"Covers the county tibe the dew."

merry holiday without the sound

ing Christmas feast at noon. Al-

though the commanding officer

is present on this occasion and tastes of the goodies which the men have provided, he and the members of his staff do not have

their own Christmas dinner until

evening. Twice during this

evening meal the officers rise to

their feet, once in recognition of the invariable Christmas remem

brance. "The loved ones at home," and again in response

to that pretty navy sentiment, 'Our sweethearts and wives-

may the former he the latter and

Christmas afternoon is given over to the culisted men of the navy for enjoyment in their own

way. The vast majority of the crew may be expected to go ashore to attend a Christmas en-

tertainment provided by some

sailors' mission or by a naval branch of the Y. M. C. A., if the

vessel is at a port where there is one of these institutions. Other-wise the blue-jackets will, in all

likelihood, remain aboard ship

and devote their time to a carni-val of healthful atheletic sport

such as a boat race, contest n climbing the rigging, wrestling,

the latter be the former."

W. F. MARSHALL, Editor and Proprietor.

DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION OF HOME AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY.

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DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Prominent Young Man of Burke the Victim-Pasteur Treatment Ineffectual.

Morganton, Dec. 17.-Horace Hoffman, a young man 22 years of age, died at the home of his father, Julius H. Hoffman, five miles north of Morganton, this morning of hydrophobia. Young Hoffman and his brother, Oliver L. Hoffman, a civil engineer in the employ of the Carclina and Northwestern Railroad, were bitten on election day by a rabid dog, a red setter with which they had just been quail hunt-ing, and which up to that time had shown no signs of disease. Horace had his cheek fearfully lacerated by the fangs of the dog, while his brother escaped with a slight scratch on one of

his fingers.

Although the dog was very vicious, and immediately disappeared after biting the brothers, it was nearly three weeks later that it was definitely known that the dog was mad. The young men then went immediately to the Pasteur Institute in Baltimore, where they remained three weeks, and no unfavorable symptoms developing, they were dis-charged last Monday. Before leaving Baltimore Horace began to suffer with acute pains in the head, accompanied by high fever. This was attributed to cold, and the brothers came home on Thursday. Yesterday Drs. Laxton and Moran, of Morganton, were summoned to at tend Horace, but nothing could be done to arrest the progress of the disease, and death came this morning. The physicians pro-nounced it an unmistakable case of hydrophobia.

Nounfavorable symptoms have developed as to Mr. Oliver Hoffman, and, as his wound was very slight, there is every reason to hope that the treatment at Baltimore was successful in his case. Mr. J. H. Hoffman, father of the young men, is one of Burke's prominent citizens, who has on several occasions represented the county in the Legislature.

Before and After Taking.

Mr. P. Torrence, of Gastonia, was speculating upon the advan tages and disadvantages of the marriage state. "It is easy to see," he said, "how quickly the world loses interest in a man when he gets married. So long as he is single he is like the hero in a novel, surrounded by all sorts of uncertainties; but let him get married and the story is closed. His pace is fixed. Everybody knows where his home is. There cannot arise any sensation from him. And perhaps it found an American missionary is partly because he loses inter- who is more than willing to and goes after the facts.

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CHRISTMAS ON A MAN OF WAR.

How Uncle Sam's Jackies Keep the Festive Heliday-Religious Services on Board-Opening of Packages From Home an Interesting Feature of the Day.

The average layman going aboard one of the vessels of the United States Navy on Christmas morning, even though he be somewhat conversant with navy customs, would be likely to mistake the occasion for Sunday morning. Indeed, the obser-vance of the joyous holiday on the great vessels flying the Stars and Stripes is identical with that of Sunday not only in the atmosphere of peace and quiet which prevails, but also in the program which is followed by both of-ficers and men. Christmas, like Sunday, is primarily a day of rest in these interesting floating communities and it is welcome for, purely from the standpoint of physical endurance, there are few enough such respites in the tense existence of the men whose duty it is to protect American citizens in all parts of the world.

All work has ceased at noon on the day before Christmas. only the cooks who are intrusted with the preparation of the Christmas dinner continuing their activity and, indeed, these knights of the "galley" as the kitchen is called on shipboard, not infrequently work from dusk until dawn baking the cakes and pies which are to constitute important features of the blue-jackets' Christmas treat.

boxing matches, etc., in all of which there is keen competition On Christmas morning the regular routine is almost disdespite the fact that the prizes pensed with and religious services are held if there be a chapare such modest offerings as an apple, orange, pie, or an onion. lain on board or any minister can be secured to officiate for the Sometimes there are purses of five or ten dollars. occasion. It should be explained that, although in some of the navies of the world there is a chaplain for almost every ship, the greatest of republics is not so fortunate. We have only about thirty chaplains in our Sometimes during the day there is a distribution of Christmas presents, or other boxes. While there is little exchange of gifts between the men on a naval vessel, it is unusual indeed, for the Christmas mail not navy, and inasmuch as Uncle to bring at least one parcel for the defenders of the Stars and Sam owns more than 250 naval vessels of one or another kind, it Stripes. The officers too display will readily be seen that there are not nearly enough to go around. However, if a naval vessel is overtaken by Christmas all the enthusiasm of small boys in examining the contents of the Christmas boxes, each daintly tied with ribbon which gives evidence of some loving wife or sweetheart's hands. It frequentin any American or European port there is in almost every instance some American or Eng ly happens that a vessel in relish-born clergyman who is only too glad to come aboard and conmote foreign waters receives the home mail only at infrequent induct the services which have, "Peace on earth, good tervals and under such circumstances, the Christmas gifts inwill to men," for their text. Even when the yule-tide season finds tended for the men on board must be mailed weeks in advance one of our vessels in some out-of-the-way corner of the globe and mayhap they may reach their destination some days be-fore Christmas. But inasmuch the religious services need not as a rule be dispensed with, for as each box bears the inscrip-tion "not to be opened until Christmas day," there is no in most instances there may be is partly because he loses interest in the world. He realizes officiate. It is one of the chief that he is a ship at perpetual andutes of the United States navy

C. E. HALLMAN. chor and he quits his dreaming in the semi-civilized portions of the world to protect and rescue when necessary, American mis sionaries whose lives or property

are endangered in any uprising

and the missionaries are strongly

disposed to welcome the oppor-

tunity which the Christmas re-

ligious services give to attest their gratitude and appreciation,

and to strengthen the bond of

sympathy which has grown up between our navy officers and

the pioneers who are preaching the gospel in lands of darkness.

If the weather permits, the Christmas religious service is often held on deck and no matter

how limited the opportunities the "jackies" will have provided

a Christmas decoration of some

sort. If the ship is in northern waters where pine is procurable,

the regulation Christman greens are used, but if the vessel is in

the tropics the sailors will con-

tent themselves with branches of bamboo or banana, and there

have even been occasions when

the cactus was pressed into service, it being the only thing available. At these religious services the bluejackets join in singing the hymns, and on the larger vessels carrying over five

hundred men, the great assem-blage of seamen form a full chorus which is most inspiring.

Very frequently there are ladies present at the Christmas service on shipboard. The regu-lations of the United States Navy

Just Out of Them.

It was that same lawyer who almost shattered the icy com-posure of a head waiter here in town once upon a time. He went to supper after the theatre with a party of friends and he ordered coffee.

"Please bring it in a cup with the handle on the left side," he said confidentially to the waiter. "I'm left handed and I can't use any other kind of a cup." "Yes, sir," stammered the waiter. "I will sir?"

He was seen to hasten away and confer with the head waiter. The head waiter bore down on

"What sort of a cup was that you wanted, sir?" he asked.
"Cup with the handle on the left side. I'm left handed," said the lawyer.
The head waiter disappeared, to return a little later obviously

perturbed. "The cup you"—he began.
"What," said the lawyer. "Do on mean to tell me that in a you mean to tell me that in a first-class cafe you haven't such a thing as a cup with the handle on the left side? Absurd! Why, I couldn't possible use any other kind. You must have plenty of them."
"Well," said the head waiter,
"we usually has but I recreate to

"we usually has but 1 regrets to say, sir, that the last we had was broken this morning." lations of the United States Navy do not permit even the officers of highest rank to be accompanied by their wives. But although a navy wife may not travel nor lodge on one of Miss Columbia's floating fortresses, she may visit her busband's ship as frequently as she may choose. And if any of these fair exiles can journey to the port where the ship in which she is interested is to spend Christmaa, she is most enthusiastically welcomed aboard not only by her husband, but by every man in the ship's company, for the

Confederate Veterans ! Members of William Gamble Camp of United Confederate Veterans who have not paid their annual dues will please respond at once by paying the same to the undersigned, as dues must reach New Orleans by January 1, 1905, or our Camp will fail to be recognised.

W. I. STOWR, Sec'y.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTS-

RECEIVERSHIP DISSOLVED.

of a woman's voice or of chil-dren's laughter is likely to be a sad pretence. The feminine guests, if the ship is so fortunate Judge Webb Signs Decres Ordering Temperary Receiver Leeper to Turn Over Assets to as to have any, come aboard in time for the religious services in Banks Officers-Mr. H. A. the morning and remain through-out the day, finally presiding at the officer's Christmas dinner in Love is Cashier-May not Besume Business. At Shelby Tuesday, Judge J the evening. The sailor lads, it may be explained, have a rous-

GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

. Webb heard the receivership matter in the case of the Gas-tonia Banking Company. Judge Webb signed a decree, by consent, ordering the temporary re-ceiver, Mr. John F. Leeper, to turn over to the officers of the closed bank the assets in his hands. Mr. Love and his associates had placed the affairs in such an excellent shape that there was no necessity for the appointment of a permanent receiver. Mr. Leeper turned over to Mr. Love Wednesday the as-sets of the bank which he had in hand.

Mr. Robert A. Love of Lincolnton has been elected cashier of the bank to succeed Mr. James A. Page, who has accepted a position with the First National Bank.

All claims against the bank have been satisfied and its liabilities are now less than \$1.500. The promptness with which Mr. Love and his associates settled the affairs of the bank to the entire satisfaction of all creditors merits commen-dation and has been the subject of favorable comment in busi-

Inasmuch as three of the stockholders of the Gastonia Banking Company have become stockholders in the newly organ-ized Citizens National Bank and two of the directors are members of the board of directors of the new bank, it is un-derstood that the Gastonia Banking Company will probably not resume business operations.

LONG CREEK ITEMS.

Runaway Boy Comes Home-Appreaching Marriage at King's Mountain.

Long Creek, Dec. 19.—There will be a Christmas tree at Patterson Grove. The sum of \$25 has been made up for it.

Miss Thomson is getting along fine with the Long Creek school. While she was sick one week, Miss Lizzie Ormand took ber place and carried on the school

nicely.
Mr. George Boom has made a granary of the Boom school house. He moved it with two

wagons and nine mules.
Mr. Howard McGill, a 16 year old boy, who ran away last Merch, has come home. He got word that his father had got his wagon, when his leg caught on ump and was nearly broken. He is getting better now.

Miss Rlizabeth Jackson and Mr. Robert Thorn are to be married on the evening of Wednesday, the 28th, at the first Methodist Church in King's Mountain.

Mr. Thorn is the freight and passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railway at Oakes, North Dakota.

### PISGAH PENCILINGS.

(Left over from fast inster)

Pisgah, Dec. 19—Mr. E. W. Morrow is steadily improving after a long siege with uraemia and catarrh of the stomach. The physician says he is doing all right and will be up in a few weeks if nothing else doesn't set in

Mr. John H. Taylor has removed from Mr. A. Jackson Gamble's to Loray. Mr. Taylor

will proably manage a beef market in that mill village, Mr. A. B. P. Branch has re-moved to Loray from Mr. A. J. Gamble's.

We are informed that Mr. J. W. Blackwood will not occupy his residence before New Years as was intended as the house is not ceiled and some of the rooms are not ready for occupancy. The house could have been ready in October but labor was

scarce and carpenter work costs in this day and time.

Mr. James F. Morrow, of Chattanooga, Tenn., informs us that on account of pressure of business it will be impossible for him to spend Christmas in Places.

Plagah.
Miss Aunic Marie Weir, of
Pisgals has accepted a position
at the Loray mill in the cloth
finishing department.

One of the frame buildings of the Whitsett Institute at Whit-sett was destroyed by fire Sun-day entailing a loss of \$3,000, partially covered by insurance.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neigh-

Vorkville Requirer.

Unless there is a material advance in the price of cotton within the next few months, the acreage will reduce itself.

The bone fide paid circulation of The Yorkville Enquirer is now but a few short of nineteen hundred copies per juste.

hundred copies per insue.

Rev. and Mrs. Lacy L. Little expect to set out on their return to China on December 29. Their address after reaching their destination will be Kiang Yin, via

Captain W. B. Moore is having a glass front put in the store room between the stores of W. M. Kennedy and James M. Starr. Mr. T. W. Speck is to move in with his jewelry store soon after the first of January.

The Clover Cotton Manufacturing company has received one hundred hams for presentation to heads of families in its employ this week. The management of the Clover Manufacturing company remembers its em-

The subject of cement side-walk is being discussed. The proposition is that the town pay half the expense and the proper-ty owners can pay the other half. Property owners cannot be forced to pay; but where they are unwilling to pay, the town can leave the sidewalks as they are. Cement sidewalks would help Main street wonderfully.

Mr. Wm. C. Whitner of Riverview farm, Rock Hill, is sending out a circular letter to the name.

out a circular letter to the news-papers in which he is urging the farmers to get together on a proposition to burn part of the cotton holdings in order to put up the price of the balance. He argues that unless some such heroic measure is resorted to the price of the next crop will be put down to 6 cents.
A jug of whiskey fell off the

from the frozen ground.

"I calculate that the merchants of Yorkville will get from \$3,000 to \$5,000 during the next thirty days that they would not have gotten except for the closing of the dispensary," said Mr. Withers Adickes to the reporter on Saturday. "Of course there is Saturday. "Of course there is going to be some tiger whiskey on the market," he frankly ad-mitted, "but it will be nothing word that his father had got his leg hurt and he started home the next day. Mr. McGill was riding on the running gear of the closing of the dispensary is certainly a good thing for business."

Gastonia is Can of Them-

No doubt you've heard many a fellow say, 'Gec, Mource is the bighest taxed town in the State now!" The State tax commissioners put down the highest taxed towns as Asbeville, Charlotte, Concord, Wilmington, Dutham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston. But of these only Asheville, Wilmington and Gastonia have a higher rate than Monroe.

The race question has been brought forward in a new and unexpected quarter. A Boston dispatch says Yale College threatens to break off athletic relations ens to break off athletic relations with Harvard on account of the negro. Harvard has been playing a negro on its football team. Notice was served that this would not be permitted in the recent contest between Yale and Harvard. But the coach persisted in playing the negro and there was a great kick from Yale—and the negro got the worst of the kicking. The dispatch says Matthews, the negro, was finally taken from the field after he had been kicked and hammered nearly into insensibility by the indignant Yale players.

ly into insensibility by the indig-nent Yale players.

It is stated that Princeton has also taken a hand in the matter and told Harvard plainly that football relations would never be resumed until Harvard agreed not to play negroes. Princeton nearly killed a Dartmouth negro in a game last fall and will not even tolerate black men in col-lege.

As white men's colleges.
Princeton and Yale, it is said, have read the riot act to Harvard and delivered ultimatums that it must pass up the negroes.
And these are not Southern col-

hers Just Acress the Line.

Shanghei. Captain W. B. Moore is hav-

ing company remembers its employes all the year round and es-pecially at Christmas.

express cart this morning while it was being transferred from the Southern depot to the C. & N.-W. depot. A number of n e-groes standing around immedi-ately proceeded to save all that could be saved. Some of the negroes got down on their bel-lies and lapped the spilled liquor

Yale Kicks on the Negro.

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leges, either.

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A New One.

"Oh, John, I joined a new club to-day."
"Great Snakes!—How many more clubs will they organize. This makes about forty you have joined What's the object

of it—what do they call it?"

"This is the pickle club.

Hach member takes a jer of pickles and the one who can est the most pickles while the president counts one hundred backwards, gets a three-color chromo of Dr. Mary Jane Walk-er in pants. Ob, John, it is perfectly lovely."
"Did you win the prize—let me see it?"

"No, you see, some of the older members have been practicing. I only ate two jars of pickles while Mrs. DeClubsy yot away with over three jars."

The Farmers Have a Problem to

Mosroe linesires.

High price for cotion means not only prosperity for the farmer, but for everybody throughout the South. Sometimes you hear sneers from rattle-pated fellows who are in other lines of business when the farmers organize for the accomplishment of any object, but now not a disparaging remark do you hear as the farmers make an honest effort to work out their own salvation. Low prices for cotton teach the great leason that every man, no matter what may be his business, is dependent upon the soil, a lesson a fool ought to know without being taught. Just at this time the farmer has many advisers, as he always has, but advice to the farmer from the source from whence it usually comes is not worth the paper on which it is written, for it is given by those who do not know what they are talking about. The farmers certainly have a big problem. We hope that they may solve it to the best interests of their pocket-book.

Charters have been granted by the State this week to the Har nett News Publishing Co., of Littleton and the Bank of Marsh-ville, Union county, espital \$20,-000,

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