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FORD PILGRIMS LAND IN NORWAY

Every Nation in World Will Applaud When Men Are Brought From Trenches.

Christians, Dec. 10.—"Every nation in the world will soon look upon the American peace pilgrims as making the initiative in stopping history's worst war. The landing of the peace expedition in Europe will be recorded as one of the most benevolent things the American Republic ever did," said Henry Ford today to the Associated Press representative on stopping ashore on Norwegian soil.

The steamship Oscar 11, carrying the Ford peace expedition, arrived here Saturday, after a 14 day's voyage from New York. The delegates expressed much displeasure because the vessel was delayed three days by the British authorities at Kirkwall.

Mr. Ford said he was confident the men out of the trenches before the war was over. He declared he had information from official sources that the plan was to start a delegation promptly. He added that his motive in coming to Europe was to the fullest extent an understanding throughout the world by the time peace sessions were begun at The Hague, where William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, was expected to join the peace party.

Mr. Ford explained that the presence of the American party in Norway was merely intended to convince the Norwegians of the fervent wish of Americans for peace. He expects to gather a Norwegian delegation here, and then in about three days proceed to Stockholm, Sweden.

He said the party would grow as it traveled through neutral countries and that this would convince the belligerents that the rest of the world demanded peace immediately. By the time Copenhagen was visited and The Hague reached, probably two weeks hence, Mr. Ford said, the peace movement would have a definite programme. The members of the Ford peace party landed at 8 o'clock this morning and went to various hotels. The party is expected to travel with a good chance to see Norwegian winter life.

After holding meetings while crossing the Atlantic and disagreeing over the question of the American preparedness policy, the 150 delegates on arriving were anxious to learn what attitude would be adopted towards war by Europe.

Recently by Christiania preacher and university professor and an official made by Albert C. Schneider, American minister to Norway, was held the first day here of the peace party. Formal meetings will begin Monday.

Christiana newspapers publish long accounts regarding the Ford expedition, accompanying the stories with cartoons from French newspapers. Just before the Oscar 11 reached Christiania, the Ford guests held a public meeting aboard the ship. Samuel McClure of New York said that unless the peace pilgrims composed their differences of opinion regarding President Wilson's preparedness policy it would cause disaster to the expedition. He declared American preparedness was necessary and was not related to the peace efforts. The Rev. Charles F. Akol, pastor of the First Congregational church of San Francisco, maintained it was ridiculous for Americans to urge peace abroad while preparing for war at home. Finally a resolution declaring that the delegates were unopposed for European peace was adopted.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.

H. P. Fletcher Nominated by President to Long Vacant Post.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Henry Prather Fletcher, new ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson today for ambassador to Mexico. Elwood Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States.

Fletcher's nomination today restores diplomatic relations between the two countries broken off nearly three years.

It is thought Ford peace delegates don't stop, thinking they will be in the trenches by Christmas.

TAKE SUFFRAGE CASE BEFORE CONGRESS

Questioned About Their Campaign Against Democratic Candidates—Anti Oppose any National Action

Washington, Dec. 16.—Woman suffrage advocates and opponents debated the proposed Federal suffrage amendment today before Congressional committees. Representatives of the National Woman Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union and the National Association Opposed to Suffrage appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the House. The Congressional Union delegates also appeared before the Senate Committee on Suffrage.

The House committee sat practically throughout the day, listening first to the National Association speakers, who were led by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, their president, then to those of the Congressional Union, led by Miss Alice Paul, and finally to the anti-suffragists, whose President, Mrs. Arthur Dodge, was in charge of the delegation.

Members of both committees questioned spokesmen of the Congressional Union as to their reasons for opposing in the last election against Democratic candidates for reelection to the House, who had supported the suffrage cause. Miss Paul, Mrs. Dodge and other speakers frankly said that they had opposed those candidates because they had participated in a Democratic caucus which decreed that the Federal suffrage amendment should not be made a part of the legislative program for the last session. Several of the women remarked that their campaign had been effective, as the Democratic leaders were not proposing to prevent a vote on the amendment by caucus action.

Miss Carrie Chapman Catt and other members of the National Association said that they did not support the militant tactics of the Congressional Union; that they were non-partisan in their appeals for action on Congress. R. Anthony Woodruff, secretary of the National Association, said that they now appeared to both Democrats and Republican members had taken in the past.

Mrs. Dodge told the committee that the anti-suffragists represented the great majority of unorganized women of the country opposed suffrage. They believed that the question should be left to the States. She referred to the recent defeat of suffrage in New York, Massachusetts and other States, and said it would be unwise for Congress to force these States to vote again on a subject already decided. Mrs. O. D. Ollipant, Secretary of the New Jersey Association Opposed to Suffrage, said that women were not offering any assistance from material support.

Miss Anne Martin of Nevada, introduced more than a dozen speakers at the Senate hearing, for five-minute speeches. Miss Julia Hubbard of New Jersey, Mrs. Cyrus Mead of Ohio, Mrs. Gladstone Evans of Michigan urged the inefficiency of seeking the vote through special State elections as compared with an amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Senator Russell of Louisiana directed attention to the contention that the women of the South did not want the ballot because of the negro woman vote.

"It is not the negro question which is endearing suffrage in the South," replied Senator John F. O'Connell, "but it is the factory owner who employs children and women."

SEEK AID FOR ARMENIANS.

Delegation Urges President to Put Red Cross Agents in Country.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson was urged by a delegation representing the Armenian Church to use his influence to place Red Cross agents throughout those parts of Turkey from which Armenians have been deported. The delegation expressed the gratitude of the Armenian people for the interest of the State Department has taken in their welfare and for representations to the Turkish authorities to safeguard the lives of Armenians throughout the Ottoman Empire.

To Secretary Lansing the delegates presented a memorial asking for continued support and good offices. They said a policy of extermination of Armenians had been adopted by Turkish authorities.

CONGRESS TAKES CHRISTMAS OFF

Senate Had Lively Debate on the Proposition Underwood Making His First Speech.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Congress adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays after the Senate had adopted the joint resolution which passed the House yesterday extending the emergency revenue law one year or until December 31, 1916. The Senate adopted the resolution after a five-hour partisan debate, by a vote of 72 to 20. Democrats supporting it solidly and Republicans unanimously opposing it. President Wilson signed the measure tonight.

Both houses will reconvene at noon Tuesday, January 4, when the Administration legislative program, including plans for National defense, will be undertaken in earnest. It is the understanding that the revenue law will be taken up for amendment in order to increase the revenues as soon after the holidays as possible.

Upon the adjournment tonight there was a general exchange of members for their homes. The day in the House was devoted to speeches on National defense. Discussion of the revenue resolution in the Senate resulted itself into a tariff amendment, Republicans assailing the Administration's handling of the tariff, and Democrats commending the general fiscal policy of the Administration. Senator Underwood of Alabama in his first Senate speech vigorously upheld the law which bears his name and charged Republicans to compare it with the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, in response to questions from the Republicans, said he understood it to be the Administration's plan to propose further revenue legislation after the holiday and that his intention was that there would be no issuance of bonds to defray increased Government expenses.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, who led in minority attack on the resolution, interrupted Senator Underwood's speech to draw a picture of little men in his State during his campaign for reelection last year. He said the present prosperity in the steel business was due to the war and immense purchases by belligerent Governments.

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Revenues were greater in the first year of the present tariff law, he added, than in the last year of the Payne-Aldrich law. Senator Penrose said that the war had been a political blessing to the Democratic party rather than a handicap to the successful working out of its free trade policy.

The treasury deficit which is hampered on the European war, he said, would in his opinion be 100 times worse if not for the war in Europe. The war in Europe has been the only cause which has saved the fiscal policy of the party now in power from the most glaring disaster it has ever witnessed in a civilized country. I believe if we had not had the war in Europe we would have had the blackest times in the history of the American Republic compared to which the depression under Cleveland's second Administration and under the Wilson-Gorman law would have been insignificant.

Republicans who joined in the debate included Senators Lodge, Smoot, Grover, Gallinger, and Weeks. Senators Thomas and Gorge, supported by Senators Simmons and Underwood.

Mr. Herack L. Parr, auditor of Firenze county, died last Monday night at his home in Sumter.

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CALLS AMERICA UNIT TO MEDIATE IN WAR

Because, Dr. Shaw Suffrage Leader Says, It Is Unjust to Own Women.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, suffrage leader, called for the arbitration of the National Association of Women Suffrage Association, today arraigned the United States as unfit to mediate between the warring nations of Europe because it denies justice to its own women.

"How can it claim that it written agreements between nations are binding, when it violates the fundamental principles of its own National Constitution by denying to its own citizens the right of citizenship? It is not true that the United States Constitution is, but a sinner's rap sheet to be repealed at will."

When Dr. Shaw, concluded, and proposed amendments to the Constitution by laws to make her Honorary President for life. She has served for twelve years and some time ago gave notice that she would resign at this convention.

A petition, said to have been drafted by the committee of the convention, was presented during the day by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, asking her to accept the presidency. She said she would accept if the Empire State Campaign Committee of which she is chairman, should be organized and elected on Friday.

CHRISTMAS IS PROPHETIC

The Christmas observance, fortunately is becoming more general each year. Many persons who have no religious interest in the season observe it for its delightful social features. This is itself a genuine gain for all the interests of our common humanity. More and more are the religious determinations of all kinds, a part of Christmas, a time of religious worship. This also is a change in a wholesome direction.

In celebrating the birth festival of our Lord we hold up before the world the central thought in its history. This is the message we send abroad which all other events revolve in smaller or larger orbits.

This festival is the most joyous celebration of Christendom. It makes the joy of childhood more joyous, and it lightens the burdens of age and grief. It is a time of peace and joy and triumph and hope.

It is prophetic of the golden age when Christ shall come again, when evil shall be overthrown, when the song of a redeemed humanity shall sweep over the universe as the song of celestial spirits reborn over the plains of Bethlehem.

By the gifts which characterize this season we commemorate God's great gift—the unpeppable gift of His Son to a world lost in sin and wandering in darkness. No one can truly estimate the blessings which flow every day in all classes and conditions of men from the tender memories and gentle charities called forth by the remembrance of the holy child Jesus.

W. W. GIBSON OF LANCASTER HURT AT NITROLENE.

Great Falls, Dec. 19th.—Mr. W. W. Gibson, of Lancaster, who was employed by the Hardaway Construction Co. at Nitrolene, near here, had a serious accident on December 17th, which was caused by a stone falling into the pit where a number of men were working. Fortunately no one else was injured. Mr. Gibson's many friends are said to know that he is deserving but, no doubt, it will be some time before he will be able to take any work again. He is now with his sister Mrs. J. W. Brooks, but expects to go to Lancaster within a few days.

FAVORS WORLD WAR ON PRUSSIANISM

Won't Criticize it Abroad, He Declares—Has Firm Faith That Allies Will Be Victors.

London, Dec. 18.—"It may be taken for an accepted fact that the Allies will not give up this struggle without crushing insidious Prussianism," said Robert Brown, former Ambassador to France, to the New York Times correspondent today at Euston station, where he was waiting for the boat train, which would take him to the steamer New York.

Mr. Brown was on his way home after a two months' stay in England and France in connection with hospital work, during which time he had been in constant contact with men in high places in both countries. He was deeply impressed, he said, with the firm determination of England and France to stand together to the war to the bitter end.

"The whole spirit of the English and French nations is admirable," he said.

"It is the spirit that means victory for the allies. It is necessary now for it may be England is passing through dark days, but her time in the tide of war is bound to come and may be sooner than now seems likely. The Allies are now getting so much equipment, men and munitions, that the coming amendment of their being compelled to stop the struggle until their aim is accomplished. But the whole world is concerned in this fight and not merely the Allies. The whole world is menaced by the dominating Prussia of the past, which never existed. Germany has thrown off the mask that hid her hateful hypocrisy for so long and stands before the world as menace to very liberty itself."

You ask me if America must enter the war. If necessary, to crush this despotic militarism. My reply is that the whole world must combine to isolate Prussianism, whether it is done by force of arms or other means.

When asked if he meant that the United States ought to sever diplomatic relations with Germany, and also prevent any supplies reaching her, Mr. Brown replied that he did not wish to say anything further. He wanted to be careful, he explained, not to criticize the war policy of the United States, which he felt that any American citizen ought to save any criticism of his Government for expression in his own country. He added:

"What I have to say about the world's policy in this war I will say at home."

He indicated, however, that he wanted America to know how close was the alliance between France and England in this war.

"The utmost harmony," he said, prevails between the Governments of the two nations, and they are of one accord in carrying out their policy. It is an unchangeable spirit."

The New York called with only fifty saloon passengers, the smallest of the year. Among them were Oden Mills and Anthony Drexel, Jr., son of the wealthy Philadelphia whose domestic affairs were aired in court this week. Young Mr. Drexel came here to make an affidavit for his mother.

FOUR HURT WHEN AUTO COLLIDES WITH TRAIN

Misses Letha Davis and Bessie Love of Monroe Are Seriously Injured.

Monroe, N. C. Dec. 17.—Miss Letha Davis and Bessie Love were seriously hurt, John Baucom was a shoulder broken and Green Paxton a painful wound in his head as a result of the collision of an automobile with a train on a road passing tonight at 9:15 o'clock.

In the car with them were Miss Mittle Davis, a sister of Miss Letha; Miss Dora Love, sister of Miss Bessie; Miss Eugenie in Furberburg and Brown Helen, who was driving the Mittle Davis car. They were all caught the two of the worst hurt young women under it. All the injured have been taken home. None is believed fatally hurt.

SHERIFF KILLED IN STREET FIGHT

Poses From Three Georgia Counties Search for Fugitives. Rumor of Lynching.

Louisburg, Ga. Dec. 19.—Sheriff D. R. Moreland, his two brothers and four other white men fought a pitched battle with negroes at Doles, in Worth county, last night. The sheriff received fatal wounds from which he died today at the hospital in Albany.

Poses from Lee, Worth and Dougherty counties have been hunting for the negroes all day. Late this afternoon it was reported that two negroes had been lynched. This, however, can not be confirmed. Poses are still out and no negroes have been brought here under arrest.

The white men were trying to arrest Jim Keith, a negro farm hand, accused of theft by James Dozier, a planter. Keith's wife was wounded in a scuffle prior to the battle in Worth county.

Sheriff Potts of Worth county is reported to have been the slayer of Keith. Keith is expected during the night. The negro who shot Moreland was in the house in which Keith is supposed to have hidden.

Keith is reported under arrest at Sylvester.

Poses arriving here late tonight in automobiles from Worth and Dougherty counties state that no negroes have been lynched as a result of the killing of Sheriff Moreland.

Feeling has been high here all day and continued so tonight.

No further trouble is expected however though the hunt for the negroes who took part in the shooting will continue, it is said.

Sheriff Moreland's body was brought here today and the funeral will be held tomorrow. Sheriff Moreland was the youngest sheriff in the State, 26 years old, and leaves a widow and two small children.

Understood That Lever Will Ask for Inquiry Into Nitrate of Soda and Phosphate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Along with other investigators that have been called for on the part of the French Trade Commission it is understood that Chairman Lever of the House Committee on Agriculture is to call for an investigation on price of nitrate of soda and acid phosphate. That the situation is being viewed very promptly and thoroughly in view of the great agricultural efforts that are expected next year is the promise that William J. Harris, Southern member of the commission is understood to have given Mr. Lever.

Information has been conveyed to Mr. Lever that the prices on these articles have been doubled practically for the next crop year over the prices for last year. This is a matter of particular importance to the South, where such strong efforts have been made the past year to engage in farming in a varied scale, producing not only the money crops but also which are necessary for the upkeep of the home and of the animals on the farm.

It is regarded as a serious importance to the cotton growers of the South, and to the mind of Mr. Lever warrants him in asking the commission to make the investigation.

Efforts will be made to ascertain if the increased prices are due to natural causes or from a combination of the sellers of these two ingredients of commercial fertilizers.

A time to be dead but has since regained consciousness and seems to have a good chance for recovery. He appears badly grazed from the helmet, but otherwise not seriously hurt.

The car, full of young people, it is said, was going down a hill to the crossing. The driver saw the approaching train, but his brakes refused to work properly. The force of the crash was such a rebound that catching the two of the worst hurt young women under it. All the injured have been taken home. None is believed fatally hurt.



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The Electric Milk Warmer, although intended primarily for preparing infant's food may be used for heating any liquid. Will heat a bottle of food in four minutes or boil a pint of water in six.

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BUILDING THAT IS HISTORIC

Italian Villa Designed by Celebrated Architect and Occupied by Esteemed People.

At the foot of Monte Morello, two miles beyond Careggi, near Florence, stood a country house closely connected with the younger branch of the Medici. This was the beautiful villa, "Castello," built, says Vasari, "with rare skill by Cosimo's nephew, Pier Francesco."

In front of the house was a wide lawn with fountains of water divided by clipped hedges and long avenues of mulberry trees lead down to the Arno, while behind the gardens were laid out in terraces adorned with statues and fountains, against the steep hillside.

Castello was the scene of many brilliant festivities in the days of Pier Francesco's son Lorenzo, the intimate friend of Poliziano and patron of Boccaccio.

For him Sandro painted the great pictures of "Primavera" and the "Birth of Venus" in which the humanists' love of old myths and delight in the joyous Medicean life find expression, and which in Vasari's time still hung on the villa walls.

It was to Castello that Caterina Sforza, the heroic woman of Forli, came to end her days after her cruel captivity in Rome, while her little son, afterwards the great captain Francesco Sforza, was kept in hiding and brought up in the cloister by the good nuns of Anagnina.

QUEER OLD-TIME PENALTIES

Judges Seem to Have Mixed Humor With the Severity of the Punishment Inflicted.

When New York, or as it was then called, New Amsterdam, was under Dutch rule, some peculiar penalties were exacted. In 1712 a defendant in an action for slander was sentenced "to throw something in the box for the poor." In 1741 Thomas Cornell, a soldier, was tried for desertion and sentenced to be conveyed to the place of execution and there "attached to a stake, and a ball fired over his head, as an example to other soldiers." In 1767 Jonas Jansen, a soldier, for robbing his room and killing a pig, was ordered "to ride a wooden horse three days, from 2 p. m. to the conclusion of the parade, with a fifty-pound weight tied to each foot." In 1768 an Englishman found guilty of a grave offense was sentenced on condition that he saw firewood for one year for the West India company. In the time of the commonwealth, in England, drunkards at Newcastle-on-Tyne were sentenced to carry about a tub, with holes in the sides for the arms to pass through. In 1754, in Scotland, David Levey, for striking his father, was compelled to appear before the congregation at church, "bareheaded and hair-shirted," with a paper above his head inscribed with large letters, "Behold the unnatural son,

punished for putting hand on his father, and dishonoring God in him."

In the Early Days of Coal.

The use of coal is so general throughout the world and is such an indispensable commodity, that naturally the mind would think of its having been in existence from time immemorial, yet one of the oldest mentions of its use as fuel is when Marco Polo, the Venetian traveler, in 1275, wrote as follows: "It is a fact that all over the country of Cathay there is a kind of black stone existing in beds in the mountains, which they dig out and burn. It is called 'K' and there they have plenty of wood also, but they do not burn it, because these stones burn better and cost less." His countrymen refused to believe his statement. The first shipment of coal to London was made shortly after this period and the first successful effort made to smelt iron with coal in a blast furnace was by one Simon Sturtevant, an Englishman, in 1612.

To Clean Copper Easily.

Have any copper utensils in your household that are a trial to clean? Why should it be when there is an easy way? Place a little oxalic acid in a dish and moisten with water enough to make a paste. Rub this paste on the articles to be cleaned, using a soft cloth. Let them dry. Now rub the articles with a dry flannel cloth, and as a result you will have a sparkling brightness.

Having the articles to be cleaned very hot and clean, they may be polished with a fine cloth, but with caution, as it is for a while before they will be ready to use.

Try this method and see how easily the articles are cleaned. Do not get serious, as a few other things are made to put and how.

Thinking of Dirt Color.

Bill—"This paper was one quart of liquid soap, and I washed my shirt. It is changed, will wash a man's hands 2,500 times."

Jim—"Nar without changing the color of it, I'll bet."

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WILSON ISSUES ORDER TO SAFEGUARD PASSPORT

Further Precautions Against Misuse Announced by the State Department.

Washington, December 15.—Rigid precautions against further misuse of American passports were announced by the State department today under an executive order issued by President Wilson. New and stringent regulations have been imposed and to enforce them there will be established immediately in New York a special bureau of the department, directed from Washington by Counselor Polk.

This is the first step taken by the State department in line with the agreement at the recent conference of Cabinet officers to extend and coordinate efforts of all branches of the Government to prevent or punish of neutrality.

Inspectors of the new bureau at Newark will examine personally the passports of every person leaving the port for foreign territory. To facilitate their work the new regulations applying to be filed in duplicate at the State department five days after sailing accompanied by three copies of the applicant's photograph and a statement of the exact date of sailing, part of department and date of return.

Each passport will be accompanied by a card which will be forwarded to the consular department for use of Government agents in identifying passport holders as they go aboard the ships.

HUDSON GRANT.

A very interesting marriage was celebrated at the Methodist church at Chester, N. J., Wednesday, Dec. 15. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Ernest Grant of Smith's Turnout and Miss Mattie Hudson of Armenia. Both the bride and groom have many kind friends in the Armenia district of Chester county, and the best wishes of a host of friends are extended to them.

NOTICE

All of the banks of this City will observe Saturday and Monday, December 25th and 27th as legal holidays and be closed those two days. Will also observe January 1st, 1916.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at 11 o'clock A. M. on January 5, 1916, I will make my final return as the Administrator of the Estate of A. A. Crosby, deceased and will on said date file said Return in the office of the Probate Court of Chester County, South Carolina, and will apply to the Judge of said Court for a final discharge.

C. A. CROSBY,
Administrator of the Estate
A. A. Crosby, deceased.
Chester, S. C. December 8, 1915.

FOR RENT—New two-horse farm on Main road between Lowryville and McConneville. Good residence, tenant house and outbuildings. See "Miss Carroll Wylie, or A. N. Webb, Overall Factory Chester, S. C.

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Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic without oil, aids digestion, enriches the blood and creates strength. Unequalled for chronic coughs, colds or bronchitis. Your money back if it fails.

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Chester, S. C.

FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 1916 I will file my final return as administrator of the Estate of William H. Finch, Deceased in the Probate Court for Chester County and Apply to Said Court for Letters of dismisary as such administrator.

MRS. MARY F. FINCH,
Admin.

STOMACH Out Of Fix?

Phone any grocer or soda fountain in Chester for one dozen pills of Shivar Ginger Ale. Drink one pill with each meal and if not promptly relieved instruct your grocer to charge it to the manufacturer's authorized.

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KEEPING CUT FLOWERS FRESH

Must Be Properly Taken Care of, and Here Are Some Suggestions of Moment.

The only drawback to cut flowers is that they wither so quickly, and in keeping them fresh some seem to have no luck than others.

For instance, in the matter of violets, it is possible to wear them several times without noticing the overpowering staid odor which proclaims them beyond redemption.

Of course many people find that they cannot wear cut flowers even for one afternoon, because in some cases the body heat seems to wilt them, but if this can be avoided it is quite possible to find a bunch almost as fresh the second day as on the first if they were properly guarded overnight.

Keep the box that they came in and when you take them out hold the stems under running water for a few minutes, taking care not to wet the violets themselves.

Then wash them up in the oiled paper and put them back in the covered box outside the window if it is cool; if not, in the refrigerator, but in either case keep them wrapped.

This treatment serves to restore the flowers and hold in the delicious odor which so soon becomes rank if they are kept unwrapped in a close room.

Some people think a pinch of salt in the water will keep cut flowers fresher longer, and so it does in some cases. In others it seems to change the color a little. With roses it is successful, but not so much so with violets. A piece of gum camphor is said to be an excellent preservative in the water, and others advocate a small lump of charcoal, but in any case the water should be changed daily and the flowers put in a cool place overnight.

TAKE LESSONS FROM PLANTS

Humanity Can Learn Much by a Study of the Causes of Their Ailments.

Science believes that much valuable information about the prevention of disease in human beings can be gained from a study of the ailments of plants. It has long been known that in matters of health and disease the things are intimately related and it was suspected that this relationship between plants and mankind may be much closer than we have ever realized.

The alternation of hosts for certain diseases is also true of plants and of human beings. Men get tapeworms from eating the flesh of certain animals, but in similar fashion trees get the rust disease from juniper trees, the latter being the host for alternate stages of the fungus that produces rust.

Certain diseases of the vegetables, which are due to a low growth of plant life can be benefited just as abundantly of water as dry conditions favor the processes of decay in the vegetables, while abundant liquids improve their mechanical action and hinder the growth of germs.

Rabies Not Limited to Any Season. According to Dr. O. McDaniel, "Dog Days" do not influence the occurrence of rabies. The important point, however, is that anyone bitten by a dog suspected of being rabid, regardless of the season of the year, should receive proper attention.

The suspected dog should be kept under observation for at least two weeks. If it remains well, rabies is excluded. If it becomes sick or dies the head should be examined by the Pasteur Department of the State Board of Health, and the individual bitten should report at the department for treatment.

Rabies is usually fatal to dogs in from three to five days after the first symptoms are noted. Individuals bitten by rabid dogs, unless under treatment, become sick in from five to nine weeks. The popular belief that individuals may develop rabies some several months or years later is as false as the belief that Dog Days cause mad dogs.

Where the Dog is Shy. "A pussan's dog, sah, is one thing 'shawt' or 'bein' de best friend he's got," stated old Brother Hawhee, who was a great hand to philosophize. "In health" he "jokes wid yo', in sickness he suffers, too; when yo' in jail he's 'writin' rights 'bout yo' do' for yo', and when dy turns yo' loose he greets yo' wid a yell o' welcome. He's yo' guide and companion and friend; but had him be yo' kahn' I worry a dollar o' m him, no matter if yo' natchly gitter have him!"—Kansas City Star.

Quick Work. Bill—"I see an electrician claims to have invented apparatus by which he can measure the em-millioth part of a second of time."

Jill—"Well, even such an apparatus couldn't measure the length of time a girl takes to make up her mind to say yes when a man proposes marriage to her."

"Why couldn't it?"

"Because she's already made up her mind to say yes, you know."

To Remove Scorching. When a garment is scorched with hot iron, all traces of it may be quickly removed by dampening the scorched place with peroxide of hydrogen, then press and place where the sun may shine on it. This method does not scure the fiber of either linen or cotton, and doesn't fade delicate colors.

GOT IDEA FROM SUBMARINE

Inventor of the Microphone Tells How He Came to Think About the Scheme.

In the Popular Science Monthly and World's Advocate, William Duddler, the American electrical engineer who was called to Europe by one of the world's great inventors, a creator of harbor defense against hostile submarines, describes the experiments which led to the adoption of a remarkable microphone for detecting the water. It is impossible to see a deeply submerged submarine. Mr. Duddler believed that there was a method of detecting the exact location in the water, in describing his experiments, he says:

"Suppose that a submarine gave forth a sound of some kind which it is not possible to devise some form of apparatus by which it could be heard? That was the starting idea of the experiments that I conducted for the allied government.

"At once the beating of the propellers of a submarine suggests itself. It is not characteristic of submarines, motor boats, steamships and other propulsion vessels have propellers, and although their period of vibration is different from that of a motor, the driven craft, some other sound must be sought—something as distinctive as the call of a robin or the neighing of a horse—something of a possible chance can be mistaken for another sound."

"I found what I sought in the weird, shrill hum of a submarine motor and heard the hum long before I began my experiments. It was taken for engine vibration. But it is much too high in pitch for that, as I found by actual tests."

"I soon convinced myself that the hum, shrill, almost singing note that can be heard when the Diesel engines are cut off and the propellers are revolving under power derived from her electric batteries is due entirely to her electric motors. The sound is unmistakable. Stop at any central station where electric power is generated to light a city and you will hear the hum of a submarine. There is no difference to be made between the sound of detecting this sound at great distances was the object of my experimenting.

"The microphone at once suggested itself as a suitable instrument, and with its use, a submarine could be heard at a distance of fifty miles."

At the Telephone.

The printed injunction: "Don't jiggle the hook," is seen in conspicuous places all over New York city, having been placed by the telephone company in order that its patrons may learn that the way to get the best telephone service out of the system is to be sane and gentle. This injunction is for people who do not know that if "central" does not respond promptly and properly the way to attract her attention is to move the receiver up and down slowly, very slowly. If such is the hurried one's conduct, a tiny electric lamp is flashed before the face of the operator.

"It is jigged rapidly there; 'no lamp lighted at all and the operator goes about her work serenely undisturbed to the perturbed state of the person at the other end of the wire. The hook, a woman at a telephone when she is in a hurry—and at other times, too—she can easily gain an insight into her character. The question of a woman flying to pieces at the phone is frequently seen. She should have "Don't jiggle the hook" framed over the telephone stand.

Mate as Peace Tokens.

Here is a beautiful hospital story recorded by Mrs. William Stearns in his new book, "With Our Fighting Men." A colonel's wife was making one of the rounds of a military ward when she noticed a wounded soldier toying with a German helmet.

"Well," she said to the soldier, "I suppose that means that you killed the German?"

"Well, nav," quietly responded the soldier. "You see it was like this: He lay on the field pretty near me with a awful bad wound and bleedin' awfully terrible. I was jes' a lot of blood, too, fra my leg, but I managed to crawl up to him and bound him up as well as I could, and did the same for me. Nawthin' of course was said between us. I know no German and the fiter man not a word of English, so when he'd done, not speak no hoe las' to thank him, I just smiled, and by way of token handed him my Gleanings, and he smiled back and give me his helmet."—Youth's Companion.

See Get Away on Train.

Returning from the Oregon hills, after spending several days in the mountains hunting, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bender brought, in addition to considerable game, a passenger train with a swarm of bees they captured in the woods, a Williamsport (Pa.) dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer states.

On account of the cold the bees were easily handled, but when they were taken into the steam-heated passenger coach of a Northern Central train at Trout Run, they began to get busy, and in a few minutes emerged from numerous punctures that had been made to give them exit.

"In less than ten minutes the passengers had all fled to the next coach, and the bees held the first-class car. The train was stopped on a pair of gloves, which were thrown out and raised the wind. It was the box of bees cut into the coach, but the bees had been taken care of."

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 21,

OLD YULETIDE TALES.

There is a legend in Germany that when Eve plucked the fatal apple the leaves of the tree immediately shriveled into little pellets and its bright green turned dark. The nature of the tree changed, and it became an evergreen, in all seasons preaching the story of man's fall through that first act of disobedience. Only on Christmas does it bloom brightly with lights and become beautiful with love gifts. The curse is turned into a blessing by the coming of the Christ Child, and thus we have our Christmas tree.

The visits of St. Nicholas to the homes of the people on Christmas eve as an annual custom grew out of a festival in honor of Hertha, a Norse goddess. At this festival a house was decorated with evergreens and an altar of stone was set up at the end of the hall where the family assembled. From Hertha's stone we get "heartache." On the stones so set up were heaped fir branches, which were set alight, and through the smoke and flame Hertha was supposed to descend and influence the direction of the flames, from which were predicted the fortunes of those present.

WITHOUT WHISKEY MONEY.

There is more or less concern in the dispensary counties of the State as to what they will now do in order to raise the revenue the coming year, which heretofore has been furnished by the dispensaries.

It should not cause any great amount of concern. Numbers of counties throughout this State had dispensaries in days gone by and apparently have come through in nice shape. If they really need money there is nothing to do other than increase the tax levies which undoubtedly will be much less than the amount spent heretofore for whiskey.

WINTER HAPPINESS.

I want the curtains drawn and sung, I want the candles aglow,
 I want the baby on my knee, the mother singing low.
 Then let the cold December wind make music in the trees,
 And I will never have a thought for summer blooms and bees.
 I want the baby in my lap, the children on the floor,
 Or gathered round my chair to hear the tales of fairy lore.
 Then northern winds may if they will blow up a winter storm,
 And we can laugh to hear them blow when all our hearts are warm.
 With the warm home-roof over us and supper past and done,
 Then come the wide-eyed fairy folk and come the romps and fun,
 Then comes the howling of the wind outside across the night,
 And then the baby hears 't howl and gurgle with delight.
 The summer-time is a glory-time, with birds and bees and blooms;
 With gentle winds out of the South and soft breath perfumes,
 With blue and honey and each bird and bee and flower,
 With the warm sun blowing each day and the winter time when we are all so snug,
 With the baby on my knee, the mother singing low,
 Then let the cold December wind make music in the trees,
 And I will never have a thought for summer blooms and bees.

**HOPELESSLY ILL
 COMMITS SUICIDE**

Mr. W. L. Fennell, Chief Engineer, Elizabeth Mills, Takes Own Life in Fit of Melancholia.

In a fit of Melancholia brought on by his exalted condition resulting from pellagra with which he had suffered for more than a year, Mr. W. L. Fennell, 39 years old, committed suicide yesterday morning at his home near the Elizabeth Mill by shooting himself through the brain with a rifle. Mrs. Fennell was in another room at the time getting breakfast and she rushed into the bedroom as soon as she heard the report. Her husband was lying in bed, with the smoking 22-caliber magazine rifle on the floor where it had fallen immediately after the shot. Mr. Fennell had gotten the rifle, placed the muzzle above his right ear and then pulled the trigger with his right hand, the death followed within a few moments.

Melan cholia brought on by his condition resulting from pellagra was assigned as the reason for the rash act. Recently his condition had showed no signs of improvement and he had come to the conclusion that his case was hopeless. His friends had feared that he might attempt some such act and those who knew him intimately did not express surprise, although feeling piteous regret, when they heard of his death yesterday.

Mr. Fennell was chief engineer of the Elizabeth Mills and was regarded by his superiors as a capable and diligent employee. He had been working off and on for some time and last week saw service in the engine room where he was in charge. Weakness due to this work may have caused him to feel even more despondent than ever yesterday morning.

Mr. Fennell was a son of Lewis Fennell and was a native of Chester, S. C. where he was born October 20, 1876, and is survived by his wife only. Several brothers and other relatives, who live in Chester, survive. The funeral will take place today at Mrs. Fennell's old home in Long Creek—Charles to observe.

Well, today is the shortest day in the year and further more is the shortest to be experienced until December 21st, next year.

NEW LINE Just Received, Vases, Jardinieres, Candle Sticks, and Window Displays. Chester Hardware Co.

NOTICE.

All members of The Fraternal Aid Union of America are requested to meet at the Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 7:30 o'clock, for a selection of officers for the ensuing year. Banquet will be served.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Armenia Camp No. 82, W. O. W., will meet Thursday evening, December 23rd. All members are urged to attend. Officers will be elected and other important business will be attended to.

Walter Simpson, Clerk.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Chester County will meet in annual session the first Monday, January 31st, 1916.

By order of the President,
 Walter Simpson, Agt. & Treas.

ALL ABOUT.

When a boy begins to wash his neck and speak about a mysterious female with a tremble in his voice mother knows it's goodbye to his baby days.

A lot of people who talk to the Lord every day consider themselves too good to talk to their next door neighbors.

One man sits around and talks about what he is going to do while the other man goes ahead and does it. The first man will begin knowing the second man because the latter is so prosperous.

Another reason for the high cost of things is because every woman wants to be dressed better than other women.

Gasoline is going up faster than the price of gold.

It is said—By a young man 35 years of age, a great big baby doll for Christmas.

What's putting gasoline up? Why the darn Ford use so much the pump is running short.

**THE YOUNG MAN AND
 THE YOUNG MAIDEN**

Consider the young man. He goeth forth in the Morning and bloweth himself to glad Raiment.

And the Pants thereof are two cubits from the ground.

He wrupeth his ankles in sor that are white as the lily and as near Silk as the Bazaars will sell for one quarter of a shekel.

Behold the shirt. It hath cuffs that are soft and that Turneth Back.

And his Necktie shrieketh like unto a 42-centimeter rhell.

And his gloves are of the Skin of the Chamels, Yellow are the Gloves and the stitching thereof is black, and are some kid.

He weareth a lid of Fuzz and the Bow thereof is cute and followed on behid.

Yea, he looketh like one thousand shekels, but alas, all is not as it seemeth.

Ford behold he meeteth at the apothecary's, a Maiden with Eyes like the Gazelle and with Lashes of Midnight, And the Maiden pretendeth that she hath but even now asked the Clerk of the Fountain to mix her a nut sandae.

And behold, when the sandae are gone the young man tipteth the clerk a wink, and passed out gally with the maiden.

And the clerk is on. He knoweth that the Young Man is broke.

And with the Young Man slip the Clerk the Twenty Pence, Yea, even so, as soon as his father's Pension Check arriveth.

Consider the Maiden. Lo, though the wind bloweth and chilleth, she cometh up with her feet sandals that are low and loose that are Silk.

And the neck of her gown crieth not. Yet she sweareth that she is as Warm as Toast.

She goeth forth into the Highways and she carrieth a Party Box.

And therein are many things thereof to Kilsminn's hair countenance.

Puffs there are and the skin of the Chamels and many pigments hito as the Lilles of Hebron and red as the Evening Skies over Jordan.

She maketh up where she hateth and careth not who observeth.

And though her lips become as Pomegranates, yet she careth that there is any color in the stuff.

With a gaze of reproof she telleth thee that it is as camphor ice, that it tincteth not.

And, behold she putteth it over upon thee.

She goeth forth at night and she tangoeth until the dawn is on the Mountains and the Morning Dancer stirs the cedars, and she is not a bit tired.

But when her mother beggetteth her to go up into the market place for a cubit of chaco, Lo, she withereth upon the vine.

Words are the ways of a maiden—The Kirksville Index.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.
 Chester, S. C. Dec. 21st, 1915.
 Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to write you and ask you please to bring me a doll baby carriage for my baby doll, you brought me last Christmas. I want the buck to go back and a Christmas tree. I want a piano and clothes for her and a coat. That is all I can think of. I guess I will close now.

Your friend,
 Sarah Neil Chick.

Chester, S. C. Dec. 21st, 1915.
 Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy just 5 years old. I want you to go to Murphy's and get that little tricycle and bring to me. It just fits me. I have done tried it and please bring some candy and one all glass sucker and anything else you have for little boys. Merry Christmas to you.

John Frank Chick.
 P. S. We have a new baby next door to us, her name is Margaret Elizabeth James. Don't forget her—she wasn't here last Christmas.
 Chester, S. C. Dec. 21st, 1915.
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school every day. My teacher is Rev. Roy Brown. Please bring me a tricycle and all kinds of fruit, some fireworks and some candy and nuts. I have a little brother two years old. Please bring him a little express wagon and all kinds of fruit, nuts and candy and some little toys but what you can bring will be appreciated. We will be good boys.
 Your little friend,
 James W. Brooks, Jr.

NOTICE
 All of the banks of this City will observe Saturday and Monday, December 25th and 27th as legal holidays and also observe those two days. Will be closed January 1st, 1916.

The National Exchange Bank,
 The Peoples National Bank,
 The Commercial Bank,
 The White Bank.



PENNY COLUMN

FOR-SALE OR RENT—8 room residence, all modern improvements, on Columbia Street. Apply to W. McCullough, Jr.

BIG LAND SALE—The T. B. Gibson lands containing 550 acres will be sold Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Leeds, S. C., to the highest bidder. Sims & Carter & R. R. Hafer.

DREAMLAND
 Chester's Modern Movie

TO-DAY

Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in

"The Broken Coin"

Episode No. 2

Billie Richie in
 Stolen Hear and Nickles
 A Screaming L-Ko Comedy

TO-MORROW
 Ben Wilson and Dorothy Phillips in

"The Mystery of the Locked Room"
 IN THREE ACTS



**DON'T WAIT
 ANY LONGER
 TO BUY
 YOUR CLOTHES**

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER. BECAUSE OUR REDUCED PRICES ARE FAST CLEARING OUT OUR WINTER GOODS. WINTER HAS JUST STARTED AND YOU CAN USE AND ENJOY A LONG TIME THE FINE WEARABLES WE NOW SELL AT SHORT PRICES. WE HAVE NOT SHIPPED IN A LOT OF "SALE STUFF" FOR THIS SALE. WE DON'T DO BUSINESS THAT WAY.

DON'T YOU WAIT ANY LONGER.
 Our Store Closed Saturday. Will Open Monday.
RODMAN-BROWN COMPANY

NOTICE

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED, SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY.

Jos. Wylie & Co.

Christmas Week Specials
At CLOUD'S

25 High Class Sport Coats that sold from \$5.75 to \$7.50, to close out this week at \$4.98

25 Coat Suits to close out at the following prices:
 10 Suits that sold from \$17.50 to \$22.50 at \$9.75
 10 Suits that sold from \$13.50 to \$16.75 at \$8.75
 5 Suits that sold from \$10.50 to \$12.50 at \$6.98

Very special prices on all silk and wool dresses this week. Come early and see them before they are picked over.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Rain Coats that sold from \$5.50 to \$6.50, this week \$4.75

12 nice big black wolf and Coney Fur Muffs, special at \$4.98

2 sets of high priced Furs to close out this week very cheap. Ask to see them.

Greatly reduced prices on M. & C. and Queen Dress Skirts.

Be sure to see our big line of Ladies' Hand bags, neck wear and novelty Goods.

E. E. CLOUD

Christmas Suggestions for Christmas Shoppers

Let us help you to make your Christmas Shopping Easy.

We have on display for your consideration Christmas presents for every one—little folks and big folks, young people and old people. A visit to our store will convince you that we have just what you want to give. Here is a list of very acceptable gifts:

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Furs, Neckwear, Hosiery, Kimonos, Bath Robes, Boudoir Caps, Fancy Towels, Table Linen, Rugs, Boudoir Slippers, Parasols, Waists, Skirts, Shoes, Hats, Coat Suits, Hand Bags, Suit Cases and many other articles equally as acceptable.

Christmas Shopping Made Easy When You Shop With Us.

Our Stores Will Be Closed Saturday, Christmas Day.

THE BIG STORE
The S. M. Jones Company

MARKETS

Cotton Market Today.

Cotton 11.50
Cotton-seed 65 cents

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

LADIES—Are you looking for a useful gift for brother, father, husband or sweetheart. See Wyllie's big window.

FIRE WORKS, FIRE WORKS. 25 Ball Roman Candles, 2 for 25c.; 15 Ball Roman Candles, 3 for 25c.; 10 Ball Roman Candles, 12 for 25c.; Sky Rockets, Big Salutes, Torpedoes and everything else in proportion. Chester Drug Co.

GET OUR PRICE on Fire Works. Complete line, and lowest price. Chester Drug Co.

Mrs. Landeton Fishburn and small son of Walterboro are the guests of the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. George W. Gage on York street.

Mrs. Walter C. Jackson, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., arrived yesterday from Washington and New York and will be the guests of Mrs. M. H. Brawley for the holidays. Mrs. Jackson was a delegate from Tennessee to the National-Woman's Suffrage Convention held last week in Washington. While here Mrs. Jackson will speak in behalf of Woman's Suffrage before the Chester local

League, also in Columbia and Sumter.

JUST RECEIVED—Our spring line of John B. Stetson hats. Rodman-Brown Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Rudisill and son, Hugh of Lancaster are expected in the city this week to spend the holidays with Mrs. Rudisill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hafner on York street.

FOR EVERY member of the family—something useful as well as beautiful for Christmas. Rodman-Brown Co.

Mrs. Theodore Tinsley left Monday night for Atlanta to spend a few days.

Mrs. Mary V. Egertson Jr. has returned to her home after a visit to friends in Union.

LAST CALL—Remember the Rodman-Brown Co. are headquarters for all kinds of beautiful and serviceable presents for each and every member of the family.

Dr. J. H. and Mr. P. H. Powell of Atlanta spent the week-end in the city with their aunt, Mrs. H. W. Hafner.

Miss Emma Thomson spent the week-end in Rock Hill with relatives.

XMAS PRESENTS—Give something useful and save money by getting same at Rodman-Brown Co.

Miss Annie Corhill, who teaches at Hartsville, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Julia Corhill.

Mr. Joe. Bigham, principal of the Troy graded schools is spending the holidays at his home in this city.

BUY YOUR DOLLS, Toys and Novelties from W. R. and Pinkston Nails Jewelry Store, near City Hall.

Mr. M. H. Wachtel left Saturday for the West to purchase another car of stock for the S. M. Jones Co.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS Furniture from W. R. Nails Racket Furniture Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Gleig, who have been spending their honeymoon in Cuba arrived in the city Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mitchell, of Memphis, Tenn., and Dr. Eunice Bohannon of Memphis are the guests of Mrs. M. H. Brawley, their mother for the holidays.

FOR SALE—I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, on Tuesday Dec. 28th, at 11 A. M. at my home, the following personal property to wit: 1 head thoroughbred Devon Cattle, one or two mules, wagon farming implements, and some household and kitchen furniture. Terms cash. J. C. McAfee. 2t.

The stores of Messrs. J. W. White and Hawthorne McCrory, at the Wyllie Cotton Mills, were broken into on Sunday night and a number of articles taken. Entrance in both instances was made at the front of the buildings. The shop of the Morrow Machine Co. on the York road was also broken into and a couple of pieces stolen. The officers so far have been unable to locate the guilty parties.

HAVE YOUR LAUNDRY, ready not later than Wednesday. We will be closed Saturday. Farthing Steam.

Miss Ella Cross, of the Whit-mire Graded school faculty, will spend the holidays at her home in Chester.

Mr. James Banks is spending the holidays at his home in the city.

LADIES'S SUITS—everything reduced to \$10.00. Wyllie & Co.

Mr. J. B. Pennington, former Manager of the Dreamland Theatre, who is now with the Universal Film Co. is spending a few days in Chester.

LUMBER, Sash doors, Blinds, Shingles, Roofing and Paint bought before advance and sold right. Builders Supply Co. Wall St.

GIVE SOMETHING for Xmas that will give happiness as well as just be pretty. We have what you want. Rodman-Brown Co.

The following invitations have been issued:

Mrs. J. L. Glenn,
Thursday December twenty-third
Five o'clock
Mrs. James Harlin Glenn.

KNIGHT-JONES.

Great Falls, S. C. Dec. 18, 1915—On Thursday evening, December 16th at 8:00 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church at Great Falls was solemnized the wedding of Miss Bettie Knight and Mr. Earl Jones. The church was beautifully decorated in green and white and clusters of candles shed their soft light over the rainbow effect of the bridal party.

A musical selection of several suitable numbers was rendered before the ceremony, beginning with "A Perfect Day," which was sung by Mrs. Iris Lee of Knoxville, Tenn., Miss Lee Aycock sang "Bid Me To Wait," and "Sorrow-ere A Voice is Calling" was rendered as a duet by Mrs. H. B. Bobane and her brother, Mr. E. J. McMillan of Knoxville. Mrs. Hopkins, of Gaffney then sang "O, Promise Me," after which the bridal party entered by opposite aisles of the church, and crossing before the flower lanked after. The bride and groom were Mrs. M. H. Knight and Mr. Earl Jones. Miss Evelyn Campbell with Mr. Wm. Lybrand, Miss Mackey McIntyre with Mr. Enley Knight, and Mrs. Carrie Bishop with Mr. Ellis Harmon. Each bridesmaid wore a delicate shade of silk tissue with bouquets to match the color of the gown, the different colors making a beautiful effect in the candle light. They were followed by the little Misses Scruggs, who as twin sisters made a beautiful pair of tiny flower girls. The maid of honor, Miss Carrie Knight, wore pale yellow and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

Immediately preceding the bride and groom was the ring bearer, Miss Stantley, in an empire dress of white silk with a profusion of white silk with a profusion of pink bows, proudly bore the ring in a single pink rose.

The bride's gown was of white liberty silk made with draperies over a shirred skirt and the veil with orange blossom wreath was very becoming. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Moore and was beautiful and impressive, the organist, Miss Helen McCollough contributing softly the strains of the Bridal Chorus, and simple, though made a deep impression upon the five hundred friends who had gathered to witness the happy event.

The bride has lived in Great Falls several years where she has a host of friends who wish her continued happiness. Mr. Jones was formerly from Gaffney but has already won the deep affection of a number of warm friends here and is regarded as having a bright future. After a short visit in Gaffney the couple will be welcomed to their home in Great Falls.

Messrs. John M. and Harris Jones who attend the Bailey Military Institute at Greenwood are at home for the Christmas holidays.

JUST RECEIVED another shipment of ladies' coat suits, especially priced at The S. M. Jones Co.

Services will be held at St. Marks Episcopal church next Sunday as follows: Sunday School 10 o'clock, Morning service 11 o'clock, Evening services 4 o'clock.

HAVE YOU SEEN the beautiful bath robes for ladies and gentlemen, they are showing at The S. M. Jones Company?

Miss Letitia Key, who attends Chicago College in Columbia, and Mr. Frank Key, of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mamie Anderson and Leonard Weir of Chester, returned to York yesterday and spent several hours with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richardson—York News.

Mr. W. D. Bewley returned to his home in Anderson Saturday after a business trip to Chester and nearby points.

Charlotte policemen captured a Ford last night which contained 315 plants and 7 quarts of whiskey. The driver of the car took to the woods.

"Vaporize" Croup or Cold Troubles

Vapor treatments for cold troubles are better than internal medicine, as the vapors carry the medication direct to the lungs and air passages without disturbing the stomach.

When Vick's "Vap-O-Rub" Salve is applied over the throat and chest, the vapors released by the heat of the body, are inhaled with each breath. 25c. to \$1.00.

The many friends of Mrs. A. M. Aiken will be glad to know that she is at home again and steadily improving after an operation by Dr. Robert E. Abell at the Chester Sanatorium three weeks ago.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS shopping early and avoid the rush at The S. M. Jones Co.

Mrs. Elbert D. Monroe, of Tarry, Chester tomorrow morning to visit town, on the Hudson will arrive in her Nolee, Mrs. A. D. P. Gilmore.

TO ARRIVE the latter part of this week or the first of next week, are of fine mules and horses. Our Mr. M. H. Wachtel is in St. Louis now buying same. Wait on them. The S. M. Jones Co.

Liquor shipments to Chester this year are said to be far in excess of those last year. With the return of prosperity it appears "O Be Joyful has come in for his share.

OUR MR. Manie Wachtel is in St. Louis buying two cars of mules and horses, and we ask you to wait and see them. The S. M. Jones Co.

SEE OUR WINDOW complete stock Earthquake, Chester Hardware Co.

Mrs. S. E. Roddey, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Alexander, has returned to her home in Rock Hill.

FLOWER POTS, Fern Dishes, etc., Chester Hardware Co.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Just Arrived Car Red Cedar Shingles, 100 per Cent Clear. Call and examine them if you want a roof that will last.

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Chester, S. C. Phone 18

TAX RETURN NOTICE FOR 1915

In accordance with the law... Tax returns for the year 1915 will be open on Saturday, Jan. 16, 1916...

Act 283 of the General Assembly of South Carolina, provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of all persons to make returns of all personal property and return all new property that has changed hands...

For the greater convenience of persons residing in different portions of the county it will be at the following points on the dates assigned, after which it will be in my office continuously prepared to take returns:

W. A. Gladden's Store, Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 10 to 11 a. m.
R. A. Ragsdale's Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 1 to 3 p. m.
Mrs. W. P. McCulloch's Thursday, Jan. 6th, 9 to 11 a. m.

Great Falls, Thursday, Jan. 6th, 10 to 11 a. m.
Walker's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 10 to 11 a. m.
Edgerton, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 10 to 11 a. m.

Landford, Saturday, Jan. 8th, 2 to 5 p. m.
Landow, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 1 to 3 p. m.

Walker's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 10 to 11 a. m.
Edgerton, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 10 to 11 a. m.

Landow, Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 1 to 3 p. m.
J. G. Hollis' store, Thursday, Jan. 13th, 9 to 11 a. m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XIII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 26, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Hos. xiv.—Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Pa. ciii, & Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Lesson I.—Elijah in Naboth's vineyard. I Kings xxi. 1-29. Golden Text: Num. xxiii. 23. "Be sure your sin will find you out." The wicked may act as if they owned this world and may oppress and even kill those who seek to have no help, but "He that is higher than the highest regardeth, and there is higher than that" (Eccl. v. 7).

Lesson II.—Elijah taken up to heaven. I Kings ix. 1-17. Golden Text: Job xxi. 17. "In the presence of the Father of Joy, in Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." It is especially in this lesson to note the devotion of Elisha and how he steadfastly clung to Elijah and received that which his heart desired. The two young men walk with God in His will.

Lesson III.—Elisha heals Naaman. II Kings v. 1-14. Golden Text: Eccl. ix. 20. "A little captive maid and a great man of God used to magnify the God of Israel in the hearing of the most eminent of Syria." Who was a leper, Naaman had thought as to how he should be healed, but they were vain. Humility and faith are the keys. "The gifts of God cannot be bought." The gifts of God cannot be bought.

Lesson IV.—Elisha's heavenly defenders. II Kings ix. 8-17. Golden Text: Ps. xxxiv. 20. "The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." Vain are the efforts of man against a God who is the great Defender. He delivered the king of Israel from the king of Syria by His servant Elisha. He delivered Elisha by a wonderful way by sending the lions on those who sought him. He caused Elisha's servant to see the angelic hosts.

Lesson V.—The boy who crowned king. II Kings x. 1-13. Golden Text: Prov. xiv. 11. "The house of the wicked shall be overthrowed, but the tent of the upright shall flourish." This is another instance of heavenly care and preservation and of God watching over His Word to perform it, for if all the hated royal power of the world of God to David would have failed. The preservation of Josiah was to preserve the line of David. God uses human agencies.

Lesson VI.—Joshua repairs the temple. II Kings xiii. 4-15. Golden Text: I Cor. ix. 7. "God loveth a cheerful giver." The temple was the center of the temple said that God was in the midst of His people, and neglect to the temple was an insult to God. Athaliah had treated the temple with the same contempt that she treated God, but Joshua obtained funds in the appointed way by willing offerings and repaired the temple and restored the worship.

Lesson VII.—Daniel in the king's court. Dan. i. 8-20. Golden Text: I Cor. xvi. 13. "Be sober, be faithful in love, quit you like men, be strong." Here is the purpose of heart which glorifies God and obtains wisdom beyond human wisdom. He who would stand with the world before kings before he stands before God.

Lesson VIII.—Jonah a missionary to Nineveh. Jonah i. 1-10. Golden Text: Matt. xix. 20. "Who ye therefore, saith he, and I, am with you, even unto the end of the world." A striking lesson by God's unwillingness that an evil heart and an evil will, guilty in hiding, will messengers; also the great truths from preaching the message He bids us, then the forecasting of the restoration of nations by a converted Israel.

Lesson IX.—Amos the fearless prophet. Amos x. 1-15. Golden Text: Jer. xliii. 28. "He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully." The great need of believers is to be turned away from all that is earthly, especially from self, to walk with and serve the living God, who has revealed to us by the prophets His purpose, that we may fully realize His will.

Lesson X.—Isaiah's pride and punishment. II Chron. xxxi. 21-21. Golden Text: Prov. xxix. 23. "A man's pride shall bring him down, but his lowly spirit shall obtain honor." We have seen a great man heaped of reproach when he was willing to be humbled. He obeyed the Lord's great teaching bringing proud and giving a leper. God retributive, but blesses humbly.

Lesson XI.—Jehovah yearns over bereft Israel. Hosea xi. 1-11. Golden Text: Hosea, xi. 4. "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love." Israel the son of God contrasted with Christ, the True Israel: the one utterly selfish and unkind; the other loving and kind. As the Father loves the Son, so He loves and would have us live in His love (John xv. 8). Our difficulty is that we do not know Him.

Lesson XII.—The power of the angels. Luke ii. 8-20. Golden Text: Luke ii. 10. "Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." None simple faith of the shepherds and their making known what they saw and heard. The angels of the angels of the angels, in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, at His resurrection.

CORN BREAD WAS A FAILURE

But Husband Tried to Be Discreet in His Remarks to the Discomfited of the Guest.

They were a newly-married couple. The wife thought a fair cook, did not know how to make things his mother had prepared. And this vexed the husband, although he was disposed to be indulgent for the sake of harmony. But there was one point upon which he sorrowed a little. His wife could not make edible corn bread, and corn bread was the food upon which he was reared.

One day a girlhood friend of the wife visited her, and after assisting in the preparation of luncheon, she accepted an invitation to stay and eat it with the newlyweds. The husband arrived and the guest and he took their places at the table while the wife went to the kitchen to bring some forgotten dish.

Before his plate was the husband's corn bread, but it was a miserable failure, sticky yellow, flat and heavy. He became confidential. "There is one of the trials of a husband whose wife can't cook," he said apologetically to the guest. "I must have a look at that corn bread. But you mustn't let the wife know what I said, for it would hurt her feelings."

When the wife entered the room a few moments later she noticed that a deep blush suffused the guest's face. "Why what is the matter, dear?" she asked. "It's nothing," the guest replied hurriedly. "An hour later, after the husband had gone to the office the chorus of two laughing women's voices merrily resounded through the household of the newlyweds."

But the wife has not yet told the husband that her guest made the corn bread on that day she stayed for luncheon; in fact, asked the privilege because she considered herself an adept at making corn bread.

She Knew Amos.

The man who takesrolley rides through the country, says a writer in the Boston Advertiser, sees and hears much that is amusing. A few days ago, while I was riding through the outskirts of Amesbury, an old lady— but a decidedly spry one—halted the car. She was accompanied down to the road from the house by a young woman, possibly her daughter.

The elder woman put her foot on the lower running board, scraped the apron and was about to climb into the car, when she turned to the young woman and said: "Don't forget that gingerbread in the oven. 'Tis you know, pa just baked that gingerbread."

"All aboard!" shouted the conductor. But the old lady paid no attention to him. "A. L. Liza," she continued, "when you pick the eggs, bimbeby, look out for that 'Rhe' island Red that wants to see. She'll pick ye if ye ain't careful."

"All aboard!" again shouted the conductor; but as the old lady proceeded to climb into the car she paused long enough to say to him: "Ye can't scare me, Amos. I've known 'ye ever since ye was knee-high."

Amos grinned, pulled the bell and ye discovered, although the result may also be affected by the true shape of the earth, which still awaits accurate determination.—Youth's Companion.

Buy Junk, Get Famous Bell. One of the most historic bells of the South American churches was discovered and brought to San Francisco by two Oakland junk dealers, Willis Rosenthal and Lewis Rothenberg, who have just arrived from South America on the steamer Carco. They have been on a buying trip in Peru and Chile for two years.

The bell is 325 years old and hung in the cathedral of San Augustino at Lima for more than two centuries. The revolution of 1826 the cathedral was wrecked and the bell disappeared. The two Oaklanders bought the debris of the bell and, as they were among the ruins found the bell. It was thought in Lima that it had been stolen twenty years before.

Peruvians wished to buy the bell, but the new owners thought it would be worth more in this country and refused to sell. The relic weighs 800 pounds and is of brass, with inscriptions in gold.—San Francisco Chronicle.

HER POOR, PETTED HUSBAND

Wife's Solitude for His Health, and Her Own, Was Very Touching, Indeed Yes.

The petted husband and his wife were amably discussing the advisability of a trip to Palm Beach, in order that the wife of the petted husband could get back some of the strength that, with her, wasn't so latent as the distinguished physician who called upon her some time during the petted husband's office hours thought it ought to be.

"The only trouble, darling," said the petted husband, "is this: that if you should want me to go with you, I should have to leave my business just at the period when I am most needed to make our profits large enough for me to maintain you in the proud position to which you have been accustomed."

"On the other hand, should I remain behind, the first of the month will come without your being here, and the thought of opening all the bills for things you have ordered but forgotten to mention, without your approval, is rather disconcerting."

"And I suppose," said the wife of the petted husband, "you have not considered that if I should go alone there would be no one, absolutely no one, to see about my baggage, arrange about the sleeping compartments and hotel rooms and protect me from being insulted by total strangers. I should think, after our being married all these years, you ought to feel pretty good about my wanting you to go anyway, and you would if you had a spark of human feeling in you."

Throughout the petted husband interjected the usual applications to the hotel representatives, made arrangements to state off his creditors and close up his business for six weeks.

At Palm Beach the wife of the petted husband remarked to a friend: "Yes, I brought my petted husband along. The poor man absolutely needed a change of scene."—Life.

The Unstable Moon.

The celebrated observatory at Greenwich, the place from which we reckon our time, was founded by Charles II in 1675, mainly for the purpose of investigating the movements of the moon in the interests of navigation. Although in the intervening two and a half centuries astronomers have worked at the problem, the moon has not yet become entirely amenable to their tabulations.

The astronomer-royal of Great Britain, in his report of the work at Greenwich during the past year, calls attention to the increasing friction between the calculated position of the moon in the sky and its real position as shown by Greenwich observations. The deviation has lately been growing in a serious manner. The error last year was more than twelve times as large as the error twenty years ago, and the average annual increase during two decades has amounted to half a second of arc in longitude. The reason that astronomers have failed in getting clear results from calculations based on dynamical laws of gravitation is possibly the existence of some unknown force which has not yet been discovered, although the result may also be affected by the true shape of the earth, which still awaits accurate determination.—Youth's Companion.

Fumed Oak. A good method of producing the peculiar dark brown of old oak is by fuming with liquid ammonia. The wood should be placed in a dark and airtight room, and half a pint or so of ammonia put in an open dish placed upon the ground. The gas that comes from the ammonia acts in a wonderful manner upon the tannin in the wood, and browns it so deeply that a shaving or two may be taken off without removing the color. The depth of shade will depend upon the quantity of ammonia used and the time allowed for the operation. Other methods may be used to obtain a similar result. Liquid ammonia may be laid on the wood with a brush or rag, and the color will deepen immediately. Potash bicarbonate, dissolved in cold water, will produce a similar effect. In Germany, the cabinet makers use very strong coffee for darkening oak. To make it very dark, use iron filings with a little sulphuric acid and water, put on with sponges and allow it to dry quite each application, until the right hue is reached.

Begin to See Daylight. "The doctors may disagree over the one thing, and disagree as to what the most things), but the theory of the public health service is reasonable enough: We are largely what we eat, says the Boston Daily Advertiser. Diseases that once were fatal are now treated absolutely by diet and treated successfully, as all physicians agree, says the Boston Daily Advertiser. The drug store will be a food shop. Instead of paregoric or castor oil, the family doctor will prescribe orange juice and ice cream. Both are rich in the relative proportion of fats, proteins and carbohydrates. A new generation will circulate pledges against sugar and its allies. Both are eaten by the thousands and tens of thousands, and sugar has killed more Americans than rattlesnakes ever did. Many a man has taken more money for lubricating oil on his car than for his digestive organs. We call this a diet revolution. But the diet revolution and food frauds, we have just begun emerging from the stone age.

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Coal Notice! We are now prepared to make prompt deliveries on our Mountain Ash Jellico Coal which we absolutely guarantee to give entire satisfaction. Chester Ice and Fuel Co Phone 35

The Best Ledger MADE Binders and Ledger Sheets of all kinds THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. I have qualified and been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of A. A. Boone dec'd., and this is to notify and request all persons indebted to said Estate to settle with me properly, and to notify and request all creditors of said Estate to present their claims duly proven to me. A failure to do so after this Notice will be plead in bar to such claims. G. W. CHITTY, Adm. Dec. 17th, 1915.

YOU HAVE A Cordial Invitation to visit this Store where you always find a choice selection of fresh goods. "Our Store" W. T. BYARS Proprietor At Foster Carter's Old Stand Phone 455

GOLDS NEED ATTENTION. Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey lozenges the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat, or nose. It is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting colds, croup, hoarseness, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, etc. All Drugists.

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mortgage—lowest rate. R. M. Wiley, Jr.

Forty-Four, Hough Suggestions

Designed to Lighten the Christmas Worries of Mankind
Preceded by a Receipt for Happiness

Happiness goes out from the heart before it comes in. It never by any chance stays at home. You can harvest it for the common good, but you cannot store it for your sole individual use. You can lend it but you cannot borrow it, you can earn it but you cannot buy it, you can spend it but you cannot accumulate it. A man must contribute to the stock of human joys before he can participate in its profits. To seek happiness without giving it is a futile quest, and our longings for what we have not learned to give to others are as empty bottles in the wine cellar of the soul. Happiness really never was any good in this world but to give away!

- A sewing set for a fellow's sister.
- An engagement pad for some other fellow's sister.
- A jewel case for a "jewel" in Rock Hill.
- A toilet set for your wife.
- A silver shoe horn for the "prettiest foot in town".
- A boudoir vase for a bachelor girl.
- A mirror for a woman who deserves it.
- Yourself in a frame for the girl back home.
- A trinket tray for a debutante.
- A cologne bottle for a girl with yellow hair in Winochboro.
- A humidor from a wife to a husband.
- A manicure set for a girl who saves money.
- An ash tray for a man who burns it.
- An umbrella for Uncle Edward.
- A cigar case for Cousin Jim.
- A tea caddy set for Aunt Jane.
- A magnifying glass for a fault-finding friend.
- A silver match box "from one sport to another."
- An embroidery set for a woman who has nothing to do.
- A card case for brother Jack.
- A silver button hook for sister Mabel.
- A smelling salts bottle for a man about town.
- A cigarette holder for a man about eighteen.
- A cigar cutter for a "friend of the family."
- Comb, brush and mirror for a young man's fiancee.
- A "breakfast companion" for "the June bride's" Christmas.
- A silver pencil for the groom to figure the cost of living.
- A blue shopping bag for a lady with blue eyes.
- A brief case for a man "called to the bar."
- A cellorette for a man who keeps a bar of his own.
- A mesh bag from Brother Tom to Sister Sue.
- A gold pen knife from Tom to Tom.
- Five o'clock tea spoons to a young matron.
- A vanity box for a pretty young thing in Charlotte.
- Knife, fork and spoon for little Willie.
- Napkin rings from the children to Mother.
- A gold match box from children to Father.
- A silver belt buckle for Elsie.
- A pendant for diminutive Mignon.
- An assortment of pin cushions for an assortment of aunts.
- An assortment of paper cutters for an assortment of uncles.
- A silver toilet opener for a liberal host.
- A book marker for your pastor.

And something gorgeous, gold and Hough for the girl you love above all others.

Wise's Old Stand **H. K. HOUGH** Wise's Old Stand

MOROSE MAN LOSES FRIENDS

Serious Error is the Habit of Taking Offense When Nothing of the Kind is Intended.

Some persons are always in an uncomfortable frame of mind; not downright unhappy. And this even when there is not any real cause for unhappiness or grief, but when small offenses or negligences to which no second thought should be given are magnified. The more one allows his mind to dwell on these things, the greater he finds them. He views himself as being always in the right, and recounts the favors he has bestowed. These so occupy him he forgets favors received. With this disposition, a man seldom stops at musing his wrong thoughts in his own mind. He talks of them to others, presenting the character of one with whom he is offended in a wrong light, thereby doing an injustice. He is so filled with bitter thoughts of his grievance that his gloomy face and dismal tone cast gloom on those about him. He becomes so morose that his company is disagreeable. Others, observing his disposition to take offense quickly, feel that it may be their turn next to irritate him. One cannot enjoy freedom of conversation with someone watching for slights. How much better it would be in the first place to say, "He meant no offense," or "Perhaps he has troubles of his own that make him negligent." Better first look fairly at one's own conduct and see if every word or every act will bear being weighed in the balance. Life is too short and too valuable to be wasted in useless dissension. Think the best and speak the best you can of everyone you will be better for it and the happier.—Milwaukee Journal.

MAJESTY OF SEA REVEALED

Traveller in Airship Tells How He Was Impressed by His Passage Over the Ocean.

From an airship H. Warner Allen claims that for the first time he realized the full solitude of the sea. "To right and left," he writes, "the sea, backed here and there with foam and its blue expanse cut sometimes by the ash of a seagull's wing (the seagull itself far below was invisible, but its wings flashed bright as they caught the sun), stretched out to a horizon line which was a perfect section of a circle. Behind us, and ahead where the land lay, a screen of light mist interposed and cut short our view in a straight line. "The sensation was one of perfect content mingled with a solemn reverence for the vastness of the sea; not a sail in sight and nothing to divert attention from our swift arrow-like flight. "The shadow of the bag moved lightly across the waves. There were no varying air currents, and the airship kept smoothly on with an even motion. "The sea beneath gave an added sense of security, as though, if needed, it would break our fall. "Even the mechanics, men hardened to every form of danger, seemed touched by a feeling of awe and were silent; they had nothing to do but gaze across the sea, as the even roar of the motors told that all was well."

MEANING OF "HORSE POWER"

Simple Manner by Which the Now Familiar Term Was First Brought Into Use.

The use of the "horse-power" as a measure of an engine's work came naturally from the fact that the first engines were built to do work which had formerly been performed by horses. John Smeaton, who built almost all the engines of the 18th and 19th centuries, and Watt placed their more complete machine on the market, had valued the work done by a strong horse as equal to lifting a weight of 2,250 pounds one foot high a minute. When Boulton and Watt began to bid for public favor, they agreed to place their engines for the sale of one-horse power at the rate of one coal which was saved in its use." They also increased the value of the horse-power to 33,000 foot-pounds, so that a horse-power of half again as powerful for their rated power as those of their competitors. In this way they established the value of the horse-power. The lifting of the various kinds of a horse-power: Thirty-three thousand foot-pounds a minute, 550 foot-pounds a second, 3,300 thermal units an hour, 47.75 foot-pounds a minute. The horse-power of a boiler depends on its capacity for evaporation. The evaporation of 33 pounds of water at a pressure of ten pounds per square inch at seven pounds gauge pressure equals 34½ pounds, and at 212 degrees Fahrenheit is equivalent to a horse-power.

JAPANESE TREE A WONDER

Puts Farth Immense Orange Which Develops Into the Shape of the Human Hand.

In Japan grows an immense orange, whose shape it derives its name, "the five-fingered orange." Some of the largest of the matured fruit measure eleven inches from stem to tip of the middle finger. Naturalists say the fruit has been developed into its present shape by industry aiming at self-protection. As if further to protect its singularly delicious fruit, the tree's gnarled, gnarled branches are so entangled with the trunk that it is impossible to find two inches of stem growing in the same direction. The tree seldom grows more than six feet high, and sends out a multitude of long, hard needle-pointed thorns.

When in bloom this ugly tree is an ornament to the garden as most beautiful and fragrant blossoms, like those of the ordinary orange tree and a particularly lovely pink bluish color. The flowers, which make their appearance in June or July, grow in clusters of two or three blossoms. The fruit is lemon-yellow, growing greenish towards the stem.

Lepers Allowed to Mate.

The British Medical Council has given permission for lepers to marry with each other, but not with healthy mates. The Lancet remarks that as the birth-rate among lepers is very low, the percentage of infant leprosy is correspondingly high. But it adds, "It is imperative that arrangements be made in advance, and the reasons carefully explained before consent to the marriage is given. It is better to have a healthy infant from the custody of its mother to a leper who has been cured, than to have a child who will be a leper from the moment of its birth." The Council also decided that a leper who has been cured should be allowed to marry a healthy girl, provided the girl is not a leper.

His First Naval Hero.

The first naval hero of the United States—very almost forgotten—was Jeremiah O'Brien. A Matinee man, whose racial descent is clearly indicated by his name. He commanded an American vessel in the first naval battle of the American Revolution, was fought near Machias, Me., June 12, 1775. Some little time before an English schooner, the Marguerite, was captured by the British. The attempt was made to capture her. The command, the Marguerite made a voyage to the Bay of Fundy. An English schooner and tender were sent out to capture her. The Marguerite was captured by the British. The first naval battle of the United States was fought there. The Marguerite was captured and her men added the schooner and tender to their prizes.

Silicon in Mineral Lungs.

It is well known that those engaged in occupations in which much silica dust is produced—miners, certain agriculturists, etc.—suffer from a form of lung disease. Dr. McCraw has analyzed the lungs of such cases occurring in the West Virginia mines in South Africa, and has found a large amount of silica in the lungs. He reports in the South African Institute for Medical Research.

Sense of Doubt.

"So, you want to marry my daughter?" "Yes, I would like to marry her." "Yes," replied the confident youth, "I shall devote my life to trying to make her happy."

Things Which Go With It.

Fishman: "I see you English woman who has made a judge and go on the bench."

Prepayment Saved This Policy

Mr. Claude Westfall, of Clarksville, Va., was insured an application for Mutual Benefit insurance on July 17, 1915, and paid the first quarterly premium of \$6.10 to the agent, taking in exchange therefor the Company's binding receipt. He made an appointment for examination the following day, but his wife, for whose benefit the insurance was to be taken, tried to dissuade him from adding to his insurance.

The agent, however, finally prevailed upon him to be examined and on July 22nd examination was made. It proved favorable in every respect. The application, which was for a Life Accelerative Endowment Policy, \$1,000 at age 31, was received at the Home Office July 26th. In accordance with the Company's usual custom in such cases, however, an inspection was called for which was received August 2nd. This being favorable, the application was approved by the Medical Board and passed on to the policy Department. Policy was issued and mailed on August 3, 1915.

In the meantime, on July 30th, Mr. Westfall was taken sick and his trouble was diagnosed as acute peritonitis on August 4th and he died. It will be noted that this was the same day that his policy was mailed from Newark but the first premium having been prepaid the insurance was in force, although the policy had not been delivered to the insured. The proceeds were paid to his wife on August 10th. Prepayment of the quarterly premium saved the insurance.

JOSEPH LINDSAY, District Agent
Chester, S. C.
A. M. SIMMONS, Agent
Richburg, S. C.
M. M. MATTISON, General Agent
Anderson, S. C.

FIRST AND FINAL RETURN.

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd Day of December 1915, being Thursday at eleven o'clock A. M., I will make my Final and Final Return of the Estate of A. W. McFadden, deceased unto Hon. A. W. Wise, Probate Judge for Chester County, S. C. and upon such Return being made and passed by said Judge of Probate I will apply unto him for Letters of Administration.

W. C. McFADDEN,
Administrator of the Est. of A. W. McFadden, deceased, Chester, S. C. November 20th, 1915.

JACKSON, MISS., MAN

Tells How To Cure Chronic Cough: Jackson, Miss.—"I am a carpenter, and the gripe left me with a chronic cough that has lasted for years. I took all kinds of cough syrups without help. I read about Vinol and decided to try it. Before I had taken a bottle I felt better, and after taking two bottles my cough is entirely cured, and I have gained new vim and energy."—JOHN L. DENNIS, a delicious cod liver and iron tonic, guaranteed for coughs, colds and bronchitis and for all weak, run-down conditions.

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HOW GREAT INDUSTRY BEGAN

Chemist May Be Said to Have Stumbled Over a Discovery of Immense Importance.

An experimenting chemist, endeavoring to produce artificial guano, using a base known as aniline, not only obtained coloring matter, but also made the foundation for the synthetic color industry, which has developed today almost every color and shade of color is derived from aniline. Aniline had been obtained previously from the Indigo plant. The discovery of mauve created a large demand for the synthetic aniline base, and gave unexpected value to benzene. It yielded aniline by being treated with nitric acid and with the benzene of cast iron powdered into dust. Having done its work in the aniline still, the dust was used by the mauve maker to cleanse his coal gas and the gas was then used by the synthetic manufacturing chemist, who burned the sulphur out of it and produced a sulphuric acid—a cycle of operations which beginning at benzene, ended at the production of waste. This method of producing mauve was responsible for the insoluble madder fields of France and England and for the loss to the chemist of their longcherished indigo cultivation. Anthracene, one of the heavier oils of coal, caused the fall of the mauve growing industry. The madder produced violets, reds, blacks, purple and dark browns. Anthracene was sold very cheaply for lubricating purposes until certain chemists treated it with fine filings and produced alizarin, and then the secret of the madder plant was discovered. In this way chemistry displaced nature. The madder plant of alizarin having the coloring power of ninety pounds of madder, and the lubricating oil sold at a trifling price became a valuable coloring matter.

HAD ORIGIN IN LIMPIDITY

Famous Phrase Which is Often Used Has Been Ascribed to a Bishop of Milan.

"When you are in Rome do as Rome does," is one of the proverbs that are so old that their origin is lost in the mists of antiquity.

It is generally asserted, however, that it arose from the events of the incident, given in one of St. Augustine's epistles: "Augustine was in the habit of dining upon Saturday as upon Sunday being permitted by the pope. The present practices then prevailing for they had begun to fast at Rome on Saturday," he consulted St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan, on the subject. The answer of the Milan saint was this: "When I am here I do not fast on Saturday, but when at Rome I do fast on Saturday."

Burton, in his "Anatomy of Melancholy," speaks of those persons who are always awayed in mind and action by what is surrounding them. "When you are at Rome," he says, "they do there as they see done."

Humorous Fact of History.

The enactment of the law that forbade corpses marks an important epoch in the progress of civil liberty in England, and is regarded as one of the great achievements of the subject. The second's reign, Charles himself did not want the law, but just at the time he was being persecuted and was anxious to oppose so far as a measure. The friends and foes of the act were pretty evenly divided in parliament, but the final vote was secured by the manner of its passage, however, was both comical and illegal. While the voting was going on a very fat lord asked the clerk to read the roll of names in the affirmative. In a spirit of fun the clerk announced ten votes for him, to accord with his great size. He was so surrounded, and for some unexplained reason the "error" was never corrected. The strongest part of it is, the majority for the measure was less than ten, because it would have failed of passage without the fat lord's extra votes.

Using up the Forests.

It is estimated that there are taken from our forests yearly, including waste in logging and in manufacture, 20,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood, valued at about \$1,250,000,000. There are used in a single year 30,000,000 cords of firewood, nearly 400,000,000 board feet of lumber, over 415,000,000 board feet of veneer, 185,000,000 cords of soft pine, 155,000,000 cords of spruce, 1,500,000 cords of wood for distillation, over 140,000 cords for excelsior and nearly 2,500,000 telegraph and telephone poles.

Secrecy in Dispatches.

The war department has recently revised and distributed from the office of the chief signal officer of the army, is kept under lock and key in the department. In the office of every post commander, in the headquarters of every armed force in the field, and is issued individually to every officer of the United States Signal Corps. The pay likewise has a code of its own, and each of the three departments mentioned uses, when necessary, the codes of the other two.

State of Confusion.

"Does your wife play bridge?" "I don't know." "She tried to show me how it is played, and it brings in the same she tried to teach me, nobody can play it."

CHESTER B. & L. ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Showed Net Earning Of 8.3 Per Cent For The Year—Several New Directors Added To The Board.

The annual meeting of the Chester Building and Loan Association was held at the court house Friday evening. The report of the President, Mr. Joseph Lindsay, brought out some interesting facts in connection with the year's work, and showed the Association to be in its most prosperous condition. The report of Mr. Robert Gage, Secretary and Treasurer, showed a net earning of 8.3 per cent for the past twelve months.

The following Board of Directors was elected for the ensuing year: Joseph Lindsay, R. E. Sims, L. T. G. Thornton and Morris J. Ehrlich. A. M. Aiken, S. W. Pryor, M. D. R. Hall, E. H. Hardin, J. B. Biglam, R. B. Caldwell, R. T. Morris, Alex. Frazer, W. E. Nichols, and D. E. Colvin.

The following is the report of Mr. Joseph Lindsay, President of the Association. "To the stockholders of the Chester Building and Loan Association: I hereby make my annual report as President of the Association for the past year. I wish to call attention to the fact that we were unable to hold the annual meeting a year ago for the reason that stockholders failed to attend in sufficient numbers to make a quorum, but the meeting was duly adjourned and called for, and the report of all the officers was made and filed.

The country has just passed through a year and a half of financial depression, but I believe that the Building and Loan Associations have stood the stress and strain as well or better than any other financial institution. This is another evidence of the fact that the Building and Loan is the friend of all classes of people and is the easiest and best way to save money and provide against loss and disaster. I want to urge upon the stockholders this fact and ask all of them to cooperate to keep up the institution.

The report of the Treasurer shows the value of the stock in each series and the number of shares as follows:

Series	Shares	Value
7	383	\$90.84
8	385	73.63
9	498	55.88
10	441	40.76
11	583	2.90
12	502	12.48

Series No. 13 was started in October, 1911, and there has been subscribed to this series 357 shares.

The report of the committee to examine the books shows that the assets of the Association are in splendid condition, and I wish to concur in this report as it is present when the committee did this work. Very respectfully,
Joseph Lindsay, Pres.
Chester, S. C., Dec. 17, 1915.

Mr. R. D. Webb, secretary of the State Inter-denominational Sunday School Association, made an address Sunday afternoon at the A. R. P. church. In his address he outlined the aims and object of the association. At the conclusion of the address, Mr. L. E. Brown, President of the Chester association, called the officers together to discuss plans for the ensuing year. It was decided to hold a meeting of the township superintendents in Chester on the last Tuesday in January, at which time a program is to be decided upon for a township convention in each township of the county. These conventions to be held before the State Convention in Charleston in May.

COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However, statistics show that every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold, germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit is proven by the cold and young in use over 45 years. Get a bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. Druggists.

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SHRINE BANQUET

Details Being Handled—Hundreds of Children to be Invited.

The Chester Shrine Club is now making final arrangements for the children's banquet, which is to be given during the holidays, mention of which was made in a recent issue of the News.

The mothers, wives and daughters of the Shrine will meet in the Commercial Club rooms tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock to arrange the details, setting the date, etc.

The following committees have been appointed: Hall and Decoration, Z. V. Davidson, Chairman; Willie Spencer, B. D. Rife, J. H. Craig, A. G. Thornton and Morris J. Ehrlich; Invitation Committee, W. E. Anderson, Chairman; S. W. Pryor, H. E. McConnell, W. M. Love, W. D. Knox, Joseph Lindsay, J. L. White, W. F. Stricker, C. C. Edwards, T. L. Eberhardt and H. S. Ross. Finance Committee, M. R. Clark, P. D. Smyer, M. H. Wachtel and R. J. Lindsay. Entertainment Committee: H. M. Ross, Chairman; L. T. Nichols, J. C. Robinson, E. L. Barton, T. G. Moffatt, J. L. Davidson, F. A. Cooner and J. C. Cornell. Transportation Committee: C. C. McAlly, Chairman; Alex. Frazer, R. B. Moffatt, Allen McCauley, W. J. Simpson, Auburn Woods, D. M. Peden and W. W. Isaacs. Reception Committee: Robert Frazer, Chairman; J. P. Allen, W. S. Brawley, J. T. Peay and G. W. Chitty.

The banquet this year will be given in the Army instead of the Masonic Hall, as was done last year.

THE SHOW LAST NIGHT.

A Real Good Show—Excellent Singing and Dancing.

The Jacquith Musical Comedy Co. which was at the Opera House last night, is the best musical comedy Chester theatre-goers have seen for several years. The players deserved all the applause that they were given in a much larger house and numbers of these present say they have paid twice the admission price and not been near as good a play.

The show is original throughout with a well balanced cast and a chorus of well trained voices. It was by all odds the best tabloid musical comedy ever presented here.

"Garry" Jacuith and Walter B. Edmundson handled the comedy roles excellently. Miss Alice Maurice, playing the part of "One Little Maid" has a personality that won the audience from the start. Miss Maurice was featured last season as one of the dancing beauties at fashionable Murrys, in New York City, in a Harlequinade. Misses Bessie Logan and Gessie Shaw are excellent. Both are graceful dancers and were encored as long as they would heed the applause.

Mr. John C. McAfee, one of Chester county's prosperous farmers, has sold his farm on Route 2 to Mr. John S. Stone and will move to the Jones Place near Guthrieville, which he recently purchased.



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YORK COUNTY NEWS

Mr. J. G. Beckham has reconsidered his resignation as manager of the Yorkville fire department, the town council having agreed to increase his salary and give him other inducements.

Between 45 and 50 quarts of liquor alleged to be the property of Clarence Staughter and Dick Lanier of Hickory Grove, were seized Wednesday evening by Chief of Police Carson Lewis of Hickory Grove and the alleged owners of the liquor. The town council of Hickory Grove is charged with transporting. It is alleged that the men went to the county dispensary in Union after the liquor Wednesday morning in an automobile driven by Moffatt. Mr. Moffatt, also of the Hickory Grove community, Policeman Lattimore who was attending court in Yorkville, received intelligence upon his return to Hickory Grove Wednesday evening that certain parties had gone to Union after whiskey and would return to Hickory some time that night. The policeman immediately got on the watch and when the car arrived in town, promptly stopped the machine and seized the liquor. The parties who were arrested charged with being the owners of the contraband whiskey, allege that part of the liquor is their property, while the great majority belongs to friends of theirs and that they were bringing it from Union to Hickory Grove merely as a matter of accommodation to their friends.

Tom Evans and Reuben Lindsay, colored, have been at outs with one another for some time. They met on Mr. John Carrell's place near the county home Sunday afternoon. Evans had a shotgun. They shot. Both were hit. Lindsay in the muscles of his arm while Evans was merely scratched. After the shooting Evans ran away. He has not come back. Lindsay is in bed.

The report of this story of the manner in which the jury reached a verdict in the case has been handed down for some time. They met on Mr. John Carrell's place near the county home Sunday afternoon. Evans had a shotgun. They shot. Both were hit. Lindsay in the muscles of his arm while Evans was merely scratched. After the shooting Evans ran away. He has not come back. Lindsay is in bed.

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