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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### FOREST CITY

Forest City, Dec. 30—Christmas passed very quietly in this vicinity; we missed the merry jingle of sleigh bells, but the skating held good and was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

On Christmas Eve a concert and tree was held in the Baptist Church. The program beside the usual recitations, singing, etc., by the children, included a play given by eleven of the older ones, entitled The Birth of the Christ Child. It made the story very real and plain to all the costumes looked so quaint and odd.

On Christmas night there was a concert and tree in the Methodist Church which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Florence McNeerlin closed her school at Pemberton Ridge the Friday before Christmas. The closing exercises were enjoyed by a number of visitors, but all were sorry to bid the teacher good bye as she is not coming back for the next term. The left for her home at Maxwell the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Graham and two children of Eel River Lake have been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past few days.

Miss Chrissie Boone, who has been working at Westfield, is home for a few weeks.

Miss Addie Kinney of Brookton spent Christmas with friends here.

School closed here on Friday, Dec. 20. Quite a number of visitors listened to the program of the afternoon. The teacher, Chester Eagles left for his home near Moncton the following Tuesday. He is expected back for the next term.

Miss Olive Gould arrived home from Bristol on Saturday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Eric Peters and four children who have been spending a week of the holidays with her and aunt Mrs. G. H. Clark, returned to her home at Danforth, Monday.

Mrs. Sernia Varney and her grand-

son Bobbie Varney paid a short visit to relatives in this place last week.

Miss Tressie Lewis left this morning to resume her studies at the Castine Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cropley of Danforth are spending a few days with his parents at Pemberton.

Mr. Alton Pray spent Christmas with friends at Maxwell.

Miss Lalah Patterson spent part of last week with her chum, Miss Mildred Gould.

The readers of The Mail here wait eagerly for each paper now, since the Girl of the Lumberlost made her appearance, the story is very interesting.

### BURDEN.

Burden, Dec. 29—The weather of late has been cold and clear without snow.

Mr. Spencer Jewett of Providence, R. I., is spending the winter with his uncle, Mr. Lewis Jewett.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Burden and Prince William are going to hold a concert Tuesday, the 17th, at the Prince William hall. Admission fifteen cents for children, twenty-five for adults. All are cordially invited. Our school is under the management of Miss Myrtle Lawrence.

Dr. H. M. Jewett of Providence, R. I., spent a few days at Christmas visiting relatives at the mill.

Our popular dressmaker, Miss Ella Kelley, is very busily engaged working at her trade.

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Campbell of Quebec, have moved their families to Prince William and have rented the parsonage. The men are engaged in building the butments in Jewett's Creek. They are hired by the Quebec Construction Company.

The men of Burden are engaged in hauling coal and cement for the company.

Mr. Davis of Boston, Mass., who has been spending a few weeks with Mr. Nevers Kitchen, has returned home on account of ill health.

## CURIOUS ATTITUDE OF PUBLIC TOWARDS PRESS

The Amherst Daily News says: It is rather astonishing however, how many people there are who entertain the idea that a newspaper can be run on sentiment and subscription. It can't be done and our friends who entertain such an idea should disabuse their minds of such a misconception.

A few of the actual every day experiences of life in this office may not prove uninteresting. A few weeks ago an old subscriber called at our office and asked us to publish a notice of sale that he was having on his premises. We got out the rate card, estimated the size of the ad., and told him it would cost three dollars. Thereupon he lost his temper. He had been taking the paper for thirteen years and this was the first favor he had ever asked of us. This was the way he talked to us. After his departure we looked up our subscription book and found that he was four years behind in his payments. Yet he left our office feeling disgruntled because we would not give him a yard or so of space free of charge.

Some church societies are our best patrons; others are the limit. They will take all the free advertising they can get, and will not even send us a pot of beans or a loaf of brown bread to help us out in our own commissary department. We were asked this week to advertise a certain church-supper; our charge would

be about fifty cents. The supper was of no earthly interest to us. We took the advertisement down over the phone, and time is money; informed the telephoner that it would cost fifty cents and was then told that if we were going to charge for it that we need not put it in. We lost our time and we lost fifty cents, and we had something else to do at the same time.

Into our office walked a business man this very week. He gave us an ad. for which we charged a dollar, and then asked us to publish a local calling attention to this ad. which, if we published, should have been charged at ten cents a line, and there were twenty lines. Just imagine a man buying a pound of common soap from a grocer and asking him to throw in a pound of butter. We are asked to do this every day. We could multiply these illustrations line on line and precept upon precept. We do not want our readers to think we are scolding or that we are sour. We are growing sweeter and mellow as we advance in age.

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### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1741—Benedict Arnold, the American general who attempted to betray his country, born in Norwich, Conn. Died in London, June 14, 1801.

1777—Washington surprised and defeated the British under Cornwallis at Princeton.

1798—Dr. Jacob Duché, who made the opening prayer at the assembling of the First Continental Congress, died in Philadelphia. Born there in 1737.

18003—Douglas Jerrold, a noted writer and a friend of Dickens, born in London. Died there June 8, 1857.

1820—House of Representatives passed a bill for the admission of Maine to the Union.

1825—Parliament buildings in Toronto destroyed by fire.

1861—Fort Pulaski, at the mouth of the Savannah River seized by Georgia troops.

1898—Semi-centennial of Girard College celebrated in Philadelphia.

1911—First postal savings bank opened in the United States.

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## GREATNESS MISSUSED BY BRITISH POLITICIANS

(London Chronicle)

On Wednesday last Roberts made an after-dinner speech to the Kentish Territorial Association. Yesterday appeared the December number of the "National Review," printing as an article the text of this speech delivered the previous night. Monthly magazines are not, of course, set up and printed in a day, and the sentences which Robert recited after dinner on Wednesday to the Territorials must for a long time before have been forming part of the nascent "National Review." Without suggesting that such an arrangement is unique, it does illustrate the deplorably close personal connection established between the distinguished but octogenarian Field-Marshal and the most feather-headed little clique of ignorant Jingos mischief-makers that exists in this or, perhaps, any other country. It will also confirm those who have for some time been reluctantly compelled to regard Lord Roberts in his speech-making capacity as little but the mouth-piece of these much less eminent and less scrupulous men.

What is striking about the speech itself assuming it were the unprompted utterance of the aged Field-Marshal is that it is so unsoldierly. The gist of it, after a string of the ordinary "National Review" criticisms upon the Territorial Force is an exhortation to the officers of that Force to band themselves together for a political purpose, and to take advantage of their position as officers of the force in order to put pressure on the Government. Such ideas may come easily to civilians as blindly bent on the "National Review" is on scoring party points at any price. But they should oddly on the lips of a distinguished officer, who might be expected to care first and foremost for the Services, and who cannot be unaware that the thing most fatal to such efficiency in any Army or Force is the conversion of its officers into party politicians. There is a perpetual temptation even stronger perhaps abroad than in England, for interested civilians to attempt that conversion. Where they succeed, it is always, as France has known before now and Turkey is realising today a disaster to the services; where they fail, as they usually do, it is always because the officers themselves

repel the attempt, because their instinct tells them, what Lord Roberts himself in his active days seemed entirely to feel, that the officer's duty cannot be well done if politics interferes with it, and can only be strictly regarded himself as the servant of the nation and not of a party.

Lord Roberts occupies a very exalted position. The country has owed him much. He is extremely popular, and he fully deserves to be. Great men are not so common among us that we should stint our homage to such a veteran in the closing years he becomes the instrument and the victim of much smaller men, who with little heed for his renown or his old age, exploit both in order to push their own sorry advantages, he is now the first instance of such mishap. History is full of them. One only wonders that retired greatness has not yet fully learned a lesson so abundantly taught. The inevitable pity is that in all such instances it is the fame of the great man that finally suffers; posterity forgets those, who used and tarnished him; they escape by their very littleness. Meanwhile the contemporary is placed in a painful position. It is only his duty to say of speeches, like that made by Lord Roberts at Manchester and that made by him on Wednesday, that the one was having regard to our own foreign interest and those of Europe, (mischievously provocative, while the other struck a wanton blow at the very root of the Services, on whose efficiency the country depends. To combine the due severity of such a most necessary protest and censure with and undiminished sense of the veneration which Lord Roberts's past entitles him to receive from all, is plainly not at all easy. But it is not well to have created the difficulty; it is Lord Roberts himself, and far more than he those who while professing to be zealous for his honor, drag out for their own advantage in their own mud.