

We would not show other than the proper respect for the Roman Catholic, or indeed any other church or institution which a great many people may believe to be sacred.

Rev. Father Francis of St. Peter's Catholic church has received official notice from Right Reverend Bishop Haid that His Holiness, Pius X, has by a special decree dispensed the Catholics of the whole world from the law of abstinence from flesh meat for Friday, January 1st, 1904.

It is hard to understand how any considerable number of people, especially in America, can be held to believe such insignificant and childish details as this to be a necessary part of the ordained means of getting to heaven.

The article by Mr. T. W. Bickett, formerly of Monroe, printed on the first page, is timely. There is a kernel of truth in what Mr. Bickett says in such interesting style.

The Lumberton Argus, one of the increasing number of North Carolina local weekly papers that have their boxes of their own and do their own crank turning has reached its 32nd year.

Wesley Chapel Christmas News.

Wesley Chapel, Dec. 28.—Christ mas has come and gone, and every one you see says they have had a good time. The Christmas tree at the Chapel graded school was first class in every respect.

Prof. and Mrs. Dalrymple gave a supper to the trustees of the graded school last Friday night, which was very much enjoyed by those present.

Miss Flossie Price is spending the holidays with her parents at Weddington. She will take in the Racker-Hoyle wedding before returning.

Mr. H. B. Howie and family and Mr. Sam Howie of Chester, S. C., are visiting at Mr. S. G. Howie's. Mr. Jasper Atkins of Fort Mills, S. C., and Mr. Sam Crane of Marvin visited at Moore Bros' last Friday and Saturday.

Monroe Furniture Co.'s store is packed and jammed with bargains for YOU.

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers, administrators, students or others interested in the public schools are invited to contribute to this column. School news, personal items or anything bearing upon the public schools will be welcome.—The Editor.

All the public schools have enjoyed from three to six days' holiday. Let us all begin the new year with a determination to do more and better work than formerly.

Mr. J. B. Bass, one of our good teachers, is a good pork raiser. During the holidays he killed a 517-pound hog.

Mr. T. E. Measener, the Pleasant Grove teacher, spent Christmas at his home in Cabarrus.

The following letter will explain itself.

"Newton, N. C., Nov. 28, 1903. Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent, Raleigh, N. C.—Dear Sir, We have watched closely the work you are doing to better the public schools and advance the cause of education in North Carolina.

"Beginning with the year 1904, we offer \$5 worth of ornamental trees, shrubbery, etc., or any class of nursery stock desired, to every community or school where the people vote a tax upon themselves to supplement the public fund.

"STANTON NURSERY CO. A. C. Shuford, Pres. and Treas. How many of our public schools will take advantage of this liberal offer? Union county school grounds ought to be as pretty as any in the universe; our children are worthy of it.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes has offered a prize worth \$25 to the child under eighteen years of age in the public schools of the State who makes the clearest, simplest diagram, showing in chart form the formation (with date) of the counties of the State; size of chart to be about 10x12 or 12x15 inches.

Hon. John S. Cunningham of Person county offers for the best essay on Public Education in North Carolina, by any County Superintendent in the State, a gold medal valued at \$25. Further information concerning these prizes will be furnished by the State Superintendent upon application.

Commenting upon these recent gifts, Superintendent Joyner said: "During the past two years there have been numerous manifestations of this practical willingness on the part of our people to help in the working out of this great problem. Guilford county has raised by private subscription over \$4,000, Mecklenburg county about \$6,000, for the encouragement of local taxation and the improvement of the public schools in the rural districts.

In Pineapple, Ala., a mob lynched a negro Saturday night, and in order to hide it, fired the jail, which in turn set fire to and destroyed eight stores, two warehouses, and the postoffice. Citizens have held a mass meeting and are trying to prosecute the lynchers.

Head About to Burst From Severe Bilious Attack. "I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Joliet, Tex. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by Dr. S. J. Welsh and C. N. Simpson, Jr.

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right, largely through their own efforts, this question of the education of all their children. I have long believed that when our people reach the point of believing in their power to do this work for themselves, and of relying upon themselves to do it, that it would be speedily done.

"Light and see how far you've got!" is the way an outspoken Union county boy greeted the County Superintendent as he drove up to a certain school house.

The Wesley Chapel graded school had North Carolina Day on the 18th. The school did not get their programs till Monday of that week, and they had no time in preparation. The boys and girls learned "by heart" the readings as well as the declamations and recitations, which speaks highly for their powers of application, especially since it was done in so short a time.

The nice building for the rural tax district of Trinity, in Buford township, has been completed. Mr. W. A. Enbanks was the contractor and gave the district a substantial as well as a fine looking house, two rooms and two porches. School will begin this week, Miss Maggie Laney teacher.

Miss Lillie Honecutt, the popular teacher at Red Banks, in Vance township, spent the holidays in Waxhaw.

The closing entertainment of the fall term of Waxhaw Institute took place last Friday evening. As is usually the case, the people of the town and community turned out en masse to enjoy the exercises by the students, and the large chapel was crowded almost to overflowing.

The people of Waxhaw and community are justly proud of their school, which they run for eight months in the year with four teachers, absolutely free to every one in the district, the school population of which is 277.

Our Boys Should Learn.

To laugh, to run, to swim, to carve, to be neat, to make a fire, to be punctual, to do an errand, to cut kindlings, to sing if they can, to help their mothers, to hang up their hats to respect their teachers, to hold their heads erect, to sew on their own buttons, to wipe their boots on the mat, to speak pleasantly to older persons, to put away their garments in their proper place, to remove their hats upon entering a house, to be as kind and helpful to their sisters as to other boys' sisters.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, who has been touring Europe, will sail for home this week. He has received many attentions from distinguished Europeans. He was in Germany on Christmas, and Emperor William said that domestic Christmas festivities prevented him giving Mr. Bryan an audience.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at English Drug Co's.

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Christmas at Marshville.

Marshville, Dec. 28.—Christmas passed off very quietly. The entertainment at the academy was one of the best in the history of the school.

Miss Mary Marsh entertained her friends at a social gathering at her home Saturday night. All present expressed themselves highly pleased with Miss Marsh's hospitality.

Mrs. J. E. Dowd is visiting her parents in South Carolina. J. A. McIne, Esq., of Charlotte was in town today.

Mr. A. L. Marsh of Norfolk, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marsh.

Mr. Coleman Griffin of Greensboro spent the holidays with his parents. Miss Lillie Morgan, who has been teaching at Red Oak, N. C., came home Christmas morning. She was accompanied by Miss Emma Powell.

Mr. F. L. Antry moved to Wadesboro last week.

Mr. Bennie Rushing of Nashville, Tenn., passed through here Thursday en route for his home at Rushing.

Mr. John Porter of Andrews, N. C., spent Christmas at Mr. S. H. Marsh's. Miss Glennie Candler and Nep Barrino of Charlotte came home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moore came up from Hamlet on a visit to relatives Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price of Charlotte spent last week at Mr. D. B. Barrino's.

Mr. H. G. Marsh came home from Charlotte to spend Christmas. Miss Annie Stewart is at her home in Monroe for the holidays.

Mr. George Marsh of Charlotte visited friends here last week.

Mr. Jackson Hamilton, principal of Gold Hill high school, came home last week.

Waxhaw Items.

A dispatch from New York states that Senator Marcus A. Hanna has a bad cold. So do many of the rest of us.

Mr. C. L. Gamble, who has been in Texas and Louisiana about three years, has returned to his home here. His many friends are glad to see him in Waxhaw again.

Mr. T. R. Nisbet has moved his family from Mecklenburg county to Waxhaw. Mr. Nisbet is a good citizen and the people of this place extend to him and his excellent family a hearty welcome.

Next week will find R. J. Belk & Co. in their large and handsome new brick store building on the corner of South Main and Providence streets.

Mr. J. P. Pinkney Walkup and Miss Daisy Ratchford, daughter of Rev. W. W. Ratchford of the Tiraah neighborhood, were married last evening at 6 o'clock in Tiraah Presbyterian church.

Mr. T. E. H. Stephenson will, in the early part of the new year, move his family from Waxhaw to Bishopville, where he became bookkeeper for the Heath-Besse's/Morrow Company.

Try that good roasted coffee, 13 pounds for one dollar, at M. C. Broom's.

Sewing Machines, best and cheapest, at the Monroe Furniture Company's.

Three cans of good salmon at 25 cents, at M. C. Broom's.

Pure Leaf Lard. Folks who like pure home made lard can get it from us. We have it put up in buckets from five to ten pounds, at 12 cents per pound.

Sweet mixed pickles at 15 cents per pound, two pounds for 25 cents, at M. C. Broom's.

A Bank Book for New Years

Give the children something substantial for Christmas. Present them with bank books and begin early to instill in their minds habits of thrift and economy. Many of our customers are doing this. Parents open accounts for their children. Accounts may be opened with small amounts and on all such interest will be paid at the rate of 4 per cent and compounded every three months.

The Savings, Loan & Trust Company F. H. WOLFE, Cashier.

Paint Brush in the New Year.

Wolfeville, Dec. 28.—Mr. Jesse E. Clark of Charlotte spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shannon of Charlotte spent Sunday with Mr. W. T. Shannon.

Mr. James Parker of the Beulah neighborhood has moved near Wolfeville.

Mr. H. B. Clark of Monroe spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Clark.

Dr. T. W. Redwine, who has a severe attack of grip, is able to be out again we are pleased to say.

Mr. Henry Keziah and family of Stokes spent Christmas day with his son, Mr. J. P. Keziah.

Mr. Duff Wiles and Miss Cora Williams were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. L. Williams, Sunday. Rev. M. H. Hoyle officiated. We wish them many happy hours.

Mrs. J. K. Zelaker of Charlotte spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

It seems that the members of Union church are going to do something in remembrance of the new year, as the paint brush is to be applied to the church some time soon. Washing one and all a happy new year, and success to The Journal.

St. Timothy's Christmas Tree.

After listening to a well selected program, most beautifully rendered by the children of Miss Carroll's church school, Santa Claus entered the church amid the jingling of sleigh bells to gladden the hearts of the dear little ones. The tree was well loaded with nice presents for every child present. Thanks to Miss Carroll's untiring efforts to make the life of the little ones a pleasure both now and in the future. The school is situated in New Salem township.

This is the end of the third session of this school which is free to all who will attend. Miss Carroll is devoting her life to her Master's cause, and her influence here will last throughout the ages. This school will resume work after a vacation of about a month.

An east-bound and a west-bound passenger train met in a head-on collision near Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday and killed about twenty persons.

Prof. W. F. Massey of the A. and M. College is to begin a series of eleven lectures before farmers' institutes in Maryland, beginning January 4th. That State appropriates \$4,000 a year for these institutes and also pays the salary of the director.

Five hundred children were entertained at the White House on Christmas day by Mrs. Roosevelt.

About ten pardons were issued by the Governor last week, all of which reached the parties before Christmas day. This disposes of all the meritorious cases, the Governor says.

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New Year Resolutions. Don't Blame the Cook if Your Bread Is Poor. The Lindsey Grocery Co.

Do You Want a Bargain? We are going to manufacture Buggies, and in order to get considerable more room, we will for the next thirty days close out our entire stock of Vehicles at or about cost for the CASH only.

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