

LOCAL NEWS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

(Commencing January 1, 1897, all subscriptions to THE HERALD will be dropped at expiration of the time paid for. We find that we are compelled to adopt this system—that it is the only way by which the subscription business may be successfully conducted; and we believe the system will give better satisfaction both to the subscriber and the publisher. In no case will the paper be sent, hereafter, on time. No doubt quite a number of our friends will think strange of us for not sending the paper next week, but those who fail to get it will know that their subscription has expired, and they are invited to renew if they wish the paper sent longer. There are many of our subscribers whom we are not afraid to credit, but we just simply can't afford it. If there are any who do not want the paper upon these conditions, why they need not subscribe—but the paper will be published just the same.

Hoping soon to have the renewal of all those whose subscriptions have expired, and promising if possible to give a better paper in future.

Yours for business,
THE PUBLISHER.

—The last day of 1896.
—New Year resolutions are in order.

—The Patton School, in Morganton, will open next Monday, January 4th.
—The east-bound passenger train due here yesterday at 4:56 p. m. did not pass until 8 p. m.—nearly three hours late.

—As will be seen from his advertisement in this issue, Mr. B. F. Davis is back at his old stand, having bought out the clothing store of Mr. S. R. Collett.

—The ice on the ponds around Morganton was two and three inches thick the first of the week and there was some skating. Several ice houses were filled.

—Tyler Patterson was pretty badly hurt on the hand and face by the explosion of a firecracker Christmas day, but he is now about recovered from his wounds.

—We were informed last night that the unfortunate boy's head was smashed off by a freight train at Valdese yesterday. We were unable to learn the particulars of the accident.

—Married, by Esq. J. J. Shoup, at his residence, in Lower Fork township, Wednesday, the 23rd inst., Mr. Ellis L. Faulkner and Miss Hattie O. Beck, both of Linville township.

—Col. T. N. Hallyburton was in town Monday. We learn that the position of sergeant-at-arms of the Senate could, with much persuasion be forced upon him again. In fact he is an applicant for the place.

—Taking stock and posting books is the order of the day with our merchants just now, during the lull in trade after the holiday rush—getting things in shape so that they may see how the year's business stands.

—Married, at the residence of the bride's step father, in Lower Fork township, Dec. 23rd, 1896, Mr. Perry Costner, of Cleveland county, and Miss Martha A. Wright of Burke county, N. L. Chapman, J. P. officiating.

—Mrs. J. A. Claywell and her daughter Mrs. W. G. Hogan gave a party at their residence Monday evening to their Sunday school classes of little folks. The little boys and girls were very much pleased and report a delightful time.

—Dr. J. H. McBrayer, of Shelby, will, we learn, visit Morganton this week and be the guest of Mr. R. A. Cobb. It is said that Dr. McBrayer will be a candidate for superintendent of the State Hospital in case a change is decided upon.

—Two seizures have recently been made in Burke county by Deputy Collector Neal on behalf of the government—that of the still fixtures and a quantity of spirits belonging to W. H. Lail, and the still and outfit belonging to A. M. Pitts, near Glen Alpine.

—Mr. Pinkney Lafavers and Miss Dixie Curtis were married at the residence of Mr. Patrick Dobson, in Linville township, last Sunday, Dec. 27th, John W. Fox, J. P. officiating. We learn that it was another runaway affair, and that quite a large crowd witnessed the ceremony.

—Messrs. E. S. Walton, D. C. Pearson, R. A. Cobb and Samuel Huffman, leaders of the "fusion host" in Burke, will be in attendance upon the meeting of the Legislature to look after the interest of their party and, we suppose, to pick up any ripe plums that may fall from the Russell tree.

—On December 24th, at China Grove, N. C., Mr. David C. Grady, of Burke, and Mrs. Lizzie Bethel, of Rowan, were happily married. Mr. Grady is well known in Morganton, having been an employe at the State Hospital for a number of years. The happy couple arrived in Morganton last Saturday, and are now stopping with Mr. Logan.

—Erwin's Chapel Sunday school had a Christmas tree on Christmas eve. The presents were numerous and pretty and the occasion was very much enjoyed by all present.

—Register Hallyburton on Monday issued license for the marriage of H. Brittain Hawkins ("Uncle Brit"), aged 75, and Jane Snipes, aged 54 years. License to wed has also been issued during the past week as follows: J. T. Ramsaur and Lillian Taylor, T. J. Pritchard and Rosa Belle Johnson, J. H. Woodard and Sarah R. McGimpsey, Will Lowman and Emma Bradshaw, Pinkney Lafavers and Dixie Curtis.

—The kitchen to the residence of Mrs. Ila Erwin, about three miles north of town, was burned early Tuesday night. The kitchen was in the yard, a few steps away from the dwelling house, and by hard work the latter, together with other near by buildings was saved. There had been fire in the kitchen during the day and it is supposed that in some way or other it caught from this. We did not learn the amount of the loss.

—Quite a popular amusement in Morganton during Christmas week has been what is called "turkey rolling." A certain distance is measured off and a stake is driven up. Those taking chances at the turkey are blindfolded and given a wheelbarrow and, one at a time, roll for the stake. The person stopping nearest the stake, in a given length of time, gets the turkey. These "rollings" are attracting great crowds and a large number of turkeys, geese, etc., have changed hands as a result.

—Mrs. Smith—Sister Ella—the deaconess in charge of the school at the mission of the Good Shepherd, is doing a most excellent work. She has about 60 children, who are being taught, and well taught, by a most competent teacher, and at no expense either to the children, their parents or the county. Sister Ella is not only a week day teacher, but a most useful Bible teacher in the mission Sunday school, and she had much to do with the success of the Xmas entertainment for the children on Wednesday, the 23rd, at Mrs. Sarah Tate's.

S. D. Dunnivant & Co. vs. Caldwell and Northern Railroad.
The case of S. D. Dunnivant & Co. vs. the Caldwell and Northern Railroad is in progress in our city before Mr. W. D. Turner, of Statesville, referee. Mr. Harvey, president of the road, is on hand and is represented by the Hon. Edmund Jones, of Caldwell, Hon. Theo. Davidson, of Asheville, and Col. W. S. Pearson, of Morganton. Capt. Dunnivant and the Corpening Bros. are represented by Messrs. I. T. Avery and S. J. Ervin. Dunnivant & Co. claim that the railroad is still due them for work done on the road, while the railroad company claim that they have paid up in full. Only two witnesses have been examined.

Miss Ella Perry, the fascinating daughter of Capt. Alex. Perry, and Mr. John A. Cloer, son of Mr. G. W. Cloer, and a handsome and clever salesman in the grocery store of Messrs. Shuping & Lane, were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, in Morganton. Rev. Dr. Leith, pastor of the Morganton Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The marriage was a quiet one, only a few special friends being present.

—The Christmas praise service at the Methodist church last Sunday night was well attended and the music was exceptionally good. Several beautiful anthems were rendered by the choir, and there were soul-stirring songs in which the congregation joined. There were also delightful songs by the Sunday school children. The service opened with prayer and reading of a passage of scripture in which a service of this character, as was explained by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Leith, is approved and even commended and is pleasing in the sight of the Lord. The songs were interspersed with appropriate remarks by the pastor. Altogether it was an interesting service and, it is to be hoped, a profitable one.

A Pleasant Evening.
Miss Kate A. Burr, who is at home for the holidays from the Presbyterian College of Charlotte, gave a delightful entertainment on Xmas night to some of the boys and girls. Mr. and Mrs. T. Avery's home was prettily lighted and beautified for the occasion. After a most excellent feast, which Mrs. Avery knows so well how to prepare, the young folks spent a most pleasant evening in plays and games. The way in which Mr. Avery swallowed a spoonful of salt, thinking it sugar, and the beautiful face he made, caused a roar of laughter. This was specially enjoyed by the uninvited guest. A feature of the evening was some excellent music by the Phifer boys. All spent the hours pleasantly, and Miss Kate, whose brightness of intellect and sweetness of manner makes her a favorite, was specially charming.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Charlotte, is off on his yearly visit to the hospitals and schools of medicine in New York. The doctor will return about Jan. 10th, and during '97 can be found in his Charlotte office, except on Wednesdays.

—Bring your job work to THE HERALD office.

A BRISTOL-COWLES WEDDING.

A Brilliant Affair—A List of the Attendants—The Music—Many Handsome and Valuable Presents.
Owing to the early hour of going to press last week THE HERALD was unable to give the particulars of the Bristol-Cowles wedding in Statesville on Tuesday night of last week. We learn from the *Landmark* that it was a brilliant affair. Rev. Dr. Wood, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Statesville, officiated. Following were the attendants:

Ushers—Dr. Chas. E. Turner and Mr. R. B. McLaughlin.
Groomsman—J. W. Wilson, Jr., of Morganton, R. E. Cowles, H. R. Cowles, H. C. Cowles, Jr., J. C. Fowler.
Bridesmaids—Misses Annie Bell, Mary Gage Walton, Estelle Carlton, Margaret Winslow, Lorena Long, of Graham.

Miss Elouse Cowles, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. W. H. Pearson, of Morganton, was best man.
Ribbon girls—Misses Mary Oates Caldwell and Cora Brown.
Flower girl—Little Miss Suretta Reimon.
Page—Master Carlton Andrews.
There was a musical program of vocal and instrumental selections, the principal part of which were the vocal solo, "If I But Knew," by Miss Worthington, and the bridal chorus from "Rose Maiden" by the Presbyterian choir, assisted by Miss Gertrude Robbins. Mr. Willie P. Bell, of Charlotte, was organist.

The church was handsomely decorated and the attendants entered on opposite aisles. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Col. H. C. Cowles. After the ceremony the bridal party and a number of friends were entertained at a reception at the home of the bride.

We learn that an unusually handsome and valuable array of wedding presents were received.
Mr. and Mrs. Bristol left on the early morning train Wednesday on a bridal tour of the Northern cities.
The *Landmark*, which was printed the morning before the marriage, said:

"The bride-to-be is one of the old and prominent families of Statesville and is one of the most popular young ladies of the town. Possessing great personal charms and most agreeable manners, a modest demeanor, accomplished and endowed with the womanly graces, she will make an ideal bride and there will be none in all the wide circle of her acquaintances who will not sincerely hope for a married life of unalloyed happiness."
"The groom, who is a native of Morganton but who has lived in Statesville for several years and is now a travelling salesman, is a handsome and genial young gentleman, esteemed and popular. He is to be congratulated on the prize he has won."
"May they always be as happy as they are at this blessed Christmas time!"

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A DUEL TO THE DEATH.

A Bloody Affair in Folk County—Pet Gibbs Instantly Killed and Joe Davis Has Since Died from His Wounds.
We noted last week the receipt of a telegram at Glen Alpine announcing the killing of Pet Gibbs. Our information was that Gibbs met his death in South Carolina. In this our informant was mistaken. The difficulty in which Pet Gibbs was instantly killed and Joe Davis mortally wounded, occurred in Polk county, this State, and the *Spartanburg Herald* of Saturday, December 19th, tells of the bloody affair as follows:

"About dusk Thursday, Davis drove past Pet Gibbs' home, Gibbs, who was standing in the front yard at the time, rushed into the house for his hat and followed the driver. He took advantage of a short cut and came into the road ahead of Davis.
"As soon as the wagon came up, Gibbs asked for a ride, which was refused him. One word brought on another, until Gibbs drew a revolver and fired on Davis. The other grasped a Winchester rifle and returned fire. They kept this up until Gibbs fell forward, exclaiming as he fell, 'The d—n rascal killed me!'
"There were four eye-witnesses to the shooting who say that Gibbs fired the first shot and that Davis acted solely in self defense.
"Davis is a young man of excellent character and a consistent member of the church. He is 23 years old and Gibbs is 23."
We learn that Davis has since died in the wounds received from Gibbs' pistol.
Gibbs is a native of Burke and has a number of relatives living in this county.

A RUNAWAY TRAIN.

It Speeds Down the Mountain at a Rapid Rate and Runs Into Another Train at Old Fort—No Lives Lost.
An east-bound through freight got entirely beyond control Monday night as it was coming down the mountain to Old Fort. The west-bound through freight had just stopped on the main line at Old Fort when the wild train came tearing around the bend above the depot and down through the yard. A collision could not possibly have been prevented. There was a terrible crash when the runaway train ran into the west-bound freight, and the latter was driven several hundred yards down the track before coming to a standstill. Everything remained on the track. It is said that the entire crew of both trains did all that could be done to prevent the accident, and when they saw that no collision was inevitable, all hands jumped to save their lives. No one was hurt. The air brakes on the east-bound train failed to work and this was the cause of the runaway. We failed to learn the extent of the damage done to the engines, but it is reasonable to suppose that they were pretty badly torn up.

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS IN GRACE CHURCH PARISH.

The Children at the Missions as Well as Those in Town Were Delighted With Santa Claus—Rev. C. Satterlee Presented With a Gold Headed Cane.
On Wednesday night, Dec. 23, the mission of the Good Shepherd, in charge of Capt. T. Gordon, held its Xmas festival at the home of Mrs. Sarah Tate, who kindly offered her home for the occasion. Little Billy Lowdermilk, six years old, made the address of welcome. Then followed recitations, all of which betrayed the skill of Sister Ella's training. She had arranged a pretty table for both the day and Sunday school children and all enjoyed its contents.

The singing was one of the striking features of the evening and complimented on all hands. After the supper and the singing, the Rector, Rev. C. Satterlee, made some very appropriate remarks, and then Mr. Tom Ward, as Santa Claus, came in at the window loaded down with presents for the children and told them to come and each take a present from his great big bag. The children and other people were all happy and delighted with Santa and his goodness. Capt. Gordon and his assistants and Sister Ella are doing a fine work at the Good Shepherd.

On Thursday night there was a pretty Xmas tree at the mission of St. Andrew, where Mr. John Pearson has labored so faithfully for a year, and where there is a pretty new Chapel. There, too, Santa was kind and generous in his gifts, and old and young greatly enjoyed the evening. Miss Willie Henderson and Mr. Sam Puett have been faithful assistants at this mission, and must have felt a pardonable pride in the success of this Xmas entertainment and the bright and happy faces of the children.
On the same night at the public school house in Morganton the members of the Episcopal church had their annual reunion. The beloved rector, Rev. C. Satterlee, was, as he ever is, the master spirit in this festival. Old and young joined in the game of "Going to Jerusalem" and in the more artistic work of planning on the different garments of the "New Woman" and drawing a pig on the blackboard. In these two performances all were blindfolded. After this delightful pastime, all partook of a most excellent supper prepared by the ladies of the church. Then Santa Claus, splendidly personated by D. C. Pearson, entered the hall, to the great delight of all present. He had on either side of him an immense "grab bag" filled with presents by the ever thoughtful and loving rector, and there was a present for every one of the 75 or 80 people present. These reunions have a wonderful tendency to draw the members of the church in closer touch and fellowship with each other and with the rector and give to each one a keener impulse to do something for the Master.
On Xmas day there was the 7 o'clock communion at Grace church and service, sermon and communion at eleven o'clock. The church was never as beautifully decorated. The long, graceful lines and arches of evergreen imparted a rich beauty to the scene, while the potted plants and flowers here and there softened and beautified the whole environment. Mr. Silver is entitled to special credit for his work in this line.
On Sunday evening was the Christmas song service. The children from the Morganton Sunday school, St. Andrew's, the Good Shepherd and the Messiah formed a line on the side walk and marched into the church in twos. At the head of each Sunday school a little girl bore the banner of her school with some appropriate inscription. These banners were beauties, and the pretty designs on them were drawn by the little fingers of Mrs. Julie McDowell. There were 35 children from the mission of the Good Shepherd and 25 from the mission of the Messiah. It was regretted that other children had to be put in the St. Andrew's column to carry the banner of that mission, as none of them were in attendance. They will, it is hoped, be on hand next year. The children marched behind the vested choir and took the seats reserved for them in the front part of the church. Mr. Satterlee made some apt, touching remarks on the season, and then the choir and children sang some beautiful carols and sang them beautifully.

On Monday at 2 o'clock the mission of the Messiah, near Mr. John Mace's, had its Christmas tree. This mission is in charge of Mr. C. F. McKesson and has 60 Sunday school scholars. Rev. C. Satterlee and others were present, and Mr. D. C. Pearson again acted the role of Santa Claus to the very great delight of the children, all of whom got a present and all of whom, together with their parents, were delighted with the occasion. Mr. McKesson was presented with a beautiful oak by Mrs. Moulton Smith, and he greatly appreciates it and the sweet spirit that prompted gift. After the services four or five of the neighbors spoke in terms of praise of the Sunday school and its work.

On Monday night Grace church proper had its Christmas tree in the church. The tree was beautiful, the church crowded and the presents numerous and useful. After all the children had gotten presents and the singing of a pretty carol, Mr. McKesson, at the request of the boy choir, presented to Mr. Satterlee, in their name and in token of their affection for him, a beautiful gold headed cane. Mr. Satterlee touchingly thanked the boys for this token of their love and prized it above all other gifts.
Tuesday night, the 29th, St. Stephen's church held its Xmas festival and there the colored children gathered in numbers and went home proud of their gifts and singing the praises of old Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.
It will be seen from the above hurriedly written report that the Rev. C. Satterlee is doing a most excellent work in Grace church parish.
A Superb Spread.
On Saturday night, the 26th inst., Mr. Thomas P. Moore invited nine gentlemen, who had been specially kind to him during his sickness, to come to his home and partake of a six o'clock dinner. All were on hand except the rector, who had another and a previous engagement.
After an hour's pleasant chat, the company was requested to walk into the dining hall, which was beautifully decorated with holly, chrysanthemums and roses. It is not often that any company is invited to such a superb spread. Blue points on lemon, turkey and other tempting meats, cakes, pears and coffee, each prepared and flavored by the very acme of art, were among the profusion of delicious viands. Mrs. Moore, a charming hostess, was the recipient of many compliments on her elegant entertainment and one which would have done credit to royalty. Mr. Moore, usually reticent, developed into a fine story teller and entertained his guests with some capital jokes, well told.
Misses Lila Dunavant and Saddle Prynall lent a charm to the evening by their witty and brilliant remarks, to say nothing of their role as maids of the culinary art. It was a most delightful evening and greatly enjoyed.

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To Be Awarded to C. B. Moore, Republican.
Asheville Gazette, 20th.
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A day would keep your rooms warm in winter. But that small stove will burn only as twenty-five. Hence, discomfort and misery.
A certain amount of fat, burned daily, would keep your body warm and healthy. But your digestion is bad, and you don't get it from ordinary fat-food. Hence you are chilly, you catch cold easily, you have coughs and shivers; while pneumonia, bronchitis, or consumption finds you with no resistive power.
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