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## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Gastonia Boys and Girls, and Older Folks Too, Enter Heartily Into Holiday Joys—A Few Reflections on the Season and Its Meaning.

Christmas! What magic there is in the word. It thrills the breast of the boy and girl with joy; it stirs in the breasts of men and women of mature years sentiments which lie buried for most of the twelve-month beneath weights of toil and care and worry. It makes even the old feel young again. It is the one season of all the year when the serious things of life are really thrown aside for a few days and when love, friendship, sentiment and good cheer are given full sway over all the land.

To the mothers and fathers especially, and to all persons of mature years to more or less extent, one of the greatest of all the pleasures during this season is found in watching the little folks, from the year-and-a-half-old on up to twelve or fifteen or even older. From the time Christmas and Santa Claus are first mentioned, weeks before the day of the event, they bubble with enthusiasm every day. Their childish prattle is all of Santa Claus and his reindeers, his probable whereabouts at all times, what they want the good saint to bring them and so forth. In order to secure good behaviour and obtain the doing of most any task it is only necessary to remind them that it will soon be Christmas and that old Santa Claus is watching them and that he brings the most and the best things to the good little boys and girls. As the boys and girls troop from their

homes to school and back again every day they linger longingly before the show windows where the holiday trinkets are so temptingly arrayed and their bright little faces as they pick out in their minds what they want are good to look upon.

In Gastonia the Christmas spirit is already rampant. The merchants have on display splendid lines of all kinds of Christmas goods and their openings have been well attended. Many people from nearby towns and the surrounding country do their shopping here and scores of them are on the streets every day. The local merchants spare no pains to make ample preparations to fill the wants of all. That they are enterprising and up-to-date is evidenced by the large number of Christmas holiday advertisements which The Gazette carries today. It will pay every reader of this paper to read these advertisements through and then do their shopping with these firms. It will save you time and worry in searching for goods here and there and you will have the further satisfaction of knowing that you are buying from the enterprising and successful business men of this section.

Early next week the many Gastonia boys and girls who are away at college in this and other States will begin trooping back to the home fireside for the Yuletide and there will be many happy families reunited for a week or so. Gastonia has

more young people away at school than ever before in her history and this is a fact which should be very gratifying to all our citizens. It shows that the spirit of progress is permeating our entire county and that the future interests will be committed into hands and heads that have been well trained for the battles of life.

Despite all the happiness that one sees on every hand at this glad festive season, there are many aching hearts, many saddened lives about us. To display the true Christmas spirit, every one of us should make it our special work to do our best to carry some light and some comfort into a darkened home or life. In so doing we will reap a harvest of joy for ourselves and will do a service which will meet the approval of that One in whose memory and to whose honor we celebrate Christmas day.

### Death of L. L. Flowers.

Mr. L. L. Flowers, aged about 50 years, died at 6 o'clock last Thursday morning at his home near Spencer Mountain on Gastonia route two. Mr. Flowers was only ill two or three days, the cause of his death being a brain trouble of some kind. He lived alone, having no family. The funeral and burial took place Friday afternoon at Long Creek Baptist church.

### Election of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Gastonia Conclave No. 391, I. O. H., held last Friday night, the following officers were elected for 1911: Past Archon, R. T. Padgett; Archon, J. W. Culp; Provost, W. G. Rhyne; Financier, H. G. Winget; Treasurer, G. C. Killian; Secretary, S. S. Morris; Inspector, Charles Robinson; Prelate, R. C. Craig; Warden, T. E. Robinson; Outside Sentinel, William Nolen; Trustees, J. A. Hunter, W. G. Rhyne, B. T. Morris.

### Personals and Locals.

—Mrs. Fred H. Robinson and Miss Lois Durham, of Dallas, were in town shopping last Friday.

—Mr. E. E. Dettler, of Bessemer City, was in town a few hours last Friday shopping. He was en route to Dallas to attend a Masonic banquet.

—Mrs. Claudius R. Miller, after spending a week here with her mother, Mrs. R. D. Atkins, left Wednesday morning for her home in Barboursville, W. Va.

—There are nineteen hundred and eleven calendars now on the market. With so many it is certain that every person will be able to secure at least a copy.

—The family of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Scroggs expect to leave today (Thursday) for Charlotte, their new home. Their legion of Shelby friends regret to see them go.—Shelby Highlander, 9th.

—Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, the new Methodist presiding elder, and family, are now occupying the S. R. P. Davis house, which will shortly be converted into the district parsonage.—Shelby Highlander, 9th.

—The electrical department of the city has in a show window at the Page Company's store, No. 238 West Main avenue, an attractive display of some special electrical devices which appeal to housewives at this particular season. There are shown chafing dishes, utility irons, H. P. and G. E. irons, toasters, hot water cups, toaster stoves, etc. Any of these articles make appreciated holiday gifts. Any one wishing to know more of these articles should phone No. 323 and the department will send a man to demonstrate their uses and how to handle them.

## FOR YOUR OWN SAKE Consider the Matter of INDIVIDUAL TAILORING



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# Merry Christmas



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## FURNITURE

Spend Your Money for Something Useful



Here are some special holiday prices; read them and then come to our store and select your presents. Avoid the rush by coming early.

Rugs, (something that would greatly please wife, sister or mother) from 50c to \$5.00

Druggets from 5.00 to \$25

Nice leather upholstered rockers, makes a fine present \$6.00 and up

Wicker rockers \$3.50 up

Oak rockers \$1.50 and up  
Children's rockers—something to please the little fellow 50c and up

Bed room suits in Oak, Mahogany and Birdseye Maple some to suit every taste and purse from \$12.50 and up

Parlor suits \$30 and up

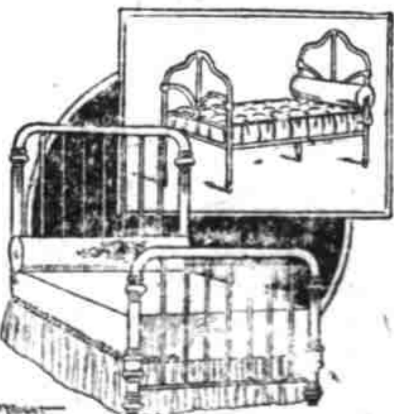
Ladies' writing desks in Oak and Mahogany \$6.50 up

A few combination book cases and writing desks to go at COST during the holidays.

BLANKETS: Cotton from \$1.25 up—Wool blankets \$4 up  
Express wagons from 75c and up

Fancy ebony mantel clocks \$4 and up  
Pictures, a large variety to select from 35c up

We don't advertise to give away anything. All we have to give goes into quality of the goods you buy from us. You can't get something for nothing. Don't be misled by offers of firms who propose to give you something for nothing. It goes on to the price of the stuff you buy somewhere.



Let us help you solve your Christmas shopping problems.

## Rankin Furniture Company

No. 129 West Main Avenue - Gastonia, N. C.

