

NEWS SAN CLAUS AT THE CITY HALL CHRISTMAS DAY

The Poor Children of The City are Invited to be Present at City Hall Christmas Day at 11 O'clock, There to Receive Gifts.

Charlotte People Who Aided the News in Providing These Gifts, are also Asked to be Present and Take Part in the Distribution.

As usual, the generous people of Charlotte have provided The News with a neat little sum for its Santa Claus fund, and everybody connected with the paper feels gratified to those who have contributed so cheerfully and so generously.

Of course it is well understood that The News is not trying to take the place of Santa Claus, and it makes no effort at general distribution of presents. All it hopes to do is to bring some little cheer and happiness into the homes of the unfortunate of our city. It cannot, in the very nature of the case, do much, but it can and expects to make several hundred children happy Christmas day.

Santa Claus, then, invites those children of the city who have been overlooked, and whose parents are too poor to provide for them to meet him at the City Hall at eleven o'clock Monday morning and he will do what he can for them.

A Christmas tree has been provided and is now being decorated by some generous-hearted young ladies, who will also assist in the distribution of gifts Monday.

If Santa Claus has been to your house you are not invited or wanted at the City Hall Monday, but if he has not you will receive a cordial welcome and some little things to bring good cheer. If there are any very poor children in your neighborhood tell them to come.

If any of our friends, and those who have given so liberally desire to be present as spectators, they will be welcome.

Company With \$200,000 Capital Purchases This Resort.

The famous Glenn Springs property has changed hands. The Spartanburg Herald has the following story concerning the sale of the property:

"Messrs. A. L. White, Victor M. Montgomery, Walter S. Montgomery, J. B. Lee and Aug. W. Smith purchased the Glenn Springs property yesterday from Messrs. Simpson, proprietors. This property includes along with the famous mineral spring fifty-five acres of land, the hotel and all other buildings.

The new owners have applied for a charter and the company is capitalized at \$200,000. The consideration was not given out to The Herald reporter.

It is the purpose of the new company to develop the springs and make it one of the most attractive and inviting resorts in the entire country. For years Glenns has been looked upon by many of the health seekers, the tired and overworked and persons suffering from nervous ailments, and who sought relief, comfort and cure as the Carlsbad of the South. The water has a national reputation and on its merits finds ready demand. It is proposed to make considerable expenditures with the grounds and buildings and the sale of the water will be pushed more extensively.

"A glance at the personnel of the new company insures the statement made that they will inaugurate improvements on a large scale, with a view to make Glenns second to none of the resorts of the country.

"Mr. A. L. White is president of the Merchants and Farmers bank; Mr. Victor M. Montgomery is president of the Pacific Manufacturing company and has extensive business interests in the city; Mr. Walter S. Montgomery is president of the Spartan Mills; Mr. Aug. W. Smith is president of the Bank of Woodruff and the Woodruff Cotton Mills, and conducts one of the largest dry goods businesses in the city; Mr. J. B. Lee is a well known capitalist and a director in the Merchants and Farmers bank."

Defense of Barricades. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Eleven men were killed and 80 wounded by volleys fired by the troops at workmen defending a barricade on Tverskaia street, Moscow, today. The total casualties at Moscow yesterday are estimated at 150.

Christmas Cantata. The Sunday School of Calvary Methodist Church will give "A Christmas Cantata," entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen," Tuesday, December 26, at 7:30 P. M.

A large number of the members of the Sunday School are taking part and the entertainment promises to be the best the Sunday School has every given.

Miss Aurilla P. Blankenship, clerk of the Western Union office left last night for her home at Richmond where she will remain until the first of the week.

ASHEVILLE HAPPENINGS. A Lot of Breezy News Items From Hasting Mountain City.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Interests in this city is now centered on the effort being made to put Asheville saloons out of business. It has been frequently alleged that the Asheville saloonists are guilty of selling liquor to prostitutes, a practice forbidden by law, and when applications were made for license to continue the saloons for the next six months the county commissioners deferred action until those desiring to do so might present evidence as to the irregularities and declared that any liquor dealer found guilty would be refused license. The W. C. T. U. immediately employed counsel to work up evidence and the hearing of testimony was begun before the commissioners yesterday, has been in progress all day today and will not probably be concluded tomorrow.

About eighty witnesses have been subpoenaed, including a dozen or more women of the town to whom it is alleged liquor has been furnished, and many have already testified. The records of a number of Asheville saloonists have been investigated very searching, among them being those of W. H. Loughran, Pat McIntyre, J. H. Lange and Frank Loughran.

The opinion is expressed that if the commissioners adhere to their determination, every saloon in Asheville, with three or four exceptions, will be put out of business.

MRS. GRISSON RECOVERED. Former N. C. Lady Who Attempted Suicide Discharged From Hospital.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Robert Grisson, who attempted suicide, by shooting herself in Farragut Square several weeks ago, was discharged from the hospital last night and left for North Carolina, her former home.

SOCIAL. A decidedly entertaining program has been arranged for the meeting of the Eclectic Book Club with C. M. Patterson Christmas evening. The meeting will be called by the president of the club, Mrs. I. W. Faison, after which the minutes of the year will be read by the secretary, Mrs. B. D. Heath.

The features of the evening will be a violin solo by Mr. Richardson; a reading by Mrs. Henry Lee Hunter and a vocal solo by Miss Lottie Gray. Toasts will be responded to by Judge A. Burwell, Judge P. D. Walker, Dr. I. W. Faison and Mr. Patterson.

In addition to the members of the club and their husbands, a number of other guests will be invited to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Patterson and the pleasure of the evening. An elaborate menu of refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. G. Butt leave tomorrow morning for Rocky River to spend Christmas with Mrs. Butt's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Grier.

Christmas Hours at Postoffice. Postmaster R. W. Smith has announced the Christmas hours to be observed at the city postoffice both tomorrow and Christmas day.

The carriers' windows, stamp and general delivery windows will be opened tomorrow and Monday from the noon hour until 2 o'clock.

On Christmas day the carriers will make no delivery during the entire day. This also applies to rural carriers.

The money department will remain closed all of Christmas day.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ganes was very seriously burned by hot water today.

The employees of the Charlotte Steam Laundry presented Mr. F. D. Lethco with a very handsome Christmas present today—a cut glass pitcher and twelve glasses.

REGARDING ROYAL ARCANUM. Decision of Supreme Court is That Rates Cannot be Raised Under Certain Conditions.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—Justice Gaynor in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn today handed down a decision in the case of James L. Mock, formerly the secretary of the Berkeley Council, 184 Roy against the Supreme Council of the order, denying the right of the Supreme Council to raise rates or in any way change assessments from that which they were when the member was admitted into the order.

Hearing in this action took up two days and among the witnesses were William Robson, secretary of the Supreme Council. Robson said the Royal Arcanum had now in force about \$500,000 in insurance certificates and that under the law of Massachusetts the order had the right to increase the assessment or change the rates under the proper procedure.

PRINCIPAL STREET IS BARRICADED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Chief Thoroughfare of Russia's Old Capital held by Insurgents Who Make Repeated attacks on Troops When Prisoners are Conveyed to Jail.

Cloud Over Empire of Double-Headed Eagle Grows Darker and darker. Autocracy and Despotism Have no Place in Modern Civilization.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 23.—A despatch to The News agency from St. Petersburg, says that barricades have been erected on Tverskaia street, the chief thoroughfare of Moscow, that the revolutionists are holding them bravely and that they are making repeated attacks on the police and the cossacks and the dragoons whenever the latter attempts to convey prisoners to jail.

The patrols of troops are accompanied by machine guns which are unhesitatingly used against the revolutionists.

Workmen and Troops Clash. Moscow, Dec. 23.—Troops surrounded school house where workmen were meeting here yesterday evening, and summoned the men to surrender. Blank shots were fired to intimidate. The workmen replied with revolver shots and bombs. Artillery was then brought up and the schoolhouse was bombarded until the survivors of the workmen surrendered.

A Russian Republic. By Associated Press. Kursk, Russia, Dec. 23.—The striking railroad men of this city have proclaimed a provisional government and have issued an appeal for support in setting up a Russian Republic.

Strike Ineffective. Vladimir, Russia, Dec. 23.—Owing to the hostile attitude of the people here who attacked the houses of the railroad men the strike leaders would have been torn to pieces had the

troops not interposed. The railroad strike here is ineffective. Most of the employees are working.

Two More Killed. Orel, Russia, Dec. 23.—At the village of Petoki, the peasants have killed two revolutionary emissaries.

Martial Law Declared. Pietrkow, Russian Poland, Dec. 23.—Owing to the spread of disorders, martial law has been declared in the province of Pietrkow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. A Number Were Issued at Register of Deeds' Office.

There has been a rushing business at the office of Register of Deeds in so far as marriage licenses are concerned. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon seven licenses had been recorded. Those who are to wed during the Christmas holidays follow:

Mr. Roland Cochran and Miss Selene Helms.

Mr. John Brown and Miss Maggie Ritch.

Mr. Hartell Baker and Miss Rosa Blackwelder.

Mr. Z. V. Barkley and Miss Margaret E. Ward.

Mr. Robert T. Barnes and Miss Cora Lee Stamey.

Mr. Charles C. C. Helms and Miss Evvie Cadden.

Mr. Lester B. Helms and Miss Dorcas M. Conder.

ADVERTISING AGENCY. Two Well-Known Men of Push and Industry Form Advertising Agency.

The business men of Charlotte are interested in the fact that the city now has an advertising agency—efficient and with modern and progressive methods.

Messrs. W. T. Corewith and H. M. Hall who were formerly connected with F. C. Abbott & Co have launched into the advertising field with fine prospects of success.

The office of the agency is with the Ray Printing Co., at 28 W. Trade St. Beginning with the first of the new year Messrs. Hall and Corewith will begin their advertising campaign in earnest. Their friends who know best are confident they have the ability and industry which are so essential in an advertising career.

The News wishes for this new enterprise, an auspicious and a substantial success in the advertising field.

Mr. Weddington in New Mexico. Mr. Graham Weddington, who recently left for Texas, has decided to locate at Las Cruces, New Mexico. He writes that he is pleasantly located and will remain at Las Cruces indefinitely. His friends here hope that his health will be greatly benefited by the change.

The Methodist ministers' meeting will not convene again until Monday, January 1, at 10 A. M.

AUTONOMISTS FORM NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Half the Baltic Provinces in Control of Autonomists. Influential Persons on Committees, prepare to Elect Assemblymen and Partition Government Land.

All Business Suspended in Moscow. 150,000 Men on Strike There. Bakeries Closed, City Feeling Pinch of Hunger. Many Street Fights Occur.

By Associated Press. Riga, Livonia, Friday, Dec. 23.—Quite half the Baltic provinces are apparently in control of the Autonomists, whose committees, which include in each locality some of the most influential persons, are establishing provisional administrations and preparing for the election of assemblies to arrange the taxes and legitimize the partitioning of government lands. Russia garrisons occupy the larger towns and detachments of troops are operating energetically against the smaller centres of the insurrection. The aims of the insurgents are to establish an autonomous state under Russian sovereignty.

Invasion of Lithuanians. St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Several thousand Lithuanians have invaded Province of Vitebsk express, according to Novo Vremya, with the intention of seizing the St. Petersburg-Warsaw railway and annexing the districts of Rieszka and Liutzin to "Republic of Lithuania."

Waiters Strike. A waiters strike has begun in St. Petersburg. Many restaurants closed.

Moscow Situation. St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Telephone messages from Moscow say that 150,000 men are on strike there, that the city is already feeling the pinch of hunger, that many bakeries have been sacked and closed and that all business is suspended. There have been some attacks upon strikers, especially on student leaders, by the people, and two girls were stripped naked and turned

loose in the cold in the vicinity of the Jewish market. Considerable street fighting has occurred at Moscow as a result of the attempt of troops and police to break up the processions. The revolutionists resisted at several places and erected barricades which the dragoons and infantry carried by storm. Here in St. Petersburg, there is little change in the situation.

COMMITTEES NAMED. Personnel of Committees of the Water Commission.

Mayor S. S. McNinch has named the following committees for the Water Commission:

Water Shed and Pump Station: Dr. R. J. Brevard, chairman, E. L. Kessler, Mains and Extensions: W. C. Dowd, chairman, E. T. Cansler.

Services, Salaries and Complaints: E. L. Kessler, chairman, Dr. R. J. Brevard.

Finance, Audit and Litigation: E. T. Cansler, chairman, W. C. Dowd.

Dinner to Street Car Men. As is his annual custom, Mr. E. D. Latta, president of the 4 C's Company, will give his men a Christmas dinner. This year the gathering will be at the Denny Cafe and the hour will be Monday night at 12 o'clock.

This time has been selected in order that the event will in no way conflict with the running of the street cars.

Mr. Wilkinson, the manager of the Denny Cafe has been given notice to prepare a sumptuous repast and the men will all be there to partake of it.

Interesting Suit Pending. Notice of an interesting lawsuit has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Mr. J. A. Russell. Mr. William Sprinkle, Mrs. Mary S. Benheim, Mr. Charles Benheim and Mr. A. Walker Sprinkle, are the plaintiffs and Mr. C. S. Holton and others are the defendants.

It is said that this action is brought to prevent Mr. C. S. Holton from administering on the estate of his late mother, Mrs. Rachel Holton.

The preliminary hearing will be before Clerk Russell one day next week.

Damage Suit Pending. Mrs. Jane McKenzie has entered suit against the Continental Manufacturing Company because of injuries to Charles McKenzie, a son, while in the employ of the above named company. The amount of damages have not been determined. Ruffin and Preston represent Mrs. McKenzie.

For Charity's Sake. The people of Charlotte are reminded of the fact that there are several inmates of the Crittenton Home who will hardly be remembered unless the charity-loving people donate for this purpose. Anything sent to the Home will be thankfully received.

The Earth Quaked. Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 23.—The town of Hancock, in the western end of this county was shaken by an earth quake about 10 o'clock last night until the houses rocked and the windows rattled, causing the residents to become greatly alarmed. This disturbance was also felt all through that region and in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

To Go to the Central. The News learned today that Mr. Clarence E. Frick, who has been chief clerk at the Buford hotel for several years, will, after the first of the year, go to the Central in the same capacity. Mr. Frick is one of the most widely known hotel men in North Carolina and he has a great many friends among the traveling people who will be interested in this announcement.

Knives For the Children. Mr. J. H. Weddington, of the Weddington Hardware Co., presented The News' Santa Claus fund with a dozen pocketknives, these to be given away on Christmas day, at the City Hall.

RUSSIAN REVOLT AT VLADIVOSTOK. An Eye witness tells the Story of November's Horrible Murders and Atrocities incident to the Russian Revolt in Far Eastern City.

By Associated Press. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—Henry Bush, of Clarkson & Co., Vladivostok, Port Arthur and Harbin, has arrived here from Vladivostok. He was an eye witness of the revolt in November among the Russian soldiers there, and the horrible tortures inflicted on the Chinese and the burning of property. Bodies were scattered about the streets, over five hundred, Russians and more than two thousand Chinese being killed. The bodies lay unburied for three days, when they were gathered up wholesale and carted away for burial. Commander Katsoff fled to Satanka, two miles away on the first day and the troops who did not take part in the rioting did not prevent it.

NEGROES ATTACK WHITE MAN. Attacked Man Immediately Killed Five Men; Two Women and Wounded 7 Others.

By Associated Press. Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 23.—A report reached here this morning from Ewing between Fargo and St. George, the new colony town, that a crowd of negroes tried to mob a white man who was manager of a large turpentine still at that place last night. He barricaded himself and opened fire upon them killing five men and two women and wounding seven others.

MR. E. B. SPRINGS HERE. Mr. E. B. Springs, formerly a prominent citizen of this city, but now a resident of New York, is here to spend the holidays. He is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott. Mr. Springs has very many friends here who are always glad to welcome him.

NEW CHARLOTTE CO. IS CHARTERED AT LARGE CAPITAL

Secretary of State Issued Charters for Seven New Corporations With Authorized Capital of \$516,000. Among Number is New Charlotte Company.

List of Incorporators for Charlotte Retail Merchants Association Company. State Official Gets Two Dressed Hogs and Quarter of Beef for Christmas.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Charters for seven new corporations were issued at the office of the Secretary of State this morning with an authorized capital aggregating \$516,000. They are the Brunswick Realty Company, of Southport at a capital of \$125,000, authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by N. F. Parker and others; the Scotland Supply Company, of John's Station, Scotland County, \$2,000 capital, by H. W. McLaurin and others; the Mooreville Loan and Trust Company, at a capital of \$10,000 by J. E. Sberafr and others.

The Clara Manufacturing Company, of Gastonia, N. C., at a \$200,000 capital by C. B. Armstrong and others for yarn manufacture; the Southern Land & Trust Company, of Concord at a \$100,000 capital by W. H. Gibson and others; the North State Bobbin Company, of Mt. Airy at a capital of \$25,000 by J. B. Sparger and others and the Charlotte Retail Merchants Association Co., for the promotion of the interests of retail merchants of Charlotte including the rights to make financial and credit rates to customers for the use of members.

The incorporators are J. N. McCausland, J. A. Solomons, J. F. York, J. O. Gardner, J. H. Van Ness Jr., J. P. Harkney, B. S. Davis, J. Y. Fortner, R. W. Mills, H. C. Long and E. W. Berryhill.

The authorized capital is \$10,000 and the incorporators take one share each. Secretary of State, J. B. Bryan Grimes was detained at his home from the office today for the reason that some kind friend sent him a present of two fine dressed hogs and a quarter of beef and it was necessary for him to look after salting them down. He is greatly envied by all other State officials.

DEATH OF MRS. MAYES. The End Came This Morning at 10 O'Clock.

Mrs. Virginia Sloan Mayes, wife of Mr. D. W. Mayes, of Huntersville, died this morning at 10 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks. While the funeral arrangements have not been perfected, it is thought that the interment will take place tomorrow afternoon.

The news of the death of Mrs. Mayes will be learned of with sincere regret all over the county. She was a most estimable woman and had a wide circle of friends and relatives in Mecklenburg.

Mrs. Mayes, before marriage was Miss Virginia Sloan. She was a sister of Mrs. J. Y. Weddington of this city, and was a frequent visitor to Charlotte.

The death of a daughter, Miss Daisy Mayes, which occurred nearly a year ago, was a great shock to Mrs. Mayes, the effects of which she never entirely recovered. About two weeks ago she was stricken with something akin to pleurisy and her condition grew rapidly worse. Death came this morning as a sweet relief from suffering.

The deceased was about 55 years old and is survived by a husband and several children.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to those who have been so sorely afflicted.

A GIRL DRUNK. Only One Case Before the Recorder This Morning.

There was only one case on the Recorder's docket this morning. Maggie Jeter, a mere strip of a girl was up charged with getting drunk. The officer who made the arrest stated that he found the girl near the coal chute on East Second street last night and that she was in a drunken condition. He brought her to the station house, where she spent the night.

When asked where she got her liquor, the girl said that a white man gave it to her.

The Recorder sent her to jail for five days, in order to allow her to get sober.

Torpedo Burst Tire. One of the tires on Dr. J. R. Alexander's automobile came in contact with a torpedo yesterday, puncturing the tire. A small boy placed the explosive on the car track, intending the car to explode it, when Dr. Alexander's auto ran over it with the above result.

A Letter From Santa Claus

TO THE NEWS:

I have read with much interest the many letters you have published, written to me by the children of Charlotte and all this section of the state.

I have carefully noted all the requests made and while I can not give everything asked, I will do the very best I can for all the children, and especially those who have been good.

I desire to make one thing clear. I shall visit the homes of the people of Charlotte in the usual way. THE NEWS has nothing to do with, and does not desire to have anything to do with my general distribution of presents.

I will, however, leave some Candy, Nuts, Oranges, Dolls, Trains, Bibles, etc., with THE NEWS at the City Hall to be given out Christmas morning at 11 o'clock to any children I may have overlooked in my rounds. If I come to see you at your home I do not want you to come to the City Hall, at all, but if I miss you in my rounds then don't fail to be at the City Hall, Monday at exactly 11 o'clock. If you are late you may miss it entirely.

I hope that my arrangements are such that no child in Charlotte will be overlooked, and wishing all of you, little ones and big, A Merry Christmas I am, your old friend

SANTA CLAUS.