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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1888 A MERRY Christmas to our reader one and all !

THE news of the arrival on the Aruwimi of Stanley and Emin Bay is con firmed.

Tue Christmas shopper and the clerk can now shake hands on rest that today affords.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to the several distinguished cardidates for the Senatorship! May the best man win

It appears that there is something the matter with the Bureau of Edu cation at Washington. Its forculars of information" do not inform. Hee the communication elsewhere printed signed "X."

A MERRY Christmas to the incoming legislature! May its members find the lobbyist scarce, the constitu ent modest in his demands, and may every man get all his bills through promptly as far as may be so without hurt to the State.

A RUMOR of an attempt to assausi na e the President-elect at some indefinite time in the neighborhood of the election has been officially denied by Russell Harrison, the Presidentelect's son and present factorum. Oc being roused after he had gone to bed and asked by a repor-ter for the facts in the case he replied with a brevity that is excusable under the circumstances and that does credit to the qualities of his head, "There are no facts."

A MERRY Christmas to all and ever one of the candidates for office at the hands of the incoming legislature May they all as far as possible get in -and may the News and OBSERVER not be left behind. Selah !

Now that a Philadelphia dealer in general merchandise, who has nothing to recommend him but the fact that he is a dealer in general merchandise and that he contributed largely of boodle to the republican campaign in behalf of the trusts and monopolies-now, we say that this man stands a chance of being appointed to a place in Mr. Harrison's cabinet it would seem that no man need despair. Political preferment depends apparently on dollars alphanous reputitions. of the day (which is not republicanism, at all, by the way) is concerned.

A MERRY Christmas to our Gov ernor! May be find private life all that it is painted by the fancy of the wearied public servant who has done his duty faithfully at all times.

Manone is moving heaven and earth, politically speaking altogether to secure a place in Harrison's cabi net, but he is not at all the man for the position. The incoming administration cannot afford to give him the appointment. If a man from the South is to be chosen—and surely such should be the case—we trust that man will be Hon. S. F. Phillips, of this State, late Solicitor of the Federal Treasury, who will be the equal in character and at a numeric of any one of the men who will eventually hold nortfolion. ally hold portfolios, no matter who they may be. What we say may be regarded as presumptuous by repub-licans, but it must be admitted to be hard sense by all on that side who are unprejudiced and who know anything of Mr. Phillips.

A MERRY Christmas to the members of our enlarged Supreme Court May the lightening of the labors of the court as it has been fend as it should to the greater comfort of the Justices. May length of days be granted each and every member of the court. Greater confidence and respect at the hands of the people they could not have.

THE seized steamer at Port au Prince was delivered to the American men of war on demand and the Haytien flag was then honored with a salute of twenty-one guns. The eagle screams and flaps his wings in triumph, but it is a mighty little bird he is crowing over.

CHRISTMAS DAY, The merry feast of Christmas is again at hand with all the wealth of mean ing, of tradition and suggestion that it brings and that is spoken of elsewhere. It is not the worst side of our nature that is shown in the way we cling to the spirit and customs of

NEWS AND OBSERVER springs of joy and good fellowship and benevolence at a time when mer- will of his opponents. These keep it. riment is the order of the day. But are the qualifications for the Speak | The boar's head and the wassai luckily there are few of him. Few ndeed are the men who can close their hearts to the ballowed influences of today. Some there are who would reject the influences because they are ballowed but, even these are malfew by the vast tide of popular feet ug that sweeps over the earth and makes men realize, whether they confess the fact or not, someth g of what they owe to the Lord and Master of the world and the law of love smong men. He who lifts himself above this tide is borne into an atmosphere of iciness that no man who knows what it is to have heart strings

The great majority of mankind livng in Christendom prefer to let their tenderer feelings have full play at his blessed season of the year. They ike to lay aside the sordid cares of every day life as far as may be and indu ge in the display of what makes them least of earth—nearest of kin to the angels. With many it is a very blind groping after the attain-ment of this end. Alas, the desecra tion of Christmas we see everywhere But the fact remains that most men the effort to rise their better selves and we say, is a hopeful sign of what man can attain in the way of benevolence and the observance of the golden rule—an augury of what, we believe, he will attain ere the end of his mission in the world.

Let us hail, then, the influences of Christmas-tide. Let us open our bearts wide to receive them. Let us endeavor to use wisely the opportunity today gives us for the cultivation of what is best within ourselves and those about us. Let us discourage the prevalent abuse of Chris mas Day. Let us remember that we cele brate a Christian festival, not a pagan feast. So will we hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God and the ful filment of the manifest destiny of our kind.

A MERRY Christmas to our new udges! May they find lawyers brief, witnesses clear in their testimony and officers of court intelligent and well posted. They have been excelent lawyers; they will be excellent udges, without doubt.

OUR NEXT APPEAR (NCE.

Our printers demand and deserve a holiday. We are not yet sufficiently metropolitan to afford such shifts as would enable us to take holiout the paper at the same time. Hence our next appearance will be neantime of such importance as to make it seem incumbent upon us to furnish our readers with an immediate chronicling thereof. It is safe to say, however, that as "All the world keeps Christmas Day," as the solone at Washington have adjourned until next week, as our own home 9th, as the trade exchanges close, the factory fires are damped—as the whole of Christendom, indeed, pauses in its work to do bonor to the yulelog, the tolly tree and all that they imply, there will be not much of what we mean by news before we shall again greet our readers with the latest intelligence, good, bad and indifferent, from all quarters of the

A MEELY Christmas to our next Governor! May he find the maximum of satisfaction and the minimum of bother in the duties he is to assume—and is going to discharge with brilliancy and advantage to the people, without doubt.

A MERRY Christmas to our old judges, or rather to the bench as we have it today. It is made up of men as patriotic and hardworking and uncomplaining under small pay as any body of men that ever existed. May its members find the legislature

Melvin E. Carter for Speaker.

Cerrespondence News and Observer. ASHEVILLE, Dec. 21st, 1888. When honors for distinguished public service are to be awarded, it is proper that the friends of those who have performed such service should present them. The parties most interested are naturally restrained by sense of propriety, modesty it might be called, from activity in a contest in which unpleasant personal rivalries are aroused. Knowing that Mr. Carter will be silent, and knowing too, what his claims and also his merits are, we do not hesitate to speak for and urge his claim for the Speak-

That position is one of distinguished honor, and in its bestowment a testi mony to distinguished capacity, and an endorsement for the most promi nent advancement. No man of mean capacity or inferior character can ever be elevated to such position except through those discreditable combinations legislative bodies think themselves sometimes compelled to make Prima facie, therefore, the Speaker will be a man of capacity, he will be a man of lofty character, he will be familiar with the affairs of his State, and as he has probably had legislative experience he will probably be a good parliamen-

the festival, outside of the lessons the church teaches with respect to it. The caches with respect to it. The caches on earth, good will towards mem? is accepted by all classes alike as the sentiment which should prevail now if at no other time and the declaration of the angels becomes the law for the nonce of all men this side of heathendom, whether religious or otherwise.

We must except the churt who prefers to shut himself up alone in his elfe on the floor, while strong and dwelling of indifference rather than the this better self bubble up into the call in the churt who prefers to shut himself up alone in his dwelling of indifference rather than let the commanding even amid the most let his better self bubble up into the

solute impartiality in announcing his conclusions. In fact, as a Speaker officer. He merits such recognition, not only for present qualification, but for his past experience in the House.

Mr. Carter has served three terms in the legislature as a member of the House. From the very first his value as a working man, his skill as a debater, his thorough familiarity with the greatest of the questions which came up for consideration, and the personal qualities to which I have referred brought him into prominence, in fact into leadership. Less than any man that I know was he put to the labor of working himself into prominence. The truth was, that in all important measures his counsel and his aid on the floor were held to be indispensable. He was sought after to a far greater degree than he was a seeker, even for the sake of participation; though as to that his own sense of duty to his constituents and to the State urged him to take modestly, but always efficiently, an active During his connection with the

Legislature there was no great meas ure in which he did not take a lead ing part, so well informed, so judicious, so laborious, and withal, so broad, generous and impartial were his views, that he was trusted with, almost forced into, the leadership in management and debate. To bim is primarily due the measures which rescued the Western North Carolina from utter ruin and provided for its farther extension. In like manner he engaged zealously in the measures professional minstrels—who wan for the relief of the Western road, and the adoption of the measures which led to its expansion into now great and prosperous Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road. In all measures of internal improvement. he deported himself as a liberal North Carolinian, with a heart and purpose for the whole, not with an eye single to section. In the greatest of all questions which have come up since the war involving the interests of the State, the adjusment and settlement of the Stare debt, by the solution of which intricate and vexatious question the greatest menace to the pros perity of the people was removed. Melvin Carter took a prominent and leading part, being one of the most active and well informed of the com day to any extent and get mi tee intrusted with the manage

ment of the subject. This is enough, without going farther into the legislative record of afr. Friday morning unless events occur | Carter to demonstrate both what he doing, and with what responsibilities

he may be entrusted. At home, eminent as a lawyer, and commanding not only the respect but the confidence of the bar, he was the spontaneous and unanimous choice of the lawyers of the 12th judicial dis-Supreme Court occasioned by the death of Judge Ashe. The esteem of the people of Buncombe, his own people, was manifested in the last election by the unanimous selection of him by the two opposing wings into which, from local causes, the Democratic party had been divided. as their candida a for the House, and the large majority by which he was elected proved how well he had healed the breach

I, therefore, with the above representation, take the liberty of asking the NEWS AND OBSERVER to give, as it always generously does under like circumstances, publication to the above presentation of the claims of Melvin E. Carter to the Speakership of the next House.

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What paper is there in North Caro-lina that deserves more from the hands of the democratic party than the Raleigh NEWS AND OBJERVAN! What other paper has so fearlessly supported the principles of the democracy in the last campaign? You do not hear of one that has been more faithful to our ticket, both State and National, and now since the fight is over and we still have control of the State government, we believe that those who were in the thickest of the battle should be rewarded. The News AND OBSERVER is a candidate for the public printing, and we hope our leg relators will bear in mind, that to brothers NcRee and Andrews, the able editors, is to be attributed a great deal in the way of the success of the democratic party in this State, and that they should reward them accordingly.

Christmas. It is interesting to take something of a brief review of the historical points and facts connected with the Ohris mas season -the day, its name, and the customs of its commemoration in various countries. Our word Christmas stands for Christ's mass. The early church recognized what we mean by the term as one of the 'natales," or four chief feaste of the Christian year—namely, the Nativity. Easter, Pertecost and All Saints Sometimes the day was called by our forefathers "Midwinter." The French call it Noel, which comes from the Latin natalis, meaning ratal or birthday. The Germans call it Weihtach.

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er's chair to which Mr. Car- bowl were the two most important ter would carry full knowledge accessories to Christmas in the olden of parliamentary law, thorough con- time, and there are frequent brief al trol of temper, cool and close obser- lusions to the latter, in the works of vetion on questions under debate, our early English posts. The phrase clear and prompt in dec sion, an ab- "Wassail" occurs in the oldest card that has been handed down to us. It s derived from the Anglo-Saxon, he would be the complete man and It was a common drinking pledge of the age, and is equivalent to the phrase, "Your bealth", of the present ay. In the days of Spencer, Sh.k. speare and Ben Johnson, it continued to form a necessary part of the fee

tivities aspectaining to the season.

The Yue log is a relic hand a down to us from the Scandinavians, who were accustomed at their winter festivities to burn, amid great pomp and splender, great bonfires to their god Thor: With less pomp the burn ing of the Yule log was long man tained as a Christmas Eve custom We imagine it was not unlike the social old back log of more modern times, but now itself a relic of the past. At the close of the feativities the partially burned log was carried to the cellar un il the next anniver sary, when it was used to light the new log. It was a popular Lotion that if the partially burned log was in the cellar the house was secure from fire It was considered a baomen if a squint eyed person sutered the house while the log was burning As an attendant upon the Yule log was the Yule or Christmas candle which was placed upon the festive board, sed shed its joy giving light throughout the house. The Yu'e log and Wa sail bowl are beyond revival and even the Christmas carol has fallen into desuetude save will certain of our churches.

The following carol is supposed to have been one of in use among the ban a d dered from one to the other of the different castles of the Norman nobility, "discoursing sweet sounds for the gra-ification of the assembled guests, and who were certain of ready welcome on so jovial an occasion as the celebration of the Christman

"Ye who have scorned each other, Or injured friend or brother, In this fast fading year; Ye who, by word or deed, Have made a kind heart bleed, Come gather here. Let sinned against, and sinning. Forget their strife's beginning, And join in fri-ndship now; Be links no longer broken, Besweet forgiveness spoken, Under the "Holly Bough."

The decoration of our churches and houses with green boughs is of pre-Ohristian origin, and is one of the most honored of all the Christmas customs. It has survived the stupendous changes of hundaeds of centuries The holly has ever had the pre eminence, being no doubt specially recommended to the general estimation by the picturesque forms of its dark, glossy leaves, and the ornamental rature of its brilliant clusters of rich red berries leadness the bonly. gay season, we have the laurel, the bay, the cedar, the mistletce and the The laurel and the bay were dedicated by the ancient Greeks and Romans to all purposes of joyous commenceration, and their branches have been used as the emblems of peace, of victory and of joy. Of

festival which invokes all these. In this country, especially in the Sunny South, Christmas is made a gift festival. The festive day calls for special presents, congratulations and sympathies. On Christmas Eve the stock ngs are swung by the fire Santa Claus (or Kriss Kringle or whatever else may be the name in the various lands of the old gentleman) has many chimneys to descend but he is always "on time," and every deserving child, grown up as well as small ones, are remembered by the venerable deer driver, who always comes between sun and sun and whose advent is always hailed with delight. Honored be the blessed day Honored be the good old customs! And far be it from old heads rudely to dispel the fairy illusion of good old Santa Claus. Let the Saint reign triumphantly still for generations to

course their application is obvious

MRS. J. S. RALEIGH, Dec. 24 h, 1888

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-Gov. Wilson, of West Virginia says there is not the slightest foun dation for the report published in re publican papers to the effect that be had determined to issue certificates to all the democratic candidates for Congress in that State, and had ordered the militia to be ready to back him up in case of emergency.



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