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DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

The Salary of the Pastor Raised—Of a Personal Nature.

Organ Church, Dec. 26.—The members of Organ church were glad to hear that the salary of Rev. Geo. H. Cox was raised, and he will stay with us at least another year.

Rev. Cox has been with us four years, and has won the hearts of the members, so they will be loth to give him up.

Last Sunday at Sunday school it was decided not to go into winter quarters this winter, but continue all winter.

A double knot was tied at the home of Mrs. Betty Barger at 4 p. m., Dec. 24th. Mr. Maxwell Wilhelm and Miss Nettie Barger and Mr. Jacob Fisher and Miss Madie Barger were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Geo. H. Cox officiating. May their path ever be strewn with choicest flowers.

On Thursday, the 29th, at the home of the bride—but as there is "many a slip between the cup and the lip," we will not tell any more, but wait and then tell.

Mr. G. H. Bost and family spent last week at Maiden, N. C., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Holshouser.

Mr. Jacob Carter had a regular corn shucking last Friday night.

Miss Dora Bost is spending the holidays with home folks.

We Meet Monday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet on next Monday evening at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. D. B. Morrison. This will be an important meeting, the business before it being the appointment of committees and the election of officers for the coming year. The executive committee will be present prepared to submit nominations, and if the members of the society desire to retain the present officers put in an appearance at the meeting on Monday and say so. If any change is desired, then will be the time to make it known. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Mrs. R. S. HARRIS, Sec.

Narrowly Escaped a Fire.

Mr. A. L. Castor, of No. 4 township, tells us that on Thursday about 3 o'clock his kitchen roof was discovered to be on fire. Dinner had been delayed and Mr. Castor was on hand. A considerable patch of the roof was burnt when he sprang to the rescue. With a bucket of water he checked the flames, then jerked off the burning shingles, while other members of the family brought more water and he soon saved his home. It was a narrow escape. Mr. Castor confesses to being awfully scared and being not overgrown he has no hope of any growth within the next year.

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. De Witt's Little Early Risers are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, best pill, safe pill.—J. P. Gibson.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children.—J. P. Gibson.

IN PORTO RICO.

Interesting Extract From a Letter by Geo. H. Powell in the Asheville Citizen.

"I have been here almost two months and have become so much a Porto Rican that I can eat, sleep and 'tomorrow' with the ease of an old inhabitant. This is a wonderfully fertile and in many respects beautiful island, also densely populated. Comparatively little of the land is cultivated. Grass grows luxuriantly on every foot of uncultivated land, and the cattle are the finest I have ever seen. The transportation is done by means of oxen and pack ponies. The former are magnificent animals, in color like the Jerseys, with large wide horns, and in shape somewhat resembling the buffalo. The ponies are the 'oneriest looking cusses' you ever saw, but as tough as a pine knot. They are one of the wonders of the island. This morning I came down from Ponce to the Porte or Playa—two miles—in a little herdic drawn by one little scrawny pony, going at a gallop, with seven passengers. There are over 100 public coaches in Ponce, all drawn by these little ponies, and in which they will carry six passengers up and down hill at a full run. The trip from here to San Juan—81 miles—can be made in a day by relays.

"The natives take life very much as our Southern negroes do, letting each day provide for itself. There are some wealthy, refined and cultivated people here, but they are the exception, and the masses are poor, ignorant and as near like the Southern negro as two people speaking different languages could be. The colors are well blended, and you can see all shades, from the ebony black negro to the fairest Castilian.

"The island is fully 100 years behind the age in almost everything, though I think when it is opened up to American capital and enterprise there will be some good business opportunities here for large investments. There is no chance here now for small investments by Americans, and none whatever for the laboring man from the States."

Miss Nellie Rhyne to Marry.

We acknowledge with thanks the invitation to attend the marriage on Wednesday evening, December 11th, of Miss Nellie Rhyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Rhyne, to Mr. R. L. Stowe. The affair will take place in the Lutheran church at Lincolnton at 6.30 o'clock.

NERVOUS troubles are due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and NERVE TONIC.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Miss Lucy Barrier, of near Mt. Pleasant, is visiting at Mrs. W. C. Boyd's and Mrs. R. A. Brown's.

—Misses Bonnie Oates and Adelle Brenizer returned to Charlotte this morning.

—Mr. H. L. Parks and wife returned home from Albemarle this morning.

—Mr. Joe Sills returned home this morning from a trip to Montgomery county.

—Mrs. E. B. Sapp, together with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bostian went to Norwood this morning to visit relatives.

—Miss Mary Winecoff returned home this morning from Bessemer, where she has been at the bedside of Mr. S. J. Durham. He is very much improved and is able to sit up.

—Messrs. Ed. Fulenwider and Joe Sutton passed through here this morning on their way back to school at Mt. Pleasant, after visiting at Monroe.

—Miss Margaret McCall, accompanied by her friend, Mr. Carmichael, returned this morning from Charlotte. She is the guest of Miss Janie Erwin.

FRENCH PEAS,

KORNLET
and

ITALIAN PASTE

at

**Ervin & Morrison
GROCERS.**

Accused of Selling Whiskey.

A case was up before Mayor Crowell today (Saturday) which will later result in the finding of some person guilty of selling whiskey in the back lots. Chief Boger, after watching the manouvers for some time, arrested a young man named John Murph, who lives out in the country, and who says he is only sixteen years of age. One witness testified that he got a pint of watered whiskey from the young man. When Chief Boger arrested the boy three empty flasks were found in his pocket. John Murph says that a cousin, Fayette Murph, had the whiskey, but he wouldn't tell any more on him. A negro is also implicated in it. Fayette Murph skipped out of town in a hurry but the officers will see him at a later day, papers having been issued for him. As to whether the young man arrested is guilty will be seen at the coming term of court. In default of a \$100 bond he was taken to jail.

Miss Mary Virginia's Phantom Party.

Not a more ghostly sight could there be than to witness the participants in the phantom party given by Miss Mary Virginia Wadsworth Friday night to forty five of her invited friends. Clad with white sheets and masked these young people amused themselves by guessing to whom they were talking. The funniest hit of all was when Bernard Fetzter, Vardrey Brown and Archey Brown escorted their supposed girls to the finely furnished supper, amid the beautiful decorations of white and red and found to their sorrow that their sweet words and much-exerted gallantry had been bestowed on Robert Young, Addison Brenizer and Robert Phifer. Only a short while did the scene look ghastly and exciting, for the masks and sheets were taken off, and oh! what a difference there was then. Now one could gaze upon the faces of Concord's coming belles and beaux.

Cannon and Fetzter Company.

Our goods have been going out with a rush this week. Still we've got plenty things yet that will interest you.

Plenty handsome things for Christmas presents, and the price is always the lowest. Lots of things on both sides. We are too busy to enumerate. Come and we'll show you.

We have been worked so hard this fall that we feel bound to close up on Monday to catch a long breath. We're thankful for the splendid trade we've had, and we'll be open till 11 o'clock Saturday night bright as a new pin, but we ask our friends to come today and Saturday and we'll close Monday for a needed rest.

Yours,

**Cannon & Fetzter
Company.**

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Sell the kind of
Shoes that wear
for School children. Give us
a trial.

H. L. PARKS & CO.

WHY - NOT - BE - HAPPY

GET INTO THE SWIM—THE ELECTION IS OVER—THANKSGIVING IS PAST AND IN A FEW MORE DAYS WE WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS AGAIN.

PRESENTS! Oh, Yes! You must have presents for Christmas times. We don't know of any better place in the State of North Carolina to buy a useful as well as an ornamental PRESENT than the

FURNITURE HOUSE OF BELL HARRIS & CO.

SEE. Run over the list and see if we are not correct. One Hundred Bed Room Suits in all the fancy woods. Parlor good, medium and best. Wardrobes, Side Boards, China Closets, Office Desks, Book Cases, Hall Racks, Reeking Chairs, Dining Chairs and all kinds of children Chairs, Bissels Carpet Sweepers, Cook Stoves, Mattress and Spring Baby Tenders, Boy Wagons, Go Carts, Coasters, Tricycles, Velos-peds, etc.

Our line of Pictures and Frames, Mirrors, Lamps, etc., must be seen to be appreciated. We have bought largely. We have bought at right prices. We have bought to sell if you will favor us with a call we will convince you that we mean just what we say. Come and see us. With best wishes for a merry Christmas we are

Yours

Bell, Harris & Company.