

Christmas at Santee.

Mr. Editor.—I have before informed your readers of the Christmas trees proposed in this community, and as they have come off I will attempt to give you a description of them—

Concerning the tree at Gilliam's Chapel, on Christmas eve, I am sorry to say that I could not attend, owing to my having business at the country's metropolis; but I learn from those who were there that it was a decided success.

The tree was a beautiful holly, filled with red berries, themselves adding beauty to the tree, and combined with the artistic flower decorations, gave it a brilliant appearance.

The doors and windows were closed, and the lamps lighted, which gave the interior of the church the appearance of night. One thing worthy of mention was the quietness of the occasion, which made it pass off smoothly and without grating.

I hope, by being present, I may be enabled to give a better sketch of the Christmas tree on Tuesday night, the 25th, at Salem Church. Just as the hours of the "blessed natal morning" began to mellow into warmth, from the glowing sunshine, the committee appointed by the school to prepare the tree, was at their place with a pretty cedar, which was selected by the ladies, as it did not have the sticking leaves peculiar to the holly.

After the tree was firmly planted the committee retired, to give place to the committee for decorating the tree and putting on the presents; the lady members of which were Mrs. J. H. Randolph, Mrs. R. G. Hobson, Mrs. L. C. Crocker, Misses Bessie Jeter, Ida Jones, Ida Johns, and Eliza Johns, assisted by Miss Vickie Peake, of Glenn Springs, who took a very active part in the tree, and the welfare of the little Sunday School scholars.

This committee with their half dozen male assistants, worked assiduously from 12 M. until dark in trying to put on the tree the numerous presents before the beginning of the exercises of the occasion, at 7 P. M. The tree was loaded with rich, beautiful and useful presents that made it fairly glitter. Everything was unwrapped before being put on, to give the tree more brilliancy, and so it could be seen by the audience, except an occasional package sent there for a young lady by some adoring juvenile, who earnestly requested that they would not be unwrapped.

As the sun began rapidly to approach the Western horizon, almost every one began hurrying hither and thither, looking bright and pleasant, smiling as they thought of the pleasant surprises they were preparing for their friends, parents, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, cousins, sweethearts, and infants.

At 7 P. M. the audience, which filled the church, was addressed by Dr. John P. Thomas, followed by Rev. J. M. Friday. Then began the distribution of presents, and the little ones seemed to be in unutterable ecstasies. Not another was to be seen on the tree, and the Sunday School, but others, not members, placed gifts upon it, for their friends and relatives, which helped considerably. All of the real presents were appreciated, but there were some that I suppose might have been called comical ones, which caused a great deal of hearty laughter, that could not be suppressed, but at which one could not become offended, but had to laugh at their own "selling," with the expectation of getting a chance to laugh in return at their own neighbor.

The foregoing are the pleasant social features of such an occasion, but there are always some drawbacks when anything like that is held during Christmas week, where whiskey is so free and plentiful, and those who have lost control of themselves, or who utterly ignore self-control, and have no gauge to their tanks, can fill themselves with it, making of their hearts the "devil's workshops" by converting themselves into full grown idiots, and go into a church making all sorts of uncalled for and disturbing noises.

Nevertheless, this was a delightful occasion, and enjoyment ran high; kindly greetings were interchanged, that betokened the kindly relations that existed between all present. I hope the pleasant memories of the gathering will long be borne in recollections, because so replete with incidents that evinced the best quality of social life and intercourse.

Salem Sunday School was reorganized on Sunday—we reorganized at the end of every year—with the following selection of officers: Sup't. J. H. Randolph; Ass't. Sup't. R. S. Hobson; Secretary and Treasurer, E. W. Jeter; Librarian, R. H. Johns.

We expect to have, as we have always had, a fine school. Our School does not, like the roses, wither, but like the evergreen, lives through winter. E. W. J.

TREASURY TROVE IN A GRAVE.—St. Louis, January 4.—The people of Jacksonport Arkansas, were thrown into a flurry of excitement this morning by a rumor that a large amount of money and valuable treasures had been dug out of the ground near the residence of Jack Hartin during the night. A skeleton supposed to be that of a woman, lies on top of the ground, having been taken out of the sepulchre in which the treasure was also entombed.

MARRIED. FOWLER—LAWSON. Married, by T. H. Gore, N. P., Dec. 23, 1888, at the residence of the bride, Mr. John H. Fowler to Miss Louise Lawson; all of Union County. GREE—WILLARD, Married, on the 9th inst., at the residence of C. S. Greer, by T. J. Greer, Notary Public, Mr. John R. Greer to Miss Lou Willard; all of Union County.

OBITUARY. Death entered our quiet healthy town on the 12th December last and plucked one of the sweetest flowers from our juvenile nursery. Little Allie, daughter of M. L. and Ella Rowell, was two years and three months old and was a bright lovely child, the joy and comfort of her parents and loved by all who knew her; but that dreadful disease fastened its deadly fangs upon her tender little form and in a few hours it had done its fatal work. Her parents cherished the fond hope that in a few short years their dear little Allie would develop into a beautiful blushing maiden, but these fond hopes are forever blighted, for that little form lies to-day mouldering to dust in the lonely cemetery at Gilead church. While their fond hopes are blasted they have the consolation of knowing that the spirit of their sweet child is with its Saviour in heaven.

So fades the lonely blooming flower, Sweet smiling soul of an infant; How soon our transient comforts fly, And pleasure only blooms to die.

W. H. S. HARRIS. Jonesville, S. C., Jan. 7th, 1889. LITTLE STELLA, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Amada Little, was called from earth to join those of the family who preceded her to the better land. After an illness of only a few days, the summons came to the young and tender but that it must bloom in heaven. It was a dark hour when thus for the fifth time, shadows of death fell around the dwelling of this happy and affectionate family. The grief which bore so heavily upon the home circle has also carried sadness to many other loving hearts, and called for the tears of sympathy and sorrow over the early death of this one, who she knew but to love. She was like a precious sunbeam scattering rays of joy and gladness all around her. She died of diphtheria on the morning of the 5th inst. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

B. W. W. List of Letters. Remaining in the Postoffice at Union for the week ending January 5th, 1889.

Davidson, L. R. Little, T. C. Hancock, Bennett. Little, T. C. Jeter, Miss Corrie Miller, R. T. Bello. Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised, and will be required to pay one cent for their delivery.

Here's Your Mules. I WILL have a car load of good Mules on this market on Monday next, and will continue to keep on the market during the season, and will sell them low for cash, or on time, on approved papers. Those wishing Mules will call on J. D. Smith, who will be in charge of the Mules during my absence. J. P. POOL. Jan 11 2 3t

Administrator's Notice. I WILL sell at public sale, on the 25th inst., at Union Court House, S. C., the following articles of personal property of Dr. J. M. Gibbs, deceased, to-wit: A general assortment of Household and Kitchen furniture.

Notice of Dissolution. THE firm heretofore existing under the name of Jones & Beatty, Merchants, at Union, S. C., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. D. JONES, W. T. BEATTY. Jan. 1, 1889.

Having purchased the interest of my former partner, J. D. Jones, in the mercantile business of Jones & Beatty, at Union, S. C., I shall continue the business in my own name, at the old stand, and respectfully solicit a continuation of the patronage so kindly extended to the old firm. W. T. BEATTY. Jan 11 2 4t

A Happy New Year TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS. WE are now offering the balance of our FALL AND WINTER GOODS at prices that will both astonish and please you. The money must come and goods must go, regardless of price. Purchasers looking for bargains should not fail to give us a call.

GOOD BYE TO TIME PRICES. RICE & McLEURE. Jan 4 1 4t

CLOSING OUT AT COST. CALL EARLY AND GET A BARGAIN. For the next 30 days I will sell, regardless of cost my entire line of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY ETC. In fact everything in the Jewelry line, ALSO XMAS GOODS AT COST, G. P. GARRETT. Leader in Books and Stationery. Jan 11 2 3t

COLD-BLOODED MURDER AT A CHURCH.—Ninety-six, January 7.—While a large concourse of negroes were assembled at the colored Methodist Church yesterday, it was announced at the door that Pink Floyd, a mule to 16 years old, had fatally stabbed Cornelius Lawler, another negro 19 years of age. The congregation immediately left the church, and a ginz to the victim, found that he had been stabbed in the throat by the jugular vein having been severed, and that death was inevitable. The boy was taken by his home upon a plank and doctors from the street, but all medical aid proved useless, and he died at 2:30 o'clock p. m.—the wound having been inflicted at 11:35 a. m.

Auditor's Tax Notice.

THE assessment of all taxable personal property for the fiscal year 1888-9, commences on January 1st, 1889; and for the convenience of the tax payers, I will attend the following places at the time specified:

In my office at Union C. H., from the first January, 1889, to the 5th. Cedar Bluff, Monday afternoon, January 7th. Cross Keys, Tuesday, Jan. 8th. Minter's Store, Wednesday forenoon, January 9th. Goshen Hill, Thursday forenoon, January 10th. Fish Dam, Friday, January 11th. Santee, Saturday, January 12th. Mr. Tabor, Monday, January 14th. Kelton, Tuesday, January 15th, and Wednesday forenoon, January 16th. Kendrick's Store, Wednesday afternoon, January 16th. Goudesville, Thursday, January 17th. Wilkinsville, Friday and Saturday, January 18th and 19th. Draytonville, Monday, Jan. 21st. Timber Ridge, Tuesday forenoon, January 22d. Asbury, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22nd, and Wednesday forenoon, Jan. 23d. Jonesville, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23d, and Thursday, Jan. 24th. West Springs, Friday forenoon, Jan. 25th. Coleraine, Friday afternoon, Jan. 25th. Gibbs, Saturday forenoon, Jan. 26th. And from Monday, January 28th, in my office until the 29th February, at which time the Books will close.

For failure to make return within the prescribed time a fifty per cent. penalty is inflicted by the law. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 50 are liable to a poll tax. All transfers of Real Estate must be reported to me, through a Deed, to save errors. No transfers will be made unless a Deed accompanies the application to transfer, as I am so ordered.

N. B. MORGAN, A. U. CO. Dec 21 51 6t

Sale of Valuable Property in the Town of Union and Vicinity.

THE undersigned will sell at public sale, on Saturday in January, 1889, at Court House door, (if not sold privately before that time,) the following valuable real estate of Dr. J. M. Gibbs, deceased:

1. The Drug Store and lot on Main Street. 2. The Home place in Union, to be divided into two lots. 3. Farm near town, containing 92 acres, more or less, bounded by lands of S. P. Harris, H. S. Beatty, R. T. Vaughan, estate of Wm. Hancock and others.

TERMS. One-third Cash; balance in one and two years, to be secured by a bond and mortgage of premises, with interest at ten per centum per annum, from day of Sale. Purchaser to pay for papers. JOHN T. SLOAN, JR. D. A. TOWNSEND, Attorneys. Dec 7 49 4t

Notice of Dissolution. THE firm heretofore existing under the name of B. B. Going & Bro., Merchants, at Kelton, S. C., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. B. B. GOING & BRO. Jan. 1, 1889.

Having purchased the interest of my brother B. B. Going, in the mercantile business of B. B. Going & Bro., at Kelton, S. C., I shall continue the business in my own name, at the old stand. GEO. W. GOING. Notice to Creditors. ALL persons indebted to the late firm of B. B. Going & Bro., by note or account are hereby notified that settlements must be made at once to my successor in business, GEO. W. GOING. B. B. GOING & BRO. Jan 1 4t

NOTICE OF SEIZURE. UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE, Deputy Collector's office, GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 27, 1888. NOTICE is hereby given that the following property, viz: One sorrel mare mule, and one light sorrel horse mule, one two-horse wagon and harness for same; one package of corn whiskey containing 27 gallons; one package of corn whiskey (6 gals.) two empty packages; one sylvan and one gallon measure; seized in Union county, State of South Carolina, for violation of the Internal Revenue laws; will be declared forfeited to the United States and sold, unless claimed according to law, within thirty days from publication hereof. ED. W. CROFT, Deputy Collector. 4th Division Dist. of S. C. Jan 4 1 3t

Copartnership Notice. WE have this day admitted into our firm, Geo. H. Oetzel and B. F. Arthur, and will continue our business at the old stand, under the firm name of Foster, Wilkins & Co. We take this occasion to thank the public for their kind patronage during the past 20 years, and respectfully ask a continuance of the same for the new firm, assuring them that no pains will be spared in the endeavor to serve them faithfully and well. January 1, 1889. FOSTER & WILKINS. Jan 4 1 4t

Mechanical Enterprise AT JONESVILLE. W. E. ALLMAN, plain and fancy house carpenter, manufacturer of and dealer in all kinds of rough and dressed lumber, doors, sash, blinds, and all kinds building material. I have a lot of home-made wagons and buggies, (hand made,) which I will sell cheap for cash. Come and see me. W. E. ALLMAN, Jonesville, S. C. Jan 4 1 2m

For Sale. THE house and lot where I reside in the town of Union—known as the Steedman place. Terms reasonable. DAVID JOHNSON, Jr. Jan 4 1 4t

All Books adopted by our Board of Examiners for Public Schools of Union C. H. and Union County, can be found at GARRETT'S, at Publishers prices. Also, all School Supplies. A large Stock of Cash Books, Ledgers, Day Books, and Journals, just received. G. P. GARRETT. Sept 21 38 4t

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Sept 21 38 4t

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