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BUSINESS LOCALS.

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DR. W. H. WAKFIELD, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Charlotte, is off on his yearly visit to the hospitals and schools of medicine in New York. The doctor will return about Jan. 10th, and during '97 can be found in his Charlotte office except on Wednesdays.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—The last day of the year:
—This is the 33d paper we've issued this year.
—Don't go and write it 1896 any more after to-day.

—Leap year goes to-day, girls, and returns no more now for eight years.
—The Shelby Aurora is going to change itself to an eight page paper.

—Rev. R. P. Smith will preach at the King's Mountain Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

—The scissors grinder and the monkey man with his organ have been enjoying the freedom of the town this week.

—The tinshop crew of Long Brothers spent Christmas day in the fields hunting. They came home at night with 85 rabbits to their credit.

—Mr. Lamar Pegrum has resigned his position in the First National Bank, and will leave next week to attend school at Mebane, N. C.

—All the Christmas songs announced in last issue for the different Sunday schools came off on schedule time and were thoroughly enjoyed.

—The cold snap thawed itself away in the clouds of Tuesday night, and yesterday, bright and soft and sunny, was full of hints of Indian summer.

—Services at the Presbyterian church will be conducted next Sabbath morning and night by Rev. Frank K. Sims, of Lowryville, S. C.

—It will oblige us if those of our advertisers who wish to make a change next week will bring in copy for new advertisement before Wednesday noon.

—Up to Tuesday night there had been handled at the platform during this season 2,900 bales of cotton. These figures are given us by Mr. W. M. Adams, weigher.

—At King's Mountain yesterday Mr. B. M. Ormand, of the Southern, led to the hymenal altar Miss Lillian Allison the oldest daughter of the editor of the Reformer.

—Next Monday is commissioners' day in Dallas. It will also be Saturday. The Sheriff's sale of real estate for delinquent taxes of 1895 and other important sales will take place.

—Gastonia passed a quiet Christmas. Two drunks were all the police had to look after. A few caustic crackers and boy lattes with Roman candles supplied the principal out-of-door fun.

—We should not be surprised to hear that one of the young men of Begonia had skipped across the line with a pretty girl. He was in town recently and bought himself a new buggy.

—The Reformer says the Dilling Mill at King's Mountain furnished each of its 107 families with a turkey for their Christmas dinner and that the Enterprise handed out 27 in the same way.

—It is not too late to make your distant friend or son or daughter or other relative a present of a year's subscription to the GAZETTE. Try it. This would be 62 presents instead of only one.

—There was a big collision on the Southern near Clifton last Saturday. North-bound freight No. 64 and a work train bound for Atlanta plunged together at full speed. Nobody was seriously hurt.

—At the residence of Esquire J. T. B. Danerson, who performed the ceremony, Mr. Julius A. Best and Miss Cora A. Frazer were united in the bonds of matrimony on the 29d inst. All were of this county.

—Many subscriptions expire with this issue. A renewal on each and every one is respectfully solicited this week. If the editor doesn't get around to see you, he will be delighted to have you drop in to see him.

—The correspondent of the Charlotte News writes that the employees of the Modena cotton mill showed the high esteem in which they held the Superintendent, Mr. J. O. White, by presenting him a gold headed cane and a silver headed umbrella, as a Christmas token of their regard for him and to show him that they believe in both gold and silver.

—The grand jury of Mecklenburg on Wednesday last week returned a true bill of indictment against Mr. Archibald Brady for embezzlement while cashier of the Loan & Savings Bank. It was framed on evidence furnished by the grand jury that produced before the grand jury by President Jno. E. Oates. Mr. Brady is not in the city, so the News says, but is traveling as salesman for a Chicago house.

—An important meeting of the stockholders of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge will be held in Newton on next Thursday, the 7th of January. Some of the papers, following copy, had it the 17th. The GAZETTE knew this was wrong, and guessing the 14th was meant, so we printed it. But all heads were wrong. It's the 7th, next Thursday. It is rumored that changes will be made in both the name and management of the road.

—One of the heaviest fogs ever known in this section prevailed here last night.

—With only a half sheet this week, THE GAZETTE certainly can't be accused of having "three sheets in the wind."

—The First National Bank is sending out to its patrons and correspondents a large and particularly pretty calendar for 1897 free in colors.

—From the Charlotte News we learn that Mr. Ross Blackwood and Miss Ellie Elvert were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on West Eighth street, on last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. E. L. Atkins officiating. The groom is an old Gastonia boy.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mr. W. A. Grier, of Shopton, was in town yesterday.

—Miss Mabel Smith is visiting her friend Miss Helen Brice in Blackstock, S. C.

—Miss Nannie Crawford is spending the holidays with her cousin, Miss Ida Purley.

—Mr. C. E. Rhyne is at home from Wake Forest for the holidays. He is studying for the ministry.

—Miss Shelton Wells enjoyed a well-earned Christmas vacation with her relatives in Lincoln and returned Monday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrow, of Pineville, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Morrow's parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Moore.

—Miss Janie Jackson, of Crowder's Creek, spent the holidays with Miss Hope Adams. Both are now visiting in King's Mountain.

—Miss Cynthia Raddock returned from Charlotte Monday on the vestibule and is again on duty in Mr. Williamson's millinery department.

—Mr. J. W. Gallant, of Columbia, S. C. visited his uncle W. L. Gallant during the holidays. We were pleased to have a call from him Tuesday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Liebsberger and the children spent Christmas at Ribburg with relatives. They left Christmas morning and returned Monday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Warren and Miss Mary Warren spent the holidays in Shelby with Mrs. Warren's people. Mr. Warren and Miss Mary are expected home to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce and the children, of McAdenville, spent Christmas at Capt. F. O. Holland's. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Curry returned with them yesterday morning.

—Mrs. W. F. Marshall and the children left Christmas morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Marshall's sister in Columbia. They will return by or before next Monday.

—Mr. J. F. Hoffman and family, of Yorkville, spent Christmas with his brother, W. T. Hoffman, and returned Monday. Mr. Hoffman seized the opportunity to renew his paper for a year.

—Messrs. Jno. W. Carson and J. F. Falls are at home from Reeking for the holidays. Mr. Carson paid the GAZETTE a pleasant call yesterday. He reports good work and a large attendance—the best perhaps since the war. The new dormitory will soon be ready. Our Gaston boys will return, probably, in time to be on duty Monday morning.

Sted at a Rippe Old Age.
Monday morning at four o'clock, Mrs. Susan Withers, grandmother of Mr. F. A. Costner, departed this life at the age of 91 years, one month, and 27 days. She was buried Tuesday at the old Costner family graveyard near Philadelphia Lutheran church. The funeral was preached at the home by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Yesterday's Police Docket.
Chief Carroll made two arrests yesterday. Both were calaboose cases. Henry Horton, colored, was on a tear and beat his wife. For this he had to be nabbed and caged. On a telegram from Central, Gobe Tassly, a brain hand on No. 64, was arrested for burglary. Later in the afternoon he was released, not being the right man.

Some of our subscribers whose time expires with the year, have pleased us much by renewing for 1897 before the year gets here. Among the number are Mr. S. F. Stewart, Mrs. Kate Smith, Messrs. J. P. Stowe, C. J. Lindeberger, J. F. Hoffman, T. L. Clifton, and Mrs. Margaret Gienn, who came in Tuesday and paid for four subscriptions, three of which she sends out of the State to her children. The kindly feeling which these friends have shown for their local paper is helpful in more ways than one and is profoundly appreciated.

Visit From St. Mary's Boys.
A company of 21 juniors and minors from St. Mary's College, Belmont, paid a visit to Gastonia yesterday. They were in charge of Father Eugene. Their object was simply a day's outing for the purpose of seeing Gastonia and enjoying the recreation of the ride across the country. They all dined at the Falls House, and those whose dinner hour happened to be at the same time could not fail to note the most admirable demeanor of these college boys. They returned about the middle of the afternoon. The town's yours, boys, whenever you wish to come.

A State Hospital in Gastonia.
Insane, deaf, dumb, and blind watches, clocks, and jewelry cured in 2 or 3 days with a guarantee to give entire satisfaction. Patients (watches, clocks, etc.) which others worked on and failed to cure are especially wanted by the new jeweler. JOSEPH WALTERS.

Shops to be Moved.
Arrangements are on foot for the removal, as soon as convenient, of the shops of Messrs. J. E. Page & Co. to the new site recently purchased. Papers were passed this week giving the company possession of three and a half acres on west side of Marietta street beyond the Baptist church, the oak grove being included in the site. The object of removal is to get room for enlargement and to diminish risk of fire.

Merry Christmas Dinner.
By invitation Misses Carrie Boyce and Annie Ham, with Messrs. J. F. Johnson, W. Y. Warren, and J. H. Kennedy, dined Christmas day with Mr. H. A. Caldwell's family at Crowder's Creek. As is usual with guests of this hospitable home, they had a pleasant and most delightful day. The Christmas feast was a sumptuous one and seasoned with the brightest of good cheer, while the lavish hospitality was in every way characteristic of this elegant and happy home.

Traveller's Arm Blashed.
It was a painful accident that happened yesterday about noon at the yard for Charlotte, was shifting at the time and a young negro man was coupling. In an unguarded moment the bumpers came together with his right elbow between them and crushed it. Some of the splintered bones protruded through the skin. Dr. Reid dressed the injured limb. He says the crushed portion includes the joint, an inch or two above and two or three inches below, and that amputation may become necessary. The arm is badly swollen. The man gave his name as James Bous and said his home was in Gainesville, Ga., whether he returned on the belated 1:10 train.

Lively Social Season.
The holidays have been a lively season of enjoyment for the young people. There has scarcely been an evening without a party of some kind. Monday night a tea party that delighted every guest was given by Miss Mable Lovv. Tuesday night the Misses Shuford entertained their friends most charmingly at their home on Mill Street. To-night at the Falls House the young man will give a supper complimentary to their fair friends. Mrs. R. P. Smith and Mrs. A. C. Williamson will be the chaperones. There will be games and music for the amusement of the young people and the managers will exert themselves to make the occasion one of rare pleasure to the participants.

Gracious Remembrance.
Though his pastoral relations here were ended three months ago, the Presbyterian congregation or some body, did not fail to remember graciously with tokens of Christmas good-will their former pastor, Rev. M. P. Smith and his family. Early Christmas morning every member of the family received some special token of loving remembrance, to say nothing of a number of presents for the family as a whole. Every present had intrinsic worth and was most appropriate. The provoking thing about it was, that no one was permitted to see the donor until he was identified, but in a position to know that their gracious kindness awakens in the hearts of the recipients a response of happy and most grateful appreciation.

Kept his Burial Suit 20 Years.
Last Friday night at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Newton, at the Avon mill, Mr. Stephen Baker departed this life at the age of 81 years. Mr. Newton was his only daughter. The funeral was preached at the house Saturday by Rev. C. H. Durham and the interment took place at Shiloh. Shortly before her death some 20 years ago, Mrs. Baker made her husband a suit of clothes of material which she had spun and woven with her own hands. All the time since, he kept this suit, with almost sacred care, that he might be buried in it. It was of a gray or mixed color and of a style prevailing in the good old days before the war. His long cherished wish to be laid to rest in this suit made by his beloved and long departed companion was gratified. He was originally from South Carolina and had lived but a few weeks in Gastonia.

A Long-lived Family.
Mrs. Susan Withers, grandmother of Mr. Frank Costner, was an aged member of a family truly remarkable for its longevity. She died Monday at an age past 91 years. At her burial were her niece from 70 to 75 years old and a daughter of 74 years old, some of these having upon a staff. Mrs. Withers had a sister who lived to be 92. A few feet from her grave was that of Miss Elizabeth Costner, a maiden aunt, and the inscription on the headstone shows that she was born in 1795 and died in 1869, at the age of 102 years, 11 months, and 5 days, being but little short of 103 years old. She was born and reared, lived and died within a mile of the Philadelphia church. This family of such remarkable longevity is of German or Dutch descent, the name being spelled Koeser originally. An allied branch bore the name of Koeh (pronounced Kuk), which came to be spelled and pronounced Cook. To this family belong the Cooks of Cabarrus county, including Prof. Jas. P. Cook, of Concord. Mrs. Withers was a Hoffman, an aunt of Dr. W. H. Hoffman, and the last of the family of John Hoffman, of Revolutionary fame. The Koeser, Koesner, and Hoffmann were related families and all long-lived.

Every mother should know that group can be prevented by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after coughing has appeared it will prevent the attack. This remedy is also a certain cure for croup, and we have never yet heard of its failing in a single instance. For sale by J. E. Curry & Co. Druggists.

CANNON CRACKER ACCIDENTS.

Here's a Harvest of Them—Men, Boys and Girls Got Hurt.
The cannon cracker has been getting in its work this Christmas. In Gastonia a front window of J. D. Moore & Co's got a hole knocked through it by the flying plug of one of these crackers, and a young man who doesn't wish us to give his name got his hand and one side of his face damaged.

Here are four cases reported by the Charlotte Observer:
There were a number of minor casualties from fireworks Christmas day, but only two severe ones. Mr. Arthur Harris, who is employed at the Augusta Brewing Company, received a severe laceration of the right hand and was also cut on his face by the explosion of a cannon cracker. Dr. Misenheimer and Irwin dressed his wounds.

Mr. Bob Cruse, who runs a shifting engine for the Southern road, was showing his boys how to shoot crackers. He had a big one, which failed to explode. He picked it up and was holding it close to his face, examining the fuse, when it exploded. The lid of his right eye was split open and the eye-ball was badly burned. The lid was sewed up and the eye dressed. It is a serious injury.

Christmas day Bob Dulla, a 19-year-old son of Mr. Charles Dulla, who lives four miles from town, on the Lawyer's road, was hurt by the explosion of a cannon cracker. The thumb of his right hand was torn entirely away, and the hand was otherwise lacerated.

A son of Mr. E. Boston Wallace, in Crab Orchard township, was hurt in a similar manner, though not quite so seriously.

And this bad case is reported by the Atlanta Journal: While celebrating Christmas with a merry party of friends yesterday afternoon, Miss Myrtle Rader, of G. Horton's avenue had her left hand badly lacerated by a large firecracker, and all her fingers except the small one torn almost completely off. The lady lies at the Grady hospital suffering intense pain from the wounded member, and while it is not thought today that the hand will have to be amputated, she is disfigured for life.

Murder in Town.
There was a "special opening" at Mr. A. C. Williamson's store last night—but it was at the back door. A burglar smashed the glass out and went in. He was discovered by Mr. J. W. Bryson, the night police, through the front door. Before he could make the circuit of the block and get to the back door, the burglar had taken alarm and fled toward Mr. R. Henson. Henson heard the sound of his retreating and fired three shots in that direction. It does not appear that the thief got any goods or money.

Deaths Cause in Laughter.
In strange form indeed does death come when life goes out in laughter. In such manner, we are informed, death came last Saturday to Mr. Dan Clifford. He was at the store of Mr. Will Thompson in Stanley Creek. Of a social disposition, he was enjoying conversation and companionship with friends and neighbors who chanced to be there also. He threw his head back in laughter at some jest or remark which amused him, when it was noticed that he kept on backward and fell over—dead! He was a good citizen and was well known over the county. He used to run a ferry not far below Mountain Island.

The widow of the late ex-Gov. Joseph E. Brown died in Georgia last week. She left an estate valued at about \$50,000, which she distributed principally among her children and grandchildren.

New Haven reported on Monday the coldest weather of the season, with the mercury at 20 degrees below zero, in New York at 10 degrees below zero the same day, the weather is said to have been the coldest in 24 years.

A number of western banks have gone down with a crash in the last ten days. The National Bank of Illinois tumbled first and pulled down several others with it. Two sons-in-law of the president had got possession of \$1,000,000 of the bank's money. There were other shaky loans also, of which the directors confessed themselves to be totally in the dark.

PLEASE SETTLE!
Now that the year is drawing to a close, it is our desire to have a settlement of our year's business. If you owe us, therefore, either on note or account, you are respectfully requested to come forward at once, before the first of January, and make settlement of the same. This is for one and all, and by giving prompt attention you will greatly oblige.

Yours truly,
CHAS. & WILSON.

NEW GROCERY STORE.
Next Door to Davis' Meat Market.

Having just arrived in Gastonia and wishing to get acquainted with the people, I shall offer my first customers extraordinary bargains from the prettiest stock I have ever bought. I selected the stock myself with greatest care.

Come to see me in the new Davis building and get the advantage of these bargains. Everything will be done to make the acquaintance mutually profitable.

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Cure All Liver Ills.

To those living in malarial districts Tutt's Pills are indispensable, they keep the system in perfect order and are

an absolute cure for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

OVER THE 'TREST FROM DALLAS. A Few Items that Come Over the Wire After Sunset Yesterday.

DALLAS, Dec. 30.—A Christmas drunk and a lawsuit on some parties at Stanley caused Rufus Lay and three sons to be put in jail a few days ago.

Free Jenkins also was put in jail to-day on a charge of slander.

The young people enjoyed themselves Tuesday night at a merry party given by Mrs. Alice Mason. There will be another tonight at Mr. J. R. Lewis', given by Miss Pearl. Mr. J. D. Moore, Jr., and Miss Janie of your town are expected to attend.

Larkin Clemmer and daughter, Miss Claude, of Tennessee are visiting relatives in Dallas.

Jno. E. White, of Pleasant Ridge, has bought the Matthews Hotel. The trade was closed to-day. Jara Mason, the present manager, will move to her farm.

Miss Rose McDonald, of Charlotte, is visiting her brother Hal.

W. T. Henderson has moved into the house lately vacated by R. L. Durham. Miss Minnie Henderson, of Begonia, is visiting her brother.

Leather Best's corn crib, containing about 300 bushels of corn and some utensils was totally destroyed by fire last night. Origin unknown. Mr. Best lived near White and Jenkin's mill.

Congress will re-assemble the 6th of January to take up its gab where it was interrupted by the holidays.

Fritchard is in Raleigh and has engaged rooms preparatory to his campaign in the Legislature for getting himself re-elected to the Senate.

Bank failures still constitute a considerable portion of the news published by the daily papers. Two in Minneapolis, one in Virginia, and one in Maine were reported yesterday.

Grave robbers have been operating in Charlotte. Christmas night the grave of the wife of Dr. W. T. Woodley, in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte, was opened, the casket broken into and two fingers cut from the hand of the corpse. The affair is a mystery. There was no jewelry on the corpse and no reason can be assigned for the shocking act. The cemetery keeper set a guard at night, but this did not prevent the robbers from returning and stealing the body of which it is hoped they will be identified and caught.

Mr. T. F. O'Donnell, a well-known druggist of Parsons, Pa., in speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy says: "Several times in the last few years when suffering with cramp or diarrhoea I have made a personal test of the value of this remedy. The effect in each instance was almost immediate relief."

For sale by J. E. Curry & Co., Druggists.

A Ten Dollar Doll To Be Given Away At The New York Racket

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Call Early Before All the Numbers Are Given Away.

NOTWITHSTANDING

the heavy rush of Holiday trade has caused my stock to look as if it had been struck by a cyclone, we yet have many good values in store for you.

Thanking EACH AND EVERY ONE for their generous patronage of 1896 and soliciting a greater portion for 1897, I remain
Yours to serve.

P. T. HEATH,
The Racket Man.

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SIDE-BOARDS
TABLES AND
CHAIRS.

It will be Money in your pocket to get our prices before buying elsewhere.

Not a Bad Article in the whole lot and not a price that can be matched elsewhere for fairness.

Choice Quality and Prices all combine to make our store the most desirable place in which to buy furniture. We shall take pleasure in showing you our goods, quoting prices, and answering questions about furniture.

McELROY and ALLEN,
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Christmas Goods.

—OUR DISPLAY OF—
Toys, Jewelry, and Other Christmas Goods will be Unusually Fine.

This is a Side Line, And Prices will be a Side Issue.

CAPE! CAPE!
Still they come. Not wishing to carry any of them over, we make following prices on our fine capes:

Capes worth \$15.00 going at \$8.00.
Capes worth 12.50 going at 7.50.
Cost cuts no figure with us.

A. C. WILLIAMSON.

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THIS WEEK in each and every department of our store A BIG LOT OF WRAPS JUST ARRIVED. No Excuse for colds. We offer prices that make cloaks cheaper than fuel.

Blankets and Comforts for Everybody.

Being so believing, but feeling is better. That's the test we set on our blanket.

Goods delivered promptly and by careful hands.

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