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LOCAL.

Jonesboro is figuring on getting a flour mill.

Mr. Brock, who has been sick for quite a while, is improving.

Rev. John Swiney will preach at Owen Church Thursday Jan. 14.

Charles Curtis expects to enter school at Tracy City next week.

Maj. Thomas H. Hill and C. H. Davidson visited Jasper Thursday.

See our clubbing offers if you desire to secure cheap reading for '97.

The Dramatic Club held its regular monthly meeting Saturday night.

Miss Alta Brown has returned from a weeks visit at Mrs. J. B. Eldridge.

Mr. Sim Eldridge, of Cleveland, Tenn., is visiting his brother, J. B. Eldridge.

Misses Alta and Maude Brown were visiting Mrs. J. B. Eldridge Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Owen has had a hard tussle with the fashionable dissipation La Grippe.

H. E. Tate and Miss Kate Lewis passed through here en route to Victoria Saturday.

Mr. Phillip Pryor, of Whitwell, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Richards, this week.

A new advertisement of the Humming Bird bicycle is visible in our columns this week.

Mr. Pitner, of Peeples & Pitner was in town on his regular business trip Tuesday morning.

Miss Sarah Ables returned from a visit to Chattanooga and Dunlap and expect to enter school at Jasper.

Rev. L. W. Cartwright, the Presiding Elder of this district M. E. Church, South, was in town Tuesday.

We are sorry to hear of little Maggie Eldridge, one of our brightest and sweetest little girls, being very sick.

Mrs. Will Richards and children and Miss Ruth Pryor, of Jasper, were visiting at Granville Brown's Wednesday.

Class No. 2 in Sunday school is well pleased with their new teacher, Mr. W. S. Pryor, though they hated to give up Mr. Sam.

Nick Fulfur went to mill Monday himself for the first time in a long while because all his boys were laid by the heels with grippe.

Now we want that mountain road worse than ever to get to that Norwegian colony and also to enable them to trade at Sequachee.

C. H. Davidson and wife, J. W. Graham and wife and Hiram Copping took in the "Wild Goose Chase" at South Pittsburg Saturday night.

See our clubbing offer with the Tri-State Farmer. The price of the two publications is 75c, but we offer them both for 60c. Subscribe for them at once.

As it seems a settled fact the front gate of the churchyard gate must be left open, some of the lot holders are trying to get the burial ground shut off from the church yard.

STRIKE AT TRACY.

Miners Rebel Against the Contract System.

Chattanooga, Dec. 31.—The miners at Tracy City struck to day against what is known as the contract system put in vogue there recently by the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company. The miners held a public meeting this afternoon and decided to work no more until all the men were paid the company's prices. The men claim that they have to work for contractors wages, ranging from 75c to \$1.25 a day or else remain idle. They also claim that the miners who do piece work for the company have only such work given them as the contractors cannot supply. Col. Gaines is expected to be in Tracy to-night, and Col. Shook, the general manager, has been for and will probably be on the ground tomorrow. Everything so far is orderly and quiet, but the men seem determined to carry their point.

Moonshiners Captured.

Chattanooga, Jan. 2.—Revenue officers to-day made a raid into the mountains of Marion County and captured two noted moonshiners of that county—J. R. Forbes and W. L. Davis—who have been operating an illicit still for a number of years, and who have hitherto eluded the officers. The 60 gallon still was destroyed and 400 gallons of malt poured on the ground. The distillery was located in a remote part of the mountainous district of the county, in the vicinity of Tracy City and twelve miles from Sequachee City. The whiskey from this still has caused much trouble at the New City and Inman Mines.

A Word of Apology.

We have to apologize this week for appearing on wrapping paper. For lack of business enterprise Chattanooga stands ahead of any place we have ever struck. We wanted the paper and sent in the order and money Monday week and it took the paper house until Thursday to find out they had not what we wanted. Their tardiness just fixed us that we had not time to send to Atlanta so we had to piece out this issue and curse the paper dealers.

Well Done.

The relatives of those buried at the Johnson place after many years have gone to work and enclosed the grounds with the consent of Col. Sparks, the owner and this is a step in the right direction. It makes us sad to see the many abandoned burial places in this State and we trust the enterprise of the Messrs. Burrows, Watley and others will be emulated.

Washington Letter.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1897.

If Secretary Olney is not careful he will lose a part of the reputation for sturdy Americanism he gained by his able and staunch presentation of the Monroe doctrine in the controversy with Great Britain over the Venezuela boundary. He may be innocent of the charge but it is being whispered around that he is acting in conjunction with the Spanish minister in trying to create an impression that will intimidate Congress into letting the Cuban question alone. This impression is what the rumors of European aid for Spain and of reverses for the Cubans are circulated with such persistency for. Had it not been for his constant hobnobbing with the Spanish minister of late, it is not likely that Secretary Olney's connection with these rumors would ever have been suggested. What the effect on Congress will be remains to be seen when the session is resumed, next week. There is to-day hardly a corporal's guard of either branch of Congress in Washington. Secretary Olney did a thing this week which many think was an unnecessary lowering of the dignity of the office he holds. It was in connection with the closing of the details of the Venezuela arbitration, and he called at the British Embassy, instead of compelling the British Ambassador to call at the Department of State, to transact the business.

The New Year's Day reception at the White House was never a more brilliant pageant, so far as the collection of elegantly dressed women who assisted the President and Mrs. Cleveland to receive, the uniforms of the handsome uniforms of the army and navy officers, and the gorgeous court costumes of the diplomatic corps were concerned; but there was a notable absence of Senators and Representatives which must have been a little unpleasant even to a man as free from sensitiveness as President Cleveland is. Nothing could have more conspicuously brought into notice the existing chasm between the President and Congress.

There lots of Southern democrats who are not in sympathy with the position assumed by representative Wheeler, of Ala., who is one of the democratic members of the House Ways and Means committee who is regularly attending the tariff hearings before that committee, towards the proposition of W. R. Craig, of Vicksburg, Miss., to place a duty of three cents a pound upon Egyptian cotton. When the subject was before the committee Gen. Wheeler exclaimed dramatically: "The South would be selling its birthright for a mess of pottage to ask for this protection." Representative Payne at once asked, what do you call its

birthright? "Free institutions, free trade, free everything," promptly replied Gen. Wheeler. The number of men in Congress who would come out flat for free trade can be counted on one's fingers, although most of the democrats would resent being called "protectionists," notwithstanding the many strongly protective features of the present democratic tariff law.

While none of the silver men in Congress are enthusing to any extent over Senator Wolcott's proposed legislation for another international conference in the interest of bimetallism, none of them, will oppose that legislation, although few of them believe that it will amount to anything more than other efforts in this line. The republicans favor the proposed legislation, not only because it will carry out the promise made in their national platform, but because they hope it will aid in taking the silver question out of politics, either by bringing about international bimetallism or by making it plain that no such thing is possible under existing conditions.

Senator Dubois has gone to Idaho to personally manage his effort for reelection to the Senate. He will have the open assistance of the National Democratic Committee, which has several men on the ground. Some of the friends of Mr. Dubois say that the republicans for his having bolted the St. Louis platform and supported Bryan are using their influence against him, but members of the National Republican Committee have positively denied that it was doing anything against Mr. Dubois or that it had the slightest wish to see him defeated. One noticeable feature of this case is that his friends express more confidence in the reelection of Mr. Dubois than he does himself.

The nomination of Mr. Chas. B. Howry, of Miss., to the vacancy on the Court of Claims was hung up by the Senate Judiciary Committee for the purpose of investigating a charge of homicide which was filed against him. It is not denied by Mr. Howry's friends that he killed a man—a lawyer who was his opponent in a case in one of the Mississippi courts but they do say it was clearly a case of self-defense, which was investigated by a grand jury that refused to find a true bill. The man killed was a brother of Hon. W. V. Sullivan, who has been elected to the next House from the 2nd Miss. district, and who is understood to be behind the fight that is being made on the nomination. Mr. Howry is at present an assistant in the office of the solicitor General, and has been nominated and confirmed by the Senate three times since the killing which occurred about ten years ago.

Advertise in the News.

Aunt Dolly's Department.

My dear children:

So 1897 is here at last and I suppose a great many of you are sorry that Xmas and New Year are over but the holidays seem to be ever so much nicer when you have to wait a long time for them. I received a nice little letter from Bessie Hammock last week but by some accident it was mislaid. But I hope she will write again and we will take care that her letter is published. I hope the New Year will be a happy one to all of you.

Sequachee Tenn, Jan. 3, 1897.

Dear Aunt Dolly:

I am sorry that school is out. I miss my schoolmates. I feel just like I was lost. Old Santa was here and brought me a doll, a ring, two oranges and a big stick of candy.

Your friend,
ANNIE BYERS.

My dear Annie:—I was very glad to hear from you. So you are sorry school is out as well as Hallie Haynes. I think you must have had a nice time Christmas. Now write again.

Victoria, Tenn., Jan. 4, 1897.

Dear Aunt Dolly:

Christmas is over and Old Santy came to see me and brought me several little presents.

Your friend,
ARTHUR MARTIN.

My dear Arthur:—So we have a boy writing to the Department now. I was beginning to think that the girls were going to have it all themselves. Write again.

NUMERICAL ENIGMAS.

I am composed of 11 letters.
My 11, 7, 4 is an insect.
My 1, 6, 4 is a small animal.
My 2, 3, 5 is a covering for the head.

My 1, 9, 5 is a small bed.
My 5, 11, 10 is a game.
My 2, 8, 10 is another animal.
My whole is a Southern city.

I am composed of 9 letters.
My 5, 4, 8 is used to write with.
My 1, 7, 8, 9 is sound.
My 3, 2, 1 is to remit.
My 6, 7, 8, 9 is something done to a razor.

My whole is a great invention.

HIDDEN CITIES.

1. She was reading a book.
2. See Sally Lond on a gate.
3. The rate at par is 5 dollars.
4. The moon shines bright on the sea.

Answers to Last Week.

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The Dramatic Club is preparing to take their play, "Mr. Bob," to Victoria. Miss Belle Francis will take the part which Miss Maggie Graham played, Miss Graham having returned to her home in Larkinsville, Ala.