

THE CHRISTMAS "SPIRIT."

"Everywhere welcome." Drink em and Killem whiskies. "Prepare to enjoy the Christmas holidays by ordering at once."

That these public and private opportunities to be merry and worse during the holidays are not let pass, look at the express wagons or the office. Take notice of drafts with bills of lading attached, for boxes and barrels of every kind of liquor that may be found in the railroad freight offices.

A few days ago a liquor house outside of the state, of course, sent to 300 addresses in this city postal cards with return answer, offering 4 quarts of whiskey on trial to be paid for in 60 days.

It is high time that Maine as a State removed herself from the ridiculous position she now occupies in the eyes of the nation on this half century of merely professed prohibition.

What's the prohibition answer in this city, whose citizens with the proposition "wet or dry" have gone to the polls at three different times and voted by a large majority, "dry"?

ANY REAL HARM IN THE HIGHER CRITICISM?

The recent "howling down" in his annual address before the North Carolina Teachers Assembly, of President Charles L. Coon, because of his criticism of the educational system of this State, provokes the query, are men elected to high positions to remain silent if they see what they consider faults or errors in the office or affairs over which they are placed?

Children Cry for Fletcher's

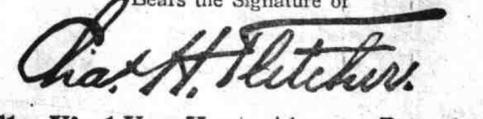


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abuses are remedied. The burden seems to be on those who "howled down" President Coon during his speech to prove the statements he made as being untrue which would be certainly the decent way, and really the only effective method.

Commissioner Graham, of the State Board of Agriculture, is another instance of the higher criticism in his annual report. Mr. Graham's criticism is that certain members of the Board exceed their authority, that their acts are illegal and discourteous.

In both of these matters, Mr. Coon's and Mr. Graham's, their criticism only reflects upon themselves if incorrect. If they are right their criticisms fall upon two important state departments, which need correcting.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a good many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable.

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Austro-Hungary, Germany and Great Britain intimated to the Porte that the opening of the Dardanelles would be dangerous to the peace of the world.

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SCHOOL NEWS OF THE WEEK

Questions In Julius Caesar. Boys Basket Ball Team. Spelling Bees. Athenian For November.

The class in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar has just finished Act. 3 of that play. On Thursday they were given a written test on this act.

1-Who stabbed Caesar first, who last? 2-Who speaks first after the assassination of Caesar and what does he say? 3-What effect does Anthony say Caesar's death will have on Italy?

5-Contrast in full Brutus and Anthony's speech giving the reasoning in each. 6-Brutus speech is in prose, Anthony's in blank verse-Why?

7-What part does the mob play in act 3? The German classes sang Goethe's "The Boy and the Rose" in chapel this week. Both the words and the music have been thoroughly memorized and while quite a number in Chapel did not know German, yet all enjoyed the song nevertheless.

The Athenian is from the press this week and everybody seems delighted with it. Especially appropriate is the cover, which is neat and dignified, and the whole magazine in appearance reflects credit upon the Richardson Printing Co.

The leading article by Gertrude Caraway, on "Some Unmarked Historical Spots in New Bern and Vicinity" will prove of interest to everybody. The editors are planning to follow this article with others of a historical nature, concerning New Bern and New Bernese.

We ought to have at least one hundred subscribers in town to this worthy enterprise of the school children. The boys in high school have organized several basket-ball teams and are practicing each afternoon. This is a fine game, suitable for both boys and girls.

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The Pool of Flame



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"I'm thinking 'tis too beautiful to be good for one—like some women I've known in me time. 'Tis not good for women—that's sure; 'tis the O'Rourke that's going staid and soft with all this easy living."

"This he meant, firmly, and was glad of it, with a heart immeasurably lightened by the strength of his good resolution. He began to hum the old tune that the unknown woman's voice had set buzzing in his brain, and broke off to snap his fingers defiantly at the Casino.

"I'm Paddy Whack From Ballyhack, Not long ago turned soldier—O At grand attack, Or storm or sack, None than I will prove bolder—O!"

His voice was by way of being a tone of tolerable quality and volume, but untrained—nothing wonderful. It was just the way he trotted out the rollicking stanza that rendered it infectious, irresistible. For as he paused the voice of the woman that had reminded him of the song capped the verse neatly.

"Ah! when we get the route Wid a shout, How they go! Wid a ready right-about Goes the bould soldier-boy!"

O'Rourke caught his breath, startled, stunned. "It can't be—" he whispered. For if at first her voice, subdued in distance, had stirred his memory with a touch as vague and thrilling as the caress of a woman's hand in darkness, now that he heard the full strength of that soprano, bell-clear and spirited, he was sure he knew the singer. He told himself that there could be no two women in the world with voices just like that; not another than her he knew could have rendered the words with so true a spirit, so rare a brogue—tinged as that had been with the faintest, quaintest exotic inflection imaginable.

But she had stopped with the verse half sung. His pulses quickening, O'Rourke leaned forth from the window and carried it on:

"O, 'tis thin the ladies fair Tear their hair! But—'tis divil a bit I care! 'Tis the bould soldier-boy!"

There fell a pause. He listened with his heart in his mouth, but heard nothing. And it seemed impossible to surmise whence, from which one of all the rooms with windows opening upon that side of the hotel, had come the voice of the woman. She might as well have been above as below him, or on either side; he could not guess. But he was determined.

Now there was beneath his window a balcony with a floor of wood and a rail of iron-filigree—a long balcony, extending from one corner of the hotel to the other. At intervals it was spangled with light from the windows of chambers still occupied by guests belated or busy, like himself, with the task of dressing for the evening. The window to his left was slight; that on his right, dark. With half his body on the balcony, his legs dangling within the room, O'Rourke watched the opening on his left with jealous, breathless expectancy. Not a sound came therefrom. He hesitated.

"If that wasn't her room, I'd hear somebody moving about," he reasoned. "Tis frightened she is—not suspect in 'tis us. . . . But how do I know 'tis herself? . . . Faith! could us sure resolve us?"

With that he took heart of hope and spoke manfully into the chorus, singing the first line with under and fervor, with confidence and with hope, singing progressively, pleadingly, and bravely, insistently.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

A Pretty Incident in the Career of Rosa Bonheur.

"We are not brothers for nothing," Rosa Bonheur once wrote in jesting affection to her brother Isidore. And in truth the wonderful, quaint, boyish little woman, with her bright eyes, cropped curls and breezy ways, was almost more a brotherly chum than a sister to the "Dodore" whom she so dearly loved.

Much of the time on her country estate, in her studio and among her animals, wild and tame, she wore the masculine costume which her manner of life required, to wear which she had, with one other woman, a famous explorer and archaeologist, received express permission from the French government. Yet this very manly little person was far from unwomanly in her sympathies, and her latest biography records a pretty incident related by her friend, Joseph Verdet, the landscape painter.

"One evening she was dining with me and some friends. Among the friends was a young lady recently married, who gave us an account of the furnishing of her house. All the rooms were furnished except the dining room. For this last her husband could not yet give her the money, and she was compelled to hold her little reception in her sleeping room."

"After dinner Rosa asked me for a large sheet of drawing paper, and while we were talking she sketched a delightful hunting scene, which she signed with her full name. Then, under cover of a general conversation on music, while tea was being served, she approached the young wife and said to her: 'Take this picture to Tedesco on your return to Paris, and he will give you at least 1,500 francs for it. Then you will be able to furnish your dining room.'"

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency showed gains by the national banks.

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