

A GRACIOUS ACT.

The Elks Furnish a Christmas Tree and Presents for Poor White Children.

There was a beautiful sight presented at the Elks lodge room last evening. The occasion was the Christmas tree which was given for the benefit of the poor white children of the city and the little ones fared royally at the hands of the generous Elks.

The tree was beautifully arranged with lighted tapers, and behind the tree were placed the presents consisting of toys, candy and torpedoes, etc. The plan of distribution was so big and broad that there were not enough children for the number of presents.

Santa Claus in the person of Mr Jim Dawson was the observed of all observers among the little folks and his entry was the signal for a grand rush to centre. He was busy giving out presents for a long time.

The occasion was one of huge enjoyment for the children and as it was for those who did not receive a large amount of presents at home and were overlooked by the Sunday school.

The set was one which will endure the order of Elks to the hearts of every one. It was only one of the many kindly deeds that have originated with them and is a good sample of the unlimited charity of the Elks.

Many little children said as they received their presents last night "God bless the Elks."

ASTORIA. The Kid You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

DIED At Raleigh, N. C., Monday, December 29th, Julia A., wife of Mr Sam'l W Latham.

Foot Ball New Year's. A game of foot ball between the local team and the college students who are spending the holidays in the city, is being arranged to take place New Year's Day at Athletic Park.

We, the undersigned, believing Dr SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM to be a reliable Remedy for Bowel Complaints hereby guarantee a twenty-five cent bottle to give satisfaction or money refunded. T. A. Henry.

Kid Gloves. Don't pay \$1.00 and \$1.25 for Kid Gloves, but go to J. J. Baxter and get them for 75c. and \$1.00.

IN THE RIGHT SEAT. The Old Lady Knew Exactly What She Was About.

As the Broadway car stopped on the south side of the square an aged woman stepped aboard. She was plainly but comfortably dressed, and the style of her garments proclaimed her a foreigner. The car was only partially filled as she stepped aboard, and yet she deliberately sought a place among the smokers on one of the three rear seats.

Conductor—Take one of the front seats, madam. These are reserved for smokers. Old Lady (mildly)—But I see a vacant seat.

Conductor—I say, these seats are for the smokers. Ladies don't sit here. Old Lady (earnestly)—Sit toorunber-sing-tum-burw.

Conductor (raising his voice)—Smoke, pipes, puff, cigars, tabac, Chocky, smoky. Old Lady (smiling)—Peaky-hoparooli-be-singtum-boeh.

Conductor (looking around)—Say, does anybody aboard the car understand this blimed lingo?

No response from passengers. Conductor (loudly)—Ladies don't sit here. They take the front seats. The front seats; do you understand? These seats are for smokers—men who smoke—where, where!

AROUND AND ABOUT.

Cotton sold 5.35 yesterday. The Boston String Band went to Scotland Neck last night to play for an entertainment and will return and play for a dance here tomorrow night.

Miss Laura Hughes has returned to her home in this city from a trip to England. She had the pleasure of witnessing the coronation of King Edward.

A strong wind made the dust a very disagreeable feature about our streets yesterday, fortunately the city sprinkler relieved the situation early in the game.

The friends of Mr Sam & Biddle will be sorry to learn that he has had a case of appendicitis. Mr Biddle has been operated upon, and last night was reported as getting along comfortably.

Mr Joe K Willis has sold to the U S Government some iron fencing which will be placed on the north side of the Post office lot and will match the new iron fence recently purchased for the Christ church yard.

The negro Lawrence who shot Walter Harrison, is still at large. All diligence is being used to locate him. There is an oyster famine on now and it is almost impossible for oyster dealers to get the bivalves in any considerable quantity.

The steamer Blanche is on the ways at the Meadows yard and will not be off before the end of the week. The steam- L. H. Cutler is also on the ways.

Walter Harrison, the white boy, who was shot by Anthony Lawrence Xmas morning is improvng finely and unless blood poison sets in he will recover in a few days.

The temperature made a new low mark yesterday, registering 17 degrees above zero. It was cold again last night, but rising temperature is indicated for tonight and Monday.

The first white shad of the season made its appearance here this week. It was a medium sized "kuck." The fisherman reported the catch of a herring yesterday. Hickory shad are quite plentiful in the market.

Mr W B Coleman who has been ill at Kinston for some time has returned to New Bern and resumed his duties as conductor on the A & N C R R. Mr Coleman's friends are rejoiced to welcome him back to his old position.

Mr David W Hensley who has been sick with pneumonia for several weeks died yesterday afternoon at his home on South Front street. He was 23 years of age. The funeral will be held at his late home this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev H C Moore will conduct the services.

Mr R J Straley, telegraph operator for Murphy & Co., was united in marriage to Miss Eulah Wallace at Raleigh on Christmas day. The bride is the daughter of Mr J B Wallace, Elizabeth City, who was formerly a shoe dealer here, and she is well and favorably known in this city. Their friends wish them long life and happiness.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

ED JOURNAL—Do the men in authority in this city believe that because the people have long tolerated the most flagrant violation of Sunday laws and slept upon their rights as citizens in the matter of issuing liquor licenses that the moral sense of the community is dead and that a refined people have abandoned all sense of decency and propriety?

Because New Bern is a wide open town is there any reason for outraging the wishes of the residents of a neighborhood and staking a bar room just where fifty per cent of the patrons of the leading dry goods stores, two of the banks, and two of the leading grocery stores must necessarily come into contact with the habitues of a rum shop?

Because most of the dentists, a prominent physician and the post office are located in this immediate neighborhood, to which places the ladies of the town must necessarily frequently go, to say nothing of the many other residents of the neighborhood, is it any reason why a liquor saloon should be opened there?

Because the Rector of Christ Church lives within a hundred steps and religious services have been conducted for a century or more in the church around the corner and supported by the followers of Jesus Christ, is it any reason why one Cohen should be armed with the privilege of establishing a branch agency of hell in close proximity to prevail against the house of the Lord?

If not; why was the privilege granted over the protest of the leading residents of the neighborhood?

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Lemuel Hitchcock has sold the brood mare Rose A., by Pembroke, 2:25 1/2 (son of Jay Bird), to George W. Leavitt.

The above will spend the winter at Patches Wilkes stock farm in the hope that Kentucky air and blue grass will rejuvenate him.

Baron Wilkes and Onward divide the honors of being the leading sires of 2:10 performers, each having nine of his get in the select list.

William Long, Pittsburg, Pa., has sold to James Butler, East View farm, New York, the black pacing colt King Direct, three years old, by Direct, 2:05 1/2.

L. R. Haywood, King's Mountain, N. C., has purchased the bay filly Lenore Bell, three years old, by Electric Bell (son of Electioneer), from T. L. Craig, Gastonia, N. C.

R. R. Bradford, Paris, Ky., has sold the bay gelding Massey, six years old, by Byron Wilkes, dam Lulu, by Star Kitty II., to Pennsylvania parties. Massey showed a mile in 2:08.

Scott Hudson's campaigning string for next season will include Rhythmic, 2:08; Chase, 2:07 1/2; Hawthorne, 2:13 1/2; Jay McGregor, 2:25 1/2; Eddie Comers, 2:28 1/2; 2:05 1/2; Doctor Madara, and Tertius.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

A Boy Is Shot With An Air Gun In The Hands of His Brother. Yesterday afternoon Jacob, son of Sam Brooks accidentally shot his brother Isaac, with an air rifle which he didn't know was loaded.

The bullet cut the boy's eyelid and made a painful wound but it is not considered serious. Several minor accidents with these air guns have happened recently and there is a good deal of careless shooting with them. While they are supposed to be harmless, there are occasions like the case stated above when they may prove quite serious.

The guns should not be allowed in the hands of small boys or of children inclined to be "smart," with such things.

An Explanation.

The police wish to correct an erroneous impression in regard to the search for young Lawrence after the shooting Christmas morning. They searched the entire house with the exception of one room prior to the arrival of the Mayor and Chief of police. That room was both locked and bolted on the inside by the boy's mother and as there was no certainty as to the boy's presence in the house the officers were in doubt as to the right to break in the door. It was not a question of bravery, it was a matter of policy and law.

A Card.

The inmates of the County Home wish to extend their hearty thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for the nice Christmas supplies by them and they also thank other friends who remembered that he who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Respectfully, SUPT. OF COUNTY HOME.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Little Miss Mary and Master Barton Spear spent yesterday in Kinston.

Miss Julia McSorley is visiting in Vanceboro.

Miss Maggie McSorley returned from Vanceboro Sunday.

Mr J B Harvey, of Vanceboro was in the city yesterday.

Capt C C Howard arrived from Vanceboro Sunday on his boat.

Mr George Harriott was in the city yesterday.

Miss Myrtle Pope returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Riverdale.

Rev Father George went to Raleigh yesterday.

Messrs A O and Y Z Newberry of New port were in New Bern yesterday.

Congressman C R Thomas is home for a few days.

Major Hart, of Goldsboro was in the city yesterday.

Capt W J Pope, of Kinston, was here yesterday.

Miss Florence Willis, of Wilmington is the guest of friends in the city.

Mr M T Davis, of Washington, D C was in the city yesterday.

Mr Carl Chadwick who has been visiting friends here returned to his home in Beaufort last night.

Mr J M Howard started yesterday for Trenton and Richlands on business in the interest of tobacco.

Miss Lizale, Ewell who has been spending Christmas at her home has returned to her school at Core.

Mr Joel Patrick, of Grifton, who has been a guest of friends in the city returned to his home yesterday.

Mr T A Green left yesterday to attend a meeting of the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Miss Elaine Ryder, of Atlantic City, N J is visiting the Misses Hinman, on Queen street.

Col W D Pollock and T C Wooten, Esq., of Kinston were visitors here yesterday.

Mr Shepard Bryan, who has been visiting relatives here, left for his home in Atlanta last night.

Mr T C Evans who has been a visitor in the city, returned to Greensboro last night.

Capt Thompson returned last night after a few days pleasant visit in Laurinburg.

Rev J H Giles of Newport, spent Sunday here and on Monday morning was joined by his wife who accompanied him to Washington to visit friends.

Mr Henry King, of Georgia, who has been the guest of his brother, Mr Frank King went to Kinston yesterday from whence he will return to Georgia.

Miss Sadie Brown and her brother, Zach Brown, of Vanceboro, and Miss Mabel Edersheim, of Chocowinity, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Mr George Scott, who has been the guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs S H Scott returned to Wilmington yesterday where he is employed by the Electrical Supply Co.

THE VALUE OF EXPERT TREATMENT.

Every one who is afflicted with a chronic disease experiences great difficulty in having their case intelligently treated by the average physician. These diseases can only be cured by a specialist who understands them thoroughly. Dr J Newton Hathaway of Atlanta, Ga. is acknowledged the most skillful and successful specialist in the United States. Write him for his expert opinion of your case. It will be made no charge.

BAD COUNTY ROADWAYS.

Great Cause For Falling off in Local Trade Other Reasons. Complaints have at times been heard from the New Bern merchants last fall, that trade had fallen off very materially compared with other seasons. Various reasons have been given to account for the falling off. The small pox scare being assigned the chief cause, and that it did have a damaging effect, can not be disputed.

But there are other causes, one of which can easily be discovered by riding a few miles from town on either the Neuse or Trent roads. One and a half or two miles out on the Trent road it is not only difficult, but is really dangerous traveling. The holes and ruts are in some places fifteen to eighteen inches deep, extending entirely across the road and which it is next to impossible to draw a load. Neuse road is just as bad.

Any farmer cruel enough to compel his beasts to drag average loads of product over such roads would be technically liable to prosecution under the law for cruelty to animals. And no farmer who cares for his team will drive over such bad roads. There are other causes, besides the bad roads, but with only this one staring them in the face, it is surprising that merchants should wonder why it is that trade has fallen away from New Bern.

The time has come when if the merchants and business men of this town don't bestir themselves and have a little more enterprise they may expect to see their business falling off, for other towns are springing up around, whose push and enterprise will rapidly sap the very life out of New Bern's business interests.

This matter deserves careful consideration, for as trade falls away from the city it not only loses to the merchant but to every property owner.

Letter to Sheriff Biddle. New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir: You are interested in the prosperity of your town, and every dollar anybody saves adds to the wealth of the place. People can save half their money on paint—more than half. Devos Lead and Zinc takes fewer gallons than mixed paints to cover a house, and lasts twice or three times as long as lead and oil. Paint is saved; labor is saved; and the "painting nuisance" is made half as frequent.

When Devos Lead and Zinc is established in New Bern, New Bern will get more out of it than we shall. Yours truly, F. W. Devos & Co., New York. P. S.—E. W. Smallwood sells our paint.

Miss Maud Mungler Entertains.

On Friday night, at her home, Miss Maud Mungler very charmingly entertained about forty of her young friends. Holiday games, with refreshments, made the occasion a pleasant and enjoyable one to all who had the good fortune of being present.

Granted The Liquor License.

At a special called meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night, the following petition was presented. To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Councilmen, City of New Bern. I hereby make application for license to retail liquor for next six months at No. 73 Craven street, New Bern.

Very Respectfully, H. COHEN.

In opposition to this the following petition was presented to the Board of Aldermen. New Bern, N. C., Dec. 29.

We, the undersigned citizens of New Bern, N. C. hereby petition the Hon. Mayor and Board of Councilmen of New Bern, N. C., not to grant a license for a barroom to be located near the corner of Pollock and Craven streets.

P S Cox, J W Stewart, Richardson Printing Co, H L Hall, J E, J O Falford, Chas C Clark, Jr., W B Hackburn, G H Roberts, M E Whitehurst, T B Whitehurst, Geo B Whitehurst, Baifoot Bros, R W Williamson, L H Cutler, J C Whitty, F H Whitty, Ralph Gray, S B Barker, D G Smaw, L G Daniels, T G Hyman, L M Edgerton, J B Holland & Co., Jas Dunn, The Bee Hive Co., D F Jarvis, E F Early, J E & R O'Hara, W A McIntosh, E W Smallwood, R Ulrich, Lather E Bryan, J G Dunn & Co.

On motion being put the following was the vote on the application for license, 6 for; 5 against, which was declared granted.

Voting yes, Lane, Watson, Davenport, York, Johnson, Cobb—5. Voting no, McCarthy, Scales, Gaskill, Barrington, Ives—5.

NEW BERN PRODUCE MARKET.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. Eggs, per doz. 25c. Chickens, old per pair. 80 & 85 young, per pr. 25 & 40 Pork, per lb. 9 & 10 Beef. 8 & 9 Hides, green, per lb. 5c dry, " 10 & 10 Beans, wax, " 20 to 25 Corn, per bush. 55 & 56 Oats, " 50c Peanuts, " 85 Potatoes, Yams, " 65 Bahamas, " 60

Local Grain Market.

Corn, per bu. 50c Oats per bu. 40c Meal, per bu. 50c Hominy, per bu. 70c Corn bran, per 100 lbs. 1.20 Wheat bran, per " 1.40 Feed, 100 lbs. 1.70 Cotton seed meal, 100 lbs. 1.50 Cotton seed hulls, 100 lbs. 1.30 Ship stow, " 1.50 No. 1 Timothy, per ton. 50.00

MAN ABOUT TOWN.

New Years and Some of the Customs of the Occasion. We are about to say Goodbye to the old year and How d'ye do to the new Another year will soon be added to the long line of jobs lots. This is the time when the reflective mortal will meditate over his career in 1902 and if he honest will admit that he made mistakes. Perhaps he will make some resolutions for the new year, "turn over a new leaf" and all that sort of thing. As a mere bit of advice by the way I would suggest that in turning over the leaf it be fastened back securely so that there will be no danger of "flapping."

One of the pleasant customs of this holiday, now out of date, was the making of New Year's calls. It was originated by the Dutch and practiced by them among the aristocratic Dutch families of New Amsterdam or what is now New York. The custom grew until it was observed all over the country and by all who moved in Society. Ladies would usually announce where "open houses" would be found and the names of those who would "receive." Gentlemen would respond to the invitations thus issued.

The revival of this custom as has been talked of here is to be commended. It is said that the custom will be renewed in many places throughout the country.

Human nature is a mighty funny proposition. As a general thing you can bank on the disposition of people to get something of nothing but once in a while you strike a graft that is a little different. Of course, it may be that the result is the same but it is worked in a different way.

A few days ago a man came into the Journal office and wanted to subscribe for the Weekly Journal. He was very particular about receiving it only once a week, while it is well known that the paper is issued twice a week. He offered various excuses why he wanted it only once a week, he didn't have time to read the semi-weekly and his eyes were poor—he couldn't read very much, etc., etc., but at last the cat was out the bag—he didn't want to pay the one dollar per year. It is possible in some land or climate where papers are printed as an institution of charity and distributed gratis that some bloke will come up and want a premium for condescending to read the paper.

Taxes, Taxes!

Delinquent tax payers are hereby notified that their taxes are long past due and must be paid. It is useless to ask for further indulgence, it cannot be granted. The schools and the county haven't the money to pay current expenses, and the State must be paid in full by the second Monday in January. Please call at my office and settle during the present week or I shall be compelled to collect as the law directs. J. W. BIDDLE, Sheriff. Dec. 29, 1902.

BIG AUCTION SALE!

In order to close out my business at Silver Dale, I will sell the balance of my stock of General Merchandise, which consists of Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Hardware, Drugs and Medicines, Furniture, Light and Heavy Groceries at auction Saturdays Dec. 13th & 20th, and on Thursday, January 1st, 1903. I will also sell at auction Buggies, Wagons, Farming Implements, 50 bbls Corn, 5000 lbs Fodder, Household and Kitchen Furniture and lots of other things. Let everybody attend these sales as it will be the last chance to secure bargains. Sale to commence at 10 a. m. E. B. HARGETT, SILVER DALE, N. C.

A thorough cleanser Hargett's Famous Bilious Pills.

Send 6 cents and have sample dose mailed you. Absolutely harmless. HARGETT'S PHARMACY, New Bern, N. C.

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Under Full Headway.

The Holiday trade of 1902 is now under full headway. Completely equipped with the Useful and Ornamental for Gifts. The biggest volume of business is yet to come, but you'll find us ready for it. You can ill afford to pass this shop when bent on Christmas buying.

Fur Pieces.

Among the many useful things for Gifts there is none more useful, none that will be more appreciated than a nobby, new Fur Piece. We've some beauties to show you, and they're most reasonably priced.

Kid Gloves for Presents.

Stylish Dress Gloves in white and black and colors. Lined Suede Gloves. Childrens Gloves. No better presents can you select.

Silk Waist Patterns.

There is a Christmas showing of these

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The Big Book Stock.

You'll find almost an endless variety to choose from. Give us a few minutes of your time. We will please you.

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Disinfectants and Germicides.

30 Cases CHLORIDE OF LIME Just received. 10c each 15c the can AT BRADHAM'S PHARMACY.

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