

Christmas gift!
Candy 8c. per lb. at S. M. White's.
Have you tried Rose, the new baker?
Baby caps at half price at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.
A car load of Michigan salt, just received, at Brill's.
Fread, pies and cakes at Rose's restaurant and bakery.
Mrs. W. H. Carson will Christmas with relatives in Kansas City.
Mrs. Wm. Willett was considerably indisposed the first of the week.
Try 4 pounds of Monarch roasted coffee for \$1 at A. M. Prill's.
Go to Brill for groceries, glassware, queensware, tinware, candies, cigars and tobacco.
Mesdames B. H. Smith and J. M. Mason spent Monday in Salisbury interviewing Santa Claus.
Attorney A. W. Johnson, of Salisbury, was over Tuesday on business before the probate court.
A nice line of sailors and walking hats at greatly reduced prices at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.
A first-class meal for 25 cts. at Rose's restaurant, Schell's old stand. Lunch served at any hour.
Nice line of children's felt hats, worth 75 cts. and \$1, now only 35 cts. at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.
Misses Bertie Baker and Etta Gardner left Thursday for a week's visit to friends and relatives in Mexico.
Brunswick's fire department will give their annual ball this year on Tuesday evening, January 26th.
Miss Ellen Rice returned home last Saturday after a three weeks' visit to friends and relatives, near Pee Dee.
The recent revival meetings at the Christian church at Newcomer resulted in eight accessions to the church.
Our ice men have begun to look down their noses on account of the gloomy prospects for an ice harvest.
Just received, a nice line of velvet roses, violets and foliage for mid-winter wear.
MRS. C. P. VANDIVER.
I am closing out a lot of ladies' felt shapes at 50 cts. each. They were formerly 75 cts. and \$1.
MRS. C. P. VANDIVER.
F. E. Heron, a hustling young farmer and stockman, of near Shannondale, made us smile last Monday by dropping a dollar in the COURIER'S slot.
B. N. Anderson, Sr. and Mrs. W. G. Age's bright 4-year-old son, has pneumonia, but, we are glad to learn, was reported better Wednesday morning.
Circuit Clerk Richardson spent Tuesday in Kansas City on business in connection with the gravity door lock, in which he owns a one-fourth interest.
Mr. and Mrs. John Dinmore, of 4 1/2 miles southeast of Keytesville, are rejoicing over the advent of a fine daughter at their house last Friday morning.
Let one of your good resolutions for the new year be to keep your COURIER paid for in advance. If you are not a subscriber, you should resolve to subscribe at once.
The Salisbury Democrat raises its voice in behalf of a curfew ordinance for the benefit of that city's naughty boys; but the boys fail to see where the "benefit" to them comes in.
Mrs. Chas. Parker, Miss Lizzie Phillips and J. T. Bunton's two little daughters, Misses Bessie and Willie, of Keytesville, are spending the holidays with relatives at Macon.
David E. Johnson, one of our highly esteemed readers, of near Shannondale, made us a pleasant and substantial call last Wednesday, and paid his subscription to October 2nd, 1897.
The COURIER editor man doffs his hat to his good friend, "Aunt Nancy" Keck, of near Snapp, for renewing faith with the Great Favorite Weekly last Monday. Such prompt paying subscribers as "Aunt Nancy" are always appreciated.

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A nice line of candies and nuts at Rose's.
Gov. Stone has appointed G. D. Kennedy, of Brunswick, inspector of oils for that city for a period of two years commencing from Dec. 14th, 1896. The appointment is in every sense a good one.
The Columbia Herald's Christmas edition is the handsomest piece of newspaper work we have seen in many a day. When it comes to model country journals, the Herald always stands at the head of the procession.
Col. B. B. Runkle, of the Mexico Ledger staff, and a prince of good fellows, spent a few hours in Keytesville last Sunday afternoon as the guest of his brother-in-law, James A. Snyder, mine host of Hotel Snyder.
If judged by the amount of county news they give, there are four or five papers in Chariton county that can offer no plausible excuse for their existence, and ought to die very dead in the interest of their subscribers.
The COURIER goes to press a day earlier this week in order that the force may take a few days' holiday. Next week we will only issue a paper half the usual size, as we will want to protract "our spree" as long as possible.
Our worthy young pedagogic friend, Frank Stowers, of 2 1/2 miles east of town, has about recovered from his attack of measles, and will resume his duties as teacher at Parks school-house, near Pee Dee, after the holidays.
Mr. J. L. Maso: and his winsome daughter, Miss Bessie, of near Chraneville, were pleasant callers at the COURIER office last Friday. We were placed under obligations to Miss Bessie for renewing her subscription to Dec. 11th, 1897.
Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Wayland, of Salisbury, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collet last Tuesday. Mr. Wayland and better half expect to move to Keytesville about the 1st of March, where he will take up the study of law under Mr. Collet's guiding legal intellect.
The Sadie Raymond troop, in "Daisy, the Missouri Girl," was greeted at the Keytesville opera-house Monday night last by a well-filled house. The acting was good and the applause liberal. All performed their parts well; there is not a poor actor among them.
Chariton county has 10 newspapers and an equal number of banks. There is a newspaper for every bank, but there is not a bank for every newspaper—at least the COURIER can't show up a bank, although several of its delinquent subscribers are owners of bank stock.
Miss Annie Stowers, of 2 1/2 miles east of Keytesville, who has been at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, following dress-making for the past six months, has returned home. Miss Annie's sister, Miss Carrie, who is traveling for Walker & Co., a wholesale fruit concern of Ft. Dodge, is at home for the holidays.
The Keytesville public schools were dismissed Thursday afternoon until Monday, Jan. 4th, for the holiday vacation. The COURIER hopes for all of the teachers and pupils a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and trusts that all may resume their duties after the holidays with renewed energy and vigor.
Dave Hershey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hershey, of near Guthrie Mills, returned last Friday, after an absence of five years, during which his parents only heard from him twice. Dave has spent most of his time in Illinois since his departure, and looks as though the Sucker state had agreed with him.
Mr. C. D. Marshall, of Washington, N. C., but formerly of Brunswick, will lead to Hymen's altar Miss Myrtle Smutz, one of Brunswick's most cultured and lovable young ladies, on Thursday evening, December 31st. The marriage ceremony will take place at the Christian church. The bridegroom is a worthy son of a worthy sire. Mr. T. J. Marshall, of Brunswick, being his father. The prospective young benedict left Brunswick for Washington, N. C., about two years ago, where he is enjoying a paying trade in the lumber business.

Xmas goods at S. M. White's
Eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is rapidly approaching, and you will want some new stationery or other printing. Bring it to the COURIER office, where misspelled words, bad grammar and wrong-font letters never appear in a job turned out. A new lot of stationery, cards, etc., just received.
The Modern Woodmen of America camp at Brunswick will adopt its newly elected officers for the ensuing year, and also have a feast of good things on Saturday evening, Dec. 26th. The Keytesville members of Brunswick camp, C. L. White, G. L. Swain, M. L. Fennell, H. I. Speed, Thos. Harneled and C. P. Vandiver, have been invited to attend.
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Goll, of Missouri township, were at the capital last Monday shopping. The COURIER is indebted to Mr. Goll for a dollar on subscription, and also for a pleasant visit. John A. expressed the opinion that the first freeze of the present season greatly damaged the coming wheat crop, in which he is interested to the amount of 100 acres.
Mrs. D. W. Carter, of near Mussel-fork post-office, submitted to a surgical operation on Thursday of last week in which she had a large ovarian tumor removed by Dr. J. R. Gaines, of Mussel-fork, assisted by Drs. McAdam and Gray, of Prairie Hill. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Carter is getting along nicely, and that the operation promises to be a success.
Miss Lou Crockett entertained a small crowd of young people last Tuesday evening in honor of Misses Kellog and Hodges, of Keytesville. Among those from a distance were A. M. Radolph and Miss Pearl Kennedy, and Messrs. O. L. Dines, Horace Mann and Lee Davis, of Brunswick. An enjoyable time was had by all, so says the Triplet Herald.
The editor of the Sumner Star mounts the editorial tripod and boldly declares that "Sumner has a few citizens which it would cheerfully sacrifice on the altar of Cuban liberty." Brother Northcott had better paste down his wig or he is liable to get his scalp taken by some of the aforesaid "citizens," who may conclude to practice on him before starting for Cuba.
Word comes from Paris, Monroe county, that our worthy congressman-elect, Col. R. N. Bodine, is lying quite ill at his home in that city with pneumonia in both lungs, and that Col. Frank Pitts, state treasurer-elect, is treated with the same malady. The COURIER hopes that Col. Bodine may soon recover, and that further development of Col. Pitts' attack of pneumonia may be averted.
If there is one scoundrel above another just now that the COURIER would like to see landed in the penitentiary, it is the diabolical cuss who recently poisoned a fine Jersey cow belonging to our friend and old schoolmate, C. M. Rumsey, Salisbury's popular jeweler. Neal's Irish has been wrought up to a high pitch, and if he finds out who perpetrated the dastardly deed, the fellow may as well prepare for a warm reception in school.
Henry Forrest has sold his residence property, now occupied by Mayor G. B. Gilliam and family, in Kellogg's addition, to Hugh Sportsman, of five or six miles west of Keytesville, possession to be given on or about the 1st of February. The consideration was \$500 in cash, in addition to which Mr. Sportsman is to assume the monthly dues of \$6.50 in the Keytesville Building and Loan association, which will run for about three years before maturing.
Mr. C. D. Barnes, a substantial farmer and good citizen, of near Indian Grove, accompanied by two of his interesting daughters, Misses Alice and Hattie, called last Monday to view the wonders of a printing office. Miss Hattie expects to take her departure in about a week with the family of her brother, J. W. Barnes, of Tecumseh, Ok., for a protracted visit, young Mr. Barnes having left for that place a week ago with the expectation of making Oklahoma the permanent habitation of himself and family. The COURIER hopes for Miss Hattie a pleasant visit and safe return, and trusts that her brother may meet with much success in his new home.

SELLING OUT, To - Quit - Business.

The Keytesville Mercantile Co.

Having positively determined to retire from business, have directed me to sell their immense stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes

HATS AND CAPS

At prices that will insure their sale, which means in many instances far below manufacturer's prices. This sale will be pushed from now until the stock is closed out. We shall not attempt to quote prices, but can and will . . .

SAVE YOU from 25 to 40 PER CENT

on every dollar's worth of goods purchased of us, which is certainly worth saving. We urge you to give us a look before you buy, and we will have no trouble in convincing you we mean what we say.

Great Opening for Any One Wishing to Go Into Business,

And we would sell the stock in a lump at a price to make them money and on terms to suit purchaser.

Yours Truly, KEYTESVILLE MER. CO.
: : T. J. MARTIN, Manager. : :

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Messrs. W. W. Franklin and J. T. Bunton, who bought out A. C. Phillips & Son in the livery business here last September, have dissolved partnership, the last named gentleman retiring and Mr. Franklin continuing the business. Mr. Bunton expects to accept a position as traveling salesman for a farming and agricultural implement house about the 1st of February. The COURIER wishes all parties concerned well.
The COURIER regrets to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Chapman, of near Eccles, have found such rough sailing on the sea of matrimony that they have concluded to abandon Hymen's craft and have separated. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were married on the 13th of November, 1895, the bride laying aside her widow's weeds as the relict of C. T. Elam, deceased. She has returned to her farm, near Chraneville, since her separation from Mr. Chapman.
D. C. Laird, of near Chraneville, returned last Monday from St. Joseph in company with his daughter, Miss Emma A., who, owing to some physical disability, followed by a temporary impairment of her mind, was adjudged insane by the county court last March and sent to the asylum for treatment. The COURIER is pleased to learn that the unfortunate young lady has been fully restored in both her physical and mental powers, with every prospect of the benefits she received becoming permanent.
We very much need that little amount due us on subscription. Look at the date opposite your name on the COURIER, and if your subscription has expired, you would confer a favor by remitting the amount you owe us. This applies to all whose subscription has expired. Remember that unless the COURIER is paid for in advance, the subscription price is \$1.50 a year. You can find no easier way to save 50 cts on each year's subscription than by keeping your paper paid for in advance.

Hello, Santa Claus!

I Say, Santa, where shall we get our Xmas Goods?

Why, go to Agee Bros.,

For they have a complete line of everything nice, consisting of Chinaware, Glassware, Queensware, Fancy Lamps, Pocket Knives, Candies, Nuts, Oranges, Bananas, and the largest stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries in Keytesville.

We are offering special inducements to the Holiday trade, and will give you more goods for the money than ever before. Come and see us.

Yours truly,
AGEE BROS.

Your Christmas breakfast will be complete without a Cup of C & Sanborn's celebrated coffee

The following recipe is offered by a western paper: Just let the subscription go on. It's only a dollar or two—the publisher don't need it. If he asks for it, just get mad as you can and tell him to stop the paper—you never read it anyhow. Then go borrow your neighbor's. When reporter comes always be sure him feel as if he were intruding. the advertising and job man co. tell him you don't need to advertise—