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## MANY COUPLES WED.

A NUMBER OF MARRIAGES TAKE PLACE IN MANCHESTER.

### BECOMES A BRIDE AT FIFTEEN.

Miss Nunnally, of Swansboro, Weds Mr. Scott in North Carolina—(Caption Lipscomb's Statement—Personal and Briefs.)

Yesterday was a day of marriages in Manchester. The young men of the city are taking to themselves the best Christmas gifts which Nature, in all her lavishing beneficence, has provided for man.

Mr. Samuel F. Wescott and Miss Margie H. Sharp were married last evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride, on Eighth street, Rev. James O. Babcock performed the ceremony. The marriage was simple in its features and quiet, but the event proved to be a very happy one, as it should be, at the beginning of so good an epoch in men's lives. Both young people, who are well known in Manchester and greatly esteemed, are members of Fifth-street church congregation, and when Mr. Babcock was sent to Danville by the conference they made him promise to come back and perform the ceremony which should unite them. He would keep his word, and came. A delightful reception was held after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Wescott will reside in this city.

### WILKINSON—HALLS.

Rev. J. A. Spencer performed the ceremony at 9 o'clock last night at the residence of the bride, on Bainbridge street, which made Mr. William R. Wilkinson and Miss Emma May Halls husband and wife. The bride was very becomingly attired in white, and carried an accomplished young lady, and has a host of friends, whose good wishes follow her into the new life. Mr. Wilkinson is also very popular in his native city. He was showered with congratulations on the close of the ceremony. Manchester will be their home, also.

### BENNETT—RUSSELL.

Rev. Mr. Spencer hurried from this scene of the marriage feast to his home at Porter street, where, at 9:30 o'clock he officiated in the bonds of wedlock between Miss Richard A. Bennett and Miss Bessie L. Russell. The contracting couple have their homes in the southside city. After well known and celebrated. After the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to their future residence, in another part of the city, where a cordial reception was tendered them by their friends.

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### CHRISTMAS PACKAGES BY MAIL.

(Pittsburg Chronicle.) A public benefactor makes his appearance annually at Boston at this time of the year, and as soon as Christmas is over he disappears from view. No one knows his name, but his good deeds are mentioned in the newspapers every year. There is no doubt that he has prevented a great deal of disappointment, and that through his kindness many Christmas presents reach their destination promptly and in good time.

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### SCHOOL-CHILDREN ARE HAPPY NOW.

A Day Among the Nonn's-Arks, Hobbies-Horses, and Other Toys—Preparations in Every Home for the Holiday—Services in the Churches.

The eve of Christmas is here, and there is not a home in the city to-day, however humble it may be, in which preparations are not being made for the holiday.

Many have put off the task of making Christmas purchases until the last hours have caught them, and these will be in a rush to-day, and at their wits end to decide just what to buy. The market will be crowded from the first streak of dawn until midnight, and thousands of turkeys, from the little 7-pound "hen" to the 30-pound "zobber," will be conveyed from the stalls to the larders of the careful housewife.

A cold wind blew across Broad street yesterday, biting the ears of those with whom it came in contact, and chilling the bones of those through whose veins the blood does not course as warmly as in other days—not a rough, surly wind, that rudely encounters you at every corner and slaps you in the face with an icy hand, or strikes you in the back, causing you to stagger from the force of the blast, but a breeze laden with the softness which tells of coming snow, and makes the color glow in the cheeks, with the very freshness of its touch. The day was a great improvement on the preceding one, and the look of expectancy of the change in atmospheric conditions, and turned out, until the great thoroughfare was densely packed with humanity—a slowly-moving crowd, winding in and out, a restless throng, but forced to be patient on account of its very greatness, for to wedge one's way with any degree of rapidity through this seething mass was an impossibility.

A DAY AMONG THE TOYS. In the stores the scenes were still the same, but in a very popular. The toy and book departments of the emporiums were those in which was the greatest rush. The toys of to-day appear to be much the same as of yore, and those who puzzle their brains to invent new ones, but to delight the young world have evidently not succeeded in hatching out many new ideas. There are, however, some mechanical toys which probably deserve to be labelled as belonging to the crop of the future. The Noah's arks are still as popular as ever, while tool-chests, hobby-horses, miniature cannon, automatic savings banks, tin horns, tin drums, and guns have evidently not lost their charm, judging from the number. At that place a reception will be tendered them. Leaving Pleasant Grove they will make an extended tour of the southern cities. In their return they will reside at No. 46 west Twelfth street. The presents were very many and handsome.

Mr. Norman Bowen and Miss Addie Browder, two well-known young people of this city, were married in Washington Wednesday and returned at 4 o'clock the same evening. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Thaddeus Browder, and is a young lady of many accomplishments. Mr. Bowen is employed with the Standard Oil Company, and is highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will reside at Everett and Twenty-first street.

### WILL REMEMBER THE POOR.

The ladies of Central Methodist church have arranged to give a Christmas-Day, from 10 to 12 o'clock, the ladies of Central church will hold a pound-party in the basement of the church for the benefit of the poor.

You are earnestly requested to bring, on Sunday morning, either of groceries, clothing, money, or anything else that you think serviceable to those in want. Let everybody give something.

Rev. J. A. Spencer, pastor of the Cowardin-Avenue church, has also issued the following notice: "Those Who Are Friends of the Poor: Thursday there was a donation at the study of the above church. Several responded liberally for which accept thanks, but were you there? If not, will you, in Jesus' name, help them? Make for them a happy Christmas."

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The choir is constituted as follows: Soloists—Miss Elvie Davis and Claudia Seay; alto, Miss Adele Ogilvie; tenor, Mr. Robert Smith; basses, Mr. T. Wiley Davis and Mr. C. Gray Bossieux; director, T. Wiley Davis; organist, John H. Frischkorn.

### MR. WALLACE'S AMENDMENTS.

Changes in the Bill of Rights Which Attract Attention.

The joint resolution introduced in the House on Wednesday by Mr. Charles M. Wallace, Jr., of this city, to amend the Constitution by striking out from Article I. (known as the Bill of Rights), certain clauses which were engrained upon it by the Underwood Convention, has caused considerable comment.

The clauses which he proposed to delete are those which bind the State to its loyalty to the Union, and the laws of the latter, prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude, except as lawful imprisonment, and declaring that all citizens shall possess equal civil and political rights.

They are as follows: 1. That this State shall ever remain a member of the United States of America, and that the people thereof are a part of the American nation, and that all attempts, from whatever source or upon whatever pretext, to dissolve said Union or to sever said nation are unauthorized, and ought to be resisted with the whole power of the State.

2. That the Constitution of the United States and the laws of Congress passed in pursuance thereof constitute the supreme law of the land, to which paramount allegiance and obedience are due from every citizen, anything in the Constitution, ordinances, or laws of any State to the contrary, notwithstanding.

19. That neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as lawful imprisonment may constitute such, shall exist within this State.

20. That all citizens of the State are hereby declared to possess equal civil and political rights.

21. The rights enumerated in this Bill of Rights shall not be construed to limit or to diminish the rights of the people, or to restrict the privileges of the inhabitants of this State in any way declared to be a part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and shall not be violated on any pretence whatever.

Mr. Wallace, who was asked yesterday what were his ideas in offering the amendment, said that he thought it was a Democratic move. His wish is to restore the Constitution more nearly to what it was before the war. These clauses, he thinks, do not fit in the Bill of Rights, and all of the desirable features of them are otherwise covered by the Federal Constitution, which has been ratified by the State of Virginia.

### HE PUT MONEY IN HIS SOCK.

Now Sock and Money Are Gone: Also the Habit.

Major George M. Helms, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, doesn't put money down in his socks any more.

It was a habit, while the Major may not have copied it from Stonewall Jackson, had the sanction of the great soldier's practice, and has been followed since the first week in December, though the reason therefor has just come out.

During the period mentioned, while Major Helms was here making his campaign for the office Major Lynn was holding and proposed to hold onto, he retired one night after having placed his good socks in a drawer under his pillow, and tucked both ends of the Major made a protracted search for his missing sock, and not being able to find it, got a fresh pair from out his trunk, and went down stairs. Then discoveries came thick and fast.

After he at his wits' end, for Stonewall's sock was gone. Then he remembered that it was under his pillow, then that his sock was there, also, and finally, when he reached his room, that he had forgotten to lock the door, and that he had been most sensational discovery of all—his purse was gone.

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- SUITS.** Men's Suits, of fine-quality worsteds and chevrons, in black, blue, and mixed colors, strictly all-wool. They are made well and trimmed with good Italian lining. We sold these Coats for \$3.50; Our Removal Price, \$1.75.
- OVERCOATS.** Here is something nice—a Strictly All-Wool Kersey Overcoat, in blue, black, and light colors, lined all over with the best quality of Shantung's satin, and cut in the very latest style. We sold these Coats for \$7; Our Removal Price, \$3.50.
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- MEN'S PANTS.** Men's Heavy-Weight Light-Colors of Pants, in all sizes, and well made. They are Fine Hairlines and Cassimeres. We sold them for \$3.75; Our Removal Price, \$1.98.
- HATS.** Men's Fine-Quality Black and Brown Stiff and Soft Hats—fast-color Hats—that were sold for \$3; Our Removal Price, \$1.48.
- SHIRTS.** Men's Fine-Quality Shirts—the "Cycle Brand"—a popular shirt, with fancy bosoms and white backs, and with detached cuffs. A regular \$1 Shirt; Our Removal Price, 52c.
- UNDERWEAR.** Men's Heavy-Weight Flannel-Lined Shirts and Drawers, in assorted colors. Our Removal Price, 48c.
- UNDERWEAR.** Men's Fine-Quality All-Wool Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, in assorted colors. We sold them for \$1.50; Our Removal Price, 88c.
- KID GLOVES.** Fine Kid Gloves, for gentlemen, in assorted colors, at 98c.
- SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.** Fine Japanese Initial Handkerchiefs, plain, white, and large size. They are 50c. values; Our Removal Price, 9c.
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Judge Lyman Chalkley will give a dinner party Monday to a number of his friends.

Mr. Thomas A. Blackford, of the Chatham (Pa.) Military Academy Faculty, is here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blackford. Mr. Blackford is commandant and instructor in mathematics.

Mr. C. H. Clinedinst, who illustrates Tom Pate's new book, was born in Staunton about thirty-five years ago, and after attending the city schools was engaged here with his father, Mr. B. M. Clinedinst, as a photographer. Father and son, about fifteen years ago, moved their office to Baltimore, where they were among the leading photographers of the Monumental City.

Mrs. Cady, of Richmond, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Croser, of the Valley City and Staunton Lodge of Odd-Fellows are arranging to give tonight a grand banquet during the holidays. Covers for more than a hundred will be laid, and members of the Stone-wall Brigade Band will be invited.

Acting-City-Physician Dr. E. Lucy Gibson, accompanied by his wife, has gone to Raleigh, N. C., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gibson's parents.

Mr. J. Lewis Bumgardner is in New York. State-Treasurer Asher W. Harmon is back at his old home to-day, en route for Rockbridge, his present residence, where he will spend the holidays.

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