

CHRISTMAS.

This is the season of joy, when everybody lays aside business and domestic cares and gives themselves up to the pleasures of the Yuletide. In all parts of the civilized world there is great rejoicing over the time that marks the resurrection of the Great Prince who said "Peace on earth; good will to all mankind." It is an occasion for great rejoicing, a time when the real pleasure comes from giving instead of receiving, but it must be remembered that there are certain forms of rejoicing that do not find favor in the Savior's eyes. It is well for mankind to eat and drink and be merry but all mankind should eschew riotous and intemperate living, drunkenness and debauchery. These latter forms of so-called rejoicing bring pain and sorrow instead of comfort and joy, and the person who indulges in them pays a heavy penalty in the end for the temporary pleasure he experiences in the beginning. This country particularly has abundant reason to give itself up to the pleasures of the Yuletide days. It has been greatly blessed. While other sections have suffered from drouths and storms and other disasters over which the hand of man had no control, this particular section has been signally favored by the hand of Providence. The seasons have been good, the harvest has been more abundant than ever before in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, there are no debts hanging over the homes of the toilers, and the people are happy, prosperous and contented. There is every reason for great rejoicing in our specially favored section, but let us remember that it were better there were no rejoicing at all unless it is done in the proper manner and in the proper spirit. This is the last issue of The Herald that will be published until another year has been ushered in and we close the old year by wishing each of our readers a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Don't Worry.

The Star newspaper is still of the opinion that the general assembly will refuse to pass a bill to create the New County. The Star predicated its opinion on the assumption that the New County people have not left enough territory in the old county. It alleges that old Marion has been cut to less than 500 square miles, but concedes to the New County the 404 square miles it claims. It is a pity The Star has taken upon itself the duty of dying so hard. "Life is just one day—think after another, even at best," says the philosopher, but to die hard after having lived it is not only ungraceful, but a very unpleasant thing to do. The general assembly may pause moment in its august deliberations to hearken to the Star's lamentations, but the general assembly will create the New County. There used to be an old law which permitted a certain number of citizens to cut off a certain amount of territory and then apply, in a petition to the governor, for an election upon the question of creating a new county, that proposed new county contained more than 400 square miles, was filed more than 500 square miles in which had been left in the old counties, and the new county could contain more than 500 square miles.

etc., and the election would be ordered. Then after the election was held there were contests and protests and lots of swearing in the courts before the fight reached the general assembly. But the general assembly got tired of being worried and it passed a law authorizing the governor to appoint commissioners to look into all these matters about territory and property and population before the election was ordered. The report of the commissioners is examined by the governor who orders or refuses to order the election, as the case may be, and that settles the matter for all time.

We hardly think our Marion friends (especially the legal fraternity) will take the Star's view of the situation and make a fight in the general assembly against the formation of Dillon county. The majority in favor of the New County is too large to leave any ground for the opposition to stand on in a contest before the canvassing boards, the letter of the law has been followed by the central executive committee with such scrupulous care that nothing has been left for our Marion friends to stand on in a fight before the courts, and under the new law the matter of creating a new county is not optional with, but mandatory upon, the general assembly. Therefore any further fight against the formation of Dillon county would be a waste of time and money.

So don't worry.

Who was it that wept because he had no more worlds to conquer?

Lands in Dillon county are worth more than they were a fortnight ago.

A system of good roads will easily make Dillon county the banner county of the state.

Little Rock and Maple Mill made it unanimous, and now there are others who wish they had.

Says The Star newspaper: "It strikes us that this will be a good time to consider the question of building a hospital in Marion." We agree with The Star.

Latta and Little Rock did not get the court house, but that is no reason why their development should not keep pace with Dillon's. The court house belongs to every section of the new county as much as it belongs to Dillon and what will help one section will help the other. Let us all pull together for the common good of the county, irrespective of locality, and ere long Dillon county will be the model county of the state.

The Empty Stocking.

One of the most appealing pictures ever painted is called "The Empty Stocking." It represents a little girl, in her bedroom in the dim light of early morning—that it is Christmas morning is indicated by the stocking still hanging on a nail beside the fireplace. The bed is in disorder showing that its occupant had risen hastily, and across the foot of the bed is seen the little girl-occupant, her bare feet on the floor, in the attitude of disappointment and grief, her face buried in her arms in which she clutches the empty stocking. The picture needs no explanation, for it tells its story so plainly that nobody can fail to understand it. The little girl, who had gone to sleep on Christmas Eve with happy anticipation, after hanging her stockings by the fireplace, hap awakened early on Christmas morning. Eagerly she had jumped out of the bed to see what Santa Claus had brought her, and she had found only the stocking, empty as it was when she had hung it there. While Santa Claus had remembered all her little friends, her he had entirely forgotten and neglected. And in the intensity of her disappointment she has thrown herself upon the bed, unmindful of the cold, sobbing out her grief which is so deep that its scar upon her heart will remain for life. It is a picture, but is it not true to life? Are there not every

Christmas children who have this experience? There are little orphans whom death has robbed of those whose greatest pleasure of the Christmas it would have been to make their children happy. There are children whose parents through illness or other misfortune are unable to provide for their children as their hearts desire, and some parents, alas, whose parental instincts are so blunted that they are indifferent to the happiness of their children. Such poor children are in almost every community.

Do they not appeal to those who are in more fortunate circumstances? The parents of happy children, who may be able to provide for their children all that love can devise—does not this picture and the unfortunates it represents appeal to them? Adults who yet remember distinctly through the mist of the years that have come and gone since then how keen their grief when they had a like experience in their childhood—would not they find happiness in preventing this experience falling to some child during this coming Christmas?

Children cannot reason as older people can. The child does not understand cause and effect as these relate to family circumstances. Our customs and traditions are responsible for the Santa Claus faith in children, and in consequence of this faith all children expect to be remembered by Santa Claus.

And child desires are small. Read the letters of the children to Santa Claus—they make you smile at the modesty of the wishes. Even the most presumptuous of the children, those who have the longest string of wishes, could have every wish fulfilled at the cost of a few dollars, and few are extravagant in their wishes. Yet while these wishes are so small and so easily filled, failure to have expectations realized when they have taken this hold is a tragedy in the child-heart.

Why not try to prevent this whenever possible? No one could make his own Christmas more happy than by the knowledge of having prevented the poignant grief over an empty stocking of some poor boy or girl. Who will be the Santa Claus to fill a stocking which would otherwise remain empty, and in this way make two hearts happy, the hearts of the owner of the stocking and of its filler?—Augusta Herald.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA MARION COUNTY

In the Magistrate's Court. Dillon Wholesale Grocery. Plaintiff vs. P. W. Harsh and George Harsh, co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh & Co., defendants.

By John A. Fore, A Magistrate in and for the County of Marion in the State aforesaid: to any Lawful Constable: Complaint having been made unto me by Dillon Wholesale Grocery that it is a corporation chartered and organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina and that P. W. Harsh and George Harsh, as co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh Bros. & Company, are truly and justly indebted to said corporation in the sum of Forty Two and 75.100 dollars on account of money paid for the use and benefit of said Harsh Bros. & Company and that said Harsh Bros. & Company have refused and still refuse to pay the same, you are therefore commanded to summon the said defendant to appear before me in my office in Dillon, in the county of Marion and State aforesaid, on the twenty first day after the day of the date of the service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the day of service, to answer to said complaint, or judgment will be given against them by default for said sum of Forty Two and 75 100 Dollars, and the costs of this action.

Given under my hand and seal at Dillon, S. C., this 7th day of October A. D. 1909. John A. Fore [L. S.] Magistrate To P. W. Harsh and George Harsh co-partners doing business under the name and style of Harsh Bros. & Company, defendants above named: You will hereby take notice that the Summons in the above entitled action, a copy of which appears above, has been lodged and filed in my office, and

ANNUAL MEETING, IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the County will be held at the office of the Board at Marion on Thursday, January 6th, 1910. All persons holding demands of any kind against the County, not previously presented to the Board, are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the Board on or before the first day of January, 1910, in order that they may be examined, and, if approved ordered to be paid at the said annual meeting. The law makes it the duty of all persons holding such account or claims, not paid, to deposit them with the Clerk of the Board as required by this notice. The presentation of claims must not be delayed until after January 1st. John Willcox Clerk of Board. December 7th. 1909. 12-9-4c.

SPECIAL COLUMN.

These of our friends who bought from us last year and will be looking for us again this year are asked to bear in mind that we have moved from Main street to the Dr. Badger old stand, opposite the passenger station, where we have on display a larger and prettier line of holiday gifts and toys than ever before. Herald Book Store.

Detachable Sterling handled umbrellas at L. Cottingham Co's. These make the nicest kind of X'mas present.

Come to Tolar Bros. great lot sale at Latta on Dec. 22nd. The lots are well located near the school building and are desirable for residences.

Hammered brass is the rage everywhere (especially in the larger cities). See the line at The Herald Book Store. The very thing for wedding or holiday gifts.

Wm. Brick and Mr. McEachern now established at the New County headquarters stand, will show you Holiday presents suitable for your wife, children or anyone you wish to present with a handsome gift.

The lot sale of Tolar Bros. that was postponed last Monday on account of rain will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at 1 o'clock. Come to Latta and buy a choice lot.

We make it a rule to buy late because we can buy cheaper. The saving of 20 to 30 per cent. goes to the customer and that is why we offer better holiday goods for less money. Herald Book Store.

Largest Ass't. Mens and Ladies Neckwear in Dillon for X'mas presents at L. Cottinghams.

Remember Tolar Bros. land sale at Latta on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at 1 o'clock.

Hammered brass makes an ideal gift because it shows individuality. See the line at The Herald Book Store.

Wm. Brick is offering every department in his store at cost.

FOR SALE—Ten (10) shares of Peoples Building & Loan Stock, fully paid up, without incumbrance, from date of issue Dec. 1604. Terms reasonable. Apply to Dillon Herald.

Cut glass and silver make nice wedding presents and holiday gifts but why duplicate the gifts of other friends when a piece of hammered brass would make a prettier and more appropriate gift? See the line at The Herald Book Store.

My goodness I never saw so many Christmas things in my life as they have at Wheeler Hardware Co's. these fellows must expect to do all the business.

You will find a complete line of Furs and Neck Pieces at L. Cottingham Co's. We have them from \$1.50 to \$25.00 a piece.

Do not fail to call at Wm. Brick's store for he will sell you everything at cost.

LOST—One Smith & Wesson, left hand wheeler, .32 calibre pistol, breach was broken. \$5.00 reward for the arrest of the man found with it, notify Tom McColl, at P. L. Bethas.

We specially invite you to visit our store before buying your holiday and wedding gifts. It will be to your interest to see our line of cut glass, china, silver ware Japanese ware. We also have a nice line of scissors, pocket knives, razors and shaving brushes put up in handsome cases for the holiday trade, these things make very nice presents. Wheeler Hardware Co.

The prettiest line of wedding presents ever shown in Marion county at The Herald Book Store.

Collar Buttons in gold and latest novelties in belt pins make nice presents for X'mas. L. Cottingham Co. has them.

Fern dishes, chafing dishes, jardenairs, coal scuttles, umbrella stands, five-o'clock teas, etc., in hammered brass at The Herald Book Store.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS—I have a number of fine turkeys I would like to sell, suitable for Christmas dinners or breeding purposes. Apply to Jas. A. Galloway, R. R. 1, Mallory, S. C.

Watch the show windows of L. Cottingham Co. for the nicest X'mas gifts.

For Sale or Rent—Four room house in desirable residence section. Apply to Morris Fass.

Well sir, I believe you can get anything on earth you want in holiday goods at Wheeler Hardware Co. I never saw such a stock.

Don't forget in making your Christmas purchases that we have a larger and prettier line than ever this year. Our toys are substantial and will give good service. Herald Book Store.

If you don't keep your head level when you go in Wheeler Hardware Co's. store you will become bewildered at the immense amount of holiday things and will be unable to make a selection.

I know you are rejoicing over winning the new county, but your joy will not be complete unless you go to Wheeler Hardware Co. for your Christmas things.

It is easy to clothe yourself and family now, for Wm. Brick is offering his entire stock at cost.

Useful and ornamental wedding and holiday gifts in hammered brass at The Herald Book Store.

You cannot afford to miss the bargains, offered at cost in Wm. Brick's store.

Do not forget the good silver handled umbrellas and parasols at L. Cottingham Co's. These are guaranteed and we have them from \$4.00 to 25 dollars a piece. Names engraved free. Detachable handles.

Wm. Brick and Mr. McEachern are showing a large number of Christmas gifts, toys, novelties, etc., in the store previously occupied by the New County headquarters. Do not fail to call on them; lowest prices are offered.

Buy your X'mas presents in something nice at L. Cottingham's.

There will be an entertainment given by the Little Rock school next Friday night Dec 17th after which oysters will be served by the ladies.

Solid car load of Oranges for the holidays, just arrived. They will be sold at wholesale Florida prices and this is your opportunity to save from 50c to \$1.00 per box. They must go, see me. F. M. Huggins.

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