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CHRISTMAS.

So long has Christmas been the chief event of the year and so many have been the articles, especially editorials, written about the day and its significance that it is impossible for any writer, unless perchance he be a genius, to say anything new on the subject or even to say old things in a new way.

Our main idea in mentioning the subject is that we may wish our many subscribers, readers and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If we should be permitted to have our wish, every person in all the world would have a happier, joyous Christmas holiday, with plenty of good things to eat, plenty of good warm clothing, comfortable homes, good health and in short every good thing that heart could wish.

But the fact remains that there is in the world a great amount of sorrow and suffering. To untold thousands of people the stars will bring no joy. Hence it is incumbent on all of us who are in a position to do so to put forth a special effort on Christmas day to carry some joy and comfort to some unhappy or needy person. In so doing we will reap for ourselves a harvest of real genuine Christmas pleasure.

If you want to secure the largest amount of real joy at this festive season you must do some unselfish act that will help your less fortunate brother.

TO-DAY'S GAZETTE.

We are giving our readers today sixteen pages instead of a dozen, as usual. We are not doing this by calling it a "Christmas edition" but our readers will find, we believe, that it contains a number of interesting things. In addition to the regular run of town and county news there are two special Christmas stories, a couple of columns about the coin exhibition recently held at Columbia, S. C., which will be of considerable interest to the farmers, a section on "The Drawing Church" by Rev. G. A. Herman, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, copied from The North Carolina Christian Advocate of recent date, the famous editorial by the editor of The New York Sun, in the shape of a reply to his little friend, Virginia O'Hanlon, who wanted to know if there was a real something Santa Claus, which editorial was written years ago and has been copied more widely, perhaps than any other editorial ever written and other articles that will interest the general reader.

Last but by no means least we would call the attention of all our readers to the advertising pages of today's paper. You should read them all, then you will know just where you can buy almost any article for Christmas which you may want. We again urge Gaston people to do their shopping at home and not patronize mail order houses. You will get better goods for less money—which is reason enough, though there are scores of others why you should follow the policy of home buying. The Gazette has consistently and persistently plead with its readers to do their trading at home, with home people, and has

given irrefutable reasons for its contentions.

To its advertisers The Gazette wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness for liberal patronage and to wish them all a busy and prosperous, as well as a merry, Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Falls House Will Serve a Tempting Repast on Christmas Day.

Following is the menu for Christmas dinner at the Falls House, price 75 cents:

- Queen Olives, Salted Almonds, Pickles, Celery, Blue Point Oyster Cocktail, Coney Island Clam Chowder, Consomme Royal, Boiled Fillets of English Sole, Julienne Potatoes, Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Chestnut Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Prime Ribs of New York Beef, au jus, Braised Fillet of Beef, Mushroom Sauce, Spaghetti a l'italienne, Creme De Menthe Punch, Chicken Salad Mayonnaise, Potato Salad, Cream and Baked Potatoes, French Peas, Asparagus Tips on Toast, Escaloped Tomatoes, String Beans, English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce, Hot Mince Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Sherry and Lemon Jelly With Whipped Cream, Fruit Cake, Chocolate Cake, Assorted Fruits, Nuts and Raisins, Cream Cheese, American Cheese, Bouquet Waters, Cafe Noir.

A FAMOUS EDITORIAL.

What Mr. Church Told Little Virginia About Santa Claus. New York Sun. Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. What says: "Oh you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, No. 115 West 95th street.

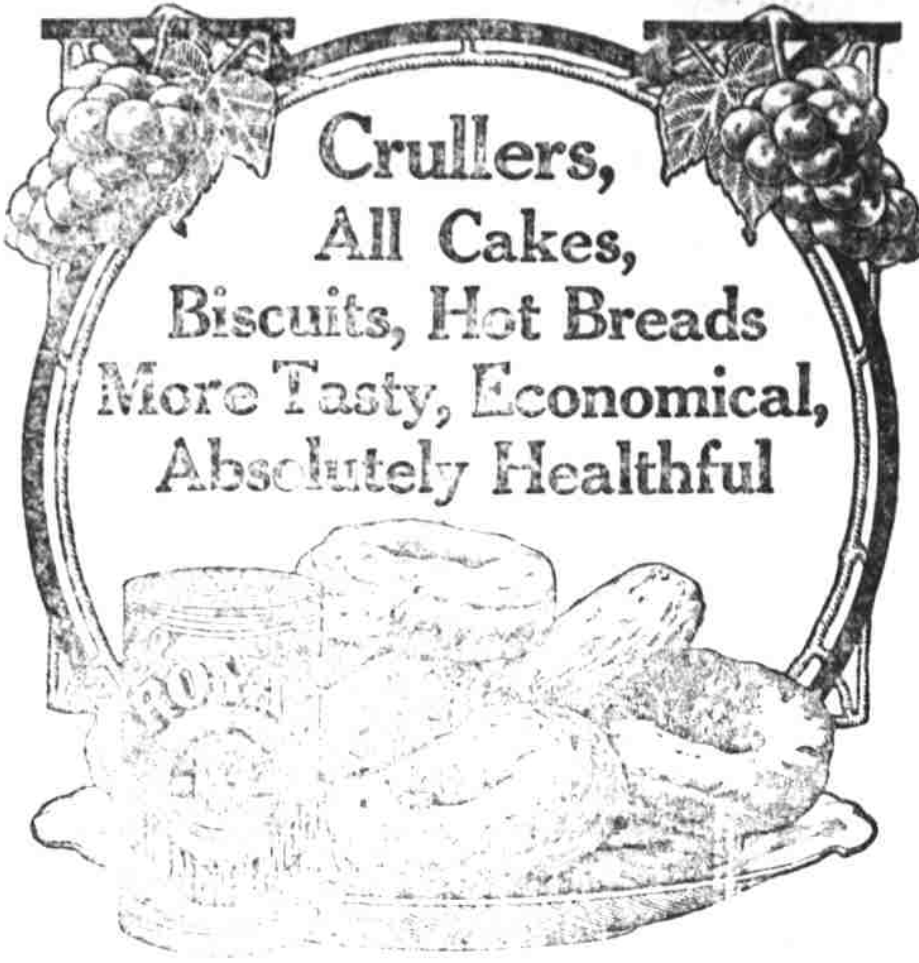
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe, except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are alike. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and its whole.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. And how many times you have heard children say: "Oh, if there were no Santa Claus, it would be very dreary, as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith left, no poetry, no romance, no noble ideal, this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Do not believe in Santa Claus. You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he

Royal BAKING POWDER



lives, and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, we will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood.

On a Hunt. Mr. Henderson Long has as his guests Messrs. Henry Debecker, John Wellbrock and John Meyer, of New York city. They arrived last week and expect to return North about Saturday. Mr. Long and his guests are devoting their time largely to hunting and it is needless to say that they are having a splendid time. In their honor Mrs. Long entertained a number of guests at dinner last night.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Price, who live on Mr. Elam Robinson's place south of town, died Saturday night and was buried at Sandy Plains Sunday.

Friday and Saturday of this week from 9:30 to 10:30 each day Edrl's will sell six spools of J. & P. Coars spool cotton for 18 cents, something unheard of in Gastonia before.

NOTICE.

BY VIRTUE of an order made by the Board of Commissioners of Gaston county, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of December, 1910, the said Board of Commissioners will expose for sale at public outcry at the Court House door in Gastonia, N. C., on Monday, January 2, 1911, at the Hour of 12 O'clock M. the following real estate:

What is known as the "Court House Square," situated at Dallas, N. C., including the building heretofore used and occupied and at this date used and occupied as the county court house of Gaston county, said lot of land being 330 feet square.

Also, the lot of land situated in the said Town of Dallas, N. C., and known as the "Jail Lot," including building heretofore used and occupied as the county jail of Gaston county, said lot being 66 2-3 feet front by 330 feet in depth.

Terms of Sale: Cash on day of sale.

An offer having heretofore been made and properly secured, for the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) for said above described lots of land, no bid will be received or considered unless for more than the said sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00).

This the 12th day of December, 1910.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

JOHN F. LEEPER, Chairman. A. J. SMITH, Clerk to the Board. D30 c 6t.

To Meet in Gastonia.

At the recent meeting of the Seventh District Medical Society held in Charlotte, Georgia, was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, which will be held during the first week in December, 1911. The society will bring to Gastonia probably two hundred medical men from nine or ten counties which comprise the district.

For Miss Kelley.

Complimentary to her sister, Miss Maude Kelley, of Salem, Va., who is her guest, Mrs. Fred L. Sayre entertained last Wednesday evening with an elaborate twelve-course dinner. Those present were Misses Maude Kelley, Annie, Cornelia, Mary and Martha Latimer, Ellen Blair Harvie, Lottie Blake, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones, Messrs. J. K. Dixon, Jr., L. C. and Ed Pogram, Sam S. Stanford, L. C. and A. C. Jones, J. D. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Sayre.

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WEALTHY WOMAN MURDERED. Had No Faith in Banks and Was Killed For Her Savings. Sistersville, W. Va., Dec. 2. — Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, aged 87 years, a wealthy widow, was found dead today at her home at Sherley near here. A large sum of money which she had in the house is missing, and the coroner is of the opinion she was strangled to death, after which the robbery was effected. Mrs. Allen lived alone and had no faith in banks. She owned considerable property, including several farms on which were producing oil wells. The money she received in royalties from these wells she kept in the house.

First National Bank

GASTONIA, N. C. Gaston County's OLDEST and LARGEST Bank Our Capital, Surplus and Profits DOUBLES That of Any Other Bank in the county L. L. Jenkins, Prest., J. Lee Robinson, V-Pt., S. N. Boyce, Cashier.

For Xmas Gifts. We know of nothing better than a pair of our Felt or Kid Bedroom Slippers. They are suitable for father, mother, brother, sister or friends. Women's in red, blue, green, and black: \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 Men's in black and choc: \$1.50 Robinson Shoe Company.

Big Stock of CHRISTMAS Goods

All kinds of Toys, Dishes, Dolls, and a complete line of holiday novelties of all kinds. Visit our store before you buy your Holiday Goods. We have what you want and the price is right. Nothing over 25 cents.

J. D. Morton 5 and 10 Cent Store - Davis Block

Attention FARMERS!

Our cotton gin No. 2, situated near the Gray Cotton Mill, will be closed down for the season after December 17th. If you still have some cotton to be ginned, bring it in and let us gin it for you this week.

We thank you for your patronage this season and trust that you will continue to favor us with the same.

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