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CHESTER, S. C. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

No. 13

STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES REPORT

The State Board of Charities and Correctional Institutions has completed its study of the changes in the Charities and Corrections Act of 1914.

Columbia, Dec. 20.—In the opinion of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, convicts should be worked on the roads in as large gangs as possible, if the cost of maintaining them it is to be kept at a minimum. The board was led to this conclusion by a study of the cost of guarding the convicts in 22 changes in 15 counties and the total cost of maintaining the Charleston city changing gang during 1913 and 14, the Charleston changing worked by the sanitary and drainage commission during six and five months of 1914 and 1915.

The report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections to the general assembly says that the figures it gives on the cost of maintaining changes are not comprehensive enough to be conclusive, but that they indicate, though they do not prove:

1. That the average change in South Carolina has 26 to 28 convicts of whom 5 to 8 are "trustees."

2. That it employs four to five guards, whose average monthly salaries are \$25 to \$30 for foremen and \$30 for guards.

3. That in such a gang of 27 convicts the guarding cost is about 21 cents a day a man, and the feeding cost about 21 to 24 cents. The total maintenance cost is probably 20 per cent. of the combined expenses for feeding and guarding, bringing the figures up to 55 or 60 cents a convict a day. If this be increased by 25 per cent. for lost time, we shall arrive at 70 to 75 cents as a probable fair estimate of the county's daily expense for each prisoner or change of 26 to 28 men.

4. That the larger the gang the lower the per capita cost of the board, headchecked by the systems of keeping a record of the cost of maintaining changes, especially county changes. In its report the board recommends that "a complete and conclusive system of cost accounting" be installed in every county in connection with each gang.

The report says that this record should show "every item of cost, such as equipment and permanent improvements (periodical inventories); maintenance of camps—guarding, subsistence (itemized by foods with periodical inventories), clothing, fuel, medicines and medical services, repairs and depreciation; livestock, feed, etc.; returns on work done; nature, time required; time lost on account of sickness, Sundays, bad weather, trips from camp to jail and return, etc. These ultimate costs should also be figured for the different kinds of work in order to determine when it is profitable to use untrained convicts and when skilled labor."

Because the figures were more readily available, the agents of the board were able to make an extended study of the cost of guarding convicts on the many varied farms which make up the total cost of maintaining changes. The board prints in its annual report comparative figures showing the cost of guarding convicts on 22 changes located in 15 different counties. Commenting on these figures, the report says:

"There was marked variation in the cost of guarding convicts on these 22 changes. The per diem cost ranged from 12.5 cents in Chester county to 54.9 cents on a Highland county change. In other words, while it was costing Chesterfield county 12.5 cents to keep the convicts on its changing from receiving, it was costing Highland 54.9 cents on one of its farms. Other changes at which the per diem cost of guarding was relatively high include two in Spartanburg, one costing 40.9 cents, the other 34.7 cents; one in Richland, 28.1 cents; one in Greenwood 30.5 cents; one

TRAFFIC IN BABIES SAID TO BE HEAVY

Claimed Death Rate Runs to 90 Per Cent, Due to Separation From Mothers.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—The State wide vice commission appointed by Governor Goldsborough in January, 1913, today made public the results of its inquiry. Probably the most sensational feature dealt with is the alleged traffic in babies. It is asserted that investigators found there are institutions in Baltimore to which the mother of an illegitimate child may consign her offspring upon the payment of a certain sum and forever rid herself of legal responsibility for it.

Of the hundreds of children taken by the institutions the commission avers that 80 to 90 per cent die and are buried in heaps in small plots of ground, one such plot approximately fifty feet square having been the tomb of five thousand babies since 1886.

The high death rate is attributed to the separation of the infant from its mother at birth, thereby depriving it of the individual attention no evidence was adduced that the babies were neglected at the institutions.

Since the commission began its work the police have closed the resorts in the segregated districts, and according to the report, there is no evidence that immorality is not practiced as extensively as ever. Much of this evil is carried on clandestinely, says the commission, and business places, ofices, boarding houses and even homes are said to have been found in great numbers where immorality is introduced and continued in private.

Much attention is given to social conditions in factories, stores and office buildings and many instances are given of immorality forced upon girls by their employers or their superiors at their places of employment, the penalty of refusal being the loss of position.

The board believes that continuation of the inquiry is desirable and recommends the creation of a permanent morals board.

FRANCE CURBS DRINKING

President Poincare Heads Enlarged Temperance Society.

Paris, Dec. 19.—France's principal temperance society, the Alarm, has just been reorganized on a more comprehensive basis with President Poincare as honorary president, and under a patronage committee, including M. Ribot, Minister of Finance; M. Thomas, Minister of Maritime; M. Bourgeois, Minister of State; General Niox, Governor of the Soldiers' Home; Paul Doumer, former President of the Chamber of Deputies, and Paul Delcasse.

Jean Piot is President of the society, and Ferdinand Buisson, President of the League of the Rights of Man; Henry Coulin and Dr. Pierre Bouillier are Vice Presidents. The Executive Committee contains the names of all Frenchmen eminent in science, literature, commerce, and industry.

The extension of the scope of the society is viewed with particular interest, and is considered significant in view of the recent legislation and the decrees limiting the sale of alcohol.

The Pennell-Young Motor Co. is today moving their garage into the Jones Building, in Lower Gadsden street. They will have an ideal car with plenty of room. On the front is the office and supply room adjoining a large storage room, which will house about thirty cars, to the rear of this will be the machine shop. There are entrances to the building on two streets.

In Occone, 29.8 cents. The report explains that the figures on the per diem cost of guarding convicts are derived from the number of convicts on the gangs on the days they were visited by an agent of the board.

THOSE THAT HAVE—GET BY A-T-WESTON



FORD PARTY NOT MAKING IMPRESSION

"Latest Scheme," if True, Likely to Get Henry in Jail—"Naxt" Hangerson.

London, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian peace party declines to have anything to do with Ford peace expedition, according to dispatches to the London morning papers, as long as Mene Reiska-Schwimmer is connected with the movement. Some of the dispatches state that a demand has been made for her expulsion, declaring that it is impossible to give the movement a neutral appearance. It says the main impression made by the Norwegian plan is that Ford is an idealist dreamer, whose honesty and unselfishness are beyond a question while some of his followers certainly fail to give that attractive impression.

A dispatch to the Mail from Christiania says the manager of the mission announced today that the Ford party would start for Stockholm Thursday. Mene Schwimmer, the dispatch says, has sent out invitations to a hundred prominent business men, bankers and others of Christiania to attend receptions and other functions at the Grand Hotel. This attempt to stir up a semblance of interest in the mission met with no success. "The dispatch declares, 'the only thing the people want is to see the man who is willing to spend \$20,000,000 to end the war,' but Ford remains in hiding. Fifteen members of Ford's traveling office staff are to be sent back to the United States tomorrow.

"The latest scheme to end the war is said to be that Mr. Ford is to approach armament makers in the bigger counties and by offering them orders will seek to induce them to cease turning out equipment of armies."

White Star Line to Pay \$564,000 in Settlement of All Titanic Claims.

New York, December 20.—The White Star line has agreed to pay \$564,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, when more than 1500 persons were drowned. George W. Betts, Jr., attorney for the line announced here today.

Approximately \$500,000 would be distributed among American claimants and \$114,000 would be required for interest and expenses in connection with the numerous suits. Forty-four attorneys, representing that number of persons out of more than sixty who have filed claims, have signified their willingness to accept the settlement terms, it was said. The proposition grew out of the

HAMPTON COUNTY KILLING

Hampton, December 20.—Henry Breelan, a young farmer about 27 years of age, living near Cummins, was shot and instantly killed by his cousin and brother-in-law, Harley Harvey, aged 20, yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, on the public road near Hickory Hill. Harvey was arrested by the deputy sheriff shortly after the shooting and is now in the county jail, pending the preliminary trial, which will be held on Thursday.

The prisoner's statement is, in effect, as follows: "My brother, I'll name, his wife and myself were in the same buggy on our way home from Mr. Lord Stanley's home when my brother had just married a daughter of Mr. Stanley. A short distance from Hickory Hill we met Henry Breelan and his father, at so in a buggy, approaching us. Henry Breelan jumped from his buggy and came running in our direction, cursing and threatening our lives. My brother and I got out of our buggy, and as we did so Breelan slashed at me with a large knife, but I evaded him and begged him not to attack me. He then cut at my brother, cutting a long slash in his coat. I then put to the buggy, got my pistol and shot him three times. My brother and I then got in our buggy, I being Breelan in the care of his father, and went on home. I told my people what had happened and had started to Hampton to give myself up when I met the deputy sheriff on the way. He brought me to Hampton and placed me in jail."

There had been bad blood existing between us for some time and Breelan had threatened my life and my brother Tillman's life on more than one occasion. I could not say whether Breelan was drinking or not, though he appeared to be sober. Neither Tillman nor I had been drinking."

The beautiful dupe and the kid girl. Mossy Dale Correspondence Winchester News at Herald. A beautiful dupe with yellow shoes and red necktie at one of the recent hot suppers had a little sixteen-year-old cornered off and was expatiating on the basic principles of good government when he was heard to remark that he did not know until he saw the "Birth of a Nation" in Columbia the other day that Abraham Lincoln was crucified.

activities of the claimants' committee appointed last summer, which fixed to American claimants, it was explained that each one would receive approximately 20 per cent of his claim.

The agreement, which calls for the money to be deposited in a New York bank, is now being circulated among those having claims and must be acted upon by December 30 to become operative.

GERMANY WORRIED OVER SALONIKI

Toutons Believed Not to be Sufficient Strength to Attack Entente Allies United.

Athens, Dec. 18.—An interesting communication has been received from Berlin via Vienna to the effect that military necessities demand a speedy attack on the Allies now existing themselves in Macedonia. A neutral diplomat tells me the Central Powers added that it was essential they should bring their allies with them.

Ruth Germans and Bulgars were ready with guarantees that any expedition would only be of a temporary nature, but, on the other hand, there is no disposition among any section of the Greek people to look upon Bulgarian entry into Greece Macedonia otherwise than in the light of a national calamity. At all events it can be said that the military obligations of Greece are such as to enable her to cooperate effectively in the defense of her own territory.

It is considered likely that everything has been settled amicably between Greece and the central powers. In well-informed circles, the general view is that Mackensen's army, which already has suffered heavy losses, requires that its vigorous action should also be guarded at certain strategic points in Serbia. The main railway line has been damaged, making it difficult for the Germans at present to transport fresh troops, even if they are available, as well as heavy artillery toward the Macedonian front. Hence the cooperation of their Bulgar ally is of vital importance if Germany is to prosecute the campaign with out delay.

A representative of a neutral power informed me today that the Germans view with conservatism the elaborate defensive preparations of the Allies, which are rapidly converting the new front into an impregnable position. If the Allies are to overcome the Germans realize it must be by rapid and vigorous action before the defenses are completed and heavy artillery mounted. The central powers contend there is vital danger to Greece in the entire combination pursuing the Allies across the frontier. In view of this, the Bulgarian Minister's announcement this evening to the effect that the Bulgars have no intention or desire to enter Greece Macedonia is considerably discounted.

The Greek point of view, however, is unchanged that a Bulgar incursion would create a serious situation which might affect the central powers themselves. Berlin and Vienna already have been made aware of this. Every one is hoping King Ferdinand will be faithful to his minister's statement and keep his troops where they are. The central powers are counselled to accept the position as it stands and not precipitate matters by forcing the hand of those who today are responsible for the wellbeing of Greece.

VIRGINIA WANTS \$500,000 FROM WOMAN UNDER CARE OF ASYLUM PHYSICIANS

Richmond, Va. December 20.—Suit for \$500,000 was alleged to be due the state of Virginia and the city of Williamsburg in taxes on the estate of the Williamsburg fruit car, today against Miss Marie Marshall, a wealthy woman who for eighteen years, has occupied a home some near the state insane asylum at Williamsburg under care of the asylum physicians. Until recently it had been supposed that Miss Marshall's large holdings in stock and bonds were assessed for taxation in New York where she lived before coming to Virginia, investment developer that this was not the case and Virginia authorities directed that suit be brought for taxes throughout the period since Miss Marshall became a resident of the state.

Mr. J. M. Hood, of Lancaster, who has been in the West purchasing stock, spent last night in Chester.

MR. HOLLIS WRITES ABOUT THEIR FAIR

No Admission Fee on a Picnic Dinner for All Area Leading Features—Farmers Specialize on One Breed

The following article is taken from the progressive farmer and no doubt will be of interest to our readers.

The agency that is helping our section most is our Community Fair Society, organized four years ago, and which has held an annual fair since.

Everybody in the neighborhood has been interested, and we have been enabled to get together better in this effort than in any other. With a very small showing the fair has developed wonderfully, and this year showed improvement along all lines. Especially noticeable among the improvements, were the variety and quality of the field crop exhibits. They showed that several new crops have been introduced, among them being Sudan Grass, Lepout Mountain Irish potatoes, seeded ribwort's sorghum, new varieties of corn, velvet beans, soy beans, and alfalfa. All these we believe, being introduced and their growth stimulated by one neighbor showing another what can be done. A special effort has been made to increase the variety of crops that can be grown, so as to break the farm's self-sufficiency.

No livestock was shown at the first fair, but this year there was a first-class herd of purebred Jersey cows, purebred beef bulls and several purebred dairy bulls in the community. Almost every farmer has one or more mares and expects to raise his own mules.

A great deal of interest is being taken in poultry and it is the aim of every family to have a pure breed. The women have shown much interest, and their display of fancy broods and cooking was especially good. A cooking club has been formed and it is splendid working order. It is the aim of this club to equip every kitchen with the modern conveniences.

The men have a club and all the problems of farming are met and dealt with in the meetings. The latest effort we have made is to start a cream route to Winthrop College, and there is no doubt that the effort will be successful. These are some of the things that have come directly from the formation of the fair society, but the most important development has been in the community spirit and friendly feeling of the neighborhood. Two distinct features of our fair are (1) no charge or premiums and (2) picnic dinner for everybody. We had 800 people at the last fair.

We might mention the fact that our fair is held at the schoolhouse and that one of the two days of the fair is devoted to education. We cannot too highly recommend the community fair to these neighborhoods where an effort for improvement is to be started, and we believe that there is hardly a better way to get everybody at work.

DAN S. HOLLIS, Secy Rodman, R. C.

Blackleg in Bether.

Mr. R. B. Riddle of Clover No. 7, lost a calf by blackleg last Wednesday night. Several weeks ago when blackleg was milder or less prevalent in the local township, Mr. Riddle had all his cattle inoculated with the blackleg serum, except this calf, and because of its weakness, failed to inoculate the animal, and the disease made its appearance and took with fatal results. Several other head of cattle that have come on the place since the case of several weeks ago, have been given the serum the past week. Scrivener Enquirer.

Clerk's Sale

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHESTER

By virtue of Spdy Decretal Order in an abstract case...

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1916.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the following described real estate, to-wit:

One-half acre of land, being part of and situated in the town of Blackstock, South Carolina...

Terms of Sale: One-half of the purchase price in cash, but the purchaser may pay all or a greater amount in cash...

Also: All three lots of land and improvements thereon, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Terms of Sale: Cash and purchaser to pay for all necessary papers and revenue stamps...

Also: All that parcel or lot of land, with the dwelling house and other improvements thereon...

Also: All that parcel or lot of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Terms of Sale: One-half of the purchase price to be paid in cash, balance upon a credit of one year...

Also: All that tract or plantation of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Also: All that tract or plantation of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Also: All that parcel or lot of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Also: All that parcel or lot of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

2. All that parcel or tract of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

Each of the above described tracts were surveyed to Sidney Franklin by M. E. White...

Terms of Sale: One-half of the purchase price to be paid in cash, balance upon a credit of one year...

Also: All that tract or plantation of land, being and situated in the town of Blackstock...

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second sale falls short of the first sale, he shall be held liable for such deficiency...

CLERK C. C. PLEAS of Chester Co., S. C.

FIFTY-FIFTY WITH HIS WIFE

Husband Enters into 'Nove Race With Wife in Saving the Family's Money.

In the American Magazine is an account of what competition did toward encouraging a bank account.

"I am on a newspaper. I have always made a salary in excess of simple living requirement, but I was a free spender and did not save.

"A baby came, and I felt an added responsibility. I was afraid—afraid frightened for the first time in my life. Then I gave the matter of saving some thought, but I could not decide upon any course of action.

"At the office one day a business discussion made me see that what I need in my home was competition.

"That night on my arrival home I said to my wife that I would, beginning the next Saturday, give her half my salary and I would keep the other half, and we each take an equal share of the household expenses.

"At the end of the first month I left my hand on the library table. I wanted to surprise her that evening she handed it to me and said she thought I was doing fine. Looking at her closely I saw that she really had been challenged. She did not speak, however, of any intention she might have had in her mind.

"A month later I found her back neck on the library table identically as I had left mine. She had beaten me for her savings showed \$10.50 more than my own for the corresponding month and \$15 in excess of my deposits for the first month.

"We are now in a race. We both have excellent habits. We have agreed to buy a home, if we should find funds."

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December, 1915, being Thursday and seven o'clock A. M. the estate of A. W. McFadden...

FIRST AND FINAL RETURN.

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December, 1915, being Thursday and seven o'clock A. M. the estate of A. W. McFadden...

COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchitis and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold, germs, so better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young for more than 45 years. Get a bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.

Prepayment Saved This Policy

Mr. Claude Westfall, of Clarksburg, W. Va. signed an application for Mutual Benefit Insurance on July 17, 1915, and paid the first quarterly premium of \$8.10 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 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 Accelerator Endowment policy, \$1,000 at age 31, was received at the Home Office July 26th. In accordance with the Company's usual custom it 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 2nd 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 pre-paid the insurance was in force, although the policy itself was never delivered to the insured. The proceeds were paid to the wife on August 10th. Prepayment of the quarterly premium saved this insurance.

JOSEPH LINDSAY, District Agent Chester, S. C.

A. M. SIMSON, Agent Richburg, S. C.

M. M. MATTISON, General Agent Anderson, S. C.



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BALTIMORE, Md. CHESTER, W. Va. CHARLESTON, S. C.

Washington, D. C. Charleston, W. Va. Richmond, Va.

BIG LAND SALE—The T. B. Gibson lands containing 350 acres will be sold Wednesday, Dec. 29th, at 11 o'clock A. M. at Leeds, S. C. to the highest bidder. Sims & Carter & R. H. Hanfer.

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

Advertisement for Peoples National Bank of Chester, S. C. No. 10663. Surplus \$27,500.00. We Want Your Business and Will Treat You Right.

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

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

Advertisement for W. T. BYARS, Proprietor. 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 Staid Phone 455.

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

Mr. Albert Brice, who is a student at the Presbyterian College, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Holidays.

Miss Lucile Crosby, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. K. Gunter, in Gaffney, has returned to her home in the city.

A number of Winthrop students spent several hours in the city between trains this morning.

TO ARRIVE the latter part of this week or the first of next two cars 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.

Mrs. W. G. Jackson and son, Ralph left this morning for Alexander City, Ala., to spend the Holidays with her parents.

Miss Mabel Coleman, of Fosterville, who has been with the Johnsons, S. C. Times has returned to her home.

The Fosterville Social club is to give a dance Monday night, Dec. 27th, at the "Boarding House."

The air tank at the Fennell-Young Motor Co. made a hasty exit Tuesday afternoon. The tank is used in pumping up automobile tires and from time to time is replenished with air which is created by a pump. It appears that a little too much pressure was allowed to enter the tank and with a loud explosion it went up through the top of the building, landing on the roof of an adjoining building. No one was hurt by the explosion.

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

Mr. Thos. Glenn, who is a student at Wofford, is at home for the Holidays.

NEW LINE Just Received, Vases, Janesarses, Candle Sticks. See our window display. Chester Hardware Co.

There will be no issue of the Semi-Weekly News next Tuesday. Our next issue will appear Friday, December 31st. Here's wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas. Yes, a great big Merry Christmas.

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

Mr. J. L. Simmons has been disposed for the past few days.

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

cash. Jno. C. McAfee.

Mr. W. C. McFadden, of Fort Lawn, is in Chester today.

There will be a meeting of Chester Lodge, No. 18, A. F. M. tonight at 8 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected.

Mr. J. W. Potat leaves tomorrow night for Asheville, N. C. to spend a few days.

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

Mrs. O. A. Lumpkin left this morning for Jacksonville, Fla. to visit relatives.

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

Material for the erection of a handsome residence, is being placed on the lot recently purchased on York street by Dr. W. R. Wallack.

Miss Katie Cornwell has returned from Greenwood where she visited friends.

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

The Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Rock Hill opened for business this morning. This is the Bank recently organized in that city.

SEE OUR WINDOW complete stock Earthenware, Chester Hardware Co.

Mr. P. D. White spent Sunday in York with his parents.

The postoffice will be open Sunday morning from 9 o'clock until 10:30 o'clock for delivery of packages by the city carriers. Those sending servants or others for their packages are requested to give them a note as authority for the delivery of any package. This action is to keep unauthorized parties from securing packages which do not belong to them. The office will also be open Saturday, Christmas day, from 9 until 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Ruth Anderson, of the Denmark Graded school faculty, arrived in the city last night to spend the Holidays.

Miss Louise Carter, who is teaching in Batesburg, is spending the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Carter.

Rev. E. A. Heller, of Greenville, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mr. Alex Frazer has returned from the West where he purchased some fine mares and mules, which are scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Few Matters of Importance Transacted Tuesday Evening—Washer-women's License Post-poned.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening with Mayor Davidson and Aldermen Westbrook, Gage, Stewart, and Nichols present.

The Chief of Police reported for the month of November read as follows: Arrests, 67; fined, 49; sent to street, 6; continued, 1; discharged, 8; fines, \$373.50.

Mr. H. S. Adams, appeared before council in behalf of the Associated Charities and urged the city fathers to send a representative to the meeting that has been called by the Mayor of Jacksonville, Fla., and which is to be held in that city Jan. 18 and 19th, 1916, for the purpose of devising in some way in which to handle vagrants, particularly the tourist type, offered in behalf to pay one-half of a delegate's expenses.

Mr. Nichols moved that a delegate be sent to the convention upon the terms suggested by Mr. Adams, but there was no second, and the motion was lost.

Mr. R. B. Caldwell, Vice President of the Commercial Bank, appeared before council in behalf of the banks of the city in regard to the increased assessment put upon the banks by the Tax-Commission an increase of 33 1/3 per cent to 44.1 per cent and asked the city to accept service in a friendly suit to be instituted against the county and State for recovery of that part of the taxes paid under protest. Upon motion of Mr. Westbrook, the city agreed to Mr. Caldwell's proposition, and the banks will pay their taxes under protest, and if they win their case will have a part of the money refunded them.

The Washer-women's license was discussed, but action was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded, permission was granted to install by Mr. Nichols, Mr. C. B. Ferguson a gasoline filling station on Valley street.

On motion of Mr. Gage, seconded by Mr. Stewart, the Mayor and City Treasurer were authorized to renew a note of \$10,000 due in New York on January 1st at 5 per cent, the past rate having been 6 per cent. The Mayor appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Stewart, Westbrook and Nichols, to draft a suitable building law and report at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Gage, seconded by Mr. Westbrook, the city engineer was instructed to lay a water main on Saluda street, beginning at Foster street and to extend to McLure street, and up this latter street a distance sufficient to insure fire protection to property in the city limits; and was also instructed to lay a one-inch pipe on Saluda street from McLure street to practically the city limits.

Miss Marjorie Lackle left last Saturday for Charleston, after spending a few days there with friends who will visit her family at Chester. —Marion Star.

THANKS AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to each and everyone from Klutz and Sons' Department Store "On the Hill." We wish to thank everyone who by patronizing us, has helped to make the past Spring, Summer and Fall the largest and best in the history of our 30 years in business here. We attribute it to the fact that we now carry the best standard advertised brands of goods in Chester, that our prices, on 85 per cent of our stock, are not too low. Loan or Long time credit business are always lower than other stores in Chester, we guarantee satisfaction with every purchase. It pays to trade with Klutz and Sons. Xmas Greeting to one and all for the happiest of all Christmases.

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Some good old-fashioned customs
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And so the custom lingers;
Let us hope it always will,
For the same old-fashioned friendship
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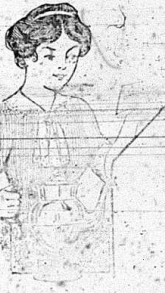
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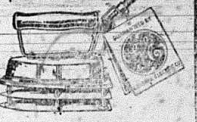
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WHAT NEW ENGLAND MISSED

Not Until Late in the '50s Was Observed of Christmas Festival General.

General as it may, both the religious and secular observance of the Christmas festival, it is barely half a century since Christmas was taken in large sections of the United States as well as in other countries where the old Puritanism predominated says an historian. Even as late as the '50s all through New England Christmas as a holiday was ousted by New Year's, except in Eastern Episcopal families.

The old Puritanism, crossing out of the ways of the Reformation, high on the continent and the Great Britain for centuries, eventually abandoned this annual observance of the Puritanism, and in its place, the observance of Christmas as a holiday was ousted by New Year's, except in Eastern Episcopal families.

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RECORDS OF SONGS OF BIRDS

Gramophone Has Been Successfully Employed in a New and Interesting Way.

The gramophone, sometimes put to strange uses. The leader of an African hunting expedition, who set out on a motor trip from the Cape of Good Hope, recently used it as a device for tigers and hippopotami. In tiger-hunting it is usual to tether a lamp to a tree; its beatings attract the tiger within reach of the hunters. The gramophone, however, has been used in a similar way. The explorer had some records made of beating lambs and says a recent writer he tried them on the unsuspecting tiger of the African jungle with considerable success.

The record makers gained one of their greatest triumphs when they succeeded in getting good records of the African bird record. The great difficulty was the oldest star-bird had to be coaxed into the recording machine. The explorer put out some traps for the bird, and when they were set in motion, the bird entered the trap and was accustomed to the sound and so after much trial and disappointment, labor, successful records were made. These records are selling in thousands all over the world.

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All that parcel, piece or lot of land, containing thirty (30) less and one fifth acres, more or less, siting being and situate in Chester County South Carolina, bounded by Rocky Creek, and lands of J. H. Hamilton,

Mrs. S. E. Chisholm, Shyrna Church, and others, and being the identical lands conveyed to Essex McMullen by R. B. Blasing by his deed of date Dec. 8th, 1909, and recorded in Volume 118, Page 594, Office R. M. C. for Chester County, S. C. Reserving from said sale, the life estate in part, and of said tract upon which the dwelling house and other improvements are situate, and also the right to cut firewood from the whole tract during the life or widowhood of Oliver McMullen, as conveyed to her and provided under the will of said Essex McMullen deceased, which said will is duly probated and recorded in the Office of Judge of Probate, of Chester County, S. C.

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BIRDS' HOLIDAY Dainties

Yellow-Leg Snipe Travels Some 9,000 Miles for Christmas Dinner—Rejoins Like Holly Berries.

The yellow-leg snipe travels a matter of 9,000 miles to get his Christmas dinner, and practically the longest journey undertaken by any living creature, and the object of it being to get to its winter home in the little way of a snipe's flight, and to secure appropriate for his dinner.

One might say, however, that the snipe's journey is a Christmas dinner, and that the snipe's journey is a Christmas dinner, and that the snipe's journey is a Christmas dinner.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at 11 o'clock A. M. on January 5, 1917, 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.

A. A. CROSBY,
Administrator of the Estate of A. A. Crosby, deceased.
Chester, S. C. December 8, 1916.

FOR RENT—Nice two-horse farm on Main road between Loveland and McCall'sville. Good residence, tenant house and outbuildings. See Miss Carroll Waller, or A. N. Webb, Overall Factory, Chester, S. C.

AFTER THE GRIPPE

Vinol Restored Her Strength

Canton, Mass.—I am 26 years old and became very sick and feeble from the grippe, but Vinol has done me a world of good. It has cured my cough, my cold, my weakness, my nervousness, my indigestion, my headache, my general debility, my loss of appetite, my loss of sleep, my loss of strength, my loss of vitality, my loss of energy, my loss of power, my loss of endurance, my loss of resistance, my loss of vigor, my loss of spirit, my loss of courage, my loss of confidence, my loss of hope, my loss of faith, my loss of love, my loss of peace, my loss of joy, my loss of happiness, my loss of health, my loss of life.

T. S. Letner Briggs,
Chester, S. C.

FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that on January 1, 1917, I will file my final return as administrator of the Estate of William H. Fitch, deceased, in the Probate Court for Chester County and apply to said Court for Letters of final discharge as such administrator.

MRS. MARY F. FITCH,
Adm.

STOMACH Out Of Fix?

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

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At the sign of the candle

on Christmas Eve
Under our tree there
a gift you'll receive

Christmas Eve.
To make the table pretty for the evening meal, leave the shades of the candles. Use white candles in glass sticks. Wipe with a moist cloth and dip the candles in diamond dust.

Tough.
"My dear old mother, this Christmas, standing out of the cookery book."
"Next time."
"Well, I thought I tasted one of the cavers."
That's Why.
"Why should they tell us there is a Santa Claus if there isn't?"
"Mother and father want someone to lay the blame on, we don't get the presents we want."

FRENCH CHRISTMAS OWENS

Ancient and Curious Beliefs Regarding the Holiday—Miraculous Cures for Various Ailments.

In France, particularly Superstitious ideas and there is probably no other country in the world where the people are so superstitious as the French. In connection with Christmas Day, several of these beliefs are mentioned in the following pages. The first is that of the "Bûche de Noël," or Yule log. It is believed that the fire which burns during the Christmas season is the fire of the "Bûche de Noël," and that the fire which burns during the Christmas season is the fire of the "Bûche de Noël."

A cure for eye-pain, however, can be found in the large loaf chiefly made in Provence, and called "Le pain de Noël." It is very large and very white, and from it is cut a small piece, marked with a single wax three or four times, and the wax is carefully removed, and the wax is used as a cure for eye-pain.

With regard to bread, it is believed that loaves baked on Christmas eve remain fresh for ten years, and during the whole of the holidays a portion of bread is kept out on the table, and it is believed that the Madonna might come in to share it. But unless she wishes to bring misfortune on the earth, she will not do so.

It is believed that the "Festive of Christmas" is the best time to get a good health by giving them some wine to drink immediately after midnight mass on Christmas eve before taking on the New Year. And a good harvest could be insured if the corn should be carried to its destination in the cloth used for the Christmas dinner.

HOW HE DOES IT

COOMES right over the chimney. With the Christmas bells are rung, the little folk are fast asleep. All things are still and quiet. The night is dark and still. The stars are shining brightly in the sky. The moon is shining brightly in the sky. The stars are shining brightly in the sky. The moon is shining brightly in the sky. The stars are shining brightly in the sky. The moon is shining brightly in the sky.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

Find out something to make you a smiling, sunny personality around the home. Christmas is a great day for shining.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.



"I suppose you will have a merry Christmas at your house?"
"Oh yes," replied the sophisticated small boy. "We younger people will endeavor to make it so. You know, so much depends on the tactlessness of children. I always endeavor to make the holidays pleasant by showing an enthusiastic interest in the mechanical toys that our grown people so much amusement."
"What He Gave Brother?"
"Little's year-old brother was asked by his Sunday school teacher, "And Harry, what are you going to give your darling little brother for Christmas this year?"
"I duplicated," said Harry. "I gave him the measles last year."
"Real Luck."
"Tommy's dear mother, at dinner on Christmas day, "do stop eating. How can you possibly eat so much?"
"I only know," said Tommy between bites, "I guess it's just good luck."

GENERAL NEWS
TOLD IN BRIEF.

Interesting Items From Various Parts of Country.

It is claimed that one out of every four Chinamen in California is a Protestant.

The Germans have sunk five hundred and eight vessels, the total tonnage of which has been given as \$17,819.

Atlanta claims that she is having the best trade in her history this year, if it keeps up until after Christmas the year will be a record breaker.

A missionary from the Philippines reports the cure of twenty-three lepers. There has been no sign of the return of the disease in two years.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' Association met last week and have decided on Columbia as the 1916 convention city, and March 16th-18th as the dates.

Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard to a match March 4 at New Orleans with Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., for the world's heavyweight championship were signed today.

Brigadier General McIntyre claims that it will take bloodshed to 85 years with polygamy in the Philippines and advises congress to have such prohibition out of the bills for the island this year.

Herbert Adams, a New York designer, is making plans for a monument to be erected at the grave of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

There is nothing to mark the grave at present except a mound of earth.

ONE OF BOB TAYLORS.

Mr. Editor: We trust that none of the attendants of the Banquet last night fell into the trouble that Bob Taylors Banquetters got into. Two neighbors attend and stayed until a late hour.

On their way home each wanted the other side of the walk, concluding that they were late they began to wonder what would be the effect when they reached home. One said to the other, "John, we are late, the sun is up." The other said, "No that is the moon." Then a dispute was on and on looking up the street they saw a man leaning against a lamp post and agreed to leave the matter for him to decide. Upon making the request he casually looked up and replied that he too was a stranger in that part of the land and better to be excused.

DR. GUNTER ENTERTAINS CRUST BREAKERS.

Dr. W. K. Gunter entertained the Crust Breakers at his home on Jefferson Street Thursday evening. The reception rooms were decorated with holly berries, red poinsettias and mistletoe.

As the guests entered the dining room the lights were turned off, the tables were lit with Christmas decorations and had as their centerpiece Christmas trees with red tapers and silver candleabra at each end holding red candles that shed a soft glow over the handsomely appointed service. The place cards were miniature Santa Claus. Anish orate seven course luncheon was served by Mrs. Gunter, assisted by Miss Lucile Crosby of Chester, Miss Ivor Brown of Seneca, Miss Gladys Twitty of Heath Springs and Miss Cloe Little.

After the luncheon the well-known passed cigars with individual ash trays holding burning tapers.

It was one of the prettiest events of the past week and attended by twenty or more guests—Gaffney Ledger.

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FRENCH IN FAREWELL
PRAISES HIS TROOPS

Retiring British Commander Predicts Glorious Ending to Their Heroic Efforts.

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following order of the day before leaving the army on the western front.

"In relinquishing command of the British Army in France I wish to express to the officers, the non-commissioned officers, and men with whom I have been so closely associated during the last sixteen months my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

"I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant, and I shall watch their progress toward this final goal with intense interest, and in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the heroic spirit and dogged tenacity which knows no defeat and the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

"The regulars and the territorials of the old army and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

"At this sad moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received lifelong injury from wounds, and I think with sorrow of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifices of all by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good-bye to the British Army in France I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion toward them, and my earnest and warm wishes for a glorious future, which I feel to be assured.

J. P. D. FRENCH,

Field Marshal, Commanding in Chief, British Army in France.

BABY CARRIAGES at Clark Furniture Co.

"VIRGINIA SKIES"

At Chester Opera House Thursday night, Dec. 30.

A beautiful play, "Virginia" by A. E. Reiniche, which will be presented at the Opera House Dec. 30, next Thursday night, is one of the most beautiful plays ever written. It brings you right to the very mountains of Old Virginia and one can even hear the little birds chirp, hear the water falling, and see the moon up over the hills. The camp fire, the vision and the big explosion in the cave and all with beautiful scenery, excellent cast with the funny little nigger keep the audience in either tears or laughter. "Virginia" is just a little different from all others and is guaranteed production.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. John White Bigham arrived yesterday from Linwood College to spend the holidays with his parents in Wellridge community, accompanied by his friend Mr. P. S. White.

At the closing of Wellridge school yesterday for the holidays the crowd enjoyed a Christmas tree, the building being decorated for the occasion.

Misses Iva and Hannah Brown are spending the holidays with their parents in Seneca.

There has been 29,524 bales of cotton ginned up to Dec. 13th, this year against 31,791 to the same date last year, as reported by Mr. Marlen the collector of statistics for this country.

The mothers, wives and daughters of the members of the Chester Shrine Club met in the Commercial Club rooms yesterday and made arrangements for the banquet to be given the children by the shrine

club. The banquet will be given on next Wednesday and several hundred children are expected to be present.

Mr. Wm. Roseborough, of Atlantic, Ga., is spending the holidays with his mother on Saluda street.

Miss Kate Roseborough, who is teaching school at Edgemont will arrive in the city tonight.

Mr. W. Y. Coleman and daughter, Miss Mary Bess, of Feasterville, spent Monday in Chester.

Honor Roll Pleasant Grove School

First Grade—Marie Mize. Advanced, First, Grade—Ollie Yoncus, Willie Curry. Second Grade—Johnnie Yongis, Hugh Sam McGarity. Third, Grade—Ethel Mize. Agnes McGarity.

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"ONE DOSE CONVINCES."

Sold and recommended by T. S. Letner's Drug Store.

COLD TROUBLES ARE DANGEROUS GOWANS RELIEVES QUICKLY

A great many people in this section are suffering from cold troubles just now, and it is believed that many of them welcome the fact that there is a remedy offered by druggists known as Gowans, which has proven the most effective in all forms of cold troubles, such as head and chest colds, croup, coughs, whooping cough, pneumonia, inflammation, congestion, catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, etc. A simple head or chest cold today may be a serious bronchial or lung trouble tomorrow. One application of Gowans on the throat and chest has been known to entirely relieve a cold in one

night. Doctors have found Gowans of great help in serious cases of congestion, inflammation and pneumonia, by rubbing it well on the chest, between the shoulder blades and under the arms. It is very powerful and penetrates to the seat of the trouble, quickly, relieving the inflammation, breaking up the congestion and reducing the fever, as no other remedy will do. At druggists in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Demand Gowans because Gowans is more penetrating. Samples and testimonials on request, if sent to the Gowans Medical Co., Concord, N. C.

GOWANS FOR COLDS. COUGH, PNEUMONIA

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak, I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work.

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, and in 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., 125 W. 5th St., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Cardui (Illustrations on your case and 64-page book. "How to Preserve the Wages," sent in plain wrapper. 10c

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