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**ONWARD TO GREATER CONQUEST**

HEARD BY J. W. FORBES, N. C.  
 Heard on those stuporous strains melodious  
 Which on our ear in dulcet warblings dwell  
 Hark! 'Tis the carol, dear old Christmas hymn  
 Which stings our soul with a diadem  
 Tells of the birth of Christ to sooth our woe  
 And shed a hallowed joy o'er men below  
 These cheering Christmas times remind us too  
 That the old year is fast receding for the new  
 The regions chaunted o'er the dying year  
 Must for the entire office—'tis a drop a tear  
 No funeral dirge, no wailing sigh  
 As the tree has fallen may it ever lie  
 Aye, the season, in its throes, will soon be dead  
 And its successor lift its hydrant head  
 By suffering we must have one passing den  
 But take comfort in that we're minus ten  
 May its decapitation be our next conquest  
 And its bespeckled carcass in Gehenna rest  
 Let Prohibition be the victor's shield refrain  
 When we are called upon to vote again.

Merry Christmas!  
 There will be no issue of THE FREE PRESS tomorrow—Christmas day.  
 A party of young men went from here to Goldsboro last night to attend a dance in that city.

Major Holliday and Mr. Carson, who were with R. M. I. the past session, have organized a school in Newbern.

Cotton has reached the highest price for a number of years, in this city, 131 cents being offered on the local market today.

Rev. P. B. Hall will preach a Christmas sermon in the Christian church tonight instead of holding the regular prayer meeting services.

The Baptist Sunday school had a Christmas tree in the court house last night. A short talk was made to the children and the presents were then distributed.

The A. G. L. freight warehouse will be closed Christmas and New Year's days. The office will be open between 10 1/2 a. m. on these days for delivery of perishable freight.

The WKA will give a continuous social session at their club rooms from 6 o'clock this evening till Friday night at 1 o'clock. The friends of the members will be invited to partake of the hospitality of the club.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Miss Callie Ivey, of Seven Springs, will be united in marriage to Mr. Albert Hummel, of Goldsboro. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. T. H. Sutton at the Seven Springs Hotel, the residence of the bride's parents. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hummel will leave for Goldsboro where they will make their future home. They will take no bridal trip for the present.

A wedding was finally solemnized yesterday afternoon in the city that, we are informed, came near not being a wedding at all. Mr. Joe Beaton, and Miss Charlie Watson drove into the city and requested Mr. C. A. Dudley to tie the knot for them, which he consented to do and the bridegroom took the bride to be around to Mr. Joe Beaton's, his uncle, and went for the license. On his return the young lady had reconsidered and wouldn't go on with the ceremony. The young man was very much put out and left, when some little interceding by friends brought the young lady around again and some one was dispatched for the bridegroom. He was found and the proceedings went merrily on.

The Portuguese recently brought to this section from New Bedford, Mass., to work for the Hines Bros. Lumber Company, became dissatisfied and inaugurated a small strike yesterday and came up in a body with their grievance to Mr. L. Hines. They were brought here at great expense to the lumber company and agreed to work for \$10 a month and board, being green men and not as valuable as the old hands, but after some little time Mr. Hines voluntarily increased the price to \$15. This was perfectly satisfactory until the foreigners learned that the men working with them, old hands, were getting more, when they demanded more too. Mr. Hines tried to reason to them that they would learn to earn more and get it later, but the ignorant fellows were hard to get to understand. A truce was established though and part of the men went back to the camp.

**Train Too Late For Show.**  
 The Atlantic Coast Line train last night, on which the the Simville Romeo and Juliet Company arrived, was so late that the show could not be given. The train did not arrive until after 10 o'clock and the large crowd that had gathered to see the play, left the opera house at that hour.  
 The largest advance sale of seats was made for this show of any of the whole season and the theatre-goers were very much disappointed. The money, of course, will be refunded at Dr. Woodley's drug store today.  
 The company left for Rocky Mount this morning.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mr. D. B. Johnson went to Concho to spend the holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Harrell went to Paimele to visit relatives.  
 Mr. W. A. Jordan went to his home in Washington this morning.  
 Mr. T. C. Wooten returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon.  
 Mr. Ralph Harper is home from the University to spend the holidays.  
 Mr. Frank Wood, of Wilson, came this morning to spend Christmas.  
 Miss Reba Williams went to Greenville this morning to visit friends.  
 Misses Maggie and Minnie Moore went to Ayden to spend Christmas.  
 Mr. M. C. Holland went to Washington this morning to spend Xmas.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parham went to Oxford this morning to visit relatives.  
 Mrs. J. M. Howland went to Goldsboro this morning to visit her parents.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carroll went to Ayden to visit relatives this morning.  
 Mr. Sam Curran came up from Newbern last night to spend Christmas here.  
 Miss Bessie Randolph came home from college yesterday to spend the holidays.  
 Miss Bessie Stoner, of Raleigh, came this morning to visit Miss Stella Meacham.  
 Miss Lula Suggs came home from college yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays.  
 Mr. Jasper Howard came home from the University yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas.  
 Miss Annie Archbell is home from Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, to spend Christmas.  
 Mr. C. J. Pittman went to his home below Newbern, yesterday afternoon, to spend Christmas.  
 Messrs. Stanley and Earle Whitaker came home from Trinity this morning to spend the holidays.  
 Mr. Lunsford Abbott came home from college at Alexandria, Va., this morning to spend Christmas.  
 Miss Mamie Gardner, of Grifton, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned home this morning.  
 Mr. Derwood Outlaw came home from South Carolina this morning to spend Christmas with his parents.  
 Mr. L. O. Moseley and Mrs. F. E. Knox went to Williamston this morning to spend the holidays with friends.  
 Miss Annie Brown returned from Dudley yesterday afternoon accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Julia Johnson.  
 Miss Lizzie Anderson, of LaGrange, spent the night in the city and went to Ayden this morning to spend Christmas.  
 Messrs. Jno. Waller and Walter Phillips went to Grifton this morning where they will spend a few days with friends.  
 Mr. S. C. Sitterton, who has been employed by the A. T. Co., went to his home in Williamston this morning to spend the holidays.  
 Miss Annie Singleton, of LaGrange, passed through this city on her way to Washington where she will spend Christmas with relatives.  
 Messrs. Jesse and W. C. Mayo, of Wilson who have been here to attend the funeral of the late Mr. J. A. Humphrey, returned home last night.

**Music Recital.**  
 Mrs. Helen Kennedy's music class gave a delightful recital last evening to which were invited the parents of the pupils. An elaborate program of difficult music was arranged and the rendition by the pupils attested the excellent training under the efficient instruction of Mrs. Kennedy.  
 Every part of the program, which lack of space forbids our publishing, was splendid, but especially did the violin selections by Miss Lula Kate Mewborn attract attention. This young lady has, on several occasions shown remarkable talent as a violinist and great things are predicted for her should she choose to cultivate the talent to the fullest extent. After the regular program miscellaneous music by several was enjoyed very much.

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