

CHRISTMAS GAMBLING.

The above caption furnishes a fair subject for either discussion, or prompt settlement. Theoretically, gambling in any form is a violation of the moral law, but, taken practically, we cannot see the harm that is done during the Christmas holidays by the moderate indulgence in the mild form of gambling that is indulged in by the generation of recent adults, and those of a preceding generation.

Speaking editorially, we want to say, that if the ruffling for Turkeys, fancy articles of any kind, or any other kind of what we consider innocent gambling is tabooed by our city council, or through any other agency during the Christmas now approaching, these people will stand in their own light. If it isn't a throw of the dice for a turkey, it will be a draw of the cards for the money. The latter, all will agree is demoralizing, the former, merely an incident of a twelve-month. We have no patience with the mistaken morality of anyone who because he has not given the subject proper thought, condemns absolutely the custom of Christmas gambling for objects of more or less value.

We have been there, and know whereof we speak. If the City authorities do not see, unseeing that this form of amusement is allowed to be conducted, our youth and many of those of middle age will find a more pernicious manner in which to spend the money saved for Christmas festivities. We will see what we shall see.

GIVING.

Our editorial on "Thanksgiving Day" in our issue of the 24th ult., we are glad to say met with unqualified approval in every quarter. On the re-reading of it we had the inspiration that brings forth this editorial under the above caption. GIVING. Who of our readers but has experienced the warmth of heart that is created by the delivery of a cheerful gift towards a worthy object? Who of us but have unwillingly contributed towards objects that our judgment taught us were unworthy, simply because to refuse might subject us to unjust criticism?

We venture the assertion that all of those whose eyes rest upon these pages have undergone both experiences. However that may be, we want to call the attention of our readers to the fact that Christmas is rapidly approaching. All are not as fortunate as the many in having the means to enjoy as it should be enjoyed, the festivities that always accompany the commemoration of the birth of our Saviour. It is fitting then that those, whom the Father has better endowed with this world's goods should during the holidays extend to those of their less fortunate brethren and sisters the wherewithal to properly celebrate the natal day that marked the rescue of all human kind from everlasting damnation, giving all the hope according to the promise from a Divine Father of everlasting joy and peace.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Pension Commissioner Ware, who has just resigned, has been the subject of much criticism. It is only fair to state that he is the best Commissioner who ever lived in Topeka, Kansas, and wrote poetry as a side line. Washington has one advantage over most of the larger cities of the country. It has no municipal election scheduled for the spring. "Do married men object to women's clubs?" asks Kate Thyson Marr. We don't know; but married women certainly object to men's clubs. "The Winning of the West" having run through a second ed-

ition; the President's name will probably be on "The Winning of the South."

An order has been issued for boats on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to tie up for the night as soon as it begins to get dark. That's a wise precaution, as there is no telling where the Baltic fleet will show up next.

It is not flattering to a lot of these two-by-four governors to have it generally admitted that they were pulled through by the President's popularity.

Governor-elect Higgins, of New York, is suffering from kidney trouble. He probably prefers it, however, to the heart affection of his late opponent.

General Corbin is cabling the list of his guests in Manila. The society reporter follows the flag.

Now comes a physician with the assertion that pumpkin pies are filled with microbes. Well, it shows that the microbes have good taste.

Italy proposes to decorate J. Pierpont Morgan because of his return of that stolen cope. This country might be willing to give some of those Napoleons of finance decorations if they would return the stolen property now in their possession.

Mr. Bryan refuses to claim that he could have done better, although he doubtless has a sneaking suspicion that he could not have done worse.

Manchuria and Maryland are the only doubtful and divided States left.

Mr. Hay has been signed for another season as Secretary of State, leaving Mr. Choate the option of remaining in the out-field or returning to New York.

One of the Department chiefs complains about the rapid disappearance of his stationery. He should make a requisition for stationary stationery.

Another claim has been made that Adam and Eve were black persons. As soon as a proper number of persons can be induced to believe it, the author of the story will begin advertising his famous bleaching process.

Dying seems to be General Kuruki's daily recreation. Something we Don't Like. Letter Received From an Advertiser. Editor, The People: I regret to have to inform you that, next season, I will not advertise anything for sale in your paper.

Owing to the one I ran with you lately, I have sold down, even to the seed. This, I didn't care to do, so please count me out in the future. R. S. B. Sad, sad, but 'twas ever thus.

Reunion at Bethune. The reunion of the members of Confederate Camp, Angus McLaurin was the best that has yet been held by that splendid camp.

We noted the fact that the attendance was much larger than on former occasions. One of the pleasures of this event was the presence of Captain Lucas, the commander of one of the most distinguished companies of the 7th South Carolina Battalion. The exercises of the day were held in front of the Bethune grade school, the piazza being used as a rostrum. They were interspersed by patriotic songs rendered by the scholars, led by Prof. Setzler, the principal of the school. After the rendition of several of these songs and a splendidly delivered recitation by Miss—(honestly we failed to catch the name of the young lady) the Presbyterian minister was called on and for a short time held the attention of the audience, and made one of the cleverest short talks to which we ever listened. He was followed by the substitute for Hon. M. L. Smith, who delivered a brief address in which the following subjects were discussed in a rather original way: The causes that led up to war, its results, words of admonition to sons of veterans, and concluding with what were intended to be burning words of exhortation to the old veterans to keep ever alive within their breasts the fires of patriotism, and to continue the holding of these reunions as long as even two remained on this side of the river. We want to say that the day marks a red letter in our existence, and that on the next occasion of like character, we will again be with them to partake of and enjoy the unbounded hospitality of its people.

Danger of a Cough. Pneumonia, grippe, cold, bronchitis and nearly every other dangerous sickness of this kind is usually the development of a slight cough. Too many people are usually laid up and too many die from diseases where they could so easily knock horseshoe nails and Tar cures colds. It just drops the bottom out of coughs. Every druggist has it for 25c. a bottle. Remember "Murray's" and take no other. Regular 50c. size. Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag- netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Swell's Remedial Co., Chicago or New York.

Probate Judge's Sale.

State of South Carolina, } In the County of Kershaw, } Probate Court.

Nellie C. Man, as Administratrix of the Estate of John C. Man, and Nellie C. Man and Mary E. Man, Executrices of the Estate of Fizza J. Man, Plaintiffs, Against Mary M. Man, Lillian A. Man, Lawrence R. Man, C. O. Man, C. C. Vaughan, E. F. A. Wetters, Executor of the Estate of John C. Wetters, The Bank of Camden, and all other Creditors of the Estate of John C. Man, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a decretal order granted in the above entitled proceedings in the Probate Court for Kershaw County, dated March 7, 1904, I will sell to the highest bidder at public outcry, before the Court House door in Camden, S. C., within the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in December 1904, the following described Real Estate:

All that tract of land in Kershaw County, S. C., containing fifty-one (51) acres, more or less, about twelve miles North of Camden, bounded North by lands of Robert Smyr, East by lands of A. C. McDowell, South by lands formerly of Estate of George Stratford, West by lands of A. W. Watts, the same conveyed by J. C. Man by deed of L. A. Wittkowsky, Master, dated March 18th, 1903.

All that tract of land, situated in Kershaw County, S. C., about twelve miles North of Camden, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, as shown by plat of C. C. Hilde, Surveyor, bounded North by lands of A. J. McDowell, East and South by lands formerly of S. J. Barnes, now of Levi Kirkland and J. S. Trantnam, West by lands formerly of S. J. Barnes, now of Sugar Dinkins.

All that tract of land in Kershaw County, S. C., containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres, more or less, bounded North by lands of estate of J. K. Kirkland, East by lands of Moore, South by lands of Fannie McDowell, West by lands of Martha J. Rush, conveyed to J. C. Man by Martha J. Rush by deed recorded in Clerk's office in Kershaw County, Book "RR," page 520.

All that tract of land, situated in Kershaw County, S. C., about thirteen miles North of Camden, containing ninety-nine and one-half (99 1/2) acres, more or less, bounded North by lands of estate of Wm. S. Salmond, East by lands of the estate of John O. Shaylor, South by lands of Charles Samuels, West by lands formerly of Ciples, lots 29 of Ciples tract, containing 46 acres and adjacent lot containing 64 1/2 acres, conveyed by W. C. Brown to Jno. C. Man by deed recorded in Clerk's office, Book "RR," Page 48.

All that parcel of land, at Liberty Hill, Kershaw County, S. C., containing nine and three-quarters (9 3/4) acres, more or less, with buildings thereon, bounded North, East and West by lands now or formerly of A. P. Brown, South by lands of J. G. Richards, the same conveyed by Adam Hancock to J. C. Man by deed recorded in Clerk's office, Book "OO" Page 88.

Tract of one hundred and seven and one-half (107 1/2) acres more or less, in West Waterree, Kershaw County, bounded North by lands of Saml. Gibson, East by lands formerly of V. S. Jordan, South and West by lands of Bowen, the same conveyed by Frank Brown to J. C. Man, by deed recorded in Clerk's office, Book "NN," Page 562.

Two acres in West Waterree, Kershaw County, S. C., bounded North and East by lands formerly of McRae, South by State road, West by Gillis Ditch, on which formerly the Distillery of Lang and Man was located, and conveyed to J. C. Man by Thos. J. Kirkland, Special Master, under order of Court, by deed dated Aug. 2nd, 1902.

Terms of sale: one-half cash, balance in one year, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises, with privilege to purchaser to pay a greater portion in cash. Resale in case of non-compliance with bid at risk of bidder. J. B. FIELPA, Probate Judge K. C.

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Notice To Contractors.

South Carolina, Kershaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the county Commissioners of Kershaw County will let to the lowest responsible bidder a contract for the construction of a Court House for said County, at Camden, S. C. Bids will be received to Dec. 17, 1904, at 12 o'clock. All bids will be received and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids. J. M. Sowell, County Supervisor Camden, S. C.

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