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Christmas Tide.

This is the day before Christmas, when everybody is on the tiptoe of joyous expectancy, and all hearts are filled with good feeling for their fellows and the rest of mankind. This is the season when the close, vital, human touch should warm every heart and bring the human family into closer harmony and deeper sympathy. Many family reunions take place during this joyous season and the bonds of love and friendship are cemented anew; yea, more than at any other season of the year. For all we bespeak much happiness, and wish for all many returns of the season.

Judge Thos. R. Purnell, who had been U. S. Dist. Judge of the Eastern Dist. of N. C., died last Friday morning in Raleigh after an illness of a year or more, aged 63 years. He had held other positions of trust and honor.

"Night Riders" are on trial this week at Union City, Tenn., for the many outrages and lawless acts committed. The law is close upon the heels of those who murdered Capt. Rankin. The list of outrages is a long and horrible one and the perpetrators need to be dealt with the extreme limit of the law.

Work on tariff revision still goes on. The sub-committee is said to be hard at work. Though Democracy did not win, this revision is no doubt going on as a result of the exposition of the unjust system practical under Republican laws for years. Republicans saw that they had to do something or, their days of rule were numbered.

Mr. Taft, seemingly at least is showing much interest in the South. He hopes to build up and strengthen on the Republican party. But it will, and should, be a long time before the grip of Democracy is broken. The population is composed of elements, by reason of which Republican supremacy in the South would be positively hurtful.

Total Popular Vote in the Recent Election.

New York Dispatch, 19th.

The total popular vote for the various presidential candidates at the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The totals show the following votes cast:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Votes. Taft (Republican) 7,637,676; Bryan (Democrat) 6,398,182; Debs (Socialist) 447,651; Chaifin (Prohibition) 241,252; Higgins (Independent) 83,186; Watson (Populist) 83,371; Gilhaus (Social Labor) 15,421.

Total for all candidates 14,852,230. This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,510,708. Compared with that election the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist, and Social Labor parties.

With reference to the ever present trouble of tax assessment, State Auditor Dixon says he will recommend that one man be appointed (not elected) in each county to assess all real estate, and that the counties be grouped in districts, the various assessors to meet in district conferences, compare assessments and make their reports to the State Board of Equalization. Dr. Dixon declares that this is the only way in which the assessment of real estate in North Carolina can be made equitable. He says the last legislature enacted a law which proves inoperative, because it only gives 30 days in which to assess all real estate and the work cannot be done within that short space of time.

Ellis Brown, colored, an employe of a veneering company at High Point, fell in a vat of boiling water at the company's plant Tuesday a week and was badly scalded from his hips down. He is expected to recover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1908.

The political situation during the past week has been replete with interesting events and episodes. The Panama Canal deal has been the subject of unfounded charges against the Government and those nearly related to the President, and of indignant and vindictive countercharges coming direct from the President in the shape of a message to Congress and containing threats of libel suits against the chief offender, the editor of the New York World.

Congress is writhing under the stinging lash of the President charging it with an effort to choke off or scotch detective activity with regard to its members. Some members of Congress (like some of the rest of us) would not care to have too strong a searchlight turned on all their outgoings and incomings. The President knows who some of them are and he is perhaps waiting with some impatience for the National legislature to rise in its holy wrath and repudiate the insinuation. Congress, or at least some Congressmen, will not play with fire for fear of an explosion. The President is merciless in his exposures and his denunciation and what they have done in the closet, he is capable of proclaiming from the housetops of their constituencies in a way that all men and their wives will hear and believe him. It is a little short of shameless how some members and Senators make the United States treasury pay their election expenses and even bribe their constituents. The common remark: "They all do it" renders it not one whit more respectable or less dishonest.

There are Navy yards on the New England coast and on other coasts that are supported by the United States for no other reason than that a Senator or a member of Congress has use for them to sustain his political fortunes by keeping him in Congress. These navy yards are too small for modern warship construction, therefore useless ships are appropriated for and hundreds of men are employed and millions of dollars are paid in wages (wasted) to the friends and political henchmen of certain Senators and Members.

The lower House of Congress has just passed a bill for the next Census with a provision that the clerks are to be selected independent of the Civil Service competitive examinations. Every member of Congress knows that this is not in the interest of economy or efficiency. Wright and Porter, two capable superintendents of the Census, are on record as regretting that the service under them was not included in the classified civil service examination list. Wright, especially, believed the cost of the last Census had been increased to the extent of two millions of dollars by the neglect of the application of the Civil Service to the selection of clerks. The motives of Congressmen in relieving the Census appointments from the necessity of competitive examination, are open to everyone. They are seeking appointments for their political supporters or their relatives—their sons their wives, cousins, aunts and mothers-in-law—who are constantly after them for some place at the public crib. They cannot fight publicly against the Civil Service Law. With the country at large it is too popular. It has red-embled a service that was scarcely less rotten than that of Russia or China. But they are desperately hungry for patronage. In putting the large body of Fourth-class Postmasters under Civil Service protection, these congressmen have been robbed of much influence and they are trying to recoup themselves through the Census Office and at the expense of the country at large.

Some few members of Congress are independent of patronage. All of them should be. To well informed, enlightened statesmen, patronage is a curse. It curses him that gives and him that receives. The person who gets the office is an ingrate and the twenty who fail to get it become enemies. But the average congressman is not an enlightened statesman; he is a small politician.

There is still time for the Senate to amend the House bill by inserting a clause insisting on competitive examination for the Census Office appointments. Without such examination, thousands of incompetent persons will be appointed. Moreover, many more persons than are needed will get offices and the cost of the Census will be greatly increased by politicians insisting on having their friends taken care of. The public good demands that the thousands of persons to be employed in taking and publishing the next Census should be appointed for efficiency and independently of political pull. The Senate has an opportunity to further establish itself in the confidence of the country by insisting on amending the bill so that the Census Office, like the other offices

of the government, shall be filled with clerks chosen for their efficiency and not because they need places but because the government needs a clerical force chosen on the principal of the survival of the fittest.

Bank Officials Indicted.

Greensboro Record.

There was some surprise felt when it became known Saturday that the grand jury of Guilford Superior Court had Saturday morning returned a true bill of indictment against City National Bank officials, when it was known all along that the Federal Court at Charlotte was investigating these matters, and the news came of the indictment there of Lee H. Battle, cashier of the bank in forty counts, charging embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, false returns, etc. The indictment found in Guilford court is against Lee H. Battle, cashier, W. S. Thompson, president; Chas. H. Dorsett and J. A. Hopkins, directors. The offense marked on the bill is "false pretense."

The gravamen of the charge is that these officials received deposits after knowing that the bank was insolvent.

It is understood that this indictment was drawn on a presentment made by the grand jury sitting at the last term of court here. The officers of the bank have claimed all the time that the bank was not insolvent, and would have paid every dollar of its obligations, had it not been for the panic, and consequent special interference with its management of its securities and liabilities by government and financial interference.

Mr. Lee H. Battle, cashier of the bank, who was Friday indicted in the Federal Court at Charlotte, has retained Messrs. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Spencer B. Adams and Stedman & Cooke as his attorneys, and will fight the case to the last extremity.

Pellagra—A New and Dangerous Disease in the South.

Washington Dispatch.

The marine hospital service will make a determined effort to stamp out the new and dreadful disease which is playing havoc in certain sections in the South and which is known to physicians as pellagra. Pellagra appears to resemble leprosy in some respects, but ends in permanent insanity. It is said to have been imported from Italy, but seems to be induced by eating meal made from amity or fermented corn. Assistant Surgeon Lavinder of the hospital service made a trip through the South this year and examined a number of cases, especially in South Carolina, where the epidemic is at its worst. In the Mount Vernon Insane Asylum in 1907 there were 83 cases, 57 of which ended fatally. An effort will be made at the coming session to persuade Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to enable the marine service to institute a vigorous campaign against the disease, and it is hoped that it can be stamped out before it attains the frightful proportions it has reached in foreign countries, especially in Italy in Roumania.

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Deaths From a Street Riot.

Two more deaths have resulted from the street riot in Kansas City, Mo., last week as the result of the conflict between the religious fanatics led by John Sharp, alias "Adam God," and the local police. Two died at the time of the shooting—an officer and a 13 year-old girl. Next day Louis Pratt, one of the band of fanatics, and Michael Mullane, a policeman, succumbed to wounds.

Mullane suffered himself to be mortally wounded because he would not shoot a woman. According to witnesses he dodged behind a wagon when Mrs. Sharp attacked him with a revolver, and though she continued firing he made no resistance, though he was armed.

"Boys, I could have killed the woman, but I would not," he exclaimed as he sank to the pavement, pierced by four bullets.

Mr. Bryan Speaks.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—W. J. Bryan speaks at Uniontown today. "The Democratic party is still alive in Pennsylvania," he said, "but you would hardly suspect it." He said he did not think the President's salary ought to be increased to one hundred thousand. Asked if he would be a candidate in 1912 he laughed and replied: "Do you think I ought to be?"

Grandpa's Christmas Deer.

In his early days, Grandpa Kennedy, who was then a very good wheelwright and had saved money, found himself in possession of a sum sufficient to buy a section of land in Washington county, Mo. He made a clearing and built a log house, and his first three children were born there.

After trying it out that far, Kennedy came to the conclusion that he could do better by turning to St. Louis and taking up again mechanical pursuit; which he did, and prospered.

The Washington county section he turned over to his next younger brother, on shares. "See that you make it pay, John," said Kennedy. And John answered "No doubt about that Jim!" And John made it pay. Not after the fashion he had first figured out, however. For the section admitted of but small profits from agriculture. Still, the same were sufficient to enable John Kennedy to accumulate sufficient surplus funds to buy adjoining and more productive land.

John Kennedy, in Washington county, never got really rich, but he succeeded in tilling the soil to advantage, and he raised with the help of his good wife, a good brood of Kennedy's, who lived to call him blessed. Each got a farm at marriage. But the original section remained in James Kennedy's name.

Jim Kennedy, with his wife and three children, having turned to St. Louis, prospered after the fashion of slow, gradual advancement always due to honest effort. The children increased to six, in due time got married, and Grandpa and Grandma Kennedy and numerous descendants were all very well thought of and very well off as regards this world's goods.

Came along toward Christmas time. Grandpa Kennedy got a telegram from his brother John. "Come at once. Important," the message read.

"What is it John?" asked Grandpa Jim of his brother. And on the long drive out to the original Kennedy clearing, from which his brother John had always refused to move, the story was told. Lead had been discovered on the section, and offers had been made for the land.

The three days before Christmas were spent by Grandpa Kennedy and brother John in a careful survey and inspection of the section, which resulted in Grandpa deciding to hold on to the property.

The condition had been very favorable for inspection purposes, but as they neared the clearing at the close of the day before Christmas, brother John remarked, "Jim I believe she's going to snow."

"Smells like it," answered Grandpa, "and I don't care if it does, I'd like to see these old hills and hollows in a beautiful covering of white once more. Then it would be a real Christmas. Tell you, John, you send over to Jack Smithson's and see if he's still got his old Kentucky rifle. If he's still got it, and it snows tonight, I'm going out in the morning and knock over a couple of rabbits or so. How long has it been since there were any deer around here?"

"Why, Jim, there hasn't been a deer seen in this nor Jefferson county for more than 15 years. Not since the big aleet when they corralled ten of them on the ice out Indian Creek way and out the throats of eight. Two got away, but there's no deer been seen since then."

It snowed. Grandpa got Jack Smithson's old Kentucky rifle and started out. It was a light snow and walking was not tiresome. As grandpa cut through the woods, up hill and down hollow, so beautiful and entrancing appeared his surroundings; he paid no attention to rabbits. It had suddenly dawned upon him that he was again among the scenes of his early struggles; and the contrast between the beauties of Christmas, nature and the grime of the works of which he was head, was so pronounced and so much to be admired, he forgot all about hunting.

"Must be getting along down towards Indian Creek way," he merrily remarked, as he passed the entrance to Potter's Cave. "Reckon, if I want to get any rabbits, I'd better be turning towards the road and pick 'em off on my way home."

A faraway cry fell upon Grandpa's ears. "Hounds!" he exclaimed, and stopped to listen. "Coming this way, too! Wonder what they're after? You just watch Jim Kennedy lay low and see!"

It wasn't long, although to Grandpa, whose whole being quivered again with the excitement of youth, it seemed a century. And then, at the far end of the ridge which lay before him there suddenly burst into view a fine buck deer, which paused for an instant as if undecided which direction to take. The shot was too far off. Would the deer come his way or would it turn off into another direction?

The deer came his way. It bounded along the top of the ridge, running at right angles to where Grandpa crouched concealed; when at a distance of eighty yards, possibly scenting the hidden hunter, it paused.

The mark was fair. Grandpa fired. That's about all that can be said about the deer's death; because, you know, it was Jack Smithson's old Kentucky rifle. And, well, Grandpa used to could shoot some.

Was Grandpa glad? Was the deer too heavy to tote home? Grandpa had practically retired from any heavy work in the works, but he got that deer home.

O, don't ask? Couldn't you excuse Grandpa Kennedy for saying he could not remember a happier Christmas?

Will Interest Many.

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At Goldsboro Wednesday night fire which started in John M. Grantham's stables destroyed the stables, fire department quarters and other buildings, a loss of one hundred thousand dollars.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zenilinski, of 68 Gibson St. Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Graham Drug Co.

At Kenly, Johnston county, Thursday, two negroes, Walton Carr and Josiah Alston, quarreled over a crap game and Alston shot Carr dead and fled.

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In Guilford Superior Court last week a verdict of not guilty was rendered in the case of W. B. McAdoo, a prominent and wealthy young man of Greensboro, who killed his companion Ed Aldred, while on a hunting trip last January. McAdoo and Aldred had been good friends and the claim of the defense was that the shooting was entirely accidental. The prosecution asked for a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Nearly everybody knows DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are small, pleasant sure Little Liver Pills. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

Of the 46 persons who appeared before the State Board of Pharmacy last week for license, only 21 passed the examination. There are five colored applicants. One failed, four passed.

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How To Gain Flesh

Persons have been known to gain a pound a day by taking an ounce of Scott's Emulsion. It is strange, but it often happens.

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A Spendthrift Nation.

Norfolk-Virginia Pilot. It might have been better had the Society for the Preservation of Bison been organized before the buffalo had been practically exterminated. We Americans resemble Jack in the nursery rhyme. We want to eat our supper and have it too. We live for the day, leaving the morrow to take care of itself. When King Edward, then the Prince of Wales, was in this country in 1859 he was taken to Dwight, Illinois, as the best hunting ground for prairie grouse between the two oceans. To-day it would be difficult to find a brace of those birds within two hundred miles of Dwight. Kansas recalls now with a pride that ought to be a shame, that when Duke Alexis attended a banquet at Topeka in 1873 he was given his choice of feasting on buffalo, venison, mountain sheep, elk, antelope, bear, turkey, duck, prairie chicken, quail, pheasant, woodcock and snipe—all wild habitants of the native fields and forests. A visitant to Kansas now might sigh in vain for a taste of most of these game animals and birds. It is so with everything that nature gave us an abundance of. Wasteful, improvident, destructive to the point of sinfulness. In the same reckless way we are consuming our timber and fuel resources, and unless there is a halt and a policy of re-conservation the next generation will find itself face to face with a costly retribution in sterile highlands and devastated valleys. A spendthrift nation as inevitably as the shiftless and thriftless individual marches to the goal of bankruptcy.

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