



Mt. View Lodge, No. 179, I. O. O. F. held a good, though slimly attended meeting was held on the 15th inst. L. D. Bockman N. G. presiding. The usual routine business was transacted.

The Grand Master of I. O. O. F. went to Briceville and upon investigation learned that seven Odd Fellows lost their lives in the coal mine disaster at that place on the 9th inst. An appeal for assistance has been sent out. A large and flourishing Odd Fellows Lodge is at Briceville. The seven unfortunate brothers in the disaster leave about 30 dependents.

R. A. Brown, Grand Master, I. O. O. F. has sent out a circular letter—jacking up the secretaries of subordinate Lodges. In regard to brothers being dropped for non-payment of dues, a suggestion from him as to how a delinquent can be made to pay up would be attentively listened to by the secretaries who are already worried over the problem. The best way is for all to keep their dues paid in advance and not wait for statements near the end of the term.

Over one hundred members are more or less behind. Last term only 20 were behind—why the difference? Come and settle like men. Only about two weeks to end of term. Only 13 stand to be dropped.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life use Burdock Blood Bitters, the great system tonic and builder.

Wedding Bells

Last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock Miss Irma Gentry and Mr. Virgil Nichols were married at the home of brides mother, Mrs. Moses Lee of this city, Rev. W. M. McClaren officiating. Miss Gentry has been one of Putnam County's successful teachers. Mr. Nichols has been in California for a year. He is a son of Roy Nichols of near Gentry.

Miss Frances Buck and Mr. Buchanan King were married last Sunday by Rev. W. W. Baxter at his home. The bride is a daughter of William Buck, who lives just east of town. Mr. King is a son of Hon. J. N. King. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. King gave a dinner to the newly married couple on Monday, quite a company of invited guests sharing in the hospitality.

To the Stockholders of the Cookeville Home Telephone Co.

You owe rentals at this date of \$112.50 uncollected and we owe to Mr. John Speakman for Nov. and Dec. services \$100 of this amount; as Mr. Speakman is going to quit at the close of the year and we are to hire someone else to run system for us beginning Jan. 1, and as we will have all our debts paid but \$325. We want and urge that you each of you that we have rents against go to the central office at once, before Dec. 31, and pay to John and get his receipt and help us to help you out of debt and pay John. We owe him and must settle it. L. B. Jackson, Pres. J. N. King, Sect.

Christmas at Shipley

The Christmas program at Shipley will be given by members of the public school and Sunday school, instead of the latter alone, as indicated in the Herald last week.

Of Interest To Every Southerner.

The CONFEDERATE VETERAN, Nashville, Tenn., requests notice in every Southern newspaper. It disseminates information about soldiers of the war on both sides; it has long represented officially every general Confederate organization, and is enthusiastically supported by the men and women who are familiar with it. While ardently loyal as its name indicates, it is so dignified in tone and so patriotic that it maintains not only the respect but the good will of "other side."

The VETERAN is doing an important work in helping to establish records for dependent men who wore the gray and the widows of such who seek pensions. Besides, it secures intercommunication between friends of the long ago whose inquiries are printed gratuitously.

The VETERAN is printed on a fine paper and is illustrated with high-class engravings. It is one of the most creditable magazines in the country (price \$1 a year,) and the Editor prides himself in the assertion that in the distribution of over four million of copies he has not heard of fourteen complaints.

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Mrs. Will Swallows	86,188
Mrs. Oscar Clark	81,418
Mrs. H. M. Williams	83,790
Mrs. A. E. Irwin	42,286
Mrs. John Cornwell	44,817
Miss Annie Powers	40,592
Mrs. R. L. Reagan	36,815
Mrs. J. B. Dowell	41,137
Mrs. F. M. Byers	33,946
Mrs. W. L. Terry	34,181
Mrs. Alex Burton	32,285
Mrs. B. P. Pointer	43,234
Miss Sarah Brewer	30,059
Mrs. Frank Turner	38,093
Mrs. G. E. Pennington	28,465
Mrs. John McCormick	29,705
Mrs. A. Phillips	28,894
Mrs. Harvey Qualls	35,025
Miss Belle Rockwell	27,235
Mrs. Joe Whitaker	27,597
Mrs. Jim Buck	25,659
Mrs. James Ballard	23,288

CHRISTMAS IS A PROPHECY

It Forecasts the Perfect Social Conditions Which Will Fulfill the Promises of Christ.

Christmas is not only a fact commemorating the one sacred festival in the world's calendar, but the glorious prophecy of a coming day, surpassing all the brightest social dreams that have ever visited the most advanced human mind. He sprang, on His human nature side, from kings and peasants, from saints and sinners. He is yet to lift every peasant to the kingliest throne of character and transform the chief of sinners into the holiest of saints. He allied Himself with poverty and the common people. He is yet to banish poverty with all its ills, from the world, and to give to common humanity their rightful sovereignty. He worked with His hands for His daily bread. He is yet to dignify and glorify in the thought of mankind all honest toil. He honored woman with His sympathetic and appreciative regard. He is yet to relieve her from every form of serfdom created by the past ages. He took little children in His arms and blessed them. He is yet to make blessed the child life in every welcoming home. He gave His peace to His distracted disciples. He is yet to make wars cease unto the end of the earth. He united His brethren with Himself and His Father in one unbroken oneness. He is yet to make every man a brother to his fellow-man and at one with his Father in Heaven.

Christmas Greeting

The Star of Bethlehem never shown on a brighter Christmas than this. The world is at peace, enjoying prosperity, with plenteous sobly on every hand. True happiness begins by making others happy, hence, true enjoyment lies in the giving. The giver's sentiment is best expressed in the gift that provides for the personal comfort or pleasure of the recipient. You can open an account at this bank for the boy or girl with one dollar or more, as you wish. We give you the pass book with entry of the first deposit therein which may be presented as a Xmas gift. Young people who learn to save in youth form a habit that will prove beneficial all through life. The "nest egg" deposited will not be a gift like a gift of currency or coin, but will encourage the recipient to add to it and lay the foundation for a substantial bank account. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and extending to you the compliments of the season, we are yours to command.

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The Spirit of Christmas.



There is hardly a festival in the calendar which has such a hold on the hearts of old and young alike as Christmas Day. The ring of the car bells and the voices upon the streets seem to take on a more cheery tone, and the spirit of the time seems to throw a glamour over places and things which ordinarily are devoid of all beauty.

As it is with places, so it is with people. They, too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellows. The most interesting stories of Christmastide are those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

The Christmas Spirit.

But don't you see that there is a Santa Claus! He isn't a man in a fur coat, and a reindeer sleigh and all that, but he is the Spirit of Christmas, isn't he? They've personified that and made a saint of him and invented legends about him—for the children, but when we're no longer children and don't believe in him, we still have that Christmas spirit—and it's that that gives presents and makes us feel toward one another, and makes Christmas what it is.—Harvey J. O'Higgins.

Christmas Customs.



It is interesting to trace the origin of festival customs to those connected with Druidical superstitions of classic observances, and it will surprise many to learn that present-day sports very closely resemble the celebrations observed of old in honor of Saturn or Bacchus.

The Roman Saturnalia, which occurred in the winter solstice, were a season of great festivity and rejoicing, honored by many privileges and exemptions. The spirit of gaiety had free charter, and even quarrels were suspended, to be resumed after the holidays.

As a manifestation of the gratitude felt at the renewed prospects of the returning march of the sun, gifts were exchanged and special hymns were sung. These latter were really the Roman representatives of the modern carol.

At the Saturnalia the Roman feasted, sang and danced, as we do at Christmas. A ruler or king was appointed, who enjoyed certain prerogatives. He presided over the sports of the season. Probably he is the ancestor of the lord of misrule, who exercised a similar power in more recent times.

Merriment was a matter of general concern, and the joyous spirit of entire districts is now narrowed to family parties.

It is the touch that makes the whole world kin, and it is a pleasant reminder that, after all, history repeats itself.

Not Blessed.

The presents you forget to give to others who don't forget to give to you are not so blessed.