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THAT WHICH IS MORALLY WRONG CANNOT BE POLITICALLY RIGHT.



## Yuletide Meditations

Santa Claus.

Christmas Greetings.

'Tis more blessed to give than to receive.

Pickles, fruit cake, boiled ham, turkey and cranberry sauce.

Gladness, joy, happiness, peace and good will for all men everywhere.

The return of the boys and girls from the schools and colleges will cause joy to leap into the hearts of many fond parents as they gather around the old hearthstone.

Christmas is an elbow rubbing season. This is no time to hate any man. Throw off your grouch. Forget your animosity and hate. Hold no ill feeling against any one. Scatter joy and sunshine to all the world.

Don't forget to stoop down long enough to exchange greetings with little children. The greatest period of a child's life is Christmas time. The season is short. The children of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Their appreciation of Christmas is now. Make merry for the child before it is too late.

Let us not lose sight of the poor, the crippled and afflicted. There are people among us that we must not forget. Some need money, some need toys, some need food, while others need only words of cheer. A kind word and an affectionate interest carried into a sick chamber may carry with it the power to heal a broken heart.

## Several Boys in the Recorder's Court Last Friday and Monday for Hoboing

John Smith and Henry Ross, colored, beating freight and Primus Glover M. J. Jaro and Sese Moore Building Fire in Freight Car so as to Injure Property.

Last Monday John Smith aged eighteen and Henry Ross aged eighteen, colored, were caught beating a Winston-Salem Southbound Railway freight train near Southmont. The conductor arrested them and brought them to Lexington for trial. They had broken a sealed car as reported by the conductor and were riding in same. They denied having broke the seal. They were sentenced to be worked on the roads for a period of twenty days. On last Friday Primus Glover, M. J. Jaro and Sese Moore were arrested for building a fire in a freight car at the Southbound depot and burning a hole about two feet in diameter through the floor of the car. The boys told that they were on their way home to Augusta, Ga., that they were broke and had the night before walked all the way from Winston here arriving about three o'clock A. M., and being tired and cold they sought the first shelter they could find which was a freight car at the southbound depot. The younger fellows of sixteen years said that they got some burnt cinders and scattered in the car so as to keep the fire from reaching the floor then they built a fire and went to sleep to be found the next morning by Mr. R. A. Shoaf who lives near the depot. Mr. Shoaf reported the matter to agent Barbee. The boys were awakened and the fire extinguished. In the Recorder's court the two older boys were sent to the roads for 15 days and judgment was suspended on the younger boy Primus Glover. The younger fellow is a very bright boy indeed and says that the other two persuaded him to leave his home about nine weeks ago. He has a job with the Dixie Furniture Factory number two and says as soon as he makes enough money to pay railroad fare he is going to return to his mother.

## Mr. Z. I. Walsler's Little Girl, Rebecca Gets A Severe Fall

Last Wednesday evening the little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Z. I. Walsler had gone down to their cook's house. While standing in a chair on the porch the chair was turned over and little Rebecca fell off the porch to the ground striking a rock. The fall on the rock cut a gash in her forehead so that several stitches had to be taken by the doctor.

## News About and About

The income tax law passed at the special session of congress is being tested by Miss Elsie De Wolfe, a society woman and former actress. The suit was started in Chicago. The federal judge before whom the same was taken decided that his court did not have jurisdiction. The case has gone to the supreme court of the United States.

President Wilson who has been attacked with the Grippe is able to get out again. He met with his cabinet last Tuesday but was not allowed by his physician to go out that day.

On Monday afternoon near Trinity two negro children, aged two and four years, were burned to death while the father and mother were out in the field at work. They could not reach the house in time to save the children.

In Blanchard La., last Tuesday two negroes were lynched named Earnest and Frank Williams, by a mob after they had confessed to killing Calvin Ballard, a white man. Ballard's body was found hacked to pieces in a store last Saturday morning. On the same day in North Dakota a mob took from the jail Cleve Hulbertson convicted of murdering three of the Dillon family at Ray, N. D.

The city of Philadelphia has surpassed everybody so far in the finding of a Christmas tree. It is a monster Norway spruce so large that concrete foundations had to be built to hold it up. It is stationed at Independence square. The tree belongs to all children of the city and it will be lavishly decorated.

It is estimated that Rockefeller's Christmas will cost him thirty five thousand dollars.

Thirty six passengers aboard the Pennsylvania railroad train near Philadelphia last Monday were locked in the cars until everyone was vaccinated because it was learned that a foreigner had got off the train at Huntington, Pa., suffering from the disease in its most virulent form.

We learn that Cleveland Ohio is to start soon a "Father and Son Movement" the object of it is to promote a closer understanding and a spirit of comradeship between fathers and their sons.

Uncle Sam like good old uncle Sam that he is intercedes in behalf of the Spaniards that are being persecuted in Mexico. All Spaniards are now included in the protection given to other foreigners.

It has been discovered that radium is likely to be a sure cure for the terrible cancer and it has also been discovered that our supply of radium is likely to be increased.

Last Tuesday night it is reported that the city of Durham witnessed the largest crowd of people on its streets in its history. They gathered to see the lights flashed on the bull city's new slogan "Durham renowned the world around."

Thirty eight miners were killed in an explosion of the Valeum mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co. last Tuesday near New Castle, Col. It is thought by the rescue parties that it will be several days before the bodies can be reached.

## Pension Checks Are Being Distributed

Davidson county clerk of the superior court, C. E. Godwin, has been busy this week delivering the pension checks from the state to the veterans in the county. The vouchers reached the different clerks of the superior courts of North Carolina last Tuesday and there has been quite a number of vouchers delivered in Davidson county. The amount is small but it is greatly appreciated by the veterans of Davidson county.

## A Fire In The Development Building Last Friday Afternoon

The alarm was given about two o'clock in the evening. Smoke came billowing out of Dr. Reynolds office which looked like, to those who saw it, that there was going to be some fire. The alarm was phoned in and the fire whistle almost blew itself away, but when the crowd moved up the steps the fire was out. The cause of so much smoke was a gas stove that had leaked too much gas in Dr. Reynolds laboratory. The fire wagons were stopped before they got to the fire. There was no damage with the exception of what little damage the smoke did,

## Sunday School Entertainments

The First Presbyterian Sunday School gives the Christmas entertainment this year on next Thursday night at seven thirty o'clock which promises a big time for the little folks. The Dakota chapel school will give their entertainment at seven thirty o'clock on Friday night after Xmas.

The First Baptist Church Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment on Tuesday night before Xmas Eve in the Sunday School Rooms, which will consist of songs, recitations and dialogues. Afternoon refreshments will be served to the little folks.

## Christmas Shoppers. Lexington Is The Place, Says The Man Who Knows

The following conversation between the man WHO KNOWS and a Davidson County buyer is timely and we submit it here for the benefit of our readers:

"Now is the time of the year when the shop windows of Lexington look different from any other time of the year. Every boy and girl, man and woman in the county ought to come to town and notice the difference. Whether you are old or young, rich or poor come and catch the spirit of buying some little something to make some little heart glad. Where are you going to get it? Why, come and look and there will be no trouble of finding what you want, for example, suppose you want to buy a comfortable arm chair for grandmother to make her happier in her old age why the Lexington House Furnishing Co., or the Piedmont Furniture Company have exactly what you want, or suppose little boy and girl, young man and young woman you wish to give that dear father and mother something why not make a visit to The Fred Thompson Company or W. G. Penry Company and buy something useful like a hat, a bonnet or a pair of socks or stockings which ever the case may be. Now of course my dear fathers and mothers there are the children who like toys, all kinds of which can be bought at Barnes Variety Store, or pocket knife or little gun can be gotten at the Manning Hdw. Company. Candles and fruits of course you have got to have those and just tell you that Pickett Brothers have got what it takes to give it to you. What is that you said courting couple? You want jewelry? A. E. Sheets has just as fine a line as you ever saw. Oh, I understand your point you say that he smokes? Well be sure and go to Yates

Pharmacy or the Lexington Drug Co. and buy him a box of cigars, and by the way the Yates Pharmacy has some special things in their add this week and the Lexington Drug Company is giving away some beautiful dolls. Well young men you are a peculiar fellow to be found right here at Christmas, you want to save your money, please look at the Bank of Lexington. But you say that I have overlooked something? Well I declare, Lenard's Cafe of course. That's the place where I am going to eat my Christmas turkey.

## Parcel Post Increased

Post Master General Burleson has increased the parcel post packages, in the first and second zones, from twenty to fifty pounds. We say hurrah, for the increase is very much needed and the expense very much less. The only disadvantage to the system as we see it is that we feel awfully sorry for the postman, but, in a small way this has been remedied, here postmaster Conrad saying that the rural route carriers are going to have help through the holidays.

The Lexington Fire Companies Meet Mr. I. H. Jacobs is Elected again as Driver for Company Number One at a Salary of \$35.00. The Hook and Ladder Company give Supper

On last Saturday night the three fire companies of Lexington met in joint session in the grand jury room of the Davidson county court-house. Mr. I. H. Jacobs was unanimously elected again as driver of company number one. Mr. J. F. Sprull, retiring chief of the fire department, was voted thanks for his loyal services and presented by the fire companies with a handsome desk-watch in appreciation of his loyalty and enthusiasm in the building up of the fire companies. After the meeting the Hook and Ladder company, or company number three, retired to Lenard's Cafe where they had served to them a meal that was a meal, oysters, turkey, ham, chicken, salad and other good things. Cigars were passed around after supper.

## The Third Lyceum Course A Corker

The Smith-Hankins opera house last Wednesday night was crowded in fact it was the largest audience that these entertainments had drawn, and well that it was so for the crowd was not disappointed. The Cambridge Players surpassed any entertainment of the Alkahest Lyceum course that has

been here. Mr. Jeff or Jess Coffey as they called him was great in his impersonation of several characters at a banquet, to-wit: The Toastmaster, The Mayor of the town, The Town Poet and the speaker of the occasion Sen. Buggs. The scenes rendered from Macbeth were good, the singing was fine and, well, to make the whole matter short, it was a cracker-jack little entertainment.

## Two Presents Given Judge Thomas J. Shaw.

Members of the Guilford county bar and Guilford county court officials presented Judge Thomas J. Shaw with two handsome Christmas presents when Superior court convened yesterday morning at 10.15 o'clock, as tokens of their high esteem for him.

Judge Shaw was completely surprised when G. S. Bradshaw, acting in behalf of the lawyers, after thanking the judge for his courteous, kind and impartial treatment of the Guilford county bar, presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane and at the same time wished him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

M. W. Gant, clerk of the Superior court, speaking for the Guilford county court officials, then arose, and after thanking Judge Shaw for the kindness and patience which he has shown them, presents him with a handsome silk covered, gold-headed umbrella.

Judge Shaw then took the floor and in his response to the representation speeches said that it was unnecessary for them, the Guilford county bar and the Guilford county court officials, to show their feelings toward him in this way as they had shown him every kindness and consideration from time to time. The judge continued that it is well known that it is impossible to please both sides in deciding a case but that he had tried to do what he thought was best and what was right.

## Julian S. Carr Says He Is Not In Race For Governor.

Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham is here tonight on his way home from New York. He said he is not a candidate for Governor, but that he has received many letters and personal requests urging him to run. Representative Stedman declared tonight that Mr. Carr ought to have the nomination of the Democrats. S. C. Bradley of Durham and O. F. Crowson of Burlington are here.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

## SOCIAL

On Saturday night at the home of Mrs. J. F. Ward on North Main Street, Miss Mayme Fontaine entertained in honor of her guest Miss Vernie Caldwell of Roanoke, Virginia. The reception hall and parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and maricissus. The score cards were miniature parasols. In the game of progressive rock, Miss Ollie Ripple won the ladies prize which she presented to the guest of honor. Mr. Carl Williamson winning the gentleman's prize. A dainty two course luncheon was served by Mrs. Ward assisted by Mrs. R. L. McCrary. Those present were Misses Ollie Ripple, Louise Hill, Vernie Caldwell, Pearlie Hege and Miss Pritchard, Messrs. Carl Williamson, O. V. Woolsley, R. L. Reynolds, J. F. Sprull, P. V. Critcher and T. H. Davis.

Mrs. Joe H. Thompson entertained the Round Dozen Club Thursday afternoon, December the eleventh, at her home on South Main Street. There were about forty guests present. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns. The game of rock was played and afterward a salad course was served with hot coffee.

Friday afternoon the literary club of twelve met with Miss Camele Hunt, studying the usual Bayview course. Delightful talks were given by Mrs. Harold Dwell, Mrs. Jno. Lowe and Mrs. G. W. Montcastle. A salad course with hot coffee was served. The club arranged to have their husbands to meet with them at their Christmas meeting.

Mrs. Robert Lee McCrary was hostess last Thursday afternoon to the Delphine Embroidery club, at her attractive home on North Main street. The hours were most pleasantly spent in social chat, and exchange of ideas on fancy work. Miss Dell Watson was elected president for the ensuing year; Mrs. J. F. Ward corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. R. McCrary assistant secretary. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Carrie Price, served a delicious salad course followed with hot chocolate and wafers, in addition to the members the guests included Mrs. A. E. Sheets, Mrs. Brightwell, Mrs. J. F. Hedrick, Mrs. Carrie Price, Misses Mayme Fontaine, Ollie Ripple, and Vernie Caldwell of Roanoke Virginia.

Last Friday night Miss Allie Hutchison entertained the Bridge Club at her home on South Main Street. After the game a delicious luncheon was served.

## Lee Meredith Convicted of Murder in Second Degree, In The Guilford Court

Lee Meredith who is known in Davidson County by having been in the Davidson courts several times was convicted of murder in the second degree last week in the criminal superior court of Guilford county. The murdered was a Mrs. Clark of High Point. There were two ways in which the defendant claimed that the killing occurred. He first told that it was done by the little boy throwing a bullet into the fire then he told that he accidentally shot her while oiling the gun explaining that he was excited when he gave the first way of killing her. Both defenses were argued as unreasonable by the state, according to the way she was lying when she was found and where the defendant said she fell and where and the way the bullet went. The jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree and judge Shaw sentenced him for a period of five years.

## A Fight.

Mr. W. G. Perry of Spencer N. C. sold Mrs. T. S. Eanes a locket for her little girl guaranteeing it to be gold the locket faded into brass. Mr. T. S. Eanes calls on Mr. Perry to make good. Mr. Perry promises that he will, goes away and comes back, Mr. Perry wiggles, and he says that Mr. Eanes called him a scoundrel and he in return called Mr. Eanes another. Mr. Eanes says that Mr. Perry called him a lie. They fight. Mr. Eanes hits Perry over the head with a surveying stick that he happens to have in his hand breaking through his derby hat and drawing blood from the forehead of Mr. Perry's head. Mr. Perry jumps Mr. Eanes hitting him over the eye making a bruise and cutting the skin above the right eye. They clinch, wrestle awhile and are parted.