

Miss Hunsinger Entertains a Number of Friends—Other Locals.

Coneress, Dec. 14.—Special: The ever charming home of Mrs. S. M. Hunsinger was made most inviting last Friday evening when her daughter, Miss Bewley, entertained about ten couples of her friends at a birthday party. Miss Hunsinger, beautifully gowned in white satin, never appeared more lovely. The parlor in which she entertained was beautifully decorated with holly, which made those present think of Christmas being just a few days off.

After all of the guests had arrived and a short time had been spent in conversation each person was handed a slip of paper with the name of some berry written on it. After the tickets had all been matched and the couples seated they were furnished with paper and pencil and entered into a berry contest, which required considerable time and knowledge. After the papers had been examined it was found that several couples had tied in the contest. Miss Zadie Hesse and Paul Barnett not only answered all the questions correctly, but drew the long straw, which won the prize, a box of chocolate candy, which was presented by Miss Agnes Hunsinger.

A number of other contests and games were played, after which partners were changed, and all were invited into the dining room, where a delicious supper had been prepared, consisting of hot chocolate, sandwiches, cakes, bananas, apples, etc. The dining room was prettily decorated with holly, with sprays of this beautiful evergreen dropped among the fruits, etc., on the table, a small sprig of holly, with red berries, tied with red ribbon, being placed in each plate as a souvenir.

Miss Bewley received quite a number of nice presents, which were displayed in the spacious hall on a table, which was made very attractive.

The guests returned to their homes with many pleasant memories of the occasion and wishing their hostess many happy returns of her birthday anniversary.

Miss Mertie Abbott is expected home next Friday from Limestone College to spend vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rothell, of Toccoa, Ga., are visiting the former's sister and the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Arve. They will soon leave for Illinois.

Misses Gracie and Ollie Abbott were recent guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Blanchett, near Walhalla.

Miss Agnes Hunsinger spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Abbott, of Seneca.

Miss Annie Abbott is with Mrs. E. P. Cox, of Westminster, a few days this week.

STOPS TRAIN TO SAVE TWO BOYS

Brakeman Gets Glimpse of Sinking Yachts Just in Time.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Two boys were rescued from drowning by a modest Santa Fe brakeman, who boarded a train afterward and left no name behind. The rescued boys are John Griffin, 11, and William Cunningham, 12.

They were playing on a board raft at Army and Kentucky streets, where there is a pond, when Griffin slipped into the water. His companion's shouts for aid were drowned by a passing train, and young Griffin was in a bad way. Although Cunningham is not a good swimmer, he leaped in after the drowning boy and made a game fight to save him.

The train was almost past when the brakeman saw the struggle for life in the pond and pulled the stop cord. As the train slowed the brakeman leaped off and rushed to the aid of the boys, hauling them out of the water in an unconscious condition.

A passing automobile, driven by Frank Lester, was hailed and the half-drowned youngsters placed in it. Lester rushed them to the Potrero hospital, and the brakeman went back to his train. At the hospital it took nearly an hour to revive the boys, Griffin being all but dead.

Marriage at Fair Play.

(Lavonia Times.) One of the most beautiful home weddings of the season was that of Miss Nina Belle Carnes and Cullen Mason, which occurred at Fair Play, on December 6, at 4 p. m. Rev. W. B. Hawkins, of Townville, performed the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Geo. W. Carnes, of Fair Play, and the groom is a son of Wilton Mason, of Oakway. Only a few of the nearest relatives and friends were present, due to the inclemency of the weather, and the indisposed health of some members of the family. The bride was beautifully gowned in a cream tailored suit.

The parlor and dining room were tastefully decorated in evergreens and ferns. A delightful salad course was served the guests.

The European War Day by Day.

French Make Broad Claims.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The German troops in Flanders have been compelled to evacuate the west bank of the Yser Canal and the allies have occupied the positions abandoned by the foe. This was officially announced here this afternoon. An official statement issued by the war office shows that the French artillery continues to demonstrate its superiority over that of the Germans. One of the German howitzer batteries has been completely destroyed, the official statement says.

The communique follows in full: "The enemy has been compelled to evacuate the western bank of the Yser Canal to the north of the house of the ferryman. We are occupying that bank. "In the region of Arras there are artillery conflicts. In the region of Nampeul our batteries have silenced the batteries of the enemy. "In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery has silenced the German field artillery. One of their batteries of howitzers has been completely destroyed.

"To the northeast of Valley, in the region of Perthes, and in that of the Forest of Gurie there have been artillery duels and some infantry engagements which have turned to our advantage. "On the heights of the Meuse the enemy's artillery has been less active. On the other hand, that of our troops has destroyed at Deux-Nouids (to the west of Vigneulles-Les-Hattonchatel) two of the enemy's batteries, one of heavy calibre, the other used for firing upon aviators.

"In the same region we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed several trenches. "Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report. "In the Vosges there are artillery combats. In the region of Sanones we have strengthened the positions taken the day before."

Allies Gaining Impetus. London, Dec. 13.—Both the German and French official reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus, and is meeting with stubborn resistance. The French have been particularly active in the Woevre region. At several points the Germans have made counter attacks, which, the French claim, have been repulsed.

The German report shows that Gen. Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, which would indicate that they had crossed the German line of communications. In these operations the French lost heavily.

The battles in Poland continue almost without intermission, and while both Russians and Germans announce successes, apparently no decisive result has been reached. The Germans still are delivering heavy blows at the Russian centre, where, they assert, they took 11,000 prisoners and 40 machine guns. South of Cracow the Russians claim the capture of 4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

The rehabilitated Serbian army continues victorious in the Balkan area of the war. The shattered Austrian right crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Vishegrad, and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed, wounded, and war materials. Meantime the Austrian army from Belgrade has attacked the Serbian right and been repulsed. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

Reports from Front Conflict. London, Dec. 14.—Vigorous thrusts at the German line in France were made again by the allies, but reports of successes in to-day's official statement from Paris are not borne out by the Berlin communication.

The French war office states German positions along the Aisne were demolished, that in the Woevre district a line of trenches 500 yards long was captured, and that further progress was made in the Argonne and in Alsace.

The German announcement says nothing of importance has occurred in the West, with the exception of a few French attacks along the Meuse and in the Vosges, which were repulsed easily. English and French newspapers say the time is drawing near for the much-discussed general advance of the allies through France and Belgium, and some unofficial reports say that the move is about to be undertaken if it has not actually begun. Progress necessarily would be inch by inch, and even the most optimistic of the British observers, assuming that a general forward movement of the allies is to be essayed, concede it would be spring before any appreciable eastern progress could be made.

Turks Beaten, Land and Sea. London, Dec. 14.—Turkish reverses at the hands of Russia on land and of England on sea were chronicled in to-day's official war dispatches. Russian army headquarters in the Caucasus reports the Turks, whose strong resistance to the invaders from the North compelled them to retreat, have now been repulsed everywhere and are being pursued beyond the Euphrates river, suffering heavy losses.

The British admiralty announced the old Turkish battleship Messudieh, which carried 600 men, had been destroyed by a British submarine. To accomplish the feat the submarine penetrated the supposedly impregnable Dardanelles.

The Official Statement. The official bureau's statement is as follows: "Yesterday submarine B-11, in charge of Lieut. Commander N. B. Holbrook, of the royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields. Although pursued by gun-fire and torpedo boats, the B-11 returned safely after being submerged, on one occasion, for nine hours.

"When last seen the Messudieh was sinking by the stern." Lieut. Commander Holbrook is one of five brothers, all serving with the colors, the sons of Col. Arthur Holbrook, a newspaper owner of Portsmouth.

The Latest Reports. London, Dec. 15.—British military authorities announced to-day fighting in northern France had commenced, and that a combined attack by the allies in Belgium, south of Ypres, had resulted in the capture of German trenches and substantial progress.

This is the first occasion in several weeks on which the British authorities have considered the day-to-day activities of the allies of sufficient importance to issue such a statement. London suggests it may mean the allies have at last begun a general offensive movement.

German Gain in Alsace. The French war office admits that at Seinsbach, in Alsace, the German infantry "gained a foothold." Bombardment of St. Leonard and of Commeroy by the Germans also has been mentioned in the last two official French statements.

Such confident claims have been made by the allies during the last week concerning the success of their new movement against the German line that the Berlin military authorities have issued a special statement to contradict them.

The definite statement is made in Rotterdam that the Germans have begun a retreat, falling back in Belgium toward a prepared line farther from the coast. Official confirmation was lacking, however.

Germany has shifted so many of her troops to the eastern arena that the allies must now clearly outnumber them in France and Flanders. This condition, taken together with the fact of French and British reinforcements, is leading Berlin, according to report, to expect pronounced activity by the allies at any moment.

Battles Rage on East Front. Bloody struggles continue in Poland and Galicia between the Russians and the Austro-Germans. North of the Vistula, along the Mlawa front, the struggle seems to be favoring the Russians, but neither side claims a decisive victory anywhere along the western front.

The final engagement still remains to be fought out between Lodz and the Vistula. **Austrians Quit Belgrade.** Vienna, Dec. 15.—The abandonment of Belgrade by the Austrians is acknowledged in an official statement given out at army headquarters to-day. The statement follows: "In the southern theatre of war the retirement of our right wing involved a change in the military situation which made it advisable for us to abandon Belgrade, which was evacuated without fighting. "Our troops have fought long and fatiguing battles, but are in the best of spirits."

German Cruiser Interned. Washington, Dec. 15.—The German cruiser Cormoran, with 22 officers and 355 men, has interned for the war at Guam, according to a dispatch received late to-day from Capt. Maxwell, American naval governor of that island. The Cormoran arrived at Guam yesterday and was given 24 hours in which to leave the port, or intern for the war. She was short of provisions, coal and water. The Cormoran was in need of 1,500 tons of coal to reach the nearest German port, according to Capt. Maxwell. She was allowed 100 tons of coal and fresh water immediately

JULIUS MARETT IMPROVING.

Young Man Was Stabbed by Negro Near Fair Play—Local Notes.

Westminster, Dec. 15.—Special: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and little son, of Duluth, Ga., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. F. A. Johns and little daughter Lois left last week for Norfolk, Va., where Mrs. Johns goes to join her husband. Mr. Johns has accepted a position as foreman in a large marble and granite shop. They will make their future home there. We are very sorry indeed to give up this estimable family. They will be greatly missed.

Belton Marett was called home from Tulane University, New Orleans, last week on account of the serious illness of his brother, Julius Marett, of Fair Play.

The play, "Jes Like White Folks," at the school auditorium Friday evening last, was greatly enjoyed by a number of people, despite the inclement weather. The play was very laughable, and splendid special numbers added greatly to the evening's entertainment.

Hon. Jos. G. Camp, orator, will lecture at the school auditorium on Thursday evening, December 17th. This is the second lyceum number. Mr. Camp comes highly recommended, and we hope a full house will greet him.

J. Hafed Carter, of Malvern, Ark., is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Marett and family are at Fair Play with their son Julius, who was seriously wounded last Thursday. We are pleased to learn that the latest reports from Fair Play tell of an improvement in his condition, and hope is now entertained for his recovery.

Miss Pat McLaughlin leaves this week to visit a friend in Tallahassee, Fla. She will probably be away for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson and daughter Ila leave to-day for Arcadia, Fla., to visit relatives.

Mrs. H. B. Gilbert returned Monday from Cornelia, Ga., where she had been to see her father, who has been dangerously ill.

Invitations are out to the marriage of Miss Weepie Lenora Cobb, of Belton, and Marshall Wesley Mason, of this place. The marriage will take place at Triangle church, near Belton, on December 30th, at 4.15 o'clock. Miss Cobb is a sister of Mrs. F. Eugene Mitchell and has visited here a number of times. The young couple have the best wishes of many friends here and elsewhere for their future happiness together.

OFFICERS MEET ROUGH GANG.

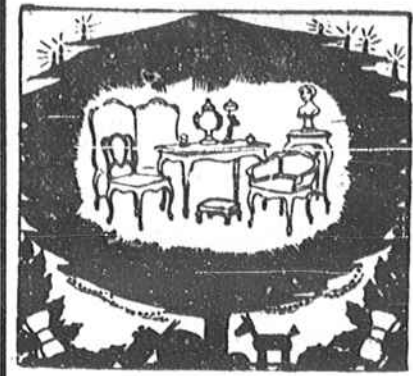
R. Q. Merrick Among Officials Who Were Attacked by Men.

(News and Courier Special.) Conway, Dec. 12.—R. F. Jenkins and R. Q. Merrick, special officers of the United States internal revenue department, and W. J. Johnson and Rollin Johnson have just returned from beyond the Little River section of the county, near the North Carolina line, where they made a raid on an illicit whiskey still yesterday and arrested George Beck, Spencer Bozeman, Will Huet, Dave Faulk and Asa Soles, who are said to have been in the act of measuring a number of kegs of whiskey when they were surprised by the officers. When the officers arrested the parties a number of friends of the prisoners came to their rescue and demanded of the officers they release the men. It is claimed that upon their refusal to do so a fusillade of shots were exchanged between the men and the officers. In the melee one of the prisoners was wounded and two made their escape, but were recaptured. One of the recaptured men escaped again the next day and is still at large.

Capt. Jenkins was hit in the breast by one of the shots, but the bruise is of a minor nature. Another of the prisoners made such resistance in trying to extricate himself from the officers that Capt. Jenkins had to pound him heavily on the head. The man is considerably bruised, but not seriously injured. Four of the prisoners were placed in jail here and the two wounded ones have been examined and their wounds have been pronounced not serious by a physician. Warrants have been issued for all the parties, and it is expected that George Beck, who made good his escape at the time, will be captured in a day or two. The prisoners were taken before the United States Commissioner here to-day and two of them, Faulk and Soles, were released on bond for their appearance before the commissioner for the preliminary hearing.

needed, and her captain was given until 10 a. m. to-day (Guam time) to decide his future course. Secretary Daniels approved Capt. Maxwell's action.

How About Holiday Furniture!



Your dining-room,—is it as you would wish it to be—in a fit condition to receive and entertain guests for the Holiday meals? If you lack a good dining-table—or chairs—or a buffet—or anything of that kind, or Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, etc., for any room in the house, here is the place to get best qualities, and newest designs at lowest prices.

We are showing full line of Holiday Goods at attractive prices.

Ballenger Hdw. and Furn. Co., Seneca, South Carolina.

WALHALLA MILL NOTES.

Walhalla Mill Village, Dec. 14.—Special: Everything is moving along nicely here at this writing. Our people have been killing their big fat hogs the past week.

We are well pleased with the lighting of our streets in the mill village. We hope that we will have our streets worked out some time in the near future.

Wedding bells are ringing around here. Harley Herren and Miss May Butts were married at her home last Tuesday night at 7 o'clock by Rev. M. Cobb. On last Wednesday Walter Howard and Miss Lizzie Land were married at 8 o'clock by Rev. L. B. Norton, at his home. We wish them all much joy.

Rev. L. D. Mitchell has been called to the Baptist church here, and we learn that he will accept. We are glad to have him with us.

We are hoping to build a Baptist church here some time during the coming year. Brethren, get ready to help us, for we need your help. Pray that we may get a church built here, for it is greatly needed.

MANY RUINED LIVES

Hundreds can point to the use of calomel as the cause of physical decay. Its strenuous effects upon liver, kidneys and even the heart are known to every practicing physician.

Medical science has found a vegetable compound that eliminates the poisons from the liver and accumulations from the bowels in a safer and saner way than does calomel and leaves no ill after-effects.

This remedy in the form of GRIGSBY'S LIV-VER-LAX is a proven success. It is for sale in 50c. and \$1 bottles by Norman Company, Walhalla, S. C., who guarantee to refund purchase price if you want it. It is always protected by the likeness of L. K. Grigsby.—Adv.

NOTICE.

All persons holding claims or demands against the county, not previously presented to the County Board of Commissioners, are hereby notified to file same with the Clerk, M. R. McDonald, on or before the first day of January, 1915, so that same may be passed on by said Board at their annual meeting to be held on the 1st day of January, 1915, or be barred. M. R. McDONALD, Clerk of the Board. Dec. 16, 1914. 50-52

MASTER'S SALES.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE.

In Court of Common Pleas. Pursuant to decrees of the aforesaid Court, in the cases named below, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door, at Walhalla, S. C., on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1915, between the legal hours of sale, the tracts of land below described: Ervin L. Haley, Plaintiff, against Jasper G. Daniels et al., Defendants.

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee, in State of South Carolina, containing ninety-six and 79-100 acres, more or less, and being No. 56 of W. P. Anderson's Chauga Lands, as shown on plat made for him by D. Conger, in August, 1905, and being the land deeded to Jasper G. Daniels by W. P. Anderson by deed bearing date the 2d day of December, 1908.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash, and balance in one annual installment, credit portion to bear interest from the date of sale at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and to be secured by bond of purchaser, or purchasers, and mortgage of the premises; that in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five

days from day of sale the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following sale day or some convenient sale day thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of the former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who comply with the terms of sale.

Purchaser to pay extra for papers. Sold at the risk of the former purchaser, Allen Burts. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 16, 1914.

John F. Craig, as Administrator, Plaintiff, against David Green Cleveland et al., Defendants.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee, in the State of South Carolina, adjoining lands of Miss Leona Kuhlmann, Moses Cantrell, J. D. Vernier and others, containing eighty-four acres, more or less.

Terms of Sale: Cash. That in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five days from day of sale, the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following sale day or some convenient sale day thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of the former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who shall comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers and stamps. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 16, 1914.

S. Lee Crow, Plaintiff, against Louis Crow et al., Defendants.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, containing fifty acres, more or less, adjoining lands of A. L. Steward, S. L. Crow, Frank Heaton, Ben Chapman and others, being the tract of land conveyed to the said Luther Crow by Mary E. Holcombe and others, by deed recorded in office of Clerk of Court for Oconee County, in Deed Book "LL," page 550; ALSO.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, containing five and one-half acres, more or less, adjoining lands of B. P. Chapman, J. D. Brown, Whit Grant and others, being the tract of land conveyed to the said Luther Crow by deed dated 8th January, 1913, by Frank Heaton, said deed being recorded in office of Clerk of Court for Oconee County, S. C., in Deed Book "QQ," page 193.

Terms of Sale: Cash. That in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five days from day of sale, the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following sale day or some convenient sale day thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of the former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who shall comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers and stamps. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 16, 1914.

Thomas Sprinkle, Plaintiff, against M. M. Standridge, Defendant.

All that parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, and being lot Number eleven, in Block Number three, just behind Lot No. 2; also, Lot No. one, in Block three, adjoining Lot No. 2, on east side, as shown in plat made by W. B. Trogden, dated May 20th, 1910.

Terms of Sale: Cash. That in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five days from day of sale, the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following sale day, or some convenient sale day thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of the former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers and stamps. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 16, 1914. 50-52