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The Social Side.

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Holiday Entertainment.

One of the loveliest entertainments of the beautiful Yule Tide was that on Saturday evening when Miss Allie Ball entertained some of her friends at the cozy home of her parents on Buschmann street. Christmas greens and Christmas flowers mingled their splay fragrance, and made the rooms a fitting place for the reception of lovely young ladies, who responded to the generous invitation. Dainty refreshments were served by the young hostess, assisted by the loving hands of her mother.

Quite a merry time was spent in this home where hospitality reigns, they entertain so delightfully that 'tis always a genuine pleasure to be a guest there. Those who enjoyed the evening's pleasures were: Miss Mamie Draughn, Miss Annie Horn, Miss Jessie Hulbert, Miss Nellie Norsworthy, Miss Laura Williams, Miss Allie Ball, Miss Johnnie Ball, Miss Lena Hurbert, Mr. Leslie Quinn, Mr. Coit Horn, Mr. James Currie, Mr. McNatt, Mr. Hardie Norsworthy, Mr. Horace Norsworthy, Mr. Maurice Lewis, Mr. Herbert Owens, and Mr. Lamar Magruder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Evans on Unetta street entertained yesterday at one of the happiest family reunions of any family. The dinner was elegant and served faultlessly, and the time was delightfully spent with all their loved ones gathered close about them at this blessed time of peace and good will.

Miss Nelphia Brown spent Christmas eve with friends at Mammoth Springs. Returning home that night she was accompanied by Miss Dollie Ridde, who spent Christmas at their home on North Main street.

On Christmas night at Rawls Springs there was a delightful surprise party at the home of Mr. R. R. Barnes. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. S. R. Cubley spent yesterday in Laurel.

Mr. Lucius Cook of Heidelberg

passed through here yesterday en route for Memphis, stopping over between trains with his brother, Dr. I. H. C. Cook.

Williams-Mercer.

Married at the home of the bride near Hattiesburg, Miss., December 27, 1908, H. A. Mercer and Miss Isabell Williams. Rev. E. J. Currie officiating. After the ceremony an old-time feast of good things was served, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number of friends who were present to witness the nuptials.

Mrs. R. B. Hopkins of Columbia is now a patient at the South Mississippi Infirmary. She has a host of friends here, who wish for her an early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gunn and the little folks, who have been spending the holidays in Meridian and Stone-wall with relatives, will arrive home tonight.

Mrs. Dr. T. B. Wright and winsome little daughter, Jeanette, are spending the holidays with the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Rowan at Weson.

Rev. J. J. Golden, who has been spending the holidays with Hattiesburg friends, left this morning for his home at Rose Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee returned last night from Meridian where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lee's parents.

Mrs. McMullen of Ellisville came down here last evening, having been called by the death of her brother, Mr. A. T. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. York has as their guest their granddaughter, Vivian Irma York, a winsome little maiden of Mobile.

Mr. Wesley Burdlen of Meridian was called here last evening by the death of his father-in-law, Mr. A. T. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gilmore and little son, Paul, spent Christmas in Laurel, the guest of the latter's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dozier spent Christmas day with Mr. Dozier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, of Meridian.

Mrs. Dr. Thames has as her guests Misses Nina and Minnie Webb, two attractive young ladies of Laurel.

Herman Trotter and Richard Langford left this morning to resume their studies at Clinton College.

Harold Eager has returned to his home at Clinton after a pleasant visit to his aunt, Mrs. I. P. Trotter.

Miss Ella Rischer spent Christmas at Eastabuchie with her brothers, returning last evening.

Mrs. I. A. Gilmore spent Christmas day with her son, H. B. Gilmore at McHenry.

Miss Nannie McRaney spent yesterday in Seminary.

Mr. D. B. Griffin is a business visitor to Maxey today.



Prof. J. J. Ferguson left today to visit points in Newton county.

SALVATION ARMY WORKER.

Mr. Brady Miller, who has been with the local corps of the Salvation Army and who has many friends here, will leave tonight for Columbus, Ga., where he will continue to work in the Salvation Army cause.

KRESS WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday morning, December 29, when all employes will assemble the small lots of "left-overs" and any slightly soiled and damaged articles. The store will open at 1 o'clock when "Inventory Tables" will be loaded with desirable 5 to 25-cent goods reduced to anywhere from 1 to 17 cents.

The seventy-five Kress stores will start the new year with a clean stock, complete with up-to-date seasonable merchandise.

That is why you can buy goods at one-quarter to one-half the usual Kress price the fore part of this week before completion of inventory, January 1st. See Kress Inventory Sale Tables.

HATTIESBURG VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Washington of Gulfport are at the Hotel Hattiesburg and will return tonight to Gulfport. Mr. Washington is the manager of the Great Southern Hotel Company.

Among to-day's arrivals at the Commercial hotel are Mr. Hiller Stewart of Epley and Mr. L. C. Farr of New Orleans.

The following Mississippians are registered today at the Hotel Hattiesburg: J. S. Moore, Magnolia; Thomas Worthington and Miss Lilla Worthington, Brookhaven; M. L. Morrell, Gulfport; A. W. Charlton, Sanford; Alex Lott, Seminary.



President Castro of Venezuela, entering the French capitol. The cut below shows Mme Castro.

For an Oiled Kitchen Floor. "I've tried all sorts of coverings for my kitchen floor," said a housekeeper, "but the one the cook likes best is the plain boards oiled. They do not show dust and can be easily cleaned with skim milk."

"A quart of the milk does our kitchen, which is quite good size. It gives the boards a gloss without much labor. If grease has been split it is sometimes necessary to wash the floor with soap and water before using the milk."

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CORONER KEPT BUSY WITH NEGRO KILLINGS

Sheriff Magruder and Coroner David Fairley were kept busy holding inquests over the bodies of dead negroes yesterday.

The first call was to Bonhomme, fiedwhere the dead body of a

negro, identified as Ceasar Wilburn, had been found in the woods.

Before this case could be finished they were called to Bowen, a station about fourteen miles out on the M. J. & K. C., to hold an inquest over the body of Charlie Jones, who had been shot in the negro quarters at Bowen, which is in Perry County, but the negro had been carried to a lumber camp in Forrest county where he died, which made an inquest necessary by the officers of this county, although the killing will be a Perry county case. It was found that the negro died from a pistol wound inflicted by another negro, Ed. Coleman, during a "skin game."

This morning Sheriff Magruder and Coroner Fairley returned to Bonhomme to continue the investigation of the death of Ceasar Wilburn. There appeared to be no evidence of foul play and the jury returned a verdict that the negro came to his death from cause unknown.

CARE OF THE RUG

ARTICLE OF FURNITURE THAT NEEDS ATTENTION.

Services of Experts May Be Said to Be a Necessity if Beauty of Floor Coverings is to Be Kept.

One can never take too much care of handsome Oriental rugs, especially as we demand so much more service of them in this country than do the inhabitants of their own land. Here the chief foes are the boots and shoe nails, to say nothing of the heavy furniture that is moved about in our homes.

An Oriental rug often gives one the same satisfaction that a beautiful picture does on the wall, and it is deplorable that we cannot preserve the rug as carefully. There is no inanimate thing that enjoys and appreciates a vacation more than choice rugs. Two months is none too long, and one can surely dispense with their service for that time, knowing we are the gainers thereby. When the time comes, go to a reputable rug house and give them the care of your rugs. They alone know when they should be washed, and even when they should be mended. There are certain rugs that need to be washed every two years, and others that do not need it as often. Then, too, an Oriental rug house has means of cleaning, ironing, and caring for rugs that we know nothing of. They will return them in such condition that one will feel well repaid.

To Clean Fur Rugs.—One quart of water, two tablespoonfuls of ox gall, one-half teaspoonful of borax. Remove the oil cloth or lining from back of rug, then soak the skin (back of rug) with naphtha. This will keep the skin soft and pliable; when perfectly dry, wet with water and rub with hard soap. Now put rug over a large tub (with the above solution in it) with hair of rug down, so that the hair will be in the solution, then with fingers underneath wash hair as you would your own hair. Do not let skin get in water and keep the rug straight or the skin will crack. When perfectly clean rinse through a solution of half water and half naphtha; this gives hair a glossy appearance and helps it to curl up again. In drying squeeze water out of hair with hands, then have two people shake it. Now put sheet over two lines and pin rug to sheet, leaving hair hang down; dry in open air, comb lightly only on extreme edge. For black skin rugs add one pint of alcohol to the above solution.

Oil Pickles.

Slice but do not peel large cucumbers, taking care not to have the slices too thin. Sprinkle with salt and drain under a heavy press in a colander for three hours. Treat one-fourth peck of white onions in the same way, letting them stand in salt for three hours. Drain the vegetables and place in a stone jar alternate layers of the cucumbers and onions, adding as you proceed the following spices mixed: One ounce ground allspice, half ounce ground cloves, quarter pound of best mustard, the latter mixed with half pint of salad oil and three tablespoonfuls of black pepper. Cover all the contents of the jar with the best cider vinegar, not too strong, and put away in a crock or in jars. A little alum may be added to the spices if desired.

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Another Confederate Veteran Goes to Join Army of Immortals

The Grim Reaper has visited another home and called hence Mr. A. T. Adams, a brave Confederate veteran. After a lingering illness he succumbed to the death summons yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at his home on Buschmann street. He leaves a devoted wife, a son, Hiram Adams, and two daughters, Maggie and Mrs. Wesley Burdine of Meridian to mourn his loss. Notwithstanding the ceaseless efforts of medical talent and the tender and loving care of his loved ones, the condition of the sufferer grew worse until the end came. Mr. Adams was a devoted husband and father, a kind neighbor and friend and one of the bravest soldiers that ever entered the battlefield. The gates of the Beautiful City are always open to these dear old veterans, and our hearts accord them a welcome that is born of an undying love and admiration. We tender our heart-felt sympathies to the bereaved one, but God alone can pour balm on their crushed hearts. The funeral service took place this morning from the family residence amid a large gathering of sorrowing friends.

Rev. I. P. Trotter conducted the service very impressively. "There is a Fountain," and "Nearer My God To Thee," were beautifully rendered by the Court Street M. E. choir, and the interment was in the city cemetery. "One by one they are slipping away, Going to rest, They who so gallantly fought in the gray, They who were noble, daring and gay, Peace to each breast.

Some of them linger, nearing the end, Soon they will go Out through the gloom when autumn leaves bend, Yonder where willow and cypress both bend, Silent and low,

Soon they will leave us, they who were brave, Honest and true, Soon each shall rest in a proud soldier's grave, Forgetting the ensign that o'er them shall wave, Red, white and blue."

—MRS. R. L. B.

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