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... December 24. ...

CHRISTMAS Is the anniversary of the birth of Josus Christ-the greatest event in the history of the world, and is commemorated throughout Christendom. Birthday anniversaries are first recorded in sacred writ of Pharaoh, when Joseph was his slave; and again in the time of Job, when his sons and daughters had their feasts. The Jews, however, have not these recorded an niversaries save in the case of Herod. when John the Baptist was beheaded t gratify the caprice of a dancing maiden, the daughter of wicked Herodias. It is meet that expressions of joy of the mails at the proper time at the should be shown on this eventful occasion. But how different will be dren look ' forward to Christmas day with throbbing hearts, expectant eyes and gladsome thoughts. They have heard of Santa Claus, the children's friend and bestower of gifts. How eager are the little folk when they arise in the early morn to see what good things this mysterious man of the polar regions has put into their hanging stockings or other receptacles. office authorities might result in re-Now they see, how pleased they are! Who would not rejoice with them? He who would not has a stony heart. Many of these little ones cannot comprehend the true significance of the the birth of the lowly Nazarene now, but as the years pass by they will recall the joys of these occasions and make them glad that, in their innocence, they had these experiences. Whilst these Christmas anniversaries should be a day of great mirth to all persons of every station and condition in life, they should be sanctified with humility and love, and all should be ready with for the coming year. There will be world, the Lord is come!" The Sunday schools here and there, throughout the land will have their Christmas trees for the distribution of gifts to the Sunday school children, a most excellent way of remembering those whose parents have not the means of bestowing the things which their hearts would prompt them to do. But amid all paper will be issued next week. The

those who will not observe this occa-sion in a manner to bring happiness to themselves or to others. Unrestrained themselves or to others. Unrestrained May you have many happy returns therof and with each successive return increased joy and blessing.

#### PORTUNITY.

There is no more interesting object ful, successful and honored manhood.

The boy who possesses them or who

a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, In, Lister why: A severe cold had settled strives carnestly and honestly to cul- Year!! tivate them is worthy of the respect and reverence of the most honored

who has the marks of honesty, truthfulness and manliness stamped upon his countenance. These qualities combined with energy, posh and politeness make the boy the pride of his community. He will always be in demand; his p aymates will honor him, the business man will be on the lookout for him; everybody will love him. | a young man be to be paper reflects will be useful to society; he will make a manly man.

Let's look for a moment at this boy's opposite. We all know the "Smart Alex" when we see him, and we know just how much he is worth to himself and to the community. He has a swaggering air about him that reeks with the odors of eigarettes, profamity, idieness, disrespect and impoliteness. He place on the morning of December is manish-not manly-and he has the lith, at the age of 21 years. His red'strust and contempt of all people. mains were carried to Sweet Water, of which church he had been a member He can easily become a social and a business outcast. The business man is afraid to trust him and he is not wanted where culture and refinement exists. Judged by every standard he is a failure as a boy and in ninety-five cases out of every one hundred he will be a failure as a man. "Ye cannot gather grapes of thorns."

The parent is almost wholly responsible for the kind of boy his or her son is. Upon you parents of Batesburg rests the responsibility of what kind of boy you give to society. His success He can easily become a social and a three or four years, and there is terred

boy you give to society. His success as a man depends upon you. Don't let him believe that you consider him a prodigy, or unusually smart; he will find that who doubtless was hovering over him or unusually smart; he will find that out all too soon. "Idleness and loafing is the Devil's workshop." The there is no more death, neither sorrow boy is in a plastic state, he is material that his Satanic majesty can handle His Christian life is one that all with great case and readiness. Keep your boy busy. If he hangs around the street corners and public places, he

Its coristian life is one that all years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Waterburghers, but because "his hour had come." Even in his extreme illness he exwerled of good. Since using it has no content all years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Waterburghers, but the street corners and public places, he the street corners and public places, he is sure to become a receptacle for those things that degrade and vitiate boyhood. He is too tender and pliable hood. He is too tender and pliable the associates of hardened by and debauched men. Keep him off the sincere thanks to our friends in and Leesville.

\*\*Ircets by entertaining and amusing around Wards for their kindness to us FRIEND. him at home. Make his life a natural during his illness.

he will become the pride and comfort of your old age.

The Christmas tide will present wonderful opportunities to you parents for teaching your boys politeness, generosity, how to amuse one's self in a harmless manner. The opportunities improved will repay you in the success and character of your boy; neglected, they will repay you in heartaches.

We have no patience with a chronic kicker or grumbler, but there come times when a little honest kicking is not only excusable, but it may result in a public good. Such kicking ought to be indulged. Of late the people of Batesburg have been considerably inconvenienced by the irregularity and lateness of their mail from Columbia. For a number of days the newspapers printed in Columbia have been arriving from fifteen to eighteen hours late. This is an absurd state of affairs when we take into consideration the fact that Columbia is only thirty-two miles distant and there are usually one or two extra trains passing between that point and Augusta. We do not know where the blame lies, but it does seem that an extra man should be put on the mail service in order to insure the arrival stations between Columbia and Augusta, It is not only a hardship but the manifestations,. The chil- an injustice to delay all of our local and state mail from ten to twenty hours on account of the lateness of the Northern mails.

We don't mean to intimate that our courteous and efficient postmaster is in any way responsible for the present state of affairs, but simply throw the suggestion that an out official report from him to the postli eving the present situation.

The Advocate feels grateful for the kindness and consideration which the people of this section have shown us throughout the year. It has been our constant purpose and desire to issue a paper that would command the respect of the people. We have not been spect of the people. We have not been spect of the people when wishawashy" or political, but on every question have boldly declared our position. Not courting the favor of any man, or set of men. The people have demonstrated their appreciation, and it encourages us to greater endeavor for the coming year. There will be come changes in the Advocate, in the near future, we trust for the best, and if you desire the best preparation come to Leesville. For Business circular and our Twelve exercises in Pennear future, we trust for the best, and or Prof. E. P. Mobley. we assure our readers that we will lend or Prof. E. P. Mobley. every energy to make the paper more readable. During the year our present force has been faithful, and we show our appreciation of their services by gi.ing them a rest, consequently, no this joy and mirth and good will, it is their time in the "burg," while the compositor and the Devil will spend

frivolity, dissipation, violence and behind the counter and with courtesy clerk, who day in and day out stand some mirth and stains the a happy New Year! The farmer, who honor due the Son of Man. Now, a feeds and clothes the world--a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year! To the factory operative, who from early morn 'til dewey eve stand by the shuttle and loom-a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year! To the preachers TWO BOYS, AND AN OP- who break the Bread of Life the teachers, who are training the men and women of tomorrow--a merry in the world than a bright, gentleman- Xmas and a Happy New Year! To the ly, polite, industrious boy. These railroad men, blacksmiths, doctors, quanties are the harbingers of a use- lawyers, dentists, printers; to man-

Our excharge table was graced last person in the land.

We feel like doffing our hat every time we meet a joily, laughing boy who has the marks of honesty, trutt. will be one of beauty and usefulness and influence. It is the Johnston News, published in Johnston, one of our neighboring towns. Ira C. Car-Harris Batesburg and Smith & Crosson son is the editor and Wm. Toney, busi- Lersville, ness manager. The paper is citht- If a man will only let doctors foo! column, eight-page, and presents a withhim long enough he can go on that appearance and is ably edited by being so k for the rest of his life. He will have lots of fur and pleasure: credit upon its promoters and the progressive citizens of Johnston. To these gentlemen, we extend a cordial welcome to the "fourth estate," trusting their journalistic career will be one of usefulness and financial success.

#### Death of E C. Adams.

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