

CUT THEM OUT

FREE COUPONS WILL BE OFFERED FOR A FEW WEEKS.

Each One Entitles a Candidate to Ten, and All Can Send Them in at Once.

As will be seen by reference to this page we offer candidates a free coupon, which they can cut out and send in to the Contest Manager and receive credit for them on their vote for the prizes.

Every subscriber when paying up should give votes to some candidate. All he has got to do is to mention the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote, and she will be given credit for the vote.

In order to systematize and simplify the conducting of the contest, the territory has been divided into four districts, and these districts into townships.

Honestly, now, would you not like to win the Plans, one of the Sewing Machines or one of the Dinner Sets? Somebody is going to win these prizes, and your chances are just as good as any one else's.

No person connected directly with The Times and Democrat office can enter the contest. Nor can any one in the office work for a candidate.

Old and new subscribers count alike, and contestants are assured that the above scale will be in force to the end of the contest, February 15, 1912.

Death of Mr. Stoudenmire. Mr. H. W. Stoudenmire, who moved to this city from Elloree some months ago to engage in business, died at his residence on Thursday afternoon after a protracted illness from typhoid fever.

Will Enter Charleston Firm. The St. Matthews correspondent of the News and Courier says: "The announcement on the streets late this afternoon that Mr. G. A. Baxter, a leading member of the Arthur Hardware Company, would enter a strong hardware firm of Charleston produced a mild sensation to say the least.

Regret to See Him Leave. The Branchville Journal says: "Rev. S. D. Bailey returned Tuesday night from conference at Bennettsville. Mr. Bailey has been transferred to Kershaw and will leave with his family next week to his new field. All Branchville regrets to see them leave."

High Schools Given Aid. The list of high schools to receive appropriations from the State as decided upon by the board of education at a meeting held several days ago was announced Thursday by State Superintendent of Education Swearingen.

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New Commandant of Home. J. P. Caldwell, a Confederate veteran of Laurens county, has been elected commandant of the Confederate Home in Columbia.

VICIOUS BULL DOG KILLED.

After Severely Biting a Young Girl and Others.

A dispatch from Summerton to The News and Courier says: "The Sunday-like quietness of this little town was rudely broken into Sunday afternoon, when a most deplorable occurrence startled the whole community. Shortly after 4 o'clock a bull dog, the property of Mr. L. T. Fischer, who lives about a mile from the town, broke its chain and came toward town, with Mr. M. C. Fischer in close pursuit.

Continuing its way through the main street of the town, the animal seized upon a negro man and besides tearing off a portion of his clothes bit the man through his shoe. It was preparing to attack a baby seated in the door of a store, when the father of the child seized the baby and swung it into a place of safety.

HOW TO CURE HAMS. This Formula is Given by the Progressive Farmer.

Trim them neatly and make a brine strong enough to float a fresh egg. Put them in this and let them remain for four or five days to draw the blood.

Then take them out and boil and skim the brine and when cold return them to the brine, adding enough fresh brine to cover them, and then add for each 100 pounds of ham a pint of black molasses and an ounce of saltpeter, and let the hams remain in the brine two or three weeks.

Then take them out and hang and smoke well with hickory wood or corn cobs and smother the fire with green cedar brush. When well smoked, take them down and paint them all over with a mixture of black molasses and black pepper.

Wrap in stout brown paper and put each in a cotton sack and dip it in lime wash and hang in a dark smoke house. The hams will improve till a year old.

Passing of a Gentle Spirit.

Mrs. Susie Marchant, the beautiful and accomplished wife of Col. A. H. Marchant, passed away early Thursday morning, after a very brief illness. It does seem hard that one so young and beautiful, both in character and person, should have been taken from us.

Regular Monthly Meeting.

Paul McMichael Chapter, U. D. C., held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday morning. Quite an amount of business in connection with its charities of the chapter, and also with its various obligations to State and other work, was transacted.

A Close Call.

Bowman, Dec. 8.—Special.—The gin house of Mr. G. H. Myers on R. F. D. No. 4 came near being in ashes yesterday. It seems that fire caught in the cotton in some unaccountable way, but by the most strenuous efforts on the part of those in attendance the fire was extinguished with a loss of a little over one bale of cotton. It was certainly a close call.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

HOW AND WHY THE GREAT FESTIVAL WAS INSTITUTED.

In Spirit Let Us Go and View the Place Where Christ the Savior Was Born.

Nineteen hundred and eleven years ago at Bethlehem in Judea was born an infant of humble parentage. With that child was born into the world a new civilization, a new Christianity, a new hope. It matters little to our rejoicing whether this child was human or divine—whether he was God or God's messenger of love.

All over the country, all over the world—a few years hence it will be also all through the air—sounds the greeting Merry Christmas! On the sea and land, to the palace and in the hovel, in the hospitals and in the prisons, in the asylums amid the orphans and in the homes for the friendless and for the aged, wherever even two persons meet who know and love the story of Christmas, the greeting is exchanged.

Where can there be a parallel to the universal greeting? Is there any other sentiment that has the sovereignty of this cheerful and heartfelt word? It travels through the mails like nothing so much as the doves to the altars of which the Scripture speaks, for surely the sentiment fits from altar to altar of the hearts of men and is as gentle as the dove.

In the days of romance hostile forces passed upon the field, sheathed their swords and clasped hands across the battle line, greeting one another with the sentiment of universal good will. Brotherly love was the one original concept of the man whose birthday we celebrate at the winter solstice.

He discovered no new law of nature; he formulated no new principle of philosophy. He added nothing to science, nor did he reveal the least mystery of the unseen world. When in the bitterness of his cruel death he reproached the Almighty with deserting him, science, philosophy and theology stood exactly where they were on that starry midnight thirty-three years before, when heaven opened before the eyes of the wondering shepherds and shining angels proclaimed his birth.

But one thing was not the same, and that thing was enough to make all difference between the ancient world and the modern. No Confucius with all his golden rule had ever dreamed of it. No Socrates had dragged it from the depths in the net of his dialectic. No stoic ponderings on the secret of the highest good had conceived it. Of all the crucified saviors of the world not one had revealed it.

The shepherd of Galilee alone of all the human race perceived that men are brothers. In the solitudes of the Syrian desert with struggles which the imagination can only typify as fought soul against soul with the living principle of incarnate evil, he wrested the truth from the secret archives of the Almighty. Dejected and rejected by the men he loved, hungry and unfed and unvisited, he taught the truth by word and deed. Nailed to the cross, he proved it by his death.

At this season of the year, the Christian world reverently turns to the little town of Bethlehem and lovingly recalls the story of the Savior's birth as set forth in the simple yet beautiful language of the gospel narrative. In spirit let us go over to Bethlehem and view the place where Christ the Lord was born.

Bethlehem is situated about six miles south of Jerusalem. Starting from Jerusalem by the Jaffa gate, the journey is over a rough and hilly country road amid scenes that awaken in the mind reverent memories and fill the soul with loving emotions. On the west is the Gihon valley, where Solomon was crowned and on the south-east is the valley of Hinnom, where nearby, in the field of Pehal, King David defeated the Philistines.

But a short distance from King David's well Bethlehem greets the eye. There on a high hill it stands, with its closely clustered houses of white stone, its massive walls and towers looming forth in the brightness of the morning sun.

Fixing Up the Jail.

The County Jail is being overhauled and fixed up generally, which it sadly needs. The entire building will be completely overhauled, so far as paint and whitewash is concerned. What the county needs is a modern prison, and sooner or later it will have to come. The present jail building reminds one of the dark ages.

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STATE AID SECURED.

Amount Received by Schools in the County of Orangeburg.

County of Superintendent of Education L. W. Livingston has just received from State Superintendent Swearingen State aid for short term schools in Orangeburg County to the amount of \$3,153.19. The act regulating this fund allows aid to the amount of the special tax, unless the tax exceeds \$100, in such cases the maximum amount of aid allowed is \$100.

Table with 2 columns: School Name and Amount. Includes Four Holes (\$99.87), East Goodland (\$100.00), Eutaw (\$100.00), Goody (\$100.00), West Providence (\$100.00), East Providence (\$90.68), North New Hope (\$100.00), West Middle (\$100.00), East Middle (\$100.00), North Middle (\$100.00), East Orangeburg (\$100.00), City (\$100.00), West Orange (\$100.00), North Orange (\$100.00), South Goodland (\$75.28), North Goodland (\$100.00), South Hebron (\$100.00), East Willow (\$100.00), North Willow (\$100.00), Cope (\$100.00), East Union (\$100.00), North Zion (\$100.00), South Zion (\$100.00), East Liberty (\$60.66), West Hebron (\$76.35), Woodford (\$100.00), Neeses (\$100.00), Norway (\$100.00), St. George (\$100.00), Cordova (\$100.00), Middle Willow (\$35.91), Limestone (\$59.13), Houser (\$76.53), Reeds (\$78.78). Total \$3,153.19.

Lucinda B. Helm's Birthday.

From the great vision of this darling, strong soul has grown the magnificent work which is now called the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council. One hundred and two thousand women and children are enlisted in the effort for human betterment in our own country.

More than half of all the parsonages that belong to the church have been helped by the women. Boxes of supplies have been sent into preachers' homes and mission stations.

Schools for mountaineers, immigrants dependent and delinquent as well as preventive and rescue homes have been organized (twelve in number.)

The chain of thirty-two city missions organized, in which are found twenty Wesley houses, three large institutional churches, a door of hope, and gospel settlements, have challenged the admiration of State charity organizations and large philanthropic bodies. The work and office of deaconess has been created in the church, and today seventy-five deaconesses, and twenty-five missionaries are in active service.

Large immigrant works at Galveston, Biloxi, Gulfport, and New Orleans, now exist.

December 23, is Miss Lucinda Helm's birthday. The month also closes the quarter of a century of active service of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Can there be a more fitting time than to give a thank offering to make possible the Lucinda B. Helm Hall at London, Ky., as a monument to the life and labor of Miss Helm and as a monument for the larger life which has come to the women through social service, and as a monument to the church rallying to an opportunity to do great things for Him who gave His life for us.

Masons Elect Officers.

A largely attended meeting of Shilboleth Lodge No. 23, A. F. M., was held at the Masonic Temple last evening. The annual election of officers was entered into with the following result: W. M. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Atkinson, S. W.; W. L. Glover, J. W.; H. Spahr, Treasurer, and T. O. S. Dibble, Secretary; D. H. Marchant, Organist. Other officers will be appointed and installed later. The lodge will begin the new year under very bright auspices, and all the officers are active and wide-awake Masons. The membership of the Shilboleth is now about 130.

Prefers the Penitentiary.

D. A. Pendarvis, a white man who was convicted at the recent term of court at St. Matthews on a charge of giving checks without having sufficient funds with which to meet them, and given sentence of three months, has elected to serve his time in the State prison at Columbia. He entered upon the service Wednesday. He is in feeble health and it is scarcely possible that he could stand service on the county works.

St. Paul's Sunday.

The services at this church will be conducted by Dr. Bays, the pastor. This will be the first service for the new year, and the pastor will be glad to greet his entire congregation. Subject at 11 a. m., "The Power of Influence." Evening subject: "Some Reflections on Our Recent Conference." Special music by a full choir. Seats free. Come.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Do your Christmas shopping now, before the rush.

The college boys and girls will soon be home for the holidays. It's the leading store for Christmas Goods. Kohr's of course! Be sure and see the display.

The Methodist district parsonage is being overhauled for the coming of Presiding Elder Banks.

Christmas is only a little over two weeks off. So you had better not put off that shopping any longer.

The popularity contest is getting on very well, the contestants having sent in several new subscribers the past week.

Rev. C. B. Smith, the retiring presiding elder of the Methodist, will fill the pulpit of the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

The Census Bureau Friday issued the Ginner's Report showing the total number of hales ginned to Dec. 1st to be 12,844,832.

The death of Mrs. A. H. Marchant cast a deep shadow over this community, where she was esteemed very highly for her many noble traits of character.

Col. A. H. Marchant has the heartfelt sympathy of this entire community in his great sorrow, in the presence of which words are empty and meaningless.

Cut out the coupons and send them in and credit for them on your vote. We wish all subscribers who are in areas would let us have what is due us at once. We need it.

The examination for the Scholarship in the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute, to be given by the U. D. C. to the successful applicant, will be held at the College on Saturday, January 6th, 1912.

The remains of Mrs. A. H. Marchant were taken to her girlhood home, Milledgeville, Ga., and laid to rest beside her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Witaker, in the cemetery of that city.

Mrs. Chas. Whitfield, sister of Mrs. A. H. Marchant, was with her sister during her last sickness, accompanied the remains back to Milledgeville, Ga., where the interment took place Friday morning at eleven o'clock.

Envoy W. E. Davenport, of the Salvation Army Post at Charleston, was in the city yesterday soliciting funds to carry on the noble work the Salvation Army is engaged in. We have known Envoy Davenport for the last forty years, and we know that he is all right.

All Christmas shoppers will be interested to know that on Tuesday, the twelfth of December, a sale of dolls will be held at the Dixie Library. The dolls are beautifully dressed and ready for the Christmas stockings. The sale will continue the entire day.

Mr. Lee A. Singley, who is blind, requests us to say that in addition to reconing chairs, he can tune pianos and do most any kind of work on organs. He is making a brave fight to keep the wolf from the door, and is entitled to the sympathy and assistance of all.

Gumption on the Farm.

Take the frost out of your grindstone before you grind the ax, but do it gradually, and not by using too hot water. That would injure the quality of the stone.

Don't put off till spring any outside work that can be done now. Clean up the garden, haul out manure, and when possible push the plowing before snow flies.

Keep wide paths shoveled to every outbuilding. Help to open the roads when heavy snows drift them, whether you are called out by the pathmaster or not. See that the stock is sheltered from the cold every day and every night.

While waiting impatiently for the state to repair that mud-hole, wash-out or other bad place in the highway, wouldn't it be a good idea to take a few hours off and fix it yourself? If every farmer spent a few hours, occasionally, working on the road, our highways would soon show a decided improvement. Let us not only talk good roads—let us work bad roads!

The Poultry Yard.

Winter eggs and exercise go together. It is not good for hens to dust in coal or wood ashes only, some folks claim, but we find that a few ashes lighten up the dirt.

Noon is a good time to supply the stock with some green stuff, such as cabbages or roots of any kind. The latter can be cut in half, and the hens will then pick them to pieces.

Have the floors of the houses well bedded with some light litter, so that the biddies will be induced to scratch, and thus warm up their bodies these cold, frosty mornings.

Drafts in the chickens' home are more dangerous when the rows are quiet on the roost than when they are stirring around during the day; but a cold air current sweeping through the house is a bad thing at any time.

Poultry feeding has been much improved and simplified by the introduction of the hopper method. The old-fashioned way of preparing and mixing a wet mash is done away with, on account of its tedious and needless expense of time and labor. The hopper is filled with a variety of ground grains, and placed where it is accessible to the fowls at all times. With this arrangement the hens need never go to roost without sufficient food.

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DOLLS—hundreds of them—Baby Bumps, Babies in long dresses, Roly Polys, Bearskin Dolls, Campbell Kids, in fact all the novelties of the year... 25c to \$1.00

DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS—wreaths, Xmas-bells, garlands, festoons, grand for church and home, special prices in quantities... 5c to 25c

BABY NOVELTIES—all the mammas are charmed with this line of goods. Hot water bottles, thermometers, rattles, comb and brush sets, toilet necessities, etc. 5c to \$2.00

JEWEL CASES—in new effects, candle sticks, smoking sets, hair receivers, fans, barrettes, hat pins, bandeaus, all novelties to delight you... 25c to \$5.00

25c and 50c—the special booth shows telephone pads, necktie racks, match safes, manicure sets, hat pin holders, all inexpensive and showy gifts.

SPECIAL—Ladies' silk hose 25c, Handkerchiefs 5c to \$1.50, New Fur's \$2.50 to \$25. Silk Mufflers 25c to \$2.50. Scarfs 25c to \$7.00. Men's New Neckwear 25c to \$1.00.

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FOR MEN

Table with 3 columns listing men's gifts: Scarf Pin, Tie Clasps, Collar Buttons, Hat Markers, Pocket Pencils, Pocket Files, Knives, Match Boxes, Cigar Cases, Cigarette Cases, Card Cases, Bill Books, Paper Knives, Watch Fobs, Rings, Cut Buttons, Lodge Pins, Umbrellas, Military Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Smoking Sets, Tobacco Jars, Shaving Cups, Etc.

FOR WOMEN

Table with 3 columns listing women's gifts: Brooches, Bar Pins, Beauty Pins, Hat Pins, Rings, Bracelets, Lockets, Chains, Hand Bags, Mesh Bags, Belt Buckles, Nail Files, Nail Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Emerys, Jewel Cases, Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets, Manicure Sets, Card Cases, Playing Cards in cases, Sterling Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Etc., Brass Candle Sticks, Jardinieres, Etc.

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