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A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

Mrs. J. P. Fisher Charming Entertains in Honor of Mrs. L. A. Fisher.

One of the largest and most charming receptions of the season was given yesterday afternoon between the hours of 3:30 and 6 o'clock by Mrs. J. P. Fisher in honor of Mrs. L. Archibald Fisher, a pretty December bride.

Miss Fan Hill received the cards at the door. Welcoming the guest in the hall, which was lovely decorated with cedar boughs over the doors and windows, long festoons of green and red, the color scheme, suspended from the four corners to the chandelier which was profusely decorated with cedar and from which dangled a huge red bell and on the mantel a Christmas tree by the side of which was a miniature Santa Claus drawing a red sleigh and from the edges suspended numerous little red stockings filled with Christmas toys, was Mrs. D. L. Bost. Receiving in the library were: Mesdames J. P. Fisher, L. A. Fisher, Z. M. Moore, G. H. Richmond and W. C. Houston. The color scheme in this room was green and white, the decorations consisting of white hollyhocks, narcissus, ferns and mistletoe. Misses Blanche Brown and Myrtle Pemberton escorted the guests to the dining room. The color scheme for this room was green and red. Long cedar red bells extended around the walls and on the table was a Christmas tree laden with dolls, toys and bric-a-brac of various sorts intermingled with which were many green boxes, representing the Star of Bethlehem, and tied with dainty red ribbons and stamped with a seal bearing the season's wish: "A merry Christmas." These were given as souvenirs. A delicious salad course was served by Mesdames W. D. Pemberton and E. A. Moss and Miss Janie Patterson. From dining room the guests were ushered to the hall where delicious punch was served. The handsome punch bowl was hid behind a large bower of holly and punch was served by Mesdames E. A. Moss and Charles J. Harris.

A host of guests called during the afternoon and the open hospitality of the charming home blended perfectly with the happy Yuletide spirit which was manifested by everyone, making a most delightful event.

1,200 Turkeys for the Mill Operatives Greensboro News.

The farmers of Guilford county have reason to be in high spirits this Christmas if they raised turkeys, for yesterday the Proximity Manufacturing company paid out over \$1,500 to the farmers for the national bird. The wagons commenced arriving by sunrise and by 10 a. m. 20 wagons were lined up at the store of the Proximity Manufacturing Company.

Every family at Proximity, Revolution and White Oak will be the lucky owner tonight of a fine fat turkey, and the quality of the turkeys this year are No. 1, the season having been very favorable to them. More than 1,000 turkeys will be apportioned after the following manner: Proximity village, 410; White Oak, 445, and Revolution, 193, making a total of 1,048. This number will be increased to 1,200 when the families who live outside the village are supplied.

The policy of Caesar Cone in taking such a personal interest in his people makes him beloved by everyone and solves the labor question.

Revolution in Mexico Making Headway.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Revolution in Mexico, whether identified with the ambition of General Reyes or not, seems to be making some headway. State department dispatches today not only reported a belief that General Reyes himself was operating in northern Mexico but described activity in the border States opposite southeastern Texas. The Mexican government is endeavoring to ward off a general strike of the laboring class.

Dispatches to the department likewise indicate apprehension in other parts of the republic, particularly Mexico, over the discovery of a conspiracy to assassinate President Madero. While the revolutionary movement presents an organized aspect only in the north, the south is reported to be in a state of unrest.

Trinity Reformed Church. There will be a very interesting Christmas service at the Reformed church on next Monday evening at 6 o'clock. The church will be appropriately decorated and a treat given each member of the school. The public is very cordially invited.

PASTOR QUITS ABRUPTLY.

Rev. G. E. Eaves Makes Public Document Explanatory of Action:

High Point, Dec. 20.—Rev. G. E. Eaves, former pastor of the South Main Street M. E. Church, has severed his connection with his congregation and rather unceremoniously left here Sunday on train No. 26 for Chicago. In a letter, which appeared in yesterday's Enterprise, Mr. Eaves gives his reason for leaving so abruptly. He says it is his desire to do work of another nature but adds that he will not give up the ministry and will probably follow evangelistic work. He also states that he gives up his present work "because of financial reasons." That he can not do justice to himself and family with the salaries he has had. He further adds that he has accepted a guaranteed offer from a great house for \$1,500 per year, besides a chance to add more by commissions. That as soon as he gets on his feet he will purchase a tent, get a fine singer and preach to multitudes, etc.

Mr. Eaves evidently believes that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and continues: "Preachers have preached so much against money, that their people have been trained to think that pastors can live on nothing." "Yet," he concludes his letter by saying that there is absolutely no friction between him and his church. "It is like giving up a wife to give up the parsonage. It makes my heart bleed. But I do it of my own will." There is no need to disguise the fact that this sudden turn has given much rise for discussion and comment, not only among the other ministers and churches, but among the citizens generally.

Several weeks ago, Mrs. Eaves, with her two children, left High Point for Oklahoma. It is said that Mr. Eaves will connect himself with some publishing house in Chicago. In the meantime the South Main Street M. E. Church suddenly finds itself without a shepherd.

Homer Sometimes Nods, You Know Statesville Landmark.

Referring to the efforts of the Greensboro chamber of commerce to induce the Norfolk and Southern railroad to build to that city, the Concord Tribune observes:

Greensboro and Concord are the only cities in the state which have only one line of railway, and both are determined to end such an unenviable condition.

Bro. Sherrill wrote that statement hastily, overlooking the fact temporarily that Salisbury, Asheville and doubtless several other "cities in the State" not recalled at this moment, have only one line of railway—or, more properly speaking, all the lines connected with those places are owned by the same company. We make no complaint on account of Statesville, complaint on account of Statesville—the Statesville Air Line will come in by and by.

Snow Falls Over Large Territory.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—A heavy storm that began yesterday in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, Western Kansas, western Nebraska and South Dakota today spread eastward over the middle western states.

The storm was central today in Missouri and Iowa where from one to three inches of snow fell. At Dodge City, Kan., the precipitation this morning had reached 14 inches and at Garden City, Kas., 18 inches.

The snow jury was followed by one of the coldest rains experienced here. Ice formed in still places. The wind was high. Fair weather with brisk winds are predicted for tomorrow.

Bought His Own Furniture.

Spencer, Dec. 20.—A well-known conductor on the Southern Railway running into Spencer is authority for the statement that a Thomasville citizen ordered a piece of furniture from a Chicago firm. The purchaser is an employe of the furniture company, and to his great astonishment when the piece of furniture arrived, it was an article that he himself had been employed to finish right here in North Carolina. The furniture was sold to him through the Chicago firm when he could have bought it on the local market. It is needless to say that his name is withheld for the reason that he dislikes to be taken in in this manner.

Southern Pay Roll at Spencer \$165,000.

Spencer, Dec. 20.—The Christmas pay checks were handed to the employes of the Southern railway in Spencer today in large numbers. Almost every man was on hand to receive his check and the pay roll for the shops and road for this month is given as \$165,000, being one of the heaviest in months past. Many of the employes left at once to spend the holidays with relatives at their old homes. A large number of the men live in other States.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Christmas Entertainments.—A Seven Foot Snake Killed.—Collegiate Institute Closes for Holiday Vacation.—Other Matters.

More "Auditorium Weather" last night. On this occasion it made close connection with the fourth number in the Lyceum course, the Commonwealth Quartette. The entertainment was another good one and should have had a big house, but auditorium weather and luck was against it.

According to custom the Sunday Schools of the town have prepared excellent programmes for Christmas entertainment. These will be held at the different churches as follows: Methodist, Saturday night; Lutheran, Sunday night; Reformed, Monday morning, six o'clock.

The Collegiate Institute closes today for the holiday vacation. The cadets are looking forward to a Merry Christmas, which it is hoped, will be their portion.

Mrs. Geo. Barnhardt, of Winston, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Matthews.

Miss Beattie Heilig is home from Elizabeth College to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Anna Foil arrived yesterday from Claremont College, Hickory, to spend the Christmas vacation at home.

The graded school will close Friday for a week.

Snakes in December! Out of the ordinary but all the same true, as snake stories always are. Saturday, Mr. Earle Moose, carrier on route No. 3, brought in a seven footer that he had met in the road near Mr. Sandy Shoe's. Mr. Moose touched the reptile with his whip in order to test his snake's activity at this season of the year. The big seven footer showed a quickness and willingness for combat that was astonishing. Mr. Moose accepted the challenge. He dismounted, selected a stone of just the proper size and weight, and, with Matthewsonic accuracy, struck his snake's head squarely between the eyes. The reptile appeared to be a young one, notwithstanding its size, and belongs to the coach whip family, according to the authority of those who know.

Mt. Pleasant is, perhaps, one of the most charitable towns on the map. We wait long and do not become impatient, with reference to the railroad. We are not yet ready to accept the statement that the Norfolk Southern is going to leave us entirely off the line, while they honor Concord with something like a dummy line.

The telephone exchange will be closed part of Christmas day. The office will be open at nine o'clock in the morning for an hour, and again at six o'clock in the evening for a few hours.

Figure Up What Any Crime Will Cost.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Persons desiring to commit any of the minor crimes in Kansas City, Kas., may now estimate the cost in advance. Today a framed list of the commoner crimes and the penalties therefor was posted in the office of the chief of police of that city. The list follows:

- Letting a goat run in a public place \$1.
- Throwing chewing gum on sidewalks or in street cars \$5.
- Stealing a gate \$10.
- Pulling pickets off a fence \$5.
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- Having a pig pen on the place \$25.
- Talking "sassy" to women in stores and other public places \$25.
- Porters talking in rude or ungentlemanly manner \$10.
- Kissing in parks \$10.
- Allowing chickens in neighbors garden \$5.
- Carrying a "bean shooter" \$10.

Keep the Autos From Smoking.

Greensboro Record. When teaching a driver of an automobile how to run it, why don't they teach him how to keep it from smoking? We are told on good authority that there is no excuse for this but pure ignorance. It is a waste of oil as well as a nuisance and in many of the large cities it is a fine to let one smoke. Some drivers do it when they know how to cure it, but are evidently too lazy to attend to the machine. In Greensboro it is a frequent sight—a machine flying along leaving a streak of smoke behind them that is a howling nuisance. Perhaps if a fine was placed on them they would quit it. It's no fault of the machine, but of the driver.

The New York Herald says the representatives were in a wild scramble to support the Sherwood bill. "The voters will be in a wild scramble next year to vote to keep those fellows at home," comments the Houston Post.

DEATH OF REV. W. P. M'GHEE.

Well Known Minister Passed Away Today in Charlotte.—Death Caused by Bright's Disease.

Rev. W. P. McGhee, pastor of Calvary Methodist church of Charlotte, died this morning at 12:30 o'clock at St. Peter's hospital, where he has been for a week. The cause of his death was Bright's disease. Mr. McGhee had been unwell for some time and about a week ago he was taken from his home to the hospital. Several days ago his condition grew gradually worse and continued so until his death in the early hours of the morning. Members of his immediate family and intimate friends were with him to the last but for some time before the end came he was unable to recognize any one. Definite arrangements for the funeral have not yet been received.

Mr. McGhee was about 55 years of age and is survived by a wife and seven children, three daughters, Misses Will, Estelle and Ruth, and four sons, Dr. James F. McGhee, of Cornell University, Mr. Hubert McGhee and Masters Roy and Charles McGhee, all of whom were with him when the end came.

The death of this good man is a particularly sad one, especially to this city and community where he was known and loved by many. A number of years ago he was pastor of Epworth Methodist church and for two years preceding the last conference he was pastor of the Concord circuit. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. McGhee had been an active member of the Western North Carolina Conference and he was recognized throughout the realm of Methodism as a faithful, earnest and consecrated servant in God's vineyard. Mr. McGhee was a man of warm sympathies, kindly disposition. He served many churches during his ministry and his friends are numbered in every section throughout the confines of the conference.

The passing of this upright man marked the going out of a life that showed both by his ministry and his works that he truly loved his fellow man.

His Vote on Pensions Explained by Gudger.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative J. M. Gudger, Jr., today gave out in an interview in defense of his vote on the Sherman pension bill. He says that the last Democratic platform called for a generous pension policy; that he followed the majority of the Democratic members of the House, including Speaker Clark and Chairman Lloyd of the congressional committee. He denies that as the result of the passage of the bill the people's taxes will be increased \$70,000,000; he says that the intention and purpose of the bill is to equalize pensions.

"The alleged amount carried by this bill," says Mr. Gudger, "is greatly exaggerated in the assertion that it will cost an additional \$70,000,000." He says that according to the report of the Democratic committee the increase will be put \$27,000,000 a year.

"While my vote is being criticized," continued Mr. Gudger, "it will be observed that I obeyed the command of the Democratic national platform, followed the leadership of the Democratic speaker, the national Democratic chairman, the unanimous recommendation of the Democratic members of the pension committee and in concert with a majority of the Democratic members of Congress."

The declaration of the Denver platform of 1908 of the Democratic party on the subject of pensions is as follows:

"We favor a generous pension policy, both as a matter of justice to the surviving veterans and their dependents and because it tends to relieve the country of the necessity of maintaining a large standing army."

Christmas for the County Home.

All those who promised contributions for the county home dinner and those who will give something will please have the donations at my home Saturday evening.

MRS. J. B. SHERRILL.

The Southern Railway has just issued a 14 page booklet entitled, "A Western North Carolina Opportunity—the Growing of Cabbages and Potatoes," which has some interesting information concerning the climate, soil, market, and transportation in this section, as well as the cost of land and production.

Senator Lee S. Overman has been appointed one of the sub-committee to consider the Cummins bill to amend the Sherman law to cover the case of the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company. Senators Root and Cummins are the other members.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mr. C. A. Cook is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mrs. B. F. Rogers is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. William Fetzer is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. G. H. Sergeant is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. K. C. Stone, of Durham, is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Brice Caldwell has arrived from A. & M. College to spend the holidays here.

Mr. Fred Bost returned last night from a visit to relatives in Montgomery county.

Mr. Bernard Fetzer, of Mexico, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fetzer.

Mr. Ketter Misenheimer, of Asheville, is visiting relatives in the county for a few days.

Miss Lillian Cline has returned to her home in Mount Pleasant, after spending a few days in the city.

Miss Margaret Crowell arrived yesterday afternoon from Lenoir College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Crowell.

Mr. Sidney Buelianan arrived yesterday from the University of Maryland to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Buelianan.

Mr. A. H. Sisk, of the University of Virginia, will arrive tomorrow night to spend the holidays in the city, the guest of Mr. Charles A. Cannon.

Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Woodhouse and Studie Smith arrived last night from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., to spend Christmas at their homes.

Miss Elizabeth Barden, of Claremont College, Hickory, passed through the city yesterday en route to Mount Pleasant to spend the holidays at the home of Dr. M. A. Foil.

Misses Mary and Lena Barringer and Mary Peck, of Claremont College, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Mount Pleasant to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Elizabeth Coltrane arrived last night from Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane. Miss Jenn Coltrane will arrive tonight from the Scarrett Bible and Training School, Kansas City.

Put Your Money in the Bank.

Statesville Landmark. "It is a dangerous thing to carry money on the person or keep it about the home. The love of it excites the baser passions of evil men." Says the Wadesboro Ansonian. A sum of money large enough to be tempting is of course meant. The Ansonian is right. Instances that illustrate the danger mentioned multiply. C. L. Everhart, who was found dead in Davidson county a few days ago, was known to have had considerable money on his person and it is believed he was killed for the purpose of robbery. In Charlotte the other night a poor widow was decoyed from her home by a ruse and when she returned she found that she had been robbed of \$350, the savings of years. Put your money in a bank. It is positively dangerous to carry a large sum of money on your person or to keep it in your house. You not only stand to lose the money but you may lose your life.

It is foolish for men to bemoan an unrequited lover's quarrel. A girl who will not patch up a lover's difference will never darn a husband's sock.

Capital \$100,000
Surplus \$3,000

Wishing You a Merry Christmas And Prosperous New Year.

Concord National Bank.

FOUR PER CENT. Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

GENERAL NEWS.

Late Items of News From Here, There And Everywhere.

Governor Kitchin will not appoint a successor to Judge Ward until after Christmas.

The Salisbury public schools will close down Friday, the 22nd, until Monday, January 8th, thus taking the customary vacation for the Christmas holidays.

The Laurinburg Exchange says it has never before known so much cotton in the field as this season of the year. There never was a year when cotton grew so luxuriantly.

The Charlotte Chronicle has learned that from November 1st to December 1st there were shipped out of Alexander county 12,000 dozen eggs and 456 pounds of poultry. It thinks there is more money in poultry and eggs than in raising cotton.

Pou, Webb and Faison were sold against the Sherwood pension raid on the treasury. Mr. Pou, who was sick and could not be in his seat, Webb and Faison were paired and it was a clerical error that did not so place them in the Record.

Mr. William F. Patton, son-in-law of Gen. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, and the husband of his youngest daughter, Lillah Ruth, died Wednesday at 1 o'clock in the University hospital at Philadelphia. Mr. Patton has been critically ill for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Shortest Day of the Year.

This is the shortest day in the year and marks the real beginning of winter. The sun rose today at 7:14 and will set at 4:46 o'clock. Tradition has it that the weather Christmas day will be similar to the weather at noon today. If so Santa Claus will have rough sledding.

"Anybody can make money, according to Mr. Carnegie." No doubt if he has an interest in which the government protects him in putting his hands in other people's pockets.

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MARRIAGE THIS EVENING.

Wedding of Mr. R. S. Sanders and Miss Grace Brown at the First Presbyterian Church.

A social event of much interest will be the wedding of Mr. Royal S. Sanders, of Greenwood, S. C., and Miss Grace Brown, which will take place at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the church, will officiate. Miss Lucy Lore will render the wedding march and the bridal chorus will be sung by Mesdames E. A. Moss, J. B. Womble, H. L. Woodhouse and Misses Eugenia Lore, Nannie Alexander and Mary Morrison and Messrs. T. C. Newman, Ed. Sherrill, W. C. Correll and Loyd McKay.

Mrs. F. D. Barkley, Misses Maudie Brown, Mary Bingham and Ellen Gibson will be floral girls. Messrs. Joe Hill, Ralph Cline, Hugh Parks, Will Sanders and Leonard and Louis Brown will be ushers. Misses Helen Alston, Hazel Elliott, Louise Means and Blanche Gray will be bridesmaids. The bridesmaids will be Mesdames J. Leonard Brown and Louis A. Brown. The groomsmen are Messrs. E. H. Brown, Archie Smith, Will Alston and Archie Goodman.

Little Miss Jennie Gibson will be ring bearer. Miss Blanche Brown will be maid of honor and Dr. Gillman Glover best man.

One Way to Out Glass.

Wadesboro Messenger. One day last week, Mr. J. P. Gathings, of Morven, was cutting a large piece of glass, when a lady who was passing remarked: "Why don't you put it in water and cut it with scissors?" This brought forth smiles of incredulity, but J. S. Bendit, colored, got a piece of glass and scissors and went to a fountain in Miss Lola Teal's yard, and astonished the crowd by cutting the glass with perfect ease, after glass, hands and scissors were all beneath clear water.

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Merry Christmas!

Only two more shopping days till Christmas. We are still in a position to show you a good selection of useful gifts.

Suggestions in Dry Goods

Ladies' and Children's Furs, Parasols, Sweaters, Coats, Coat Suits, Petticoats, Wool Blankets, Rugs, Table Linen, Dollies, Towels, Silks and Dress Goods, Silk Scarfs.

Suggestions in Notions

Children's Gloves and Mittens, Ladies' Short and Long Gloves; all kinds of Hosiery, Jabots, Collars, Fancy Work; Novelties in Belt Pins, Collar Pins, Waist Sets, Belts, Hand Bags Children's Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Small Pin Cushions, Cut Glass and Hammered Brass.

Suggestions in Clothing

Neck Ties, Gloves, Shirts, Sox, in Silk and Lisle; Suspenders, Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs; Hats and Caps; Boys' Clothing, Men's Clothing, Overcoats, Raincoats.

Suggestions in Shoes

Rubbers, Over Gaiters, Bedroom Slippers, Baby Shoes, Children Shoes, Ladies' Shoes, Boys' Shoes, Men's Shoes.

Holly Ribbon in Millinery.

The Greatest Line of Dolls ever shown in Concord.

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