

Notes from Lower Fork.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:
This section of old Lexington known as the Fork, between the Broad and Saluda rivers, is one of most prosperous portions of Lexington county. Here dwell the Huffmans, Younginers, Nunamakers, Leitzseys, Barr and others, closely allied with the past history of our State. They are kind, hospitable and courteous and the stranger soon feels at home among them.

The crop of 1902 has been gathered and housed and I judge from what I see that the marketable portion of it has, in a great measure, been disposed of.

One of our citizens, Mr. R. B. Barr, is on an extended trip to Florida and it is reported or whispered that he will soon return accompanied by a bride. May it be so. Old widowers are to be found, and bachelors too, prowling around looking for companions. The girls and widows are shy, but still the play goes on and if everything goes on and nothing prevents we may have several Benedicts soon.

Nothing is being said about the future crop of 1903. There are plenty of hands around and they seem anxious to secure homes for the next year.

Ross' quarry shut down a few weeks ago and many persons both white and colored are out of employment. Some of these have a hard time. They are out of money and supplies, having spent their wages and now they suffer.

Christmas is in the prospective and like a distant murmur reaches the ear. The question is often asked by the children, when will it come? how soon and if Santa Claus will be sure to come and what will he bring for them? Sometimes I think that the idea of Santa Claus is a bad one, for so many little children are never benefitted by his coming, and are souly disappointed. Well we or many of us, have seen a good many Christmases and with it comes, reflections and there looms up before the mind the old time of long ago. How many of our old associates, friends and relatives have passed over to the great unknown and we cannot but feel the tear well up in the eye and sometimes it rolls down the cheek. Well such reflections will come when old age comes the pleasures of youth pass away and we enjoy the pleasures of the youths and maidens around us that is all the Christmas there is for us. I expect that there will be a great attempt made for a gay Christmas this year. I saw a figure on a balcony the other day when passing down street, he seemed to be in a hurry to show what kind of a Santa Claus he could make himself and taking him altogether I think he will succeed in pleasing small children.

Well, I truly hope you will have a good Christmas and that the associations around you at the time may be such as to bring about the spirit that once governed you and that you may be in the land of the living for many more Christmases, is the wish of your old friend.
Lenas.
Dec. 22, 1902.

Foils a Deadly Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cures constipation, sick headache, 25c at J. E. Kaufmann's drug store.

Future Naval Policy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—In the question of naval increase the issue has been sharply outlined. On one side stands Secretary Moody, indorsed by President Roosevelt. He advocates substantial increase of the sea power. On the other side Senator Hale, as stated in the Herald, stands in favor of authorizing comparatively few ships and urging that those ships shall be of smaller tonnage.

Persons who have noted naval legislation during the last 10 years say that the senate has practically

had its way in regard to naval construction by delaying consideration of the naval appropriation bill until the closing days of each session of congress and then informing the house conferees that unless every substantial provision made by the senate was incorporated in the measure the bill would fail to become a law and a new session of congress would be necessary to provide for the maintenance and support of the service. The house has practically yielded on every important point during the last three congresses.

President Roosevelt is said to be determined to discountenance delay, and it can be expected that a quiet but determined struggle will be carried on within the next three weeks. This struggle will decide who shall dominate the policy of the navy department. The house may provide for some ships, since the members of the house naval committee have confidence in Secretary Moody. The senate, on the other hand, under the leadership of Senator Hale, who is a skilled and capable manager will demand that the naval stations be built up and that the money which would otherwise go to the big ships shall be expended in improving the various naval plants ashore.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

Santa Claus Burned.

Hamilton, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Forest Gale, a 15 year-old boy attached to the Salvation Army, was fatally burned last night while playing Santa Claus to 300 poor children. The accident occurred in the Salvation Army's hall, where the annual Christmas entertainment for the poor was in progress. Gale was swathed in rolls of cotton and wore a long beard of similar material. As he was frisking around the tree, picking gifts for each child, his clothes ignited by a candle. Fire enveloped him almost instantly. The false beard was burned and he inhaled the flames. Gale was taken to a hospital, where he died in twenty minutes.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. You can get this reliable remedy at Kaufmann's Drug Store. Get Green's Special Almanac. 12-33

Gen. Miles at Pekin.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Gen. Miles arrived at Pekin today and will review the Chinese army tomorrow after being received by the emperor.

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Big Hogs.

Anderson Mail, December 12.
This is the time of the year when tales about big hogs are in order. The newspapers are always glad to get hold of items about big hogs, for they show the condition of the country. Mr. S. C. Major, who lives just below the city, has just killed three 18-month-old pigs, and has made meat and lard enough to do him next year. One of the pigs weighed 387 pounds, another 430 and another even 500. He got about 50 gallons of lard and about 100 pounds of sausage. The pigs were Berkshire breed.

A Cold Wave.

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membrane and strengthens the lungs. J. E. Kaufmann.

A National Scandal.

Washington, December 26.—Something approaching a scandal is promised as a result of the inquiry into the expenditure of \$500,000 by the isthmian canal commission. Colonel Hepburn charges that it has been the practice of the commission to make places for sons of army and navy officers of high rank and influence, as well as senators and congressmen, and that the commission is paying them more than their services are worth.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

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It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegal state. "How so? How so?" he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beautifully. "Married," quoth he, "is a lottery, and lotteries are forbidden by law."

TAX NOTICE.

I WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING mentioned places for the purpose of receiving taxes for the fiscal year 1902: The balance of the time at Lexington C. H. until December 31st, 1902, after which time the penalty will be added according to law.

The hours for closing the tax book will be at 11 o'clock for the morning and 4 o'clock for the afternoon appointment.

TAX LEVY.

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For Ordinary County Purposes	33 Mills
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Total	45 Mills
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October 18-1y.

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March 19, 1902. 1y.