

LOCAL INTEREST

CONCERN GIVES OYSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
 E. L. Sutton of LaGrange, agent at this place for the Pamlico Chemical Company, distributed to the patrons of the company there 150 gallons of oysters as Christmas gifts. The oysters were sent by the fertilizer company from Families Sound. Their distribution was in keeping with the annual custom of the company. A number of Kinston people were similarly remembered.

PASTOR SMITH OFF FOR FAMILY REUNION IN VIRGINIA.
 Bernard P. Smith, pastor of the Christian church, left this morning for Salem, Va., to spend a few days. On Tuesday there will be a re-union of his family, and that is the occasion of his visit. Members of the family live in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. Mr. Smith will return the latter part of the week.
 There will be no mid-week prayer-meeting at the Christian church this week.

CAPT. W. S. SIMMONS DEAD.
 The funeral of the late Capt. W. S. Simmons, retired, of the United States revenue cutter service, was conducted at New Bern this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Christ Episcopal church. Captain Simmons was aged 74 years, a native of Boston, and well-known throughout eastern Carolina. He was the victim of a stroke of paralysis. He was for years the commanding officer of a revenue cutter stationed in North Carolina waters and since retirement has resided in New Bern. He leaves a widow and four children, in Philadelphia and New York. One brother is a resident of Illinois.

DULL IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.
 The usual after-Christmas dullness is in evidence in the public buildings. At City Hall there have been but a few trifling trials in the past three or four days, due to the very good conduct of celebrants of Christmas. In the Courthouse there is practically nothing doing. It was the easiest Christmas the sheriff's office ever experienced. The Clerk of the Court and Register of Deeds are merely keeping up with routine business. Although a considerable number of pension warrants remain uncalled for, the veterans have been prevented by the recent weather from coming in to get the sums awaiting them. The postoffice is recuperating from the rush of last week.

MRS. GREEN COULD NOT COME HOME AS EXPECTED.
 Mrs. George Green, the temperance worker representing the local W. C. T. U. at the lobby attendant upon the Hobson bill defeated in the House last week, is still compelled to remain in a Washington hospital from the serious injury sustained by her when she slipped on an icy pavement several days ago. Mrs. Green, whose spine was badly hurt, may be in hospital three months, Miss Sybil Hyatt, secretary of the union here, has learned, although the patient delegate has written that she hopes to get back home much sooner. Mrs. Green had expected to come home the latter part of last week. Her son, George Green, Jr., has returned to New Bern from Washington, and declares his mother is recovering.

THE WEATHER IS SOMETHING FIERCE.
 A slightly rising temperature Sunday night and this morning brought rain which melted much of the ice that has coated streets and house tops since Christmas night, and indications are for a further rise. The severe cold and precipitation in one form or another has been general everywhere east of the Mississippi, and in eastern Carolina snow to four inches depth in some places, sleet in some and rain in others caused general discomfort, late trains and some suffering, although, thanks to the interest of the charitable-inclined, nowhere was this intense. The temperature at no time since the inclemency set in has been below the season's minimum, although cloudy skies and cold winds have left that impression to many.

WHAT BECAME OF THE GOLD FISH?
 The best Christmas story yet told by a man on himself, and declared to be the truth. He awoke on Christmas morning an hour or two after he had retired, with a thirst which can only be understood by the initiated. Pipes all frozen and no other water to be had, he decided to take a shot at the miniature aquarium in his parlors. He drank deeply and satisfyingly and returned to bed. When he awoke again and pondered over the affairs of the night before, he remembered the fish globe and was struck by a thought which sent him scurrying down to the parlor. It was as he had feared. When quaffing so copiously he had forgotten the fish, and they were gone.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COTTON SITUATION

Farmer and Merchant of LaGrange Fail to Agree as to How Much Credit Is Due the President for Present Conditions.

Two men, one of them evidently a Republican, were discussing the low price of cotton in a LaGrange store the other day, says a report to the Free Press from that town. The Republican was a farmer, and the other a business man. "I'd like to 'boot' the President," said the farmer, laying the blame for the whole business on Mr. Wilson. After listening to the discontented planter's talk for some time the merchant asked if he was quite sure that the President is to blame for conditions. "There is no doubt of it in my mind," replied the other. "Very well, then," said the merchant, "give the President credit for being responsible for the largest crop we have ever raised, and also for the bumper crop of wheat raised in the Northwest, and then do not stop at that, but give him credit for stirring up the war in Europe, so that the American wheat crop would sell high." The other changed the subject.

HOMICIDE IN NEW BERN CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT

Jesse Creel, An Elderly Man, Strangled Gannon Fulford, a Young Man, Who Is Alleged to Have Created a Disturbance.

Jesse Creel, slayer of Gannon Fulford at New Bern, on Christmas Eve night, may have intended to take to the woods in the severe weather and kill game for his sustenance after the crime, if it was premeditated, is the belief of some of the Craven county authorities over the frightful affair. Creel, white-haired, and Fulford, a young, muscular fellow, engaged in an affray on South Front street, and the older man stabbed the youth "at the junction of the neck and chest," as the coroner's verdict stated, severing the common carotid artery on the left side.

Creel says Fulford had intruded into his home in an intoxicated condition and refused to leave, and that when he attempted to eject him the young man handled him roughly. Laura Creel, the slayer's daughter, was with him when Creel met Fulford on the street later.

When officers went to his home to arrest him, Creel's daughter declared he was not at home, but the policemen located him in an outhouse. Creel shoved a loaded double-barrelled shotgun in their faces, but did not have the nerve to use it. A policeman shoved the weapon aside and took Creel into custody. Besides the gun Creel carried over his shoulder a bag filled with shells. Gannon Fulford was well known in New Bern, and had been here many times in recent years. He was a man of remarkable physique.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT FOR MR. WEIL.

The board of directors of the A. & N. C. Railroad have passed resolutions of respect for the late Henry Weil, the prominent Goldsboro business man who died several months ago. Mr. Weil was a director of the road for fifteen years. The committee who drafted the resolutions were L. H. Cutler, Frank Gough and Dempsey Wood.

Mr. L. R. Aushorn will leave tonight for his home in Plymouth, where he will spend the holidays.

NOTICE OF EXECUTORS' SALE

The undersigned executors of the estate of Dock Wallace, deceased, will, on Wednesday, December 30, 1914, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or approved security, certain personal property belonging to said estate, consisting of the following:
 2 mule colts, ages, 11-2 and 21-2 years, respectively.
 2 mules, ages, 31-2 and 6 years, respectively, the younger weighing about 900 lbs., and the older about 1,200 lbs.
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 2 mares.
 1 stallion, about 8 years old.
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 Place of sale: the late residence of Dock Wallace, now the residence of Neal Wallace, in Kinston township, about three miles from Kinston.
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