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After Sixteen Years.

Hugh E. Gardner is at home to spend Christmas with his mother for the first time in sixteen years, he having enlisted in the United States army in 1899, and during his six years of service in the army he done service both in the Philippine Islands and in Alaska. For a short time before going to Alaska he was located at Fort Thomas, Ky., where he met Miss Maggie Weaver, of Covington, Ky., and as soon as he was discharged from the army he returned to Covington and secured a position as conductor on the Cincinnati, which positition he still holds. Upon his return to Covington he married Miss Weaver and has been living there since, occupying the same house, at No. 20 Martin street. He came home a few weeks ago on his annual vacation but was called to Covington by his employers on important business, but returned here Monday of this week to spend Christmas with his mother at the old homestead west of town where he was born.

Hugh says he wanted to spend one more happy Christmas on his native heath and among his oldtime friends.

Death Toll of This Year's Hunting Season.

A Chicago dispatch says: Fifty nine persons killed and sixty-six injured is the hunting toll in eighteen States for the season which ended November 30th, according to statistics available here. Last season 111 persons were killed and 162 wounded.

Dragging shotguns through fences and other accidental discharge of guns again claimed a majority of the victims. A score [illegible]ons hunting deer were shot [illegible] hunters, who mistook [illegible] in killed, with [illegible]

No estimate of the amo[illegible] of the amount of game killed is made, but it is believed the 7,000 deer killed in Wisconsin and Michigan last season will remain the record for years.

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Sworn and subscribed before me this 17th day of December, 1915.

LOUIS ENGLISH,
Clerk Superior Court.

The Federal Pensions disbursed to soldiers, widows and dependents during the year ending July 1, 1915, was $165,518,266. It is nearly seven million dollars less than the year before. So reads a recent report of the Federal Pension Commissioner. The number of Federal pensioners living in North Carolina is given at 3,315 and they received $733,714 last year.

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Our Bloody Record.

Statistics of homicides in the registration area of twenty-four States of the Union, compiled by the Federal census bureau, show that North Carolina led all the rest in proportion to population. Our urban rate was 274 per million inhabitants and the rural rate 173 per million, against an average of 72 in the balance of the registration area in 24 States.

Tha[illegible]stinction of which [illegible] boast; we will not [illegible]pride to the fact that [illegible]lina leads in the numbe[illegible]ngs in proportion to poplation. But it is a record that should be blazoned in every community in the State, kept constantly in public view, until it is corrected. We ought to know our own shame—the shame that we have so little regard for human life, that we view the shedding of blood with so little concern. In fact we are now seeking to make it easier for the murderers—and God knows few enough of them are punished—by inaugurating a movement to abolish capital punishment.

Mr. J. H. Lassiter, who unearthed these facts for the University News Letter, was so disturbed about them that he spent a month trying to find something to modify the showing. The result of the research is published in the News Letter and The Landmark is printing it today. Taking the cases reported as brought into the courts in four years, from the fall terms of 1910 to and including the spring terms of 1914—which by no means includes all the homicides in the State, because many are not brought to trial—Mr. Lassiter reduces our average annual killings per million inhabitants to 95, which still leaves us in the lead. The figures of the homicides in the different counti[illegible]ther facts connected the[illegible]re, of un[illegible]totest [illegible]andma[illegible]

Two Porkers Weigh 1,100 Pounds Each.

David Craft, of Eagle Rock, Botetourt county, is proud of the fact that he has made a record weight with his Berkshire pigs, having killed two, Wednesday, weighing 1,100 pounds each. Mr. Craft, in a letter to his son, W. L. Craft, in Roanoke, says he thinks his porkers have beat the season's record in Botetourt, and probably in the State. In addition to the two eleven-hundred pounders, he killed a third weighing 700 pounds.

Mr. Craft has been making a specialty of the Berkshire pigs, and is elated over his success.—Roanoke Times.

Baptist Statistics.

A summary of statistics for the Baptist State Convention, which met in Charlotte, shows 64 Associations with 2,136 churches and 268,088 members, not including 19 churches that have not reported to their Associations. The membership gain for the year was 11,489, and there was a gain of 43 in the number of churches.

There were 7,900 baptisms, a gain of 3,187 over the previous year. There were 573 churches which reported no baptisms.

Money raised for all Convention purposes aggregates $208,195, a gain of $13,536 over the previous year.

There are 1,212 active women's missionary societies, including the junior organizations. They raised $2,598 for regular purposes and a special fund of $6,273 for the Hudson centennial and home church building fund.

Sunday school enrollment is 220,000, gain of 13,785, with a net gain of 68 in the number of Sunday schools.

A Washington dispatch says: Ordinary receipts of the United States treasury in November were about $[illegible]000,000 more than in the same month last year, while the increase in ordinary disbursements for the same period was approximately $8,000,000.

The financial statement submitted to the State department of agriculture in annual session Wednesday in Raleigh shows a deficit December 1 of $9,064, the first department has had in many years. The deficit is attributed to a phenominal falling off in fertilizer tax paid into the State department of agriculture.

Wireless Telephone in Caldwell County.

Mr. H. C. Martin, former editor of the Lenoir News, has the following interesting communication in last Friday's News:

No doubt most of your readers will be surprised, as I was, to learn that there is a wireless telephone in operation in our county.

I was talking with Capt. Fennell, conductor on the Carolina and North Western Railway a few days ago, and he told me that for a space of six miles, between Colletsville and Gorge there was telephone communication, but no telephone wire. The operators and agents at Colletts and Mortimer, Messrs. Fry and Yount, accidentally found out that telephone communication could be held between them, though there is no telephone connection. The Lenoir & Blowing Rock telephone line runs into the office at Collottsville and between Gorge and Mortimer there is a short independent line, but between these two points, a distance of six miles, there is only telegraphic wires and these wires are in no way connected with the telephones at either place. Neither operator can call the other over the phones, but by calling over the telegraph lines and directing the operator at the other end to take down his receiver at the telephone, communication is established.

The phones work much better and clearer in damp weather than at any other time, hence it is presumed that an earth connection is established between the two places making the use of the telephones possible, even though there is a gap of six miles without wires.

Some of our telephone experts may be able to explain the singular wireless process, but whether they can or not, there is no doubt about its existence.

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I have destroyed more men than all the wars of the world.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of the seige guns.

I steal in the United States alone over $300,000,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and I find my victims among the rich and poor alike; the young and the old; the strong and the weak; widows and orphans know me.

I loom up to such proportions that I cast my shadow over every field of labor from the turning of the grindstone to the movement of railroad trains.

I menace thousands and thousands of wage-earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed me not.

I am relentless, I am everywhere; in the home, on the streets, in the factory, at railroad crossings and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death and yet few seek to avoid me.

I destroy, crush, maim; I give nothing, but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

My name is CARELESSNESS.—Exchange.

Wedding a Widow.

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

It is no new thing for a President of the United States to wed one who has already made a voyage on the sea of matrimony. Some one with a turn for hunting up statistics finds that Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Bill[illegible]more and Benjamin Har[illegible] married widows. Tyler [illegible] Roosevelt were married t[illegible]ond time, but their wived [illegible] been wedded before.

Andrew Jackton never [illegible] much for fashion set by [illegible] and so he established hi[illegible] precedent by leading to the [illegible] a divorcee, the former wife [illegible] army officer.

In spite of the warning o[illegible] immortal Tony Weller the [illegible]dents who married wido[illegible] blessed with happines[illegible] whole country hopes tha[illegible]ng but sunshine may fall [illegible] pathway of President W[illegible] his bride.

H. B. Varner, of Le[illegible] after a visit to New York, [illegible] back enthusiastic over the [illegible]ness outlook. He report[illegible] the New York business [illegible] say the prosperity wave [illegible] throughout the nation.

Over [illegible]e State.

North [illegible] has 468 persons in pub[illegible]n Washington under t[illegible]vice.

Zebu[illegible], of Asheville, has al[illegible]nced his candidacy t[illegible]ngressman Britt in the T[illegible]

The te[illegible]her women in Wake [illegible] expressing their ap[illegible] the rest room provi[illegible]hem in the Wake coun[illegible]use.

The Ora[illegible]ect public school of Ashevill[illegible] has installed the "movies" as [illegible] part of the educational syster[illegible] The exhibit was arranged [illegible]e Parent-Teachers' Associat[illegible] and the films are along in[illegible]l lines.

But[illegible] open a safe in the store o[illegible]volution Mercantile Co[illegible] Greensboro, Monday mo[illegible]nd over $300 was stolen. [illegible] safe was utterly ruined.

Mt. Airy [illegible]at twenty-three new [illegible]e going up there—not[illegible]ements, but up-to-date [illegible]ne of them costing fro[illegible] $4,000.

W. D. [illegible] Washington county [illegible]een married the fourt[illegible] at the advanced age of 92, the [illegible]ride only 39. Mr. Davis is the f[illegible]ther of 41 children, 33 of whom are still living, and has 192 grand children.

Within the last week no less than a dozen [illegible]er and as many bear have b[illegible]shipped north from Elizabet[illegible]y. Big game seems more [illegible]ul in Dare this year than [illegible] seasons.

The t[illegible]ater [illegible] J. O[illegible]tale[illegible] Saturday ev[illegible]g. [illegible]he mother left the child [illegible]m the room in the care of anothe[illegible] child, and in her absence the ch[illegible]ld's clothes caught from an open [illegible]re-place.

North Carolina seems determined to have [illegible]an army training camp like the [illegible]ne at Plattsburg last summer. [illegible] Charlotte, Wilmington, Gree[illegible]nsboro, Mt. Airy, Raleigh and o[illegible]her places desire camps. While [illegible] the defense program is being discussed, there will likely be [illegible]o decision.

Plans have been perfected for the Carolina Live Stock Association in Salisbury on January 25, to continue through January 28. The features of [illegible]he session will be swine day, bee[illegible] cattle day and dairy cattle da[illegible] The last day will be known a[illegible]l day, when after the judging contests, the awards will be announced.

Mr. Bion H. Butler, writing in the News and Observer tells of a new industry for the State---the new packing house at Southern Pines, which is the beginning of a meat packing plant and a local market for North Carolina meat, poultry and dairy product. Mr. Butler predicts a great future for the plant if the farmers will provide it with t[illegible]ve stock. The plan is to supp[illegible] North Carolina markets with North Carolina stock.

At the ni[illegible] annual Fruit Show of the N[illegible] York College of Agriculture [illegible] Ithica, N. Y., North Carolin[illegible]pples added another vic[illegible] their long list. The Di[illegible] Horticulture of the [illegible]na Department [illegible]entered eight [illegible]udges awarded [illegible] to seven out [illegible]arieties which [illegible]s were: Stay-[illegible]Gano, Bonum, [illegible] Rome Beauty, [illegible] Royal Limber-[illegible]

[illegible] noticed," in [illegible]man the other [illegible]ence it makes [illegible] going on in [illegible]a that every-[illegible] of course, be-[illegible] Some of these [illegible]get it—don't [illegible]ay when the [illegible]gs seem dif-[illegible] seems to have [illegible]g for every-[illegible]ose who are [illegible]ies seem to [illegible]it. It would [illegible]ave one go-[illegible] Yorkville En-[illegible]

Gratitude as the Real Key to Christmas Joy.

(By "Billy" Sunday.)

Nineteen hundred years ago a star poised above a lowly manger in Bethlehem, and above the moonlit hills of Judea the angels heralded the beginning of the life of Jesus Christ upon this earth. And once more the birthday of the Savior approaches.

How fast these festal days follow one another! Only a few days ago I was penning a Thanksgiving day message. Now we are looking forward with happy hearts and bright anticipations to Christendom's great giftgiving day.

Gratitude inspires in us the grace of giving.

Gratitude is the great original source of noble living and service, just as sin is the original source and root of all selfishness. The great all seeing eye of God, as it surveys this planet, with all its scenes of revelry and its riot of sin, beholds but one festering ulcer—selfishness—and gazes upon one thing of great beauty—gratitude---which recognizes in every need of man the voice of God.

The immortal Francis E. Willard said: "I regard ingratitude as one of the basest of sins."

The Psalmist said: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His goodness to me?" Then answers his own question by saying: "I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.'

Never before have we so seriously faced the question of our obligation to Almighty God. There are thousands of heavy-hearted, world-worried men and women who will never find life worth living until their lives are linked with Jesus Christ.

Th[illegible] is no safety save in ser[illegible]e must use or lose. The [illegible] gives nothing out, and [illegible] lives are like the Dead sea. If you would have the joy of Christmas, you must find it in doing good. No one will ever find the Christian secret of a happy life save by trying to make it easier for others to do right and harder to do wrong.

There is joy in lifting any burdens of others, as the little girl found it who was carrying her baby brother across the street. He was almost as big as she was.

Isn't he heavy? asked a passerby.

"Oh, no; he's my brother."

You cannot be a christian without being a good fellow in the sense of trying to help other to be good, or, as some one has put it, "Except you erect the cross in your own heart, Jesus will profit you nothing."

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.

A Prize Joke.

The following was taken from the Belfast (Ireland) Weekly Telegraph, for which that publication gave a prize of half crown:

A pretty young woman stepped into a music store the other day. She tripped up to the counter where a new clerk was assorting music, and in her sweetest tones asked: "Have you Kissed Me in the Moonlight?'" The clerk turned halfway round, looked at her and answered: "It must have been the man at the other counter. I've only been here a week."

Some Odd Christmas Superstitions.

If you will go to the crossroads between 11 and 12 Christmas night you will hear what most concerns you in the coming year.

If on Christmas ove you make a little heap of salt on the table, and it melts overnight you will die the next year. If in the morning it remains undiminished you will live.

If a shirt be spun, woven and sewed by a pure, chaste maiden on Christmas day it will be proof against lead or steel.

If you are born at sermon time on Christmas morning you can see spirits.

If you burn elder on Christmas eve you will have revealed to you all the witches and the sorcerers of the neighborhood.

It is unlucky to carry anything forth from the house on Christmas morning until something has been brought into it.

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