

LOCAL NEWS.

A Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
Is the wish of THE HERALD for all of its readers.
Remember the poor while making your Christmas gifts.
About all the schools of the town have closed until after the holidays.
Girls, had you thought about it—that there will not be another leap year until 1904?
Mr. Alex. R. MacLachlan, the State Hospital florist, is growing some beautiful flowers this winter.
Register Hallyburton has received and is now delivering the annual checks to State pensioners.
There seems to be quite a demand on the Morganton market for eggs. The price so far this week is 15 cents.
We are glad to learn that ex-Sheriff B. A. Berry, whose serious illness was noted in last week's HERALD, is improving.
Hicks, the weather prophet, who predicted some very rough weather for the latter part of this month, beginning December 19th, seems, so far, to have missed it.
Rev. W. V. Hon-y-cut, pastor of the Morganton circuit, will preach at Bethel church at 11 a. m., Sunday, December 27th, and at Zion church same day at 3 p. m.
The cross tie industry seems to be quite an extensive one in this county. Long lines of wagons loaded with cross-ties are seen almost daily passing through Morganton to the Southern Railway.
There will be a Christmas song service at the Methodist church next Sunday night. A pleasing feature of the program will be the singing of Reineck's beautiful Christmas song by the Sunday school children.
THE HERALD is issued on Wednesday morning this week in order to give the force a few days' vacation for Christmas. We will come out on Thursday of next week as usual. THE HERALD is issued 52 weeks in a year.
A large number of people from the country were here Monday and Tuesday purchasing Christmas goods. Our merchants bought heavily for Xmas and the indications are that quite all the goods will be disposed of this week.
Following are some of the opinions filed by the State Supreme Court on Monday: Bernhardt vs. Brown, on Burke, petition to rehear dismissed; Hemphill vs. Annis, from McDowell, affirmed; Bradley vs. Railroad, from McDowell, affirmed.
Tom Lowdermilk, the local weather prophet, furnishes us with the following weather forecast: "Dec. 25th, partly cloudy; 26th, cloudy and threatening; 27th, 28th, cold wave, with snow and wind; 29th, cold and changeable; 30th, 31st, snow or rain."
Mr. Luther Lail, son of Gerard Lail, and Miss Bumgarner, daughter of Caleb Bumgarner, all of Linville township, will be married on the 24th inst., at the home of Miss Bumgarner. A reception will be given the bride and groom at the residence of the groom's parents on the 25th.
The marriage of Mr. W. B. Kincaid, of Paocet, S. C., and Miss Jennie Deaver, of Marshall, N. C., is announced to take place at Carlisle, S. C., on the 30th inst. Mr. Kincaid is a son of the late R. N. Kincaid, of this county, and is now R. R. agent and telegraph operator at Paocet.
The arbor at Nebo campground, in McDowell county, to gether with several thousand feet of lumber for the new Methodist church at that point, was burned Tuesday of last week. The supposed cause of the conflagration was from sparks blown from a fire which the carpenter had while at work on the church.
Charlie Ross had his right hand terribly mashed at the M. M. T. Co's wood-working factory Tuesday evening. He was working on the lumber yard, when a pile of lumber fell upon him. He was suffering greatly while being taken to Dr. Laxton's residence to have the wound dressed. Charlie is a son of Mr. James Ross, the fireman at the factory.
A telegram was received at Glen Alpine last Friday stating that "Pet" Gibbs had been shot and killed in South Carolina by a man by the name of Davis. Gibbs was a brother of Durant Gibbs, of this county, and had been living in South Carolina several years. He was unmarried. We could not learn the particulars of the shooting.
Rev. L. S. Smith filled his first appointment on the Table Rock circuit at Oak Hill last Sunday. The congregation at Oak Hill are well pleased with him. Rev. Smith's wife will spend the Christmas holidays at her old home in Randolph county before coming to Burke. She will arrive about the first of January, accompanied by her sister. The new pastor will occupy the parsonage at Table Rock.

Big Hogs.
A Berkshire hog weighing 654 pounds, gross, was killed at the State Hospital on the 16th inst. The net weight was 606 pounds. This is the largest porker so far reported to us.
Mr. Charles M. Huffman, of Lower Fork township, killed a hog on the 18th inst. which netted 477 pounds, at 14 months old.
Death of Mr. Sam Brown.
Mr. Sam Brown, of Smokey Creek township, and one of Burke's best citizens, died very suddenly at his home on last Sunday morning. Mr. Brown suffered a stroke of paralysis several months ago, but partially recovered. Early Sunday morning he received a second stroke and died in a very short time. He was a son of the late John Brown, was about 50 years of age, and a large connection in Burke survive him. He leaves a wife and several children.
Five Barrels of Stolen Whiskey Found.
A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, Ellis Fortner's distillery, in Linville township was broken into and the fixtures taken away, together with seven barrels of whiskey from the warehouse. As soon as the occurrence became known officers commenced search for the stolen property. Captain Alex Perry, in his usual quiet way, located part of the whiskey and last Saturday night Deputy Marshal F. B. Brittain went to Linville and found, buried in a hillside near the point from where the whiskey was taken, five barrels of the corn juice, which was brought to Morganton on Monday and is being held here by the Government. Two barrels of Whiskey and the distillery fixtures are yet missing. We learn that Ellis Fortner is still in hiding.
An Interesting Society Event.
Mr. L. B. Bristol and Miss Mary Cowles, according to announcement were married in the First Presbyterian church of Statesville Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Messrs. W. H. Pearson and James W. Wilson, Jr., of Morganton, went down to Statesville Tuesday morning, the former gentleman acting as the groom's best man and the latter as one of the ushers at the marriage. Mr. E. Sidney Gaither was on the program as one of the ushers but was sick and could not attend. Mr. Willie Bristol, of Morganton, a brother of the groom, also went down Tuesday to be present at the marriage. Immediately after the marriage ceremony an elegant reception was given at the residence of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. Cowles, in Statesville, a large number of friends attending.
The happy couple left Wednesday morning for a Northern tour, carrying with them the best wishes of their host of friends.
One Sweeney's Troubles.
A white man giving his name as Sweeney, from Folk county, arrived in Morganton about last Friday from the direction of Lenoir, filled up on white corn liquor and began to "paint the town." He was very soon overtaken by Police-man wall and placed in the lockup. On Saturday morning Sweeney was carried before Mayor Bristol, and after a hearing, judgment for a fine and costs was entered against him for being drunk. The prisoner had only \$1.75 in money, an old watch and a pistol and these were accepted by the Mayor in payment of the fine and costs, provided Sweeney would leave town and give the authorities no further trouble. He left at once.
Sweeney stated that he had just been released from Lenoir jail, where he was confined for 32 days, having been arrested and placed there on suspicion as being a man wanted in Tennessee for murder; but it was proven that he was not the man wanted and therefore he was turned loose.
CHARCOAL WORTH \$12,000 A POUND.
Fabulous Sums Paid for Filaments in Electric Lamps—The World's Costliest Footstool.
Washington Dispatch, 19th.
United States Consul Norris, at Ghent, has reported an interesting fact to the State Department regarding the manufacture of incandescent lamps. It is that the most expensive product in the world is the charcoal thread employed in lamps to furnish light. This will be interesting news to the people who use electric light nightly without being cognizant of such proximity to wealth.
It is, for the most part, manufactured at Paris, and comes from the hands of an artist who desires his name to remain unknown in order to better protect the secret of manufacture. There have been many unsuccessful attempts to learn this secret, and fabulous sums have been offered to the manufacturer to divulge even the artist's name.
This product is sold at wholesale by the gramme and, reducing this price to the basis of pounds, it is found that the filaments of lamps of 20 candle-power are worth \$8,000 a pound, and for the lamps of 30 candle-power the fabulous sum of \$12,000.
The former have a diameter of twenty thousandths of an millimeter, or 7,874 ten-millionths, and the latter less than one-fifth of this size.
The filaments for lamps of three candle power are so light that it requires nearly 1,500,000 of them to weigh one pound. Placed end to end, these 1,500,000 filaments would reach 187 miles.
Examination of Teachers.
Hereafter the examination of teachers in Burke county will take place at the Court House, on the first Monday in January, April, July and October.
The examination in all cases will be written and will probably require two days.
No old certificates will be renewed. All who come will have to stand an examination, and the standard must be raised.
The fee required by law is \$1.50, except in July, when it is \$1.00.
Respectfully,
E. L. ATTON,
Morganton, N. C., Dec. 21, 1896.

PERSONAL.
Dr. Starves, of Illinois, is at the Walton House.
Prof. Bruce R. Payne will spend the holidays at Kinston, N. C.
Miss Minnie Clarke has gone to Reidsville, N. C., to spend the holidays.
Messrs. Z. T. and L. H. Corpening left Monday for the State of Mitchell.
Miss Lizzie Hemphill is at home from Greensboro Female College for the holidays.
Mr. J. J. Daves has gone to Dyraville to spend the holidays with his parents.
Dr. Jeter leaves to-day for his old North Carolina home to spend Xmas with his parents.
Miss Gertrude Davis left Tuesday morning for Newbern, where she goes to spend Xmas.
Miss Corinne Erwin arrived home from Salem Academy last Saturday to spend Xmas.
Misses Maggie and Louise Lane, of Newbern, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. A. Shuping.
Misses Clara Link and Lillie Icard, of Granite Falls, visited friends in Morganton last week.
Mr. Feimster, county attorney of Catawba and a resident of Newton, was in Morganton Tuesday.
Mrs. Ila Erwin will return home this (Wednesday) evening from a visit to her son Mr. Will Erwin, in Durham.
Mr. Columbus Estes and wife, of Morganton, have gone to Caldwell county to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.
Mr. George O. Baker, of New York city, has been here for a few days with his brother, Mr. W. G. Baker. He left Tuesday.
Miss Carrie and May Connelly, daughters of Mr. H. W. Connelly, are at home from Greensboro Female College for the holidays.
Mr. Ed. K. Powe and wife, of Durham, will spend Christmas with Mr. Powe's parents, Esquire and Mrs. W. E. Powe, in Morganton.
The Raleigh News and Observer of Tuesday says: "Mr. C. F. McKesson, of Morganton, is in the city, the guest of Mr. C. M. Busbee."
Three gentlemen from Harvard, arrived here last Monday and are at Mr. E. Frisard's. They will hunt with him during the holidays.
Mr. J. E. Coulter, a bustling Connelly Springs merchant and lumber dealer and one of THE HERALD's best friends, was in Morganton Tuesday.
Miss Beulah Wilson has returned from a two months' visit to her friend Miss Ida Baker, at Tarboro, and other friends in the eastern part of the State.
Deputy Collector Neal was in Morganton last Friday on his return from Linville township, having been up there looking into the Fortner distillery trouble.
Miss Ada Honeycutt, of Elmwood, N. C., arrived in Morganton Tuesday, and will probably spend several months here with her brother, Rev. W. V. Honeycutt.
Messrs. Ralph and E. A. Spainhour, two excellent young men, went up on Muddy creek Saturday on a visit, returning Tuesday. They report a nice time while there.
Miss Mamie McGimpsey came up from Claremont College, Hickory, last week and spent several days in Morganton, with Mrs. Jarrett, before going to her home at Table Rock.
Misses Alice Collett and Addie Malone, who have been attending Greensboro State Normal and Industrial School, will arrive this (Wednesday) evening to spend the holidays at home.
Messrs. J. W. Mock and A. H. Cashion and their families, of Davidson, N. C., have moved to Morganton and are occupying a house belonging to Rev. J. N. Payne on Green street.
Miss Eliza Smith left Tuesday for Old Fort, where she will spend the holidays. Her brother, Mr. C. L. Smith, and sister, Miss Maggie, will also spend a few days at Old Fort. They leave to-day (Wednesday).
Miss Maud Buffalo, who has been in school at Claremont College, Hickory, will spend the holidays at Bridgewater with her mother, Mrs. A. R. Buffalo, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Rust, Sr.
Dr. S. S. Peterson, formerly of Morganton, now practicing medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been in Burke for a week on a visit to relatives and friends and at the same time attending to some land business in this county.
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STATE NEWS.
The Wilmington Star says that new Hanover truckers are shipping large quantities of large quantities to Northern markets.
Hon. C. B. Watson, late Democratic candidate for Governor, has been elected president of the chamber of commerce of Winston.
The Raleigh News and Observer says that Judge E. T. Boykin and Mr. Amster Jones, of Raleigh, have formed a partnership and will practice law there.
A car load of native North Carolinians has arrived in Greensboro from Indiana. They came to spend Christmas with relatives. The party went in different directions.
We learn that Mr. J. S. Deal has sold his interest in the Lenoir Topic to Mr. H. S. Blair, who becomes sole editor. Mr. Deal, it is said, retires from the paper on account of poor health and impaired eyesight, caused by rheumatism.
W. C. Hudson, agent of the Southern Railway and Southern Express Company at Biltmore, is short \$650 in his accounts with the railroad and about \$225 with the express company. Past company and poker playing is said to have caused the trouble.
The State Geologist in his report to Governor Cox says work on the great map of North Carolina is being rapidly pushed and that already 15,000 square miles have been surveyed. In this and all other work the United States geological survey is cooperating.
Hon. John R. Webster, editor of Webster's Weekly, of Reidsville, and Miss Lillie Morrison, daughter of Mrs. Bertie B. Morrison, of the same place, were married in the Main Street Baptist church, Reidsville, on Tuesday night, December 22d. Here's THE HERALD's best wishes, Brother Webster.
The Messenger says that Mr. John F. Garrell, a truck farmer near Wilmington, is the largest individual grower of lettuce in the South. He shipped a carload of lettuce to Philadelphia last Saturday. He has shipped 400 barrels thus far this season and expects to ship 8,000 to 10,000 before the season ends.
The Wilmington Dispatch says that Mr. Gibson James, member-elect to the Legislature from Pender county, has in his possession the rifle used by his great-grandfather at the battle of Moore's creek, and one of the pewter bullets used at that time. He also has a candlestick with his ancestor to hold a light while these pewter bullets were being moulded. These antiquated relics of a dead past will be placed in the State museum at Raleigh.
The Charlotte Observer's Washington correspondent says of a Western North Carolina republican: "Mr. J. Wiley Shook, of Clyde, who has been in Washington for some days past, is a candidate for the collectorship of the western district, along with Major Rollins and Sheriff Grant. Asheville will probably retain the collector's office under the next administration. The influence of Pritchard and Pearson will prevent its removal elsewhere."
Last Friday afternoon L. J. Kirk, janitor of Charlotte's city hall, shot W. G. Lake, head bookkeeper in the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office in that city, as Lake stood by his desk. Kirk had trouble with the Singer Company over a machine. After the shooting Kirk walked across the street with the smoking pistol in his hand and gave himself up. The ball struck just above the heart, passing through Lake's body and lodging just under the skin in his back. Lake was alive at last account, but was in a critical condition and his chances for recovery were thought to be slim. The Observer says the assault on Lake was unprovoked. Kirk's lawyers, it is said will enter a plea of insanity.
The State Board of Charities met in Raleigh last Friday. The principal business before the board was the presentation of the annual report, which was, in part, as follows: There were 96 cases at the Raleigh asylum, and 60 per cent. of cures upon the number admitted; 85 recoveries at Morganton, and 51 per cent. of cures upon the number admitted. At Goldsboro there were 82 cures and the percentage of recovery was about 35 upon the number admitted. The death rate was under 5 per cent. at Morganton, 9 per cent. at Raleigh and over at Goldsboro. Eight counties are without homes. Of the jails 56 are good, 13 bad and the remainder are indifferent. The report included full discussions, such as a state reform school, care of the insane not inmates of the asylums, increase of crime in Burke for a week on a visit to relatives and friends and at the same time attending to some land business in this county.
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Christmas Shadows.
Written for THE HERALD.
At this season of the year it is customary for us to look on the bright side of everything, and for too many it is a season of bacchanalian revelry, and joy is supposed to reign unconfined; but for a few minutes let us stop in our gay rush long enough to glance at the dark side of the picture; for it has a dark side, and dark alone for many.
To begin with, these impressions are not written in striving after the realistic, but merely as thoughts that have occurred to me during the past few days, and written with the hope that they may cause some one to think of sweet charity.
Last Saturday night I was passing down a main street when I was struck with two little children standing in the cold, looking into a show window full of toys. One was a little girl about ten and the other a boy about seven. They were ragged, their shoes were badly worn, and as they stood shivering in the cold, hand in hand, I was struck with the sad realism of the picture. "I wish I had that doll," said the little girl, and her words were echoed by the boy saying: "I want that drum." "Less go," said the girl. "Paw sez th' ain't no Sanky Claws, and maw sez paw's drunk up all the Crismus money." So with a subdued, sad look in her eyes, the little girl led her brother away into the night. And, friend, do you wonder a lump arose in my throat, and I thought of "man's inhumanity to man"?
Further down the street, I saw a man paying 50 cents for cigars, and I thought how happy that money would make those children. But such is life, as we live it. And, friend, remember these children will have no toys, nor turkey, nor candy, nor cards for their Xmas, and they represent a large class of our neighbors. Xmas means only one more day of privation for them. These children will go on and on through the years in their poverty and heartache, and do you think it makes them happier when they go to God's house to hear of the "child Christ?" and see other children with fine raiment and warm fur? The saddest part of the story is that the unfortunate class is growing.

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