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...bout the only similarity between ...fice and patriotism is both begin with the same letter.

Well, we couldn't all get brick houses for Christmas gifts; some of us had to content ourselves with little things like diamond rings and gold watches.

Perhaps if the owners of the North German Lloyd steamer Spree would change her name she would go straight and keep off the shoals.

The financial success of John Sherman's book will have a tendency to crowd the market with the recollections of politicians.

Unless the Turks are writing all the cablegrams it is our interference that the saintly Armenians can upon occasion do the massacre act.

When it comes to talking it must be admitted that the Senate is several points ahead of the House.

Mr. Erastus Wiman escaped that prison sentence, but his mail isn't overburdened with invitations to tell Sunday schools how well it pays to be good.

A judge of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has decided that children are chattels and may be willed away from their mother by their father.

"What fools these mortals be". Trilby has netted Du Maurier more than $125,000 and the money is still pouring into his lap.

The Mormons have a sufficient number of converts in a Virginia county to contemplate the erection of a church.

The South American republic can furnish cheers in profusion for war, but when it comes down to fighting men their quota might not be so readily forthcoming.

Divers now communicate with persons above the water by means of the telephone. The mouthpice is placed near the lips, so that a slight turning of the head brings the mouth close to it.

Bowling Green, Ky., is to have a beet sugar factory, investing nearly half a million dollars. This industry is but in its infancy in the United States and nearly all the machinery has to be imported from Germany. There are only two or three factories in this country, the largest one being located at Norfolk, Neb.

In China those who wish for an an hour's rest, or for a quiet talk with a friend, can secure both by entering one of the large drinking halls, where covered cups are at once brought to them, each containing a measure of tea, whereupon the waiter dexterously pours boiling water from a large kettle.

Rev. William Bayard Hale, whose articles in the Forum a year ago on the religious conditions of several New England towns aroused so much discussion, has contributed to the January Forum a striking and suggestive "Study of Church Entertainments."

The Mexican Financier gives the following illustration of the value of money: For an American dollar one can buy twice as much in Mexico as for a Mexican dollar. Yet the intrinsic value of the Mexican dollar is the same as the American dollar, but Mexico has a silver standard.

John D. Rockfeller has given the University of Chicago $1,000,000, unconditionally for endowment, to be paid in the year, 1896, and $2,000,000 additional, on condition that a like amount be given by other friends of the university before January 1, 1900. If the conditions are met, the total gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago will amount to $7,425,000.

The telephone newspaper, which has been in successful operation over two years at Budapest, has become almost indispensable to its 6000 subscribers. The service have a main wire of 168 miles, which is connected to private houses and various public resorts. Between 7:30 in the morning and 9:30 in the evening 28 editions are spoken into the transmitter, ten men with loud clear voices acting as speakers in in shifts of two. The news is classified, and given in accordance with a regular programme, so that any subscriber knows when to expect the kind of items of interest to him. A short summary of all important items is given at noon and again at night, and subscribers are entertained with music and lectures in the evening.

Apple Culture.

Apple culture requires more care than any other crop. A few years ago I plowed my apple orchard three years in succession, gave it a heavy dressing of stable manure, and raised corn the first year, potatoes the second, and seeded down with barley the third season, and got the heaviest crop of apples ever grown on this farm.

Some say that this method overstimulates the trees. What if it does? A double crop of large smooth fruit for ten years ought to satisfy us as well as an average crop for twenty years. I believe if every farmer will follow this experience and spray his trees thoroughly he would agree with me that, take it one year with another the apple is one of the most profitable crops on many farms. Painting the trunk with lime, soap and water will destroy many insects that do irreparable injury to the fruit trees. —Sidney A. Ellis.

"THE HEART OF AMERICA"

Is its Fair Southland—Questions Which Distract Other Regions—Do Not There Create a Ripple.

Amid all the noise of wrangling which has been going on during these past few months in New York over the question of Sabbath observance, no thought is more quieting, no picture more peaceable, for example more conducive to whole-some respect than that which the South at present offers to the entire country. As restful a picture, and suggestive of the true art of living, as the South always offers to those who can look at it and its people with a broad-minded spirit and with discerning eye, that garden-spot of American life has never presented a more delightful aspect than at this moment. And it should command our national respect, admiration and thankfulness.

Just now the Southern people are enjoying a Cotton States Exhibition at Atlanta, and at no time, thus far, in the history of their celebration and merry-making, has the thought occurred to either the managers of the exposition, or to the people of the South, to question the propriety of Sabbath observance. There has been no repetition of the World's Fair wrangle, nor even a suggestion of it. Quietly have the gates of the exhibition grounds been closed each Saturday night, and opened again each Monday morning. The American Sunday has been kept inviolate, and it has been done without ostentation, without cant, without even a thought of aught else. It has been done as a matter of course. And a more forcible illustration of the wholesome strength of an older civilization to the restless and upsetting theories of a younger community is not possible of memory than this example set by the South to New York and to all America.

And yet the difference of Southern ideas is marked only as it serves as a contrast to those which prevail in other sections of our country. The Southern idea in this matter of Sabbath observance, as it is in a great many other questions, is simply the pure, sound American idea. The most wholesome American ideas, those ideas upon which our government rests, are nowhere so prevalent as they are at present in the South. We who live in the more progressive East and in the bustling West are prone to speak of the South as slow, of its people as lackadaisical. We like to think of the South as behind the times. But no truer words can be uttered than those which say that if we would find today the American people at their best, where men and women are guided in their actions by wholesome sentiment, where people live righteously, and where the best of our customs are perpetuated and lived every day, where our own language is spoken by all, where hearts beat to the most loyal national sentiments, and where the people can be trusted to uphold what is highest and most lasting in our national life—we must turn to the South. How Sunday should be kept, or the manner in which it should be observed, does not trouble the Southern people. Their respect and honor for the day are too great and deep-seated to question its sacredness. They do not question Divine laws in the South; they accept and perpetuate them. Intellectual progress there goes hand in hand with a strict adherence to the accepted beliefs of religion. The Southern mother does not explain the Bible to her children in the light of so-called "modern teaching": she places it in their hands as her mother gave it to her. And with the fundamental principles of religion the Southern child is taught patriotism and a love of country; hence religion and patriotism stand side by side in the education of a Southern child

The Southern people believe in progress, but progress along healthy, rational lines. Theories which mentally upset find no sympathy with them. They are content to move slowly, but sanely and surely. And some day when the vast majority of us who live in other portions of this country get through with our camping-out civilization, when we drop our boastful manners, when we get old enough to understand that there is a stronghold of conservatism which stands between tyranny and anarchism, our eyes will turn toward the South. And we will see there a people who are American in ideas and in living; a people worshipful, progressive, earnest, courageous and patriotic—a people who have made of their land, against defeat and prejudice, "the heart of America."—The Ladies' Home Journal.

A Declaration of War.

In view of the talk about war there is very great interest to know how declarations of war are made.

They are all alike in matter and substance, with the change of name necessary to let the people know whom they are to fight. The United States have made but two declarations of war. In 1776 we were declared rebels. In 1861 war was declared on the South. There is no declaration of war in declaring a state of insurrection. But in 1812 and 1836 we declared war, the first declaration being against England and the second against Mexico. As England is uppermost in the present war-like minds of the people, the declaration of 1812 is of more interest.

This declaration was drawn by William Pinkney, of Maryland, then Attorney-General of the United States. As adopted by Congress it read:

An Act declaring war between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their Territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That war be and the same is hereby declared to exist between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof and the United States of America and their Territories; and that the President of the United States is hereby authorized to use the whole land and naval force of the United States to carry the same into effect, and to issue to private armed vessels of the United States commissions, or letter of marque and general reprisal, in such form as he shall think proper, and under the seal of the United States, against the vessels, goods and effects of the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the subjects thereof.—News and Observer.

Every man ... should k... it an ... it ...

THE TARIFF CHANGES.

By the Revenue Bill—Table Showing the Wilson and the McKinley Rates on Articles Affected Through the Increase in the Tariff by the Bill Just Passed by Congress.

SIXTY PER CENT. OF THE MCKINLEY TARIFF RATE (NOW THREE).

Wool—First, second and third class, including all hair of the camel, goat, alpaca and other animals, and all noils, shoddy, garnetted waste, top waste, slubbing waste, roving waste, ring waste, yarn waste and all other wastes composed wholly or in any part of wool, and on all woolen rags, mungo and flocks—McKinley tariff rate, 11c. and 12c per lb. for first and second class; third class, 50 per cent. ad valorem.

SIXTY PER CENT. OF MCKINLEY RATE, AND 20 PER CENT. PRE-EMPTION RATE.

Woolen or worsted yarns, valued at not more than 30 cent per pound McKinley Rate, 27 1-2 and 35 per cent.; Wilson rate 30 per cent.

The same valued more than 30c. but not more than 40c. per pound, McKinley rate 33c and 35 per cent.; Wilson rate, 30 per cent.

The same, valued at more than 40 cents, McKinley rate 38 1-2 and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 40 per cent.

Knit fabrics, McKinley rate 33c. and 40 per cent. to 44 and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 40 to 50 per cent.

Blankets McKinley rate 16 1-2 and 30 per cent. to 38 1-2c and 40 per cent.; Wilson rate 25 to 35 per cent.

Women's and children's dress goods, etc McKinley rate 36c. and 40 per cent. to 8c. and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 40 to 50 per cent.

Woolen and worsted cloths McKinley rate 33c. and 40 per cent. to 44c. and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 40 to 50 per cent.

Ready-made clothing McKinley rate 40 1-2c. and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 45 to 50 per cent.

Cloaks, sidmans, jackets, etc McKinley rate 40 1-2c. and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 50 per cent.

Trimmings, buttons, etc. McKinley rate 60c. and 50 per cent.; Wilson rate 50 per cent.

Wool and manufactures thereof McKinley rate 10 to 40 per cent; Wilson rate 10 to 35 per cent.

MCKINLEY RATE RESTORED.

Carpets, Carpetings—Present rate 30 to 50 per cent.; McKinley rate 11c. and 40 per cent. to 60c. and 60 per cent.

WILSON RATE INCREASED 15 PER CENT.

Schedule A.—Chemicals—Acids, coal-tar preparations; oil, paints, colors, varnishes, lead products, chemical preparations, soda. Present duty: ad valorem, 10 to 50 per cent; specific, one eighth of one cent to $6 a pound.

Schedule B.—Earths, Earthenware and Glassware—Cement, lime and plaster, clays or earths, earthenware and china, glass and glassware marble and stone and manufactures of them; stone, slate. Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 45 per cent; specific in proportion.

Schedule C.—Metals and Manufactures of Same—Iron and steel, wire, cutlery, firearms, nails, spikes, tacks and needles, plates, saws, miscellaneous metals, copper, gold and silver, lead, watches, zinc or spelter. Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 50 per cent; specific, 40 cents to $4 per cent.

Schedule E.—Tobacco and Manufactures of—Present duty, ad valorem, 25 per cent.; specific, 25 cents to $4 per pound.

Schedule G.—Agricultural Products and Provisions—Live animals, breadstuffs and farinaceous substances, dairy products, farm and field products, seeds, fish, fruits and nuts, meat products, miscellaneous products. Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 40 per cent.; specific in proportion.

Schedule H.—Spirits, Wines and Other Beverages—Present duty, ad valorem, 20 per cent. (for mineral waters); specific, 15 cents to $2.50 per gallon.

Schedule I.—Cotton Manufactures—Present duty, ad valorem, 30 to 50 per cent.

Schedule J.—Flax, Hemp and Jute and Manufactures of—Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 50 per cent.

Schedule L.—Silks and Silk Goods—Present duty, ad valorem, 20 to 50 per cent.

Schedule M.—Pulp, Papers and Books—Pulp and paper manufactures of paper. Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 50 per cent.; specific 8 to 40 cents per pound.

Schedule N.—Sundries—Buttons and button forms, explosive substances, jewelry and precious stones leather and manufactures of, miscellaneous manufactures. Present duty, ad valorem, 10 to 75 per cent.

RUSSIA IS ON OUR SIDE.

She Is Prepared to Support the President's Views.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Tageblatt says that the United States government has been sounding Russia regarding the dispute with England, and is said to have received the most favorable reply.

It is declared that the Russian government shares President Cleveland's views in the Venezuelan question, and is prepared to support them, at any rate diplomatically.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News warns people against attaching too much credence to reports that Russia will support President Cleveland.

"The relations between the Russian and English courts," continues the correspondent, "are much more cordial than under Alexander III's regime. Besides, the great affection of the Czarina for the Princess of Wales, the Czar is greatly attached to the Queen. Under a despotic government these personal relations are all important, and Russia has no reason to be pleased at an increase of America's power."

Russia's attitude toward the United States excites much curiosity. The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says on this point that trustworthy news is at hand that Russia had no idea of taking active steps against England, either with or without the aid of the United States.

But the Vienna correspondent of the Standard quotes a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Neue Frie Press, which declares that Russia has diplomatically offerred to support President Cleveland's views.

Physicians all over the world recommend Japanese Pile Cure. It has cured thousands, will cure you. Sold under positive guarantee. Sample free. F. S. Duffy.

DUNRAVEN DEPARTS.

He Sails for England Quite Unexpectedly—His Charges Wholly Disproved.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The Earl of Funraven, accompanied by his friend, Arthur Glennie, rear commodore of the Royal Portsmouth Yacht Club, sailed for England at 2 o'clock this afternoon on board the Cunarder Umbria.

The investigation of the charges made by Lord Dunraven against those in charge of the Defender had not concluded when the noble Earl and his henchman took their departure, and only part of the evidence in rebuttal had been given.

The Defender syndicate presented testimony in rebuttal of that of Lord Dunraven yesterday, and although the gentlemen who were present at the inquiry refused to talk for publication, it was learned on good authority that the charges made by Lord Dunraven were totally disproved.

Lord Dunraven's case was based upon suspicion and inference.

HEAVY TOBACCO FAILURE.

World's Largest Planter Makes Assignment—His Backers Also Assign.

LEXINGTON, KY., December 28.—On account of the recent order from England to agents to cease buying the Kentucky product, together with the decline in prices caused by the warfare between manufacturers, Leslie Coombs, of this county, the largest tobacco planter in the world, made an assignment this afternoon. His liabilities are $300,000. Among the assets are a quantity of tobacco, estimated at 700,000 pounds, and nearly 1,000 acres of blue grass land.

Mr. Coombs is the son-in-law of the well known retired thoroughbred breeder, Daniel Swigert, who backed him heavily. He and his son, Robert A. Swigert, also made assignment, this afternoon. He is still a large stockholder in the Belt electric car line, the electric-light works, and the Hercules ice-factory, but it is not believed that his failure will injure these enterprises seriously.

NEGRO STATE CHAIRMAN.

That is the Leadership the Louisiana Republicans Have.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 28.—This afternoon, after a full hour's executive session, Tom Cage, the well-known negro leader in Republican politics, was elected chairman of the State Republican Committee. William B. Wimberly was the other candidate, but he only secured five votes, against nine for Cage, and two members declined to vote.

The United States Have Demanded Turkish Indemnity.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Central News says that the United States have demanded from the Porte the payment of an indemnity for the loss sustained by American missionaries through the action of the mobs in Asia Minor.

Will Speak for Her Husband.

ATLANTA, GA., December 28.—Mrs. W. H. Felton denies the report that she will manage the contest case of her husband for the seat of Representative Maddox, from the Seventh Georgia District. She has collected the evidence in the case, however, and expects to make a speech in her husband's behalf before the Elections Committee.

Audience Alone to Blame for the Baltimore Horror.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—An inquest over the victims of the Front Street Theater disaster was held to-day, and the coroner's jury found that no one was to blame, except the people in the audience, who lost their heads and brought on the panic.

Steel Industry Fails.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28—The Sweet Manufacturing Company, the leading steel industry in this city, today went into the hands of a receiver. The receiver is Robert Dey, son-in-law of William A. Sweet the president of the company. Depressed business is the assigned cause. The assets are stated at $800,000, and the liabilities at $100,000.

Three hundred employees are thrown out of work.

For Tennessee's Exposition.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 28—A party of 100 prominent citizens of Nashville spent the day here. They came in the interest of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

The members of the Nashville party were the guests of the Exhibitors' Association at the Cotton States Exposition, and tonight the Tennesseeans were entertained by the exhibitors at the Capital City Club.

Shoots his Wife in the Back.

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 28—William Miller, one of Davie county's most prominent and wealthiest citizens, during a fit of insanity last night shot his wife in the back with a shotgun. She was running away from him when he fired. Her injuries are regarded as serious.

Mr. Miller has several times recently threatened to kill his wife and children.

California Wheat in Australia.

LONDON, Dec. 30—A Melbourne dispatch to the Times says that a shipment of 1,000 tons of California wheat has arrived at Sidney. The stock of old Victorian wheat, together with the orders already placed in California, will cover the net deficiency for Australasia.

Protection Against America.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—La Temps, discussing protection to-day says:

"We, in Europe protect ourselves piecemeal against our neighbors, and none of us see that the only effective protection to originate is one including the whole of Europe against our great and powerful rival across the Atlantic."

Hardly Consistent.

Nearly every member of Congress agrees to the statement of the leaders that there is little that can be done at this session, and nearly every member has introduced from a dozen to 20 bills already.

The way to reach catarrh is through the blood. That ringing sound in the ears and loss of smell is caused by catarrh. Johnson's Sarsaparilla and Celery treats this disease successfully. Toy it and you will not be disappointed. Price, large bottles, 50 cts. at F. S. Duffy's.

MAGNIFICENT BASKET PARTY.

Enjoyable Entertainment at New Hope School House, Near Reelsboro, for Benefit Disciple Church—$69 75 Raised.

The good people near Reelsboro decided to have a basket party and other amusements at New Hope school house on Christmas eve night, the proceeds of which are to go towards the completion of the commodious church, the Disciples now have in course of construction near that place.

Long before the hour arrived for the entertainment to begin, the people began to come in every imaginable vehicle and from all directions, not only from the neighborhood, but from adjoining counties. The first thing announced was the selling of baskets, near one hundred in number, and they were very quickly sold at twenty-five cents each.

The second was the grab basket which was passed through the throng a number of times and many were the grabs made for the numerous articles it contained. Then came the much enjoyed sport of fishing in the pond and various were the articles taken from the seemingly inexhaustible fountain.

Third was the modern museum in which was a scene of the deep blue sea and an illustration of the tacks on cotton. Also a scene depicting in a vivid manner the horrid condition of a lost soul. The Rev. Mr. James Winfield then announced and placed in view a very handsome cake which was donated to the church by Mrs. Harrison Cannon of Hearne and Tokey's milk and to be given to the handsomest and most accomplished young lady who received the greatest number of votes. After this announcement was made he declared nominations in order and the following young ladies were nominated: Miss Mary F. Holton, Miss Hattie Bennett, Miss Lillie Brinson, Miss Mandy Caton and Miss Sidney Lewis. Each of the young ladies seemed to have a host of friends and admirers and the voting was soon very spirited. However the most interest was manifested in Miss Hattie Bennett and Miss Lilie Brinson, whose friends seemed determined that their favorite girl should win the prize.

Near the hour of 11 Miss Hattie was eight votes ahead and as many of the people were getting impatient a compromise was agreed upon by the friends of the two girls, Miss Lillies friends paying for the eight votes she was in arrears and the cake was given to the two fair competitors.

After which those who kept tally of the votes announced that the proceeds from the sale of the cake was $38.30 and from other sources $31.45, making a total of $69.75. Thus ended the rich and noble entertainment.

May its promoters live a long and useful life which will be a lasting monument to their memory is the sincere wish of your correspondent.

J. E. D.

Reelsboro, N. C., Dec. 27, '95.

VANCEBORO CORRESPONDENCE.

Personals—Basket Party and Other Items by the Journal Representative.

Mr. Joe Dudley paid a visit to Trenton last week.

Miss Pearl Miller is visiting relatives at Bayboro.

Mr. N. A. Bray, of New Berne was in town Sunday.

Miss Neta Richardson of Bellair has been on a visit to Misses Olive and Emmie Cleve.

Miss May Miller and Mr. Nathan Whitford left Friday to visit friends and relatives at Bayboro.

Misses Mary and Bessie Harvey and Miss Lizzie Ewell spent last week with friends and relatives at Trenton.

Messrs. L. M. and Tipp Saterthwaite, our popular young merchants, spent Christmas with relatives in Washington.

Several of our popular ladies and gents attended the tournament at Zorah and report a grand time.

There was a ball in the Masonic Hall, Friday night. It was a pleasant affair and the participants "tripped the light fantastic" till the wee sma' hours of the morning.

The young ladies of Oak Grove (Disciple) church near here had a g'od basket party Thursday night for the purpose of buying lamps for the church. There were fifty baskets sold.

The Sunday school at Ewell's School house about four miles from here, gave a Christmas tree Xmas night. The pupils, about forty in number were well pleased with their presents. This is one of the most successful Sunday schools in our knowledge, and the Superintendents, Messrs. W. A. Ewell and Geo. S. Wilcox, deserve great credit for their work in the cause of the Master.

BELLAIR CORRESPONDENCE.

Good Christmas Entertainment—Need for a Hall—Looking Forward.

Christmas has again come on the calendar and also in its varied rounds of joy, mirth and good cheer, the Bellair people have had their share. There has probably been less fire cracker demonstration, and yet there has been plenty of that.

There has also been less drinking and drunkenness, passing around us, (we have no local drinking) this holiday season than heretofore.

One thing however we lack—there was no Christian meeting in our midst to celebrate this wonderful event, "The Advent of a Savior to a Lost World." Surely there must be a weak place in the Christian community that has a church and does not meet there and offer thanks for the blessings sacred to us through the coming of Christ.

The usual old time Christmas dinners, reunions of friends, kindred, and also of those who desire to become closer related, have occupied most of the week.

The most prominent feature of the week, in our midst, however, was a concert arranged by our young folks, assisted by a few who were not of our immediate vicinity.

The program consisted of Dialogues, recitations, songs, etc., occupying about two hours time, and edifying and amusing the large audience present which numbered more than one hundred.

All the parts were well rendered, and some of them would do credit to an old experienced troup.

But we must "tell tales out of school" and here it is—they had to borrow an unfinished house to have the concert in as we have no hall at all fit for such purposes. School house is too small even for a this school, and if we expect to encourage our children to use their talents and improve them we must have a place for this exercise.

This hastily gotten up concert demonstrates the fact that talent and energy is here in the young people if the parents and citizens will but do their duty, and furnish a place for the development of talent.

We hope the community will be stimulated by what has been done to prepare a comfortable school room and hall for all occasions where one is needed, and that before the close of 1896, which is now very near, an entrance we will have a place that will do credit to the community about Bellair.

The general health of the vicinity is fair and we hope these good manners and cheerful gifts and general blessings of Christmas time will cheer up the long faced farmer, if such there yet be, and start all cheerfully off for a pleasant year for 1896.

Let us all live so that the new year may prove the very best of our lives and whether we gain or lose in the scale of temporal progress, one thing we can be sure of, we will grow in favor with God and man.

Dec. 30, 1895.

FOOT TOURNAMENT AT ZORAH.

Large Attendance—Queen From Vanceboro Coronation Ball.

The young men of Zorah, near Ernul, gave a foot tournament last Friday. It was largely attended and all seemed to enjoy it immensely.

The tilting began at 11 a. m. and the following is the result of the contests:

Mr. Gilbert Whitford crowned the Queen of Love and Beauty, Miss Emma Whitford of Vanceboro; Mr. Den O'Neal crowned the 1st Maid of Honor, Miss Rosa Lancaster of Vanceboro; Mr. Owen O'Neal crowned 2nd Maid of Honor, Miss —— Toler of Zorah; and Mr. Willie Whitford crowned 3rd Maid of Honor, Miss Julia O'Neal of Zorah.

The coronation ball at night, at Mr. Bryan Whitford's, by Mr. Gilbert Whitford, the master of the ball, received the thanks of the entire attendance for his excellent management, and as the first rays of the rising sun streaked the eastern sky, the pleasure seekers repaired to their homes to take a much needed "nap" and to dream of the pleasant hours just passed.

LA GRANGE CORRESPONDENCE

Persona's and Other News of the Village and Vicinity.

The school girls are coming in again after having spent the holidays at home, many of them.

We had a very severe rain and wind storm last night, (Monday), about eleven o'clock by which the Male Academy building was totally wrecked.

Mr. Mint Hadly of Liberty, N. C. is visiting his brother Dr. J. M. and Mr. A. J. Hadly.

Mr. Jno Parks left for Atlanta, to make it his future home.

Mr. John Rouse and family have moved here from Kinston.

Mr. Roland Hardee and wife of Scotland Neck, are here visiting friends.

The Old and New years, party to ring out the old year, and ring in the new will be at Miss Nora Suttons, tonight, Tuesday.

The Masquerade party at Mr. B. B. Kinseys was quite a success, and very much enjoyed by the young people.

COVE CORRESPONDENCE

Personal Mentions—Change of Residence—School Opening—Cornet Band—Basket Party.

Miss Pennie Daughtey and Miss Bertha Wetherington of Tuscarora, who have been spending Christmas here, returned home Saturday.

Miss Hattie White left Sunday to resume her duties as teacher of the Oak Grove public school.

Miss Rella Rose, who had been visiting at Tuscarora, returned Monday.

Miss Fannie Avery returned Tuesday from New Berne, where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Dora Taylor of Trenton is visiting relatives in town this week.

Mr. R. L. Hardy, who moved near Pollocksville ... was in town Monday.

Mr. B. D. F... has bought the old W. W. Daughtey place, and moved there Monday.

Mr. A. W. Avery, Esq., has moved to the Biddle place at the old fort on Neuse river near Fort Barnwell.

Mr. J. A. Ipock has moved to Mr. Avery's place.

The Cove public school will open Monday Jan'y 6th, 1896 with Miss Julia E. Charlton, teacher.

The "Basket Party" held last Friday night for the benefit of the "Cove Cornet Band," was a grand success, 29 baskets were sold, which brought about $9.00. A cake was sold for the prettiest and most popular young lady, that brought $2.50. And was awarded to Miss Julia Charlton. About 70 cts. was raised in voting for the ugliest man, Mr. T. B. Ipock was honored with the compliment.

The total net receipts were $12.51. The attendence was very large, there being representatives from Trenton, Fort Barnwell, Pettecoton, Tuscarora, Spring Garden, and New Berne. The Band furnished music for the occasion, also Miss Jannie Windly of Trenton with the guitar.

SWANSBORO CORRESPONDENCE.

Christmas Happenings in the Village—Numerous Visitors.

A happy new year to all of the readers of THE JOURNAL.

Christmas has come and gone again; after a storm, usually comes a calm, so it is with us in Swansboro, very quiet today the 30th inst. but the past week has been one of unusual liveliness, mirth and merrymaking with both old and young a Xmas tree at the M. E. Church South on Xmas eve, for the benefit of the Sunday school children by the Supt. J. M. Jones, assisted by the teachers of said school, was the commencement of Xmas, also an attempt at a marriage the same night, but the "Solemnizer" was too overjoyed to fulfil the contract, to satisfy the contracting parties, so adjourned for further consideration. The contractor, or solemnizer, insisted, they were legally married, but the interested parties said they were not satisfied, as the ... of a ceremony as they understood it was not performed, whereupon all went home and at day break next morning, met at another place where they were married to suit all concerned, as said by some "over zealous," "this was rather the most ... joyful affair" we ever ... heard of.

Lovely visitors this and last week: Messrs. L. Talley, Ernest and Will Wetherington of Jacksonville, Mr Geo Sanderlin, Capt. Joe Foster, Master Joe Fulford and Ed Russell, from New Berne, Mr. Wilber Willis, of Straits and Misses Hester Burns, Laura Reed, and Dollie Burns of Queens creek, with many more, most of whom came to witness the marriage and festivities of the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Dan H. Ward, and W. E. Sloan, of the steamer Fanny at Fort Lookout, mechaden fishery, spent the holidays home, ... to make a month or more, in the American fishery and hunting to pass returning. Mr. W. H. Will will stay with them.

The Xmas tree was a success in every way, and the happy children were made more happy, thanks to Capt. Mr. Jones. Another ... M. E. Church concert of New Bern, for the benefit of the Baptist Sunday school children, has been in superintended by Capt. Richard Foster, and we know it will be a beauty, because we have seen one in his before.

Our local editor, Mr. C. T. Hancock, was in our village last Xmas to stay, but left soon next morning, regret to make it pleasant for ... his very short stay, ... look him around a little at night ... what he could see at night. This was his first visit to our place. Come again, Mr. Hancock.

Several ... parties took place ... one at Capt. Martin Jones' ... Friday night, and one the night before at Captain George Littleton's.

Mr. E. S. Littleton of this place and Miss Bruney Reed, of Queens Creek, were happily married last Tuesday night at the residence of the bride's parents, by W. W. Russell, Esq.

Mr. J. C. Kirkman and Miss Anna Dennis both of this place, were married about day break Xmas morning at the home of the mother of the bride by D. G. Ward, Esq.

The Baptists organized their church here a week ago with 15 members.

Revs. Nobles, Ward and D. J. Aman present. A large crowd assembled to witness the interesting ceremony. Their appointment here is every 2nd Sunday. They are trying to build a church here. Hope they will succeed.

Rev. D. Reid, is sent back to this circuit again. His appointment is every 3rd Sunday at night. Rev. Stevenson, M. E. C., preaches here every first Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. S. appointment on the Bogue Banks chapel is every 3d Sunday, so we are informed.

Santa Claus gave all his children that were good some presents, and he made his appearance at the residence of Mr. B. Hatsell in the shape of three tramps, supposed to be women from their looks in some parts of their costumes; they sang some very pretty songs, which sweet their voices were pretty, if their faces were not. This was the best Santa Claus for the children we had with us and were followed around town by a vast crowd yelling "Come a long Jim, what a fool, what sat are 'gal has got."

To Settle Boundary Dispute.

Representative Barrett of Massachusetts, introduced in the House a joint resolution authorizing the President to arrange a conference between the United States and nations possessing territory on the American continent for the settlement of boundary disputes. The President is to invite each nation to join the United States in a conference to be held in Washington in 1896, to agree, if possible, upon all boundaries in dispute between such nations.

In forwarding the invitations for the conference, the President is to set forth that it is called to arrange if possible, surveys and the collation of authorities and such information and ... may tend to the settlement of disputes as to the true divisional lines between the nations represented. And upon the disagreement by them to a statement of facts in each dispute, to devise a definite plan to be submitted to each nation for a series of arbitrations to settle such questions. Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for the expenses of the conference.—Wash. Post.

Closing Two Thousand Saloons.

Chicago will wake up on the morning of January 1, 1896, to find itself reformed. At midnight of the 31st instant 2,000 Chicago saloons are to close their doors, put up the shutters and retire from business, not for a few hours of rest, but as a permanent arrangement. Like that celebrated timepiece which, being two large for the shelf, stood ninety years on the floor, these 2,000 saloons will "stop short, never to go again." And their stopping, however beneficent may be its effects in other directions, will not be a benefaction to the treasury of that great municipality. For, as the license fee is $500, this reform will cut off $1,000,000 from the annual income of the city.

There have been many temperance revivals in this country since John B. Gough and his co-workers started the Washingtonian movement, more than fifty years ago, but never before have such numbers of saloons been closed by prohibitory and local option laws. But in no American city have 2,000 saloons been closed on the same day, at the same hour. This movement is unprecedented, not only in the number of saloons to be retired and the amount of revenue involved, but in the fact that it is undertaken by the liquor interest. It appears that the Chicago brewers, like those of many other cities, have made heavy investments in fitting up saloons. Indeed, they have fitted up so many drinking places that the business is overdone, and they propose, on business principles, to reduce the supply to something like equality with the demand. The change will undoubtedly reduce the consumption of stimulants, but we suspect that there will still be ample facilities for all necessary irrigation.

A January thaw is always more productive of colds and coughs than a January freeze. Then is the time Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is needed and proves so extremely efficacious. Ask your druggist for it. Also for Ayer's Almanac, which is free.

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George Vanderbilt's House-Warming in North Carolina—A Large Family Gathering—Biltmore will be Opened on New Year's-Day

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, December ... Society deserts New York ... holiday and heads ... chosen should be ... New-Year's ... will be kept ... his own house ... Chester County ... away, Hempstead ... children are ... members and ...

Since ... palaces ... come to ... was ... Vanderbilt ... New-York, ... Carolina, ... rushed ... has hidden ... magnificent ... celebrated ...

Each ... Vanderbilt ... correspondent ... visits ... older ... have ... almost ...

WONDERFUL ... Mrs. William K. ... Sons ... time ... The ... will ... his world ... shown ... next, his ... ship, ... Vanderbilt, ... in the world, ... lowest rating ... Mrs. Cornelius ... band's left, ... come Fred. Vanderbilt ... charming wife, ... more to the ... Mr. and Mrs. William D. ... the latter was ... haired Emily Vanderbilt ... the left of Mrs. William K.

Mr. Sloane is as rich as ... and their combined wealth ... exceed forty millions, ... H. McK. Twombly and ... Mrs. Seward Webb and ... by their gracious ... Willie K. Vanderbilt represents ... his jolly personage ... more. Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard, the eldest sister of the hostess, is ... so $30,000,000 belonging to the Vanderbilts cannot be counted ...

Of the nieces and nephews there are more than a dozen, each ... with a good, big fortune in ... own right.

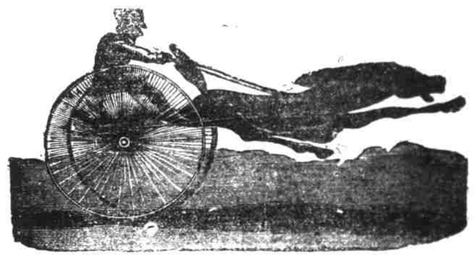
It will be a remarkable dinner party, representing something ... $100,000,000. But the house which ... is to be officially opened to guests ... remarkable. In the first place, it is the grandest and costliest country home in the country, and perhaps any other country. It has taken six years to build, and ... millions.

The history of the building of this place is ... Mr. Vanderbilt's ... ing tract after tract ... forests in the ... long been ... quickly ... bought, and, before the ... the natives knew the name of the real purchaser, he was ... 7,000 acres had ... reasonable figures.

When Mr. Vanderbilt ... came associated with the ... the prices advanced at ...

The ... Biltmore were ... This was par... the site ... The ... the moun... the same as ... feet thick ... How much ... foundation cost? ... times and ... $100,000 of ... contract price ... for $400, ... money was ... fountain ... are in ... which rise ... There ... house, ... the build... the other you ... great ... It is 60 ... in length, ... all ... most elaborate ... marbles ... $30,000 ... of the ...

I'LL STOP AT HEADQUARTERS



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