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### SHELLROCK SAYINGS.

The Ledger Correspondent at That Point Sends a Batch of Good Items.

The little folks are getting ready for Christmas.

Rabbits are getting to be about as scarce as Free-silver.

It's cash now or no go at the tollgate. Pull the string tight, Bill.

Bad Bradford purchased a nice lot of turkeys on last Monday, for which he paid 7 cents per pound.

Dr. Gaines of Orangeburg and Charley Degman of Springdale attended the recent meeting on the Creek.

Brother H. J. B. is not a bit satisfied with Superintendent Blatterman's report of the District. Well, reckon we got a dollar's worth.

Rev. F. W. Harrop of Maysville preached one of his beautiful sermons to our people a short time ago. He first gave the children a lecture on the word "Watch." He then asked the children what was the next thing to do, to which a little boy in the congregation replied "Shoot!"

Rev. N. G. Grizzle received a nice donation a few days ago from his Church on the Creek. It consisted of ham, yellow-leg chickens, spareribs, butter, pear butter, peach butter, pickles, potatoes, turnips, corn meal, flour, coffee, sugar, preserves, canned goods and other goodies too numerous to mention. If Brother Harrop doesn't see this, let some friend tell him about it.

There will be watch night service at Stewart's Chapel on the last night of the year 1896. The services will consist of Bible reading, prayer service, Christian experience, singing and a memorial service of our departed dead. Every Christian in the community is cordially invited to be present to make the meeting interesting and watch the old year out and the New Year in. Bring your friend, your Bible and your hymnbook with you. The meeting will commence at 8 p. m. The name of every person present will be carefully recorded for future reference.

### OCcurring AT ORANGEBURG.

What The Ledger's Correspondent Records From That Pleasant Vicinity.

D. G. Wilson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary Dixon is very sick at this writing.

Erasmus Jones was calling on his best girl Sunday.

There will be a triple wedding in our vicinity soon.

Miss Nannie Toile is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. M. Collins.

Mr. Thomas Gooch was calling on his best girl Sunday.

Charles Devaun bought of Pen Shown a nice lot of shoats.

Captain Thomas is having a mudboat built for summer road.

Mr. G. Turnipseed will make his scholars happy Thursday.

Married at Flemingsburg, Mr. Frank Jones and Miss Della Heflin.

Mrs. Mary Farrow is visiting her son Labe Farrow near Orangeburg.

Allen Roark is carrying the daily mail from Orangeburg to the Oakwoods Postoffice.



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## A STATEMENT

Made to the American People by Ex-Premier Castelar.

Gives His Views on the Situation in Spain and This Country.

Says Cleveland is Prudent and Will Not Rush the United States Into War—He Thinks President-Elect McKinley Will Try to Discourage Jingoism.

New York, Dec. 23.—A Madrid special to the Journal contains an address, signed by ex-Premier Castelar, to the American people, giving his views on the situation in Spain and the United States. The address recites the reforms heretofore granted to Cuba, and says the same liberty of conscience, instruction, the press and public meeting as is allowed here in Spain, is allowed them, but nobody could prevent them from trying to establish a sovereignty by arms. Referring to the United States he says in part:

The American Constitution has distinguished between Americans and naturalized citizens, requiring the condition of birth in America for election to the presidency. This is wise, for now we see the difference between Cleveland, who is prudent, and those who would rush the United States into war. For one thing, it has assured a president who is shielding us from the recognition of the belligerency or independence of a republic that has no existence, who is shielding us from the craziest of resolutions which would have the inevitable effect of bringing on war. And, as Mr. Cleveland has acted, so will McKinley. As a republican he will perhaps do even more than would a democrat to discourage jingos who advocate a war, bound to be equally fatal to the victor and vanquished, breaking the bonds of association which bind the world to the new. I deduce from Mr. Cleveland's message that he will stand as defender of his own theory not to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans. A liberal government like ours can not learn from outsiders its faults in governing the Antilles or submit to a mediator. President Cleveland, like myself, was obviously persuaded of the truth when he wrote his message, completely favorable as it was to Spain. What surprises me is the senseless proposition so favorably received by the senate recommending the acknowledgment of Cuban rebels as belligerents—recommending the independence which is impossible and which would be a frightful aggravation to the Spanish people and a violation of international courtesy. They tell me that conflict is inevitable. It will be as uncalculated for an aggression on the part of the United States as was that of Napoleon in 1808 when he invaded our territory. We have done everything to avoid war, everything but humiliate ourselves before the strong and sully our national history with indignity.

Can and Bulk Oysters, Celery, Crackers, Fruits, &c. at John O'Keefe's.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Goldsmith of New York and their three small children were killed by the explosion of a piano lamp in their apartments.

In two days Fayette county has lost as many of her best and most substantial citizens. Sunday Isaac P. Shelby, a grandson of Kentucky's first Governor, died of a complication of diseases. He never married and left a large fortune. Monday Levi Rice, a prominent farmer and Magistrate, died of apoplexy. He leaves a wife and son.

The Hartzel Handle Company of Central City, W. Va., which has been running day and night for over a month, and is not able to keep up with its orders, has bought machinery and will at once build an additional factory at Creston, on the Little Kanawha above Parkersburg. The Hartzel Company has three factories in West Virginia, all located within easy reach of bodies of hickory timber, which it uses exclusively, but finishes and ships all its product from the Central City factory. Its trade extends throughout the world, a very good share of the product finding its way regularly to Australia.

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### A RECEIVER

Appointed for a Chicago Contracting Firm—Liabilities \$250,000; Assets, \$300,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Angus & Gidole, one of the largest contracting firms in the city, have gone into liquidation. At 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a bill for a receiver was filed and Judge Horton appointed William Hill to take charge of the concern.

According to the statement made by the attorneys, the firm's assets are \$300,000, with liabilities at \$250,000. The concern was a heavy debtor of the National bank of Illinois, and it is claimed, owed the institution over \$200,000.

The contractors have offices in the Security building, and are largely interested in the work of the drainage canal.

### No Doubt of Maceo's Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—President Thomas Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta, received a letter from J. A. Huan, the Jacksonville agent of the Cuban republic, stating that there need not now be the slightest doubt that Gen. Antonio Maceo was killed. He said he had made a careful investigation of the reports through persons stationed at Havana and that the result was a confirmation that Maceo fell and was buried in a cane field. The location of the grave is known only to those who conducted the burial.

Received a Verdict of 6 1/4 Cents.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Tyndale Palmer, agent who recently brought suit for damages against about a hundred leading newspapers in the United States, charging libel in having published an article alleging dishonest transactions on his part, Tuesday received a verdict of 6 1/4 cents against the Leader Publishing Co. His suit was for \$50,000.

Many Persons in Arkansas Starving.  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 23.—A large number of families living in Union county are in a destitute condition, and many of them are absolutely starving. Their condition is due to the failure of crops last season, caused by the drought. A mass meeting at Eldorado has been called to ask the state legislature, the governor and congress for relief.

Frolicsome Poisoning.  
WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Twenty-five men of the cavalry detachment are very sick with frolicsome poisoning, due to eating canned head cheese at supper Monday night, and are suffering the most excruciating agony. Four of the cases are regarded as critical.

## KENTUCKY NEWS.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

### DR. HOLMES.

Many Persons Believe He Will Not Be Removed From the Frankfort Post Office.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—Some of the political gossips hereabouts say that those who are hustling for the Frankfort post office are wasting time. It is freely predicted that Dr. S. B. Holmes, the present efficient postmaster, will keep the place under the new administration as long as he cares to hold it. His commission does not expire until January, 1898, and he is a warm personal friend of Senator Lindsay, who will want to say who shall be the postmaster at his home town, and who is likely to make the non-removal of Holmes his only political request of the new administration.

### Hunter Files Notice of Contest.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Congressman W. Godfrey Hunter, leading candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, who was defeated for re-election to congress by John S. Rhea in the Third district, filed notice of contest against Rhea at Russellville Tuesday. The Frankfort Capital, Gov. Bradley's official organ, admits that Dr. Hunter has enough votes pledged to secure the nomination for United States senator. This probably means that no extra session of the legislature will be called as Gov. Bradley is bitterly opposed to Hunter's election.

### Wants to Go to Cuba.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—Col. Sel Miller, Louisville, ex-confederate, was here Tuesday in consultation with the governor and adjutant general. He asked what punishment they would mete out to members of the state guard who should go away from home and carry their arms with them. He confessed he knew many members of the guard who will go to Cuba if assured of no great punishment at home. The answer of the governor and adjutant general to Col. Miller is not known.

### A Lift for Uncle Tom.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—Charles Umbers, of Dunedin, New Zealand, Tuesday morning writes Mayor Simrall, of Lexington, that seventy pounds was raised in that place recently for the benefit of Lewis George Clark, Mrs. Stove's original of "George Harris" in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which will be sent at once to be given the old man for a Christmas gift. He has been on the verge of starvation for months and obliged to beg for food to keep him alive.

Speckert Attempts to Kill His Brother-in-Law.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—A. J. Speckert Tuesday night attempted to assassinate E. C. Eisenman, his brother-in-law, inflicting a slight wound. He then barricaded himself in his father's house, defying arrest by the police who surrounded it. Speckert is undoubtedly crazy. After wrecking the German-American Title Co. by arday speculations, he fled, returning Monday, declaring his best friends his enemies.

### Gov. Bradley's Portrait.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—A large portrait of Gov. Bradley has been placed in the executive mansion. It is a really excellent work of Beatrice George, a colored woman, who is a teacher of art at Wilberforce, O. It was formally presented to the governor's office by a delegation of colored people, headed by Prof. Jackson and Dr. Underwood, of this city.

### Silver in Kentucky.

ALBANY, Ky., Dec. 23.—There is great excitement here over recent finds of silver ore. A test of that found on the Ferguson farm reveals that it contains 43 ounces of pure silver to the ton. Thomas Higginbotham picked up some rich ore on the farm of William Riddle, ten miles from this place, but this has not been tested as yet.

Silverites and Populists to Unite.

PRINCETON, Ky., Dec. 23.—It is rumored here that the silverites have made a proposition to the populists for a fusion in Caldwell county next November. It is said that the populists have been offered the following offices: State senator, county judge, school superintendent and county surveyor.

### Dishonest Miner Flogged.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Ky., Dec. 23.—Joseph Gillespie, a colored miner at the Fork Ridge mines, has been publicly whipped by his fellow miners for dishonesty in marking as his own cars of coal mined by others. He was given a severe flogging and has left this locality.

### Interested Judge Ballard.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the county republican committee, held here Tuesday, a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Judge Ballard, of Lawrenceburg, for internal revenue collector of this (the Eighth) district, was unanimously adopted.

### N W Kentucky Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following postmasters for Kentucky have been named: G. W. Gibson, Mayking, Letcher county; T. D. Beck, Renfrow, Ohio county; L. J. Hopkins, Terega, Clay county; M. D. Ellis, Woodbury, Butler county.

### Wants After Walcott.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—J. D. Watts, the colored pugilist, who has done some good work with his fists here and elsewhere, Tuesday night sent a challenge for a finish fight with Joe Walcott, at the big Stewart carnival.

The Commoner to be Retired.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—William Wallace's good son of Hanover and Margerine, the Commoner, will race no more. He has been relegated to the stud and was shipped Monday afternoon to Talbot Bros., at Paris.

### Died of Heart Disease.

WINCHESTER, Ky., Dec. 23.—Willis A. Conchms, aged 70 years, a well known citizen of this county, dropped dead of heart disease at his home, four miles from this city.

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