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OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT.

THE HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US.

The TIMES Wishes to Present a Few of its Regular and True Patrons with a Small Christmas Gift.

The happy season of Christmas is upon us again. It is the season when the purse strings of parent and friend become loose, and a desire enters the breast of all kind hearted people, to do some act to cause some one to feel happy. While it is the desire of the editor of the TIMES that its patrons should feel happy at all times, he knows that, under the general run of affairs, this is almost an impossibility. Yet, nevertheless, our earnest desire is in existence. The editor would feel happy, sure 'nough, if it was in his power to make every patron and reader of the TIMES a useful "Christmas Gift," but as fate has ordered otherwise, he will have to content himself by presenting his local advertising patrons a small gift, by informing its many readers where they can find suitable things for the joyous occasion.

As "Santa Claus" always looks after the good little folks, before taking up any time with the older ones, we will begin with those stores where such goods can be found. For toys dolls and all suitable things for the children, you cannot fail to be suited at the Big Racket, the Boddie-Perry Drug Co, and at F. R. Pleasants drug store. They also carry other and more substantial goods that always come in appropriately for the occasion.

If it is a piano, or musical instrument of any kind, a nice set of furniture, rugs, etc., you will be almost sure to find just what you want at Hollingsworth's or the White-Hall Furniture Company.

For almost anything from a Jew's Harp to a steam engine, and this includes all good things to eat, you rarely ever fail to find it at

L. P. Hick's or McKinnon's. If Hicks hasn't got it, it is on the road," and if it is not made at McKinnon's,

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the best shoes worn anywhere. This is what he says, and if we are not mistaken, John Best bears him out in it.

H. L. Davis is ever ready to please and accommodate the ladies and therefore keeps a line of goods suited to their taste.

W. P. Neal & Co. "don't make much fuss about it," but in their steady and business-like way, move forward, and can be daily seen loading up wagons with the substantials. They carry a line of sample shoes that you should see.

The Louisburg Bargain store, run by W. B. Cooke, is a place that all should visit before completing their Christmas shopping. It is impossible for us to enumerate the large number of articles to be found in his store.

Of course you will not fail to call in and see "J. P." and when we say "J. P. everybody knows that we refer to J. P. Winston. He sells everything "at cost," you know.

W. H. Pleasant is another merchant who rarely ever "puts on airs" but looks after his own business and runs it successfully. He has some bargains too, and you will no doubt find something suitable for a Christmas gift in his store.

At Cooper and Pleasants you will not only find a full line of general merchandise, but some of the nicest and prettiest China to be found in many towns much larger than Louisburg.

Anything in the fancy grocery line can also be had of E. Odum. He is always at his place of business and makes it pleasant for those who deal with him.

Some of the prettiest and one of the most elegant displays of gold and silver watches, jewelry, &c., ever in Louisburg, can be found at D. E. Miller's.

If it is a nice set of harness you want, or if you wish to take a drive in town or in the country, it is E. S. Ford you are looking for. He keeps horses and runs the line.

Annual Oyster Supper.

The Annual Oyster Supper at Male Academy will take place on Thursday evening, December 26th. The proceeds will go to buying a piano for the Academy. Preceding the supper a short concert will be given by the pupils of the school, beginning at 7:30, consisting of music etc. Everybody invited.

Elegant Supper

The Louisburg Rifles gave a supper at the Macon Hotel last Friday night, to which a few friends of the Company were invited. Among the out-of-town guests were Col. W. L. McGhee and Mr. J. A. Vann, of Franklinton.

The Supper was elegant, just such as can always be prepared by Mrs. Macon, and the "short and spicy" remarks of those who responded to calls were very much enjoyed and applauded by the "soldier boys."

No Paper Next Week.

In accordance with our usual custom there will be no regular issue of the TIMES next week, as the editor and the "force" desire to take a little "Christmas." A small local edition will be issued for the benefit of "legal advertising," and the time that is not spent in taking "Christmas" will be given to a general cleaning up around the office. The editor and his entire force wish all of our patrons a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Lord willing, our readers may look for the paper again on January 3rd, 1908.

During the holidays we will have a supply of receipt books, and will be glad to exchange some of these for subscriptions. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

More Fine Porkers.

W. H. Allen killed twenty six this week which netted him 4,856 pounds.

Wm. Bailey, five that weighed

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go. Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

J. R. Wiggins paid Raleigh a business visit Tuesday.

Mr. D. W. Spivey, of Youngville, was a visitor to the burg this week.

G. S. Earp and wife left Tuesday to spend the holidays with his people at Selma.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church last Sunday—preaching two able sermons.

Rev. L. S. Massey and wife said good bye to their many friends here on Wednesday and left for their new home in Oxford.

Messrs T. O. Coppedge and J. O. Newell, who are studying medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin left one day this week for Meridian, Miss., where he goes to settle up the affairs of his brother who died recently. He will be absent about ten days.

New Preacher Arrives.

Rev. F. A. Bishop, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, accompanied by his good wife, arrived Wednesday evening on the last train. They were met by a committee at the train and taken to the parsonage, where a number of ladies had assembled to welcome them. Mr. Bishop is not a stranger to quite a number of our people as he has been among us in the interest of the church on several occasions before. He will occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

W. Fox gets on the Ways and Means Committee, one of the most sought after assignments in the body. It is a high and deserved compliment to our representative, and the Times congratulates him upon the honor conferred.

Congressman Webb from this state will no doubt be assigned to the Judiciary Committee of the House, another high compliment. The other Representatives are also on important committees. The state is now represented in the United States Congress by an able corps of stalwart Democrats, and, if the people be wise, they will keep them there, as the longer they remain the more good they will be able to accomplish for this good old state.

POLITICAL PROMISES.

President Roosevelt redeemed his promises to the Newspaper Publishers Association, after a fashion, by recommending in his message that "There should be no tariff on any forest product grown in this country; and, in especial, there should be no tariff on wood pulp." If Congress should carry out the President's recommendation, by abolishing the tariff tax on forest products and wood pulp, such action would be entirely worthless to the consumers of print paper, because the price of print paper would remain the same. Such an amendment to the tariff law would, however, be of great advantage to the Paper Trust, for it would give that combine free raw material, which is now taxed, it bleached, \$5 a ton and \$3.33 per ton if chemically prepared, or \$1.66 per ton on ground wood pulp in its raw state. All these rates being on the basis of dry pulp. This would still leave the average tariff of \$16 a ton on paper and protect the trust from the importation of foreign made paper from Canada or elsewhere. Why did the President not fully redeem his promise to the people to reform the tariff, but to spread the protective system, the President tells Congress "could not but cause widespread disaster," yet by the declaration in the last Republican National platform upon which Mr. Roosevelt was elected and which he heartily endorsed, the voters of the country were induced to believe that prosperity always follows a Republican tariff. The question naturally arises, could we be suffering from a more disastrous panic than the present one if the tariff had been revised?

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Handsome Books.

The style books, being sent out, free of charge by the manufacturers of "Star Brand" Shoes, are very striking examples of good shoe ads. The booklets are very nicely gotten up in colors on fine paper. Drop a postal to Billy Hunt, care Roberts, Johnson & Hand Shoe Co., St. Louis, and you will receive a copy immediately.

To Close for Holidays.

The Tobacco store in Louisburg will close for the holidays on Saturday Dec. 21st, and open again on Thursday, January 2, 1908.

The mills this week are good and tobacco is bringing a fair and satisfactory price. Some grades are higher than for a long time.

The stores in Louisburg, we understand, will be closed on the 25th and 26th.

The banks will also be closed on the 25th and 26th.

Look to Diversification.

The only thing that will make the farmers of the South independent, says a valued exchange, is the diversification of crops, or rather, a diversification of the products of the farm, which properly includes the stock as well as the things grown