

FRANKLIN, N. C., Dec. 21, 1904. W. A. CURTIS, Editor. W. F. GILLIS, Associate Editor.

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It seems that Smoot is a more depraved and disgusting quality than smut.

The newspapers and churches of South Carolina are waging war against the dispensary system of the state and using some vigorous language.

"Use is the law of language." If use doesn't put a new word on the wing now it will miss a good opportunity to teach what it means to be "Charwarded."

The Press will appear as a holiday issue next week instead of this week as announced last week. This will enable it to appear between Christmas and New Year, a more appropriate time.

If every subscriber to THE PRESS would use a little effort and secure one new subscriber during New Year week and send in the cash it would double our subscription list and enable us to make a radical change in the paper that would more than pay for the exertion used in improved news service.

The Pension money for the old Confederate veterans is here. It does not amount to much for each one, but it is some help. It is the best the state can do at present.

The good work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was shown last week at High Point, N. C. Wm. A. Mathews, a member of the order, died Saturday evening.

The Message of Christmas.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Fight Will Be Bitter. Those who will persist in cloning their eyes against the continued recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination.

A Seasonable Request. Send in a few nickels; the chaps are crying for candy.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

A Frightened Horse. Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salvo body and there's none so good as Bucklen's Arnica Salvo.

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Veterans and Widows of Macon County Get \$1,610 in Pensions.

The vouchers for the old Confederate soldiers and the widows of Confederate soldiers of Macon County for pension money, appropriated by the State of North Carolina and paid annually just before Christmas time, have arrived and the pensioners may at any time call at the office of Lee Crawford, clerk of the court, and secure their checks. The clerk received the vouchers from State Auditor Dixon last Friday morning and desires that the pensioners call at their earliest convenience for the money. There are just over 100 persons in Macon county on the rolls for pensions this year. These pensions are divided into five classes and aggregate \$1,610. Of the first class, or totally disabled, who receive \$120, there is only one; of the second class there are two who receive \$45 each. In the third class, two who get \$35, and 53 in the fourth class who receive \$14 each. In addition to these are 42 widows who receive the same amount as the pensioners in the fourth class, \$14 each.

One veteran, Mr. C. J. Dalrymple, has died since the rolls were sent up last June. The Bank of Franklin will cash all the veterans' checks presented free of charge. Since writing the above we learn that W. B. Mann died some time back which reduces the number on the rolls to 99.

An Armored Cruiser to Be Named North Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 16. The naval board of construction today recommended that contracts for the armored cruiser Montana and North Carolina be awarded to the Newport News Ship Building company, and the contract for the battleship New Hampshire, to the New York Ship Building company. The recommendation is before Secretary Morton.

Paderewski Here.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Ignace Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, arrived here today from New Zealand. He will tour the leading American cities for a number of concerts, making his first appearance here next week.

Death of Mrs. Gen. D. H. Hill.

Mrs. Isabella Morrison Hill, widow of Major General D. H. Hill, of the Confederate army, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her son, Prof. D. H. Hill, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mrs. Hill was a sister of Mrs. T. J. Jackson, and was in her 80th year of age.

Favorable Report on Statehood Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories, by a vote of 6 to 4, today authorized a favorable report of the statehood bill, providing for the admission into the Union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to become the State of Oklahoma, and Arizona and New Mexico to become the State of Arizona.

To Impeach Judge Swayne.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Sitting as a grand jury the House of Representatives today with almost full membership after devoting five hours to discussion, adopted a resolution providing for the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne of the Northern District of Florida, for "High crimes and misdemeanors."

Time Extended.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In the case of the State of South Dakota v. The State of North Carolina, the Supreme Court of the United States today granted the motion to extend until April 1st the time for the payment of the North Carolina bonds, as prayed for by that State. The purpose of the extension is to afford time to the North Carolina Legislature to consider the question of paying the bonds and thus avoid sale.

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A Poem for Today

LIUTENANT LUFF

By Thomas Hood. "WARNER'S Library of the World's Best Literature" says of Thomas Hood (born 1798, died 1845): "To Thomas Hood, more truly than to any other English poet, belongs the epithet that the Germans love to bestow on Richter, 'the only one.' As a humorist, as a master of grimace and extravagance, as a thinker and as a poet, he was no man's imitator."

ALL you that are too fond of wine, Of any other stuff, Take warning by the dismal fate Of one Lieutenant Luff. A sober man he might have been, Except in one regard, He did not like soft water, So he took to drinking hard! Said he, "Let others fancy stops, And talk in praise of tea, But I am no Bohemian, So do not like Boho. If wine's a poison, so is tea, Though in another shape; What matter whether one is killed By canister or grape?" According to this kind of taste Did he indulge his drouth, And being fond of port, he made A port-hole of his mouth! A single pint he might have sipp'd And not been out of sorts, In geologic phrase—the rock He spilt upon was quartz! To "hold the mirror up to vice" With him was hard, alas! The worse for wine he often was, But not "before a glass." No kind and prudent friend had he To bid him drink no more— The only cheery in his course Were at a tavern door!

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH. Copyright, 1904, by Duncan M. Smith.

PERT PARAGRAPHS. How at peace with the world it does make a man feel to buy an overcoat at a bargain and find it advertised the next day for \$2 less!

There is a man out west who does not think he could play Heanul, but he has been buried several years.

Without going into his private history you may be satisfied that a carpenter always has one vice.

It is better to be a wild goose than a Thanksgiving turkey.

Why doesn't somebody tell the man who carried the message to Garcia to go and find the north pole?

A candidate who is in the hands of his friends soon discovers that those hands have itching palms.

Where a woman is superior to a photograph is in the fact that she runs without being wound up.

No matter how much her husband needs roasting, a woman always feels equal to the job and does not thank outsiders for help.

Don't feed him when people go around telling lies about you. They might switch to the truth.

Not at This Time. There are some pretty creatures— To any I feel quite free— That, could I always have my choice, I wouldn't care to be. I'd try to duck the honor, And say, "Noisy here."

It's all right in the summer To be a noble bird; To like a peacock strut around And make you goggle-eyed, But when the autumn season lays bare the forest trees I know I'd feel like saying, "Not any, if 'ya please."

To strut around the barnyard And gobble all the day, And lord it o'er the henroost Is all right in its way, But when the festive season comes scolding down the pipe I think I'd grab my feathers And go out on a strike.

It wouldn't hit my fancy To grace the family board And be brought on the table Red hot, but all fired dead, I'd rather be the fellow Invited to dine. Who says, when asked his preference, "Some light and dark to mine."

A Sort of Mortgage. "That young man on the other side of the car must be real estate." "Why?" "Because the girl with him seems to have a lean on him."

Potent Sign. Of French he couldn't speak a word Or read a single line, But when he journeyed through their land He got along quite well. By signs he made them understand— He used the "O" sign.

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NEWS BRIEFS.

President Roosevelt has declined the invitation of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce to visit Atlanta next May. Mrs. L. E. Fitzgerald of Asheville, about two years ago, fell off a steep place on Spruce street where there was no railing and insufficient light, and sustained injuries for which she brought suit against the city, and recovered a verdict for \$2000 damages last week.

Governor Aycock has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Teachers' Assembly of Louisiana at LaFayette, December 28th.

The post office at Tryon, N. C., and three business houses were destroyed by fire early Friday morning. Total loss estimated at \$2000.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. TAKE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25¢.

Igorrotes the Best Attraction at the St. Louis Fair. The Igorrotes proved the best source of income at the Philippine Exposition, according to the report issued by the Philippine Exposition Board.

The income from the Igorrotes in admissions during the Exposition period is \$200,887.18, and from sales in small concessions in the same village \$1,699.10.

Stallcup Furniture Co., FRANKLIN, N. C.

Furniture, made and repaired, and kept for sale. Coffins, caskets, and undertaking goods of all kinds furnished promptly on demand. Terms right and reasonable.

Munday Brick Block Undertaking Rooms Up Stairs.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Superior Court, Macon County. Before the Clerk Publication of Summons.

James Dryman and wife Ellie Dryman, Mary Dryman, Charles Dryman and wife M. J. Dryman, Jake Dryman, William Dryman and wife Susan Dryman, J. C. McConnell and wife Jane McConnell, A. J. Dills and wife Cora Dills, W. B. McGuire, Robert Shoppe, Zeb Shoppe and wife Nellie Shoppe, Ed Shoppe and wife Eliza Shoppe, Henry Cabe and wife Oetia Cabe, Steve Cabe and wife A. F. Cabe, Thomas Cabe, David Vinson and wife S. E. Vinson, Texas McClure and Lem McClure,

vs. Henry Dryman, George Dryman, John Dryman, Ed. Dryman, Jane Long, Estelle McClure, Et. McClure, Ivey McClure, Sam Norton; the children of Sarah Ann Setser, deceased; and Putman Long, Hugh Long, Sherrell Long, Joe Long, Matilda Long, Rebecca Ann Long, Jane Long and Long, children and heirs-at-law of Dorcas Long, deceased.

The non-resident defendants above-mentioned, viz: Henry Dryman, Jane Long, Sr., Sam Norton; the children of Sarah Ann Setser, deceased; and Putman Long, Hugh Long, Sherrell Long, Joe Long, Matilda Long, Rebecca Ann Long, Jane Long and Long, children and heirs-at-law of Dorcas Long, deceased, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., before the Clerk, for the purpose of selling for partition the lands in Macon County, N. C., covered by and described in State Grant No. 1617 issued to Virgil Dryman and now held and owned by the plaintiffs and defendants as tenants in common. And said non-resident defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or petition of the plaintiffs at the office of the undersigned Clerk Superior Court, at the court house in the town of Franklin, N. C., on the 17th day of January, 1905; otherwise the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition will be granted. Due at office in Franklin, N. C., this 16th day of December, 1904.

LEE CRAWFORD, Clerk Supr. Court, Macon County, N. C. JENNA & JOHNSON, Att'ys. in Law, Franklin, N. C.

Annual Statement of Macon County Finances.

I, D. W. Blaine, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, do hereby certify that the following is a true Statement of the receipts and disbursements of the County Revenue, (except the School Fund which is controlled by the Board of Education), from Dec. 1st, 1903, to Dec. 1st, 1904, as shown by settlement with County Treasurer.

Receipts.—On ordinary account, \$18,426.90. Disbursements.—On ordinary account, 788.38. On Pauper do 29.17. On Road do 30.11. Balance in Treasury, 1,799.24 \$18,426.90.

I further certify that the following is a correct list of all accounts audited by said Board for the year ending Nov. 30, 1904. D. W. BLAINE, Clerk of the Board.

Table listing accounts audited for the year ending Nov. 30, 1904. Columns include name, amount, and date. Includes entries for Lee Crawford, J. W. Horn, Marion Bradley, etc.

July, 1904. 540 C E Reese jail fees for Javan Long 11 85. 541 C E Reese jail fees for the mo. of June 12 25. 542 L Howell for listing taxes Franklin township 24 00. August, 1904. 543 J M Dowdle for tax imp. charged 1903 40. 544 E M Finland for tax do do do 30. 545 J A Waldrop per diem 5 days mem of Bd & mileage 36 mi 11 80. 546 Geo W Parrish per do do do do do 12 85. 547 D W Blaine per diem 11 days clk of Bd & 2 days clk of Finance com 26 00. 548 D W Blaine for office work from Feb. 1, to Aug. 1, 101 82. 549 Lee Crawford per diem 3 days mem of Pension Bd 6 00. 550 C L Luther per diem 3 days member of Pension Bd 6 00.