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A MATRIMONIAL WAVE.

A Danville Business Man Building in Those Parts—School Attendance Deficient—Christmas Exercises.

Organ Church, Dec. 20, '98.—Mr. James W. Bost has the chimneys up, and expects to move into his new house before '99 sets in.

Mr. J. M. Eller, who has been doing a lucrative business in Danville, Va., for the last ten years, is now building a large dwelling house near his father's, Mr. Green Eller, and will move into it as soon as completed.

A regular matrimonial wave is heading this way. Three weddings are assured for Christmas and a fourth conjectured.

The public schools of our township began last Monday, and upon inquiry we find that less than 25 per cent. of the children are attending. Don't you think we need a compulsory school law?

There will be a Christmas entertainment at Organ church on Saturday the 24th at 10 a. m. Rev. Mr. Cox has ordered the exercise, consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues and music. Mr. Cox has assigned the parts to the children, and will meet at the church during the week for practice. There will also be presents for the children.

Our young doctor, Mr. Goodman, is enjoying himself nicely hunting rabbits and having a good time generally. To use an "M. D.'s" expression, our locality is "distressingly healthful" at present. But we sometimes do have chills and some of us at least have had to call a physician.

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FIVE SENIORS.

Some Things Known About the Young Men That Can Be Told—Addresses Being Made—The Fire-cracker Work Begins.

Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 20.—Mr. Luther Lentz, of Norwood, was seen on our streets this evening.

The sixteen-year-old boys and girls of the town spent a very delightful evening at Mrs. L. J. Foil's on last Saturday.

President Scherer, of the college, gave a very interesting and instructive address Thursday night in the college chapel. He selected for his subject "A Biographical Sketch of the Life of Samuel Johnson."

Rev. S. D. Steffey, of St. John's church, lectured before the Seminary girls Saturday night.

School will close at the college on Thursday evening for the holidays. The boys are making extensive preparations for a good time.

Christmas exercises will be held in each one of the churches Saturday night. It is enough to make the hearts of the little people glad, and the hearts of some of the old too, for that matter.

The boys of the college saluted the ladies of the seminary this evening with various kinds of fireworks. They were only anticipating Xmas a little bit.

It might be interesting to some

of your readers to know that North Carolina College has five seniors this year. They are not extra good-looking boys, neither are they the ugliest boys you ever saw. Standing up erect they measure on an average of five feet and nine inches. If they were to step on a pair of scales their average weight would be one hundred and forty-five pounds. They were somewhat timid about their age, and seemed to be somewhat non-committal, but after some calculation we found that their ages averaged would be vier und zwanzig. So you see they are not so very long, small or old. We might tell some of the characteristics of these five, but they might object, so we will stop, at least for this time.

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Exempt From Duty.

Official notice has been sent out from the Assistant Secretary of War that all express packages for military in the United States service in Cuba and other ports will be exempt from duty until January 7th. The Southern Express Company has an office in Havana with try-weekly steamer service from Port Tampa.

A number of the members of the First N. O. Regiment in Cuba will no doubt receive presents from the home folks.

Mr. Geo. Corriher Dead.

We learn of the death of Mr. Geo. Corriher, who lived in Rowan county, in Atwell township, which occurred on Monday morning after suffering with pneumonia. Mr. Corriher had reached the age of 89 years, and leaves six sons and three daughters, all of whom are married. The funeral was preached at Concordia Lutheran church Tuesday by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

In and Around Enochville.

Christmas exercises will be held at St. Enoch's church Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, consisting of music, recitations, and a treat for the children. There will also be a children's collection for Foreign Missions.

Preparatory services to communion will be held at Trinity church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. On Sunday morning the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Dragged to Death.

Mr. Cal. McLain, who lives near the Alexander line in Iredell, was coming from Statesville Wednesday night the 14th with a load of goods for his father, J. F. McLain, near Vashiti. He was coming up by Bryantsville when he fell from his wagon and his foot caught in the double-tree. The team kept going and Mr. McLain was dragged for two or three miles. Two other wagons were along, but it was after dark and McLain's peril was not discovered until they stopped to camp. He was carried home where he died the next day.

Exercises at Mt. Gilead Church.

There will be a Christmas entertainment held at Mt. Gilead Reformed church, in No. 5 township, on Sunday evening, December 25th, beginning at 7.30. All are invited to attend these exercises of "peace and good will."

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Will Johnson returned home from the University last night.

—Prof. Jay Lentz has gone to his home at Mooresville to spend the holidays.

SHORT LOCALS.

The farmers are bringing in quite an amount of cotton these days. The price now is about 6.05.

The infant child of Mr. T. J. Robinson, of Forest Hill, died Tuesday night. It was about 3 or 4 months old.

Mr. Crump Misenheimer, of Little Rock, Ark., has returned to Mt. Pleasant to visit his mother and sisters during the holiday.

We see in our city a sample of the Ocooneechee farm products in the form of two beautiful pigs, shipped to Mr. Zeb Morris. They are fine specimens.

The majority of the business houses, with the exception of those which sell Christmas goods, have expressed their willingness and desire to close their store on next Monday. Both banks will also be closed.

Rev. S. D. Steffey, the pastor, informs us that the Christmas exercises at St. John's will be held Saturday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. There will be an appropriate program besides a treat to the children.

Lieut. Ernest Fetzer, of Baltimore, has arrived here to spend Christmas with his sister, Miss Lena Fetzer, and also his relatives. He has a furlough of seven days. Mr. Fetzer came from Augusta, Ga.

The Children's Missionary Societies of Central and Forest Hill M. E. church will render their Christmas cantata and Santa Claus visit at Caton's Hall Thursday night and at Forest Hill Friday night. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents. Everybody wanted to come.

Remember the Christmas cantata Thursday night at Caton's Hall. It only costs the little folks 10 cents to see Santa Claus, 15 cents for big folks. For the same amount more he can be seen again at Forest Hill Friday night. We can't say whether or not he will have his 40 reindeer on the house top. They must look for themselves.

Soon after Charlotte had its first railroad—the one to Columbia—I, then a little shaver, went over to the depot. It wasn't long before I "hit" the depot. Everything was as quiet as a churchyard then. "Mister," said I to the agent, "where is the train? I can't see it." I will never forget the quizzical expression that came over his face as he replied, "My dear little fellow, you must be from Concord." How did he know I was from Concord? You pull a fish out of the water and you know at a glance whether it is a catfish, cr sucker, or a trout. You make a Christmas present to a young lady and she takes your measure at once. An elegant bottle of perfumery will be more highly appreciated than anything else you can send your female friends. At Gibson's drug store is a very large stock of perfumery, ranging in price from 25c. to \$5 per bottle.

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