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THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

HOLIDAY BUYING NOW IN FULL TILT

Retail Section Crowded With Shoppers From Early Morn Until Night.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN STORES

To Avoid Trying Christmas Rush Many Are Purchasing Presents Now.

Christmas shopping is on in full swing, the retail section of the city being crowded with men, women and children from early morn until night who are getting the pick of the displays. The merchants of the city are alive to the efforts of the shoppers to get all their buying done and out of the way. The forces of clerks in the stores is being augmented daily.

A great many of the shoppers are doing their buying and having their purchases set aside for them, to be delivered during the next two weeks, when the children are at school or away from the house for a short time. Then the purchase and gifts can be secreted until Santa Claus makes his appearance. Perhaps no city in eastern North Carolina has a greater variety of goods for the holiday season than is to be seen in New Bern at this time. The skill of the merchants has been taxed to make the best "show" of the wares offered for sale and one wishes he were a Croesus when he goes to the shops.

The tendency this year seems to be to give more serviceable gifts, articles that can be used in many ways and which will be a constant reminder of the occasion and the giver. In the department stores and also in the general stores, there are to be seen all sorts of things—furs, clothing, boots, shoes, umbrellas, glassware, silverware, pens, gold pencils, hats, smoking jackets, handkerchiefs, neckwear and hundreds of other articles.

The displays of candy and fruits doubtless appeal more to the children than anything else and the dispensers of this digestion destroying commodity have not been neglectful of the wishes of the consumers of sweets—and they are not all of tender years at that. Candies of all colors, shapes, flavors, climes and nationalities are to be seen, the bon bons, caramels, the jaw breakers, and the old reliable stick variety are on display.

Christmas is less than three weeks hence. During the last week there will be the inevitable rush and many of the choicest articles will have been sold. In anticipation of the unpleasant shopping conditions of the week before Christmas that trade is so active now.

PHONES FOR BEAUFORT

Poles Being Set—Exchange Probably In Operation Soon.

The Board of Aldermen of the town of Beaufort have given the Home Telephone Company of Henderson, N. C. permission to place poles in that town and it is understood that the company will at an early date begin the installation of an exchange there. At present there is only one telephone in Beaufort, this being used exclusively for long distance messages. F. C. Topleman, general manager of the company, passed through New Bern a few days ago after a visit to Beaufort and he stated that the prospects for the company making a success of an office there were very encouraging.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY

Pictures as follows: "Miss Liripier's Lodgers"—This Vitagraph picture is founded on Charles Dickens' story of the same name—depicting characters that live—full of tenderness and appeal. "The Adventure of The Scarab"—This is a comedy drama, and is very funny.

"The New Church Organ"—A fine dramatic subject replete with the deepest heart interest. The passing of two lovers thro' the fire of misfortune before united in the light of happy years to come. The Musical Wolves appear again tonight for the last time. Next Friday night Dec. 13th, will be "Amateur Night". Those who wish to compete will please let it be known between now and that day. There will be three prizes as follows: 1st prize \$5.00 in gold. 2nd prize \$2.50 in gold. 3rd prize a week admission ticket to the Athens. Hand in your names and state the nature of your act.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Show at night starts at 7:30 o'clock.

MRS. HYMAN ENTERTAINS

Hostess Thursday Afternoon to Auction Bridge Club.

Mrs. Thomas Hyman was hostess to the "Auction Bridge Club" on Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock, at her lovely home on Pollock street. The rooms were adorned with palms and roses and exquisitely hand-painted score cards bore the names of the guests. Each member of this club keeps individual score as the scores are to be counted at the end of the season.

There were four tables of auction and after the game the hostess served a tempting salad course.

Those present were: Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffy, Mrs. Owen Guion, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Robert Nixon, Mrs. John T. Hollister, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Edward Clark, Mrs. Frank Hyman, Misses Janet Hollister, Margaret Bryan, Bonnie Broadfoot, Mollie Heath, Mary Oliver, Sadie Hollister and Laura Hughes.

SEND LETTERS TO SANTA

He Will Probably Answer Them Through Some Institution.

Every year the postoffice clerks and carriers are burdened with a number of letters addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus." Formerly they have been at a loss as to what was the best manner of disposing of these missives. This year, however, the method of disposal has been looked out for by the Postmaster General.

The following letter has been sent to all the postmasters in the country by Postmaster General Hitchcock:

"As Christmas day approaches, many thousands of letters are written to 'Santa Claus' by children of the poor appealing for Christmas remembrances. The postmaster General feels that the Postoffice Department should aid so far as possible in the philanthropic work of meeting the requests.

"If the letters fail to bear postage stamps it will be necessary under the law for the postmaster to forward them to the division of dead letters but in that event he is authorized by today's order to submit the names and addresses to charitable institutions that are willing in worthy cases to look after the wants of the writer."

MOVE SUPERINTENDENT

N. S. Division Chief to Make Raleigh Headquarters.

For the past few days there has been a persistent rumor among the railroad men that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company intended removing the Superintendent's office from this city to Raleigh and the Chief Dispatcher's office to Chocowinity and also make a change on the New Bern and Norfolk Division which would take off the direct train from New Bern to Norfolk and make the route direct from Raleigh to Norfolk.

This rumor was confirmed last evening by one of the men in the local office. He said that it was his understanding that the train which now operates between New Bern and Oriental would be placed on a regular run between Oriental and Chocowinity making connections at that point with the Norfolk-bound train from Raleigh.

This change will probably have no effect on the schedule of the midnight train now being operated between Goldsboro and Chocowinity, the passengers as heretofore changing cars at that point.

The Journal informant further stated that the company would put on three operators in the local office after the Chief Dispatcher had been moved to Chocowinity and that the change would affect the office but little.

It is understood that the reason advanced for the proposed removal is that Raleigh is a more central point. Definite arrangements have not been completed at the present time but it is understood that the changes will be made between the present time and the twentieth of the month.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

The "Fortnightly Bridge Club" was delightfully entertained, Friday afternoon, by Mrs. Henry R. Bryan, Jr., at her home on East Front street. Her home was decorated with cut flowers and ferns. There were four tables of bridge and at the close of the afternoon a delicious salad course was served. Those present were Mrs. Wade Meadows, Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Mrs. Harry Marks, Mrs. William Hand, Mrs. Charles Pettit, Mrs. Edward Clark, Mrs. Raymond Pollock, Mrs. Thomas Warren, Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffy, Mrs. William Dunn, Sr., Mrs. David Ward, Misses Margaret Bryan, Sara Congdon, Harriette Marks, Bonnie Broadfoot of Fayetteville.

ADVOCATE HOME MISSION WORK

Ministers Urge the Necessity of Christians Meeting the Needs of Society.

MUST LEAVEN WHOLE LUMP

Final Service of Home Mission Week Will Be Union Meeting at Centenary Church.

Last night at the First Baptist church the observance of Home Mission Week in New Bern was continued with a very interesting service. Rev. Dr. Carter the pastor of the church had returned and entered heartily into the service.

Rev. B. F. Huske, the first speaker, took as his subject "The Church as a Social Agency." He said that Christianity had not only to reach the individual and be instrumental in his salvation, it had also to reach and uplift society. Christians must act as leaven to leaven the whole lump, he said. They must touch all classes.

"The church," the speaker continued, "expects all good christians to execute the laws and thus transform the bad into the good. We must provide for all classes of humanity, the cotton mill people, the sturdy but oftentimes illiterate mountaineer and the ignorant negro—the leaven must reach all these. Let us change and transform our community and thus aid in making this more and more God's country."

Immigrant Problem.

Rev. Mr. Huske was followed by Rev. J. B. Phillips pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church who took, "Immigrants" as his subject, basing his talk on the scriptural admonition "go ye therefore into all the world and teach all nations." He said, "Great numbers of people from foreign parts enter New York every day. The influx has increased so steadily during the past few years that at the present time almost one half the population of the metropolis are foreigners. Instead of Protestant churches increasing as the foreigners come in they are decreasing. If this continues for a few years we will need missionaries from Africa or China to give enlightenment. Not only in New York is the foreign population increasing but these immigrants are coming to our beloved Southland. Since we have not taken the message to them they are coming to our door. Some are right here in New Bern. Some are sending money to Africa. What are we doing for Africans here in New Bern where two-thirds of the population are members of this race? I mean to do every bit of work I can among the colored people and make every effort to bring them to Jesus. If you do not believe in saving him here, why send money to Africa?"

At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Phillips' talk, Rev. Dr. E. T. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist church, made a few remarks in which he told the audience that they should not go to their homes thinking that nothing was being done for the immigrant as he came into this great country. "Various denominations have missionaries at the docks to look after these people," he said, "and they are doing all that they can to bring them to God. It is for us to be more enthusiastic for their moral and spiritual welfare."

Rev. J. B. Hurley told of the thousands of Chinese who come to this country each year and live among us. "We are not doing anything for these people at our own door" he said, "when they return home they tell of our navy and the richness of the country but say nothing of our religion for the simple reason that they know nothing of it."

"Home and foreign missions are one" said Rev. J. N. H. Summerell. "My understanding is, begin at Judea but do not remain there until every soul is saved, but to go on to Samaria and carry the message there."

Last night's meeting was the last of the week-night meetings. This afternoon at 8:30 o'clock the final afternoon service will be held, the place being the Presbyterian lecture room. At this service Mrs. Bonner will conduct the devotional exercises and Miss Windley will read a paper on "The World in Baltimore" and Miss Henderson one on "Social Conditions and Movements."

The final service of the observance of Home Mission Week will be a union meeting tomorrow night at Centenary Methodist church when the principal addresses will be made by Rev. Dr. E. T. Carter and Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, the latter having consented to Dr. Summerell's request to take the

DIVIDE TRUSTEES INTO 3 CLASSES

Baptists Settle Vexed Question Touching Control of Institutions.

CLOSER TO CONVENTION NOW

New Bern Delegation Returns From Goldsboro—Next Meeting at Shelby.

Rev. Dr. E. T. Carter, Rev. J. B. Phillips, S. M. Brinson and A. D. Ward have returned from Goldsboro where they had been in attendance upon the Baptist Convention.

One of the most important matters brought up during the closing hours of the convention was a resolution introduced by Rev. W. C. Barrett requiring changes in the charter of Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges and the Thomasville orphanage so that the convention may direct the method of the election of trustees.

Dr. Bayhus Cade of Boiling Springs offered a preamble and resolution looking to the incorporation of the State convention itself so that can hold of and administer the trust it property the convention, seeing that so many Baptist institutions in other States, under a self-perpetuating plan of electing trustees, have drifted from the control of the denomination for monetary reasons. Rev. B. W. Spillman offered a substitute to a committee of twelve. Finally the whole matter was placed in the hands of a committee. Just a short time before the conference adjourned they submitted the following recommendations which were adopted:

"Your committee to whom were referred the several resolutions in regard to the election of trustees of Wake Forest College, Meredith College, and the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage respectfully report, and make the following recommendations.

"That the charters of said institutions shall be so amended as to provide that the members of the boards of trustees shall be composed only of members from Baptist churches cooperating with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

"That the charters of these institutions shall, where it is not now so provided, be changed so as to divide the present boards of trustees in to three classes, the term of the first class to begin at a time fixed by the present boards and expire two years thereafter, the second class to begin at the same time and expire six years thereafter; and those elected to succeed these several classes shall serve for a term of six years.

"That the classes herein before provided for shall be composed of the present boards of trustees and arranged by the said boards and submitted to this convention at its next session for confirmation.

That in case of vacancies created by expiration of term, death or otherwise successors shall be chosen by the trustees themselves and submitted to this convention for confirmation at the next session thereafter.

"That a committee of five be appointed by the convention to secure the change of charters provided for in these resolutions; and to make such suggestions to the next session of the convention pertaining to the government of these institutions as they may deem wise."

Among the new pastors introduced to the convention from this section were Rev. J. B. Phillips of the Tabernacle Baptist church, this city, Rev. H. B. Hines of Cove City and Rev. C. H. Trueblood of Beaufort. A. D. Ward was appointed on the Place and Preacher Committee. Shelby was chosen as the place of the next convention.

BAZAAR A SUCCESS

The bazaar held on Wednesday and Thursday by the ladies of Christ Episcopal church proved to be a complete success in every way. On the first day the sales of the many fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts amounted to more than two hundred dollars. On the second day this sum was increased by the addition of about fifty dollars. A number of the articles, including several dressed dolls, were not sold. These are now on sale at Mrs. M. O. Windley's, No. 37 Broad street.

The latter's place on the program. This is expected to prove a great service. Much enthusiasm over Home Mission has been created and it will be at its height Sunday night. Most of the churches will suspend their regular services so that their members will be free to go to Centenary.

UPSET TAFT UKASE

Congressman Pou Thinks Wilson Will Abrogate Postoffice Order.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Congressman Pou believes that President-elect Wilson will abrogate the executive order classifying fourth class postmasters immediately after his inauguration.

Mr. Pou says he has no patience with members of Congress who become annoyed because large numbers of their constituents are asking their help in securing positions in the government service.

The Fourth District congressman wrote out the following statement of his views at the request of The News and Observer correspondent:

Mr. Pou said: "I hope and believe that President-elect Wilson will abrogate the recent order of President Taft placing more than 30,000 postmasters under civil service regulation. This action of Mr. Taft's is a debauchery of the civil service principle. Most of these fourth class postmasters were appointed for purely partisan reasons without reference to their fitness or without any reference whatever to the wishes of the people of each community. There could be no perversion of the civil service principle than the appointment of thousands of persons for partisan reasons and there after including these persons in the scope of the civil service law without any examination whatever."

"In the Fourth district there is one first class postoffice and one second class office, Raleigh and Henderson. There are thirteen third class offices, to-wit: Nashville, Spring Hope, Kittrell, Franklin, Wake Forest, West Raleigh, Smithfield, Benson, Clayton, Selma, Siler, Apex and Louisburg; all the other offices are fourth class, and under Mr. Taft's order the incumbents hold during good behavior. I am filing all applications for these offices which come in. The members from North Carolina feel that it is a waste of time for persons to apply for these positions until President Wilson acts one way or the other."

"No member has a right to become annoyed because a large number of his constituents are asking his help in securing positions under the new administration. Our party has been out of power for 17 years. The men who during all this period have loyally stood by the party feel that they are entitled to the fruits of this great victory. The one unpleasant feature is being forced to decide between good and worthy men and yet there are thousands who are just as deserving of party reward as a member of Congress himself. I shall present this matter to President Wilson when I get an opportunity to confer with him, as strongly as I know how."

"THE CLIMAX" NEXT

Makes Its First Bow To Local Theatre-Goers Tuesday Night.

After two seasons of pronounced success at Weber's theatre, New York, Joseph M. Weber's splendid offering "The Climax" a powerful story in three acts by Edward Locke, will make its first bow to the local theatre-goers Tuesday night, Dec. 10th. The audience is said to be captivated by the irresistible charm of this delightful play which maintains the highest standard of purity possessing that much-sought but seldom acquired quality, which is plainly noticeable in "The Music Master" and other great plays that have lived long in the memory. "The Climax" is a play well worth seeing more than once, for besides its humorous situations, and its quaint comedy charm, it contains much food for thought in its study of the question of mental suggestion. "A comedy of imagination" is the description given the play by the author Edward Locke. And it is said that he dipped his pen deep into the ink of originality, for "The Climax" is a most amusing and interesting story, one that diverts charms and fascinates and appeals to the belief which lies deep in the nature of most men and women, the feeling that at times our imagination is stronger than our will power. It is a fact worth mentioning that practically the best plays which have been seen on Broadway have been produced at matinees, and "The Climax" proved no exception to the rule.

CELEBRATE CAROLINA DAY

Yesterday was celebrated as North Carolina Day in many of the public schools of the State. The day was also to be known as Aycock day and a collection was taken for the Aycock Memorial Fund. This collection was taken in the local schools and quite a neat sum was donated. A number of pupils did not bring their donations and after these have been brought in next Monday the total amount contributed will be made known.

FAVOR MONTAGUE FOR PORTFOLIO

Friends of Former Governor of Virginia Grooming Him For Cabinet Place.

PROBABLY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Important Conferences Being Held Regarding Patronage Distribution.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A good story of how Virginia politics is working has leaked out here in which several well-known politicians of the Old Dominion are concerned.

It has been rumored for some time that in Virginia there are a number of persons who would not be averse to accepting positions in President Wilson's Cabinet, should the places be tendered them. It is said that former Governor A. J. Montague, who last summer was elected to succeed Captain John Lamb in the House after March 4, is to be pushed by his friends for a Cabinet place, probably Attorney-General, and that should he land, Captain Lamb will, in all probability, be again elected to his old seat in the House. This would not only be a big thing for Governor Montague, and be the means of having Captain Lamb retain his present seat, but would have a tendency to bring together the machine and the anti-machine factions of the Democratic party in Virginia. This would be more than ordinarily pleasing to President-elect Wilson, and he no doubt would go far to see both factions in his State came together for the good of Democracy.

It is known that some very important conferences regarding patronage distribution have been held here during the last few days by the Virginia members of Congress with a view to getting tangible results when Governor Wilson returns from Bermuda.

HUSTLING MAYSVILLE

It Is Now Going After a Cotton Mill. Prospects Good.

While in Maysville one day this week a JOURNAL man was informed by one of the town's most progressive citizens that the work of securing subscriptions for the erection of a cotton mill at that place was going right ahead and that the people all over the section were responding to the arguments of the men who are engaged in securing the subscriptions.

It is the intention of those who are managing and agitating the proposed project incorporate with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. Between twenty and thirty thousand dollars has already been subscribed.

NEW CORPORATION.

National Coöperage Co. Chartered—Sheriff Biddle Stockholder

New Bern is to have another hundred thousand dollar corporation, this is the National Coöperage Company, chartered Thursday with an authorized capital of one hundred thousand dollars, twenty-five thousand of which has already been paid in by J. W. Biddle, Adrian M. Rea, W. C. Waters and H. A. Plunkett.

The object of the new company primarily is to purchase all the gum timber possible and later to manufacture staves and headings for barrels, etc. and to deal in coöperage stock.

Ex-Sheriff J. W. Biddle and Adrian M. Rea are residents of this city. W. C. Waters reside in Jones county while H. A. Plunkett is a northern capitalist. Mr. Biddle was interviewed yesterday by a Journal man and he stated that he was not in a position to give out any details just at this time. Mr. Rea is at Snow Hill this week attending Superior Court and upon his return to the city more definite arrangements toward beginning operations by the new company will be made.

PRETTY CALENDARS

The Standard Plumbing and Heating Company are presenting their patrons with very attractive calendars. One design in particular, a small picture of a beautiful woman carrying a bouquet of chrysanthemums, is very pretty and is greatly in demand.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. Coplon & Son—Christmas suggestions.

M. E. Whitehurst & Co.—Christmas stock now complete.

L. G. Daniels—Horses and mules, W. F. Hill—Mortgage Sale.

Devis' Pharmacy—Belle made sweets.