded with songs of angels rejoicing. The Wise men carried gifts. In humble imitation of what was done then, gifts are bestowed and good cheer abounds among mankind on each return of the season. It is a beautiful custom—to give joy and pleasure to others, and it is to be regretted that everyone does not observe the anniversary more in keeping with the spirit of thankfulness and gratitude that should characterize a civilized Christian people.

We wish one and all a joyous Christmas. The movement on the part of Senators Platt and Crumpacker to reduce Southern representation in Congress has been given up for the present, they having failed to enlist the cooperation of the President. But they intimate they will try it again when the next Congress comes in, as the idea was incorporated in the Republican platform upon which the next congress was elected. There are two sides to almost every question and the Republicans may regret it, if, perchance, they should ever be successful.

Since the great slump in the price of cotton the cotton growers of the South are casting about with more activity and earnestness for some plan to maintain the price, some suggesting holding, others to reduce acreage. The latter plan would doubtless be more effective. A warehouse system has also been talked of. Some method should be devised to give the farmer the benefit of the fruits of his labor, rather than play to the hand of the speculator.

The Charlotte Observer a week ago installed a splendid new perfecting press, capable of printing 10,000 complete papers, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, or 16 pages, per hour. It was built especially for the Observer and gives that most excellent and able paper the best equipped newspaper plant in the State. The ponderous machine weighs 36 tons, is 24 feet long and 9 feet high.

Republican State Chairman Rollins will dish out the "pie" for Republicans in this State. He has seen the President. Congressman Blackburn will have some little voice when it comes to his district. It is said that Chairman Rollins looks with some favor on the reappointment of Mr. Waller postmaster at Burlington. If you want anything see Rollins.

The Greenville Daily Reflector gives evidence of substantial progress by enlarging and otherwise improving. We congratulate Bro. Whickard.

An armored cruiser to be called the "North Carolina" is to be built. It will cost over three million dollars.

Sunday School Treats, Christmas Trees, &c. All the Sunday schools in town have arranged for pleasant exercises for the scholars for Christmas.

At Oneida Chapel at 3 p. m. Saturday there will be a treat for the scholars only.

At the Christian church at 4 p. m. Saturday there will be a treat for the scholars.

At the Baptist church there will be a "pond" for the scholars Monday night.

At the M. E. Church at 8 o'clock Friday night there will be a Christmas tree.

At the Presbyterian church there will be a Christmas tree at 4 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. Mark Squires, who has edited the Lesson Topic for some time, has sold the paper to J. E. Mattocks, A. E. Weis and C. C. Weaver. These gentlemen will conduct the paper under the name of the Topic Publishing Company. Mr. Squires, who is an attorney, will practice his profession.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Increase of Expenditure on Account of Rural Routes.

Washington Dispatch. Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1,125 in the number of postoffices discontinued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, according to the annual report of J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

During the year there were 2,549 postoffices established and 5,587 discontinued, with a saving salaries of postmasters aggregating \$171,121. At the close of the fiscal year there were 71,131 postoffices in the United States—265 first class, 1,204 second class, 3,896 third class and 65,766 fourth class.

Mr. Bristow recommends that Congress fix a rate of 3 cents a pound, or any fractional part thereof, on packages of merchandise not exceeding five pounds, mailed at the distributing postoffice of any rural free delivery route.

It is estimated \$500,000 will be needed to continue the establishment of rural routes as fast as they are approved for the remainder of the current fiscal year. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the establishment of new routes will be asked for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. Of the needs for the service Mr. Bristow says:

"There is now in operation 28,073 routes. It is estimated approximately 2,000 additional routes can be established out of the appropriation now available, making 30,073 which will be in operation or ordered established by January 15, 1905.

To maintain service on these routes during the fiscal year from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906, will require \$21,300,000. If Congress should make a supplementary appropriation of \$500,000 for the current fiscal year, as suggested, additional routes can be established, bringing the number in operation June 30, 1905, up to approximately 32,500. In that event \$23,120,000 will be required to maintain the service during the next fiscal year, making a total appropriation of \$28,120,000 for the maintenance and installation of the service for the next fiscal year."

The report of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden shows an increase of 92.53 per cent. in expenditure over the previous year, this increase being due to the rural delivery service. Were it not for this extraordinary expenditure, the postal service would now be about self-sustaining. The total receipts from all sources for the fiscal year were \$143,582,624, and the total expenditures \$152,362,115, leaving a deficiency of \$8,779,492. The deficiency for the previous year was \$4,560,044. Mr. Madden says:

"It is believed that as soon as the rural free delivery service is fully established, the increase in the expenditures on account of that service each year will not be more than the normal increase for other items of the service and that within a time after such normal conditions the postal service will again be self-supporting, a condition which has not existed since 1883."

Cataract Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they can not reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients will make such wonderful results in curing cataract. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHERRY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 50c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The liquor business, which has been rather strong in Richmond county, is to be cleaned out there. The aldermen of the town of Rockingham have notified the dealers in that town that no liquor license will be issued after January 1st; and it is said a strong petition will be presented to the Legislature asking for a special act prohibiting the sale, manufacture or importation of liquor into the county. This action is due, it is said, to the liquor dealers being offensively aggressive in Richmond during the recent campaign, and the further fact that the traffic is demoralizing that election of the State.

DANGER IN COLD WEATHER.

There is danger in cold weather because it produces conditions favorable to the development of those serious diseases known as La grippe, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Consumption, etc. These diseases are contracted while the mucous membrane of the throat and lungs is weakened by inflammation resulting from a cold. It is dangerous to neglect even a slight cold. Help nature to ward off disease by using Rydale's Elixir. This modern scientific remedy can always be relied on in all diseased conditions of the throat and lungs. J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

The Sentinel says that John Poe, janitor of the court house at Winston-Salem, has been advised that his sister, Mrs. Nancy Davis, who died recently, has left him real estate and other property in Indiana valued at \$20,000.

Christmas Folly.

Woman's Home Companion. The seamy side of Christmas might be characterized best as Christmas folly. To be extravagant is to spend more than one's income justifies, and to overlook the claims of the future in gratifying the demands of the present. Thousands of us are so extravagant at Christmas that we pay the penalty in inconvenience and embarrassment the rest of the winter. To sound a note of warning, to intimate a caution, is to make one's self unpopular.

The fact is that there ought to be a good deal more independence on this whole subject, and that people should have the courage of their convictions in the matter of Christmas presents. To bestow a gift on one we love and to make children beautifully happy is a beautiful thing and in consonance with the real Christmas feeling. But by degrees the custom has grown and amplified until it has become burdensome, and a good deal of the heart has gone out of it.

A good time to make a start is the present. Eliminate from the Christmas schedule the name of everyone to whom you were intending to send a perfunctory gift, or a gift that you supposed might be an exchange. Next, definitely how much you can rightfully spend and limit your gifts to that amount. Then, leave out the grown people, and lavish your Christmas bounty on the children—not only on your own children but on the poor and desolate.

The Delinctor for January. With a most attractive cover and a varied list of contents, including the latest news of the fashions and literary and domestic features of the greatest interest. The Delinctor for January is an altogether excellent number. The regular fashion display is supplemented by a strikingly illustrated article on "The Stage as a School of Costume," showing the close relations that exist between the theatre and the world of style. Herbert D. Ward and Seumas MacManus contribute stories of rare charm, and under the pseudonym "Marie Columbia," a very clever writer describes the "smart set" in Washington society. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" is the paper in a series, by Allan Sutherland, giving the history and romance of the famous hymns of the world, and in the Composers' Series" the love story of Mendelssohn and Cecile is related by Gustav Kobbe. For children there is a wealth of interesting matter, the names of L. Frank Baum and Grace MacGowan Cooke being prominent among the contributors. Among the domestic topics in addition to the regular features, is the first paper of "The Making of a Housewife," by Isabel Gordon Curtis. A new department, "Good Looks," supplements a series of papers along similar lines that appeared during the past year.

Mrs. Matilda Shouse, an inmate of Widows' Home at Salem, died week before last from the effect of burns. Annie Hamline, 9 years old, daughter of N. A. Hamline, of Winston, was burned to death Friday afternoon a week. Her dress caught from an open fire place. Sunday afternoon a week, Will Brown, colored, 18 years old, jumped on a freight train at Salisbury, fell off and both arms and legs were cut off. He died a few hours later. The Greensboro Record says the number of cases on the docket of Guilford Superior Court is so great that it would take a court sitting continuously for a whole year to dispose of the docket. At Mayodan, Rockingham county, a few days ago Ted. Dalton was oiling his revolver when it was accidentally discharged and the ball pierced the head of a little child of Joe Alley, killing it instantly. Brakeman Branklin, of the Southern Railway fell from a freight train going down Saluda Mountain Friday night a week and was crushed to death. The remains were taken to Connelly Springs for interment. The remains of John Henry Boner, the post who died in March, 1903, and was buried in the Congressional cemetery there, were brought to Salem, his native home, and interred there Sunday afternoon a week. A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY. A good liniment is a household necessity. Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liniment, meets every requirement of the household and barn-yard, in a most satisfactory manner. Full 1/2 pint bottles 25 cts. J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

CASTORIA. The Best Family Remedy. J. S. Leary, a colored lawyer of Charlotte, died Friday night a week, aged 64 years. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Burns, Sores.

North Carolina News.

An infirmary will be built at Wake Forest College. The building will cost about \$6,000. The Shelby Star says that Rev. A. G. Gatt, of Cleveland county, raised 70 bushels of corn on 1 1/8 acres.

The State Audubon Society collected during the year from all sources, fines, privileges, etc., the sum of \$8,922.90. A shooting affray occurred between T. M. Moxley and Aquilla Rector, near Sparta, Monday a week. A later account says Rector died Tuesday and Moxley was expected to die.

Capt. A. M. Clarke, postmaster at Southern Pines, who has held his job for many years, is not only not asking re-appointment but has signed a petition for the appointment of another man. Remarkable! The postmaster at Chinquepin, Duplin county, was convicted in the Federal Court at Raleigh week before last of making false affidavits to pensions and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh has received a check for \$2,359 from the North Carolina conference. It had previously received \$1,700 Thanksgiving offering. Fourteen more children have just been admitted. Dock Gladden, a young man, 22 years old, died at Marion last week from an injury received by jumping from a train several days ago. He had a habit of getting on a train, riding a short distance and then jumping off.

Wm. Gant, aged 73, deaf, a beggar and probably under the influence of whiskey, accidentally stepped in front of an engine at the Asheville depot Tuesday morning a week and was crushed to death. He had a begging card in his pocket, also \$96 in cash.

Mr. John H. Cook, a lawyer of Maxton and president of the bank there, died Monday a week. Capt. W. S. Norment, one of the oldest and at one time one of the most prominent members of the bar at Lumberton, died Tuesday a week at his home in that town.

Some time ago the reservoir at Winston collapsed, a number of people were drowned and houses destroyed. At the time it was supposed to be an accident. But the Greensboro Record says evidence has been discovered which tends to show that the reservoir was destroyed. There has been trouble in this State in past years on account of osteopaths practicing their profession, some of them being indicted for practicing medicine without license. The osteopaths have decided to ask The Legislature to incorporate them as a society, similar to the State Medical Society, and pass laws regulating their practice.

The track on the Raleigh & Pamlico Sound Railroad is being laid at the rate of a mile a day now, and a material train has been put on. The track is now within a mile of the Neuse river. At present only 50 convicts are at work on the road, but the squad will increase to 200 within the next month. The road is building toward Washington, N. C. The Greensboro Record says that two colored boys were hunting week before last near Whitesett, Guilford county. They found a squirrel, but failing to dislodge him, one of them started to climb the tree while the other, Banks Stuart by name, aided him by pushing him up with the butt of his gun. When some distance up the foot of the climber slipped, hit the trigger, the gun went off and the muzzle being against Banks Stuart's stomach, he was instantly killed, dying before he could be taken home, only a short distance away.

The State Board of Agriculture at its meeting last week decided to establish an additional farm in the eastern part of the State for experiments in berry and truck culture, and still another in the extreme western part of the State for the development of the culture of apples and other fruits adapted to the mountain region. As a result of the decision to establish a farm in the fruit and truck region the board has decided to discontinue the experiment farm near Red Spring, to be merged into the new farm that is yet to be located. A passenger train from Rocky Mount to Wilmington, on the Atlantic Coast Line, ran into an open switch at Warsaw Tuesday morning a week. The engine turned over and Engineer Guilford Horse and the colored fireman, Will Sterling, were killed. The mail car piled on the tender and Postal Clerk Hollingsworth was badly injured. All the cars were more or less damaged and the passengers badly shook up, but none were injured.

Suit has been begun in the Superior Court of Buncombe county by W. E. Howard, administrator of the estate of Ezekiah S. Jenkins, against the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railway Company, lessee, and the Southern Railway Company, lessee, for \$30,000 damages on account of the death of Jenkins last October. At the time of his death Jenkins was station agent at Huntersville, and it is alleged that while in the performance of his duties he was caught between an iron gang-plank and cars and crushed so badly that he died.

RELIEF IN SIX HOURS. Distressing kidney and bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys or back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by the J. C. Simmons Drug Co., Graham, N. C.

The Salisbury Sun says the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Jas. Ellis, a tenant on the farm of Mr. Chas. Goodman, in Steele's township, Rowan county, was burned to death Thursday afternoon a week. The child's parents were picking cotton and she was alone at home when clothing was caught from a pile of live coals in the yard. Before assistance could be rendered she was fatally burned.

LOST HIS GRIP. When a man has lost his grip, on the affairs of life, feels incapable of performing the ordinary duties that business requires. Body languid, brain dull. His liver is out of order. Rydale's Liver Tablets are what he needs. One dose usually will, two always will restore normal condition of body and mind, and fit a man for the duties and pleasures of life again. Rydale's Liver Tablets are easy to take, pleasant in effect, satisfactory in results, economical. 50 chocolate coated tablets in a convenient box. 25 cts. J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

The home of Mr. Jacob Wike, who lives in Mountain Creek township, Catawba county, was burned with its contents Thursday night a week. No insurance.

Revolution Imminent. A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefited particularly and the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it doesn't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by the J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

W. B. Cooper tells the Raleigh Post that almost every day 1,000 dressed rabbits are shipped from Siler City, Chatham county, and several times during the season shipments have run up as high as from 5,000 to 10,000 a day. The rabbits are trapped and shot and otherwise caught by the people throughout that section and brought to Siler City for shipment.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is profit loss. Right feeding is profit. The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science. But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia? Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.

Send for free sample. Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Scott's Emulsion. Scott & Bowne CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c and \$1.00 all druggists. FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR stops the cough and builds strength.

HONORED AT HOME

Rev. Parker Holmes, pastor of the 1st M. E. church, South, Hickory, N. C., says: "I have used Rydale's Stomach Tablets for indigestion and regard them as a perfect remedy for this disease. I take pleasure in recommending them to all sufferers from indigestion. Use Rydale's Stomach Tablets for your stomach trouble and you will join Dr. Holmes in this strong endorsement. These tablets will digest the food your weak stomach cannot, and thus nourish the body and prevent the partial starvation, from which causes the loss in flesh and strength all dyspeptic experience. These tablets relieve all disagreeable symptoms at once. They will increase your strength and flesh, almost from the first day a use and will soon restore you to perfect health." J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

The Oxford Ledger says that Jas. Elexson, colored, became enraged with his 8-year-old daughter a few days ago and beat her so severely with a strap that she died next day. The inhuman father escaped.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by the J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

Julius Stedman, three and a half years old, an inmate of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte, was burned to death Wednesday evening a week. His dress caught from a stove.

Removes the microbes which impoverish the blood and circulation. Stops all trouble that interferes with nutrition. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. For sale by the Thompson Drug Co.

Christmas Holiday Excursion Rates

VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY 1904-1905.

Account Christmas and New Year Holidays, Southern Railway will sell tickets at extremely low rates. Dates of sale of tickets to the general public, December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1904, and January 1, 1905, with final limit January 4, 1905. Dates of sale of tickets to students and teachers, upon presentation of Certificate signed by the Superintendent, Principal or President of Schools and Colleges, December 17 to 24, inclusive, with final return January 8, 1905.

For information as to Rates, Schedules, Sleeping Car Accommodations, etc., ask Any Agent, or R. L. Vernon, T. P. A., Charlotte; J. H. Wood, D. P. A., Asheville; S. H. Hardwick, P. T. M., W. H. Taylor, G. P. A., Washington, D. C.

FOLLOW THE LEADER TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. Julian S. Carr, President. Wm. J. Holloway, Cashier. THE BANK OF THE TOWN. We Strive to Oblige and Accommodate THE PUBLIC. 4% SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. We Issue Certificates of Deposit bearing Four percent Interest. \$1.00 opens you an Account. SURE BIND SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT. Burglar & Fireproof Vaults. We Carry the Best Business.

RYDALE'S TONIC. A New Scientific Discovery for the BLOOD and NERVES. It purifies the blood by eliminating the waste matter and other impurities and by destroying the germs or microbes that infect the blood. It builds up the blood by reconstructing and multiplying the red corpuscles, making the blood rich and red. It restores and stimulates the nerves, causing a full free flow of nerve force throughout the entire nerve system. It speedily cures unstrung nerves, nervousness, nervous prostration, and all other diseases of the nervous system. RYDALE'S TONIC is sold under a positive guarantee. Trial size 50 cents. Family size \$1.00. MANUFACTURED BY The Radical Remedy Company, HICKORY, N. C.

RYDALE'S TONIC. REMEMBER that we have arranged this engagement and secured the services of a man of ability and reputation and that we, personally guarantee his work. All examinations are free and only regular price will be charged for glasses. You Can Save Money and obtain the highest class of professional service in this line by taking advantage of this opportunity. Bear in Mind the Dates, January 6, 7 and 9.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, C. W. Hooper.

A MATTER OF HEALTH. ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE. The Newton News reports that Mr. George Bodick, near Newton, raised a bale of cotton weighing 424 pounds on one half acre.

Griffon Brand. Christmas is coming, and the goose is getting fat—Hadley's got the Clothing! And the price down pat. I recommend one price—the lowest. Rather than pay a slick duck clerk sixty To slip the price up on you, Like a cat to catch a rat. I save you time and trouble To work and wait to jew me, And sell you clothing as cheap as the other Than the merchant who works in to you. I guarantee the price and quality. And refund to you (if not pleased) your money, I have no pet or friend to favor; My plan to save is my customers' savor. A. M. HADLEY. The One-Price Clothier. GRAHAM, N. C.

CRYSTALIZED LENSES. TRADE MARK. HAWKES.

The J. C. Simmons Drug Co. ANNOUNCEMENT. We take great pleasure in announcing to our patrons and the general public that we will have with us for the following days only January 6th, 7th and 9th, an expert optician, representing the celebrated firm of A. K. Hawkes, Atlanta, Ga., the largest and most favorably known optical establishment in the South. He Will Test Eyesight And Fit Glasses. The Doctor is a graduate of one of the leading Ophthalmic Colleges in the United States, is thoroughly conversant with all modern methods in refractive science, including Retinoscopy, Ophthalmology, etc., and has had long experience in his specialty.

RYDALE'S TONIC. REMEMBER that we have arranged this engagement and secured the services of a man of ability and reputation and that we, personally guarantee his work. All examinations are free and only regular price will be charged for glasses. You Can Save Money and obtain the highest class of professional service in this line by taking advantage of this opportunity. Bear in Mind the Dates, January 6, 7 and 9.

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