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Two Papers for \$1.50

We have made arrangements to furnish the REFLECTOR and North Carolinian for the above amount. This in campaign year and you should take the two leading papers.

HINTS FOR HOLIDAY PURCHASERS.

Christmas is nearly here. It is the glad season of the year when everybody is in quest of happiness. It is the time also when people are looking about to purchase something for suitable presents for those they want to remember. Anticipating this, Greenville's wide-awake business men have engaged the REFLECTOR to let the people know what they have. Read all the cards that appear on this page and then turn over and read all that are on other pages of the paper. These clever business men wish all of their customers a Merry Christmas.

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A Change Needed.

The Providence (R. I.) Journal, in discussing national bank circulation, says it remains to be proved whether the national-banking law places the southern planter at great disadvantage. The Journal admits, however, that when the uses of 'funds' in the technical sense of the word are considered, the South is unfortunate in being so far away from the great centres of national-bank circulation. Say what you will, adds the Journal, it is expensive to obtain funds to move crops, and, broadly speaking, one may rest convinced that the farmer has to pay the process of exchange involved in the transaction.

It strikes us that the Journal's admissions afford the very best of proof that the national-banking law, or, rather, the operation of the law, works to the disadvantage of the southern planter. What the South needs—indeed, what the country needs—is a change in our banking system which will obviate the difficulties under which all communities except the large money centres labor, whenever the uses of 'funds' in the technical sense of the word are necessary to move crops or push business. In short, we need a system that will give us more currency—more 'funds'—and a wider distribution thereof. What more, the Republican party and the great monetary interest that joined forces with that party in the last election would as well make up their minds that the financial issues in this country will not be settled until some such system shall have been devised and put into operation.—Richmond Dispatch.

The Peanut as an Article of Food.

Not many years ago the peanut was not regarded as a very valuable product as compared to the present time, but it is now only a question as to the many uses to which it may be put. A writer in the Chicago Tribune declares it to be a good article of food where albuminous qualities are desired, and goes on to show that it contains 50 per cent of albumen. He also says:

Peanuts rolled fine and added to the bread stuffing for ducks is a great addition, and greatly improves it. Make a mayonnaise dressing, mash the peanuts fine, and stir them thickly and spread between thin slices of bread as a sandwich; or plain buttered bread may be sprinkled lightly with the nuts. They may also be finely chopped and eaten with milk. A very good soup may be made of peanuts by boiling and mashing. The Chinese boil peanuts roll them fine, mould them in a dough, and bake. Many other ways may be discovered by the contriving housewife for the use of this hitherto despised article of diet.

The fact is the real value of the peanut is becoming better known year by year, and in time may become a regular article of food.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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TWINKLINGS. The chief business before the legislature that meets in January will be to provide a larger tax and better methods for our public schools; the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals; the setting on foot of agencies to secure immigration into the State; the fostering of the charitable and educational institutions; the examination of the lease of the North Carolina railroad with a view to having it annulled, the protection of the truckers in the east from excessive express charges; and other matters affecting the educational moral and material welfare of the State. And yet while these are the weighty matters that will command the attention of the legislators, little is heard with reference to them while the papers are full of the aspirations of this and that fellow for this and that office. Charity and Children speaks out words of wisdom and of admonition in the following editorial which we gladly reproduce. "What is the chief business of a legislature? to elect a senator? One would suppose so from what the papers are saying. And from now until that question is decided all other matters will be side-tracked. A five thousand dollar job is to be disposed of to some statesman. Let the moral and material interests of North Carolina wait until that stupendous affair is settled. What if it consumes two-thirds of the session? A politician's fat trembles in the balance. A mighty man of valor is to be made or unmade. A six by nine lawyer is to be sunk in the depths of the senate; and all the pressing questions that affect the life of a million and a half of people must retire until this great matter is attended to. And what shall the State be profited who-over is sent?"—News and Observer.

Col. Skinkers Great Scheme.

"This is what I think will happen in 1900, unless the gold standard brings prosperity that bids fair to be permanent," said Congressman Harry Skinker, of North Carolina, at the Skibbit. "The Populists will hold their national convention early, sooner than any of the other parties; as early, perhaps, as the 22d of February. They will proceed to nominate, with practical unanimity, W. J. Bryan for President and Marion Butler for Vice-President, and the leading plank in the platform will be an unequivocal declaration for free silver coinage, at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the other governments of the world. Now, if the Democrats who supported Bryan this time were sincere, how can they avoid giving him their assistance four years from now? They will simply have to take him up, and I doubt not they will do so cheerfully. "I recognize fully that conditions may be so changed in 1900 that the leading issue of the campaign just ended may not come to the front. It would be neither patriotic nor wise in Democrats or Populists to endeavor to thwart the incoming President in any of his policies that tend to bring back prosperity. In fact, they owe it to the country to lend a helping hand and to co-operate in every measure that makes for improvement. And I am satisfied that if President McKinley's administration is marked by a restoration of prosperity, that he will be re-nominated and re-elected."—Washington Post.



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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Sixtieth Annual Session at Kinston. (CONDENSED FROM DAILY FREE PRESS.)

FIRST DAY.

The sixtieth annual session of North Carolina M. E. conference convened in the Methodist church of Kinston Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop A. W. Wilson in the chair.

The hour of 9 a. m. was fixed as the time of meeting, to adjourn at 1 o'clock.

Dr. F. D. Swindell, J. O. Guthrie and J. W. Granger were appointed a committee on public worship.

The usual standing committees were appointed. Among these we notice the names of E. G. Glenn, on Conference Relations; G. F. Smith, on Bible Cause; F. A. Bishop, on Missions.

A paper was presented from the board of public charities and referred to a special committee.

A report of the agents of the Publishing House of the M. E. church, south, was read and referred to the committee on books and periodicals.

A report of the Sunday school editor was read and referred to the Sunday school board.

The report of the board of missions was read, which showed that the collections had greatly fallen off during the year. Referred to the board of missions.

A report from the general board of education—the youngest board—was read. The board was reported out of debt. Referred to the board of education.

A report of Paize and Lane Institute was read. This conference is asked to raise \$600 for this school.

The secretary of the Epworth League sent a report to this conference, which was read.

A report of Rev. T. J. Gattis, the conference colporteur, was read which showed that he had sold in this conference a little over \$7,000 worth of religious literature. Referred to the board of colportage.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo presented a report of the trustees of Trinity college, which was referred to the board of education without reading.

Question 20—names of supernumeraries—was called and the following referred to committee on conference relations: A. W. Avert, J. C. Crisp, C. R. Taylor, R. W. Townsend, J. E. Wyche, M. G. Thomas, M. A. Hooker, J. B. Martin, T. B. Reeks, T. P. Ricard and J. C. McCall.

R. B. John presented the name of Dr. S. Pool for superannuation.

N. A. Hooker joined the conference in 1840, and is now 80 years old. He is still active and preaches occasionally. He was married 51 years ago by T. Page Ricard.

It is hard to give up the active work of the itinerancy, but Rev. T. Page Ricard retired very gracefully when he had served for 50 years.

The following were elected assistant secretaries: J. M. Hall, N. M. Watson, E. H. Davis, M. H. Tuttle, R. H. Broom, E. C. Glenn and Geo. T. Simmons.

PRESIDING ELDERS PASSED. The names of the presiding elders were called.

E. A. Yates, Raleigh district, stated that his district had met with greater success than he expected during a season of financial depression.

J. A. Cunningham, Durham district, said his district had had a good year.

W. H. Moore, Fayetteville district, said it had been a year of incessant toil, and a hard year financially. There were good spiritual results in his district. He said Bro. Oglesby had touched every point in his district except one.

J. T. Gibbs, Rockingham district, said it had been a good year. He hoped to surpass last year in the financial report.

W. S. Rone, Wilmington district, said it had been the best year of the four—extensive revivals, dedicated a number of churches, two new parsonages. The district in good condition. The debt of Fifth Street church, Wilmington has been reduced to \$14,000. He thought this church was now safe if there are no mistakes made in the appointments.

F. D. Swindell, Newbern district, said that during four years he had traveled 21,000 miles, and preached about 1,000 times, besides missionary addresses. There had been 600 or 700 conversions in the district. Dr. Sanford has had fine success in revival work.

B. R. Hall, Washington district, said his district had had a reasonably good year but some disadvantages. There had been an increase in collections, and in the spirituality of the church.

W. S. Black, Warrenton district, said it had been a pleasant year. Preachers in good health, except Bro. Troy. The preachers have labored faithfully, and with success. The district has suffered much materially. Built one parsonage at Scotland Neck and repaired several churches. Had precious revivals in some churches.

R. B. John Elizabeth City district, said the health of the preachers had been good, except Dr. Pool. Had extensive revivals, 400 members added, three new churches built, three parsonages erected and one repaired almost the same as new, and one relieved of debt.

The report of the special committee to provide for a conference organ was read by Dr. John, and referred to committee on books and periodicals.

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But besides the history of the church in education, it is bound by the highest interests of our individual and social life to maintain an aggressive educational policy. Infidelity has hid itself in science and enthroned itself in colleges and universities, and by a distorted and incomplete idea of education, has wrought great harm. Along with all education must go a purpose to build up a faith in God, the only secure foundation for national or individual life. Otherwise, the worst results are to be expected from education.

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In Men and Boys PANTS GOODS we have just the best stock to be found and prices were never lower.

Our object is to sell good honest goods at the lowest prices. We have a large line of FURNITURE!

and can give you anything you may need at the lowest prices you ever heard of. Come and see our \$12.50 Solid Oak Bedroom Suits, for Men and Boys are warranted to give good service. We have had six years experience with this line and know them to be all we claim for them.

In HARDWARE, GUNS, GUN IMPLEMENTS, LOADED SHELLS, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, HALL LAMPS, LIBRARY LAMPS, Your friends,

J. B. CHERRY & CO.

To the Sports.

We are now headquarters for all kinds of SPORTING GOODS.

and defy all competitors as to price and high grade goods.

U. M. C. Loaded Shells, 25 cents per box.

HARDWARE, Tinware, STOVES

in abundance and low in price. Special Inducements offered on GUNS.

BAKER & HART.

W. HIGGS, Pres. J. S. HIGGS, Cashier Maj. HENRY HARDING Ass't Cashier

THE GREENVILLE BANK, GREENVILLE, N. C.

STOCKHOLDERS: Representing a Capital of More Than a Half Million Dollars. D. W. Hardee Higgs Bros., Greenville, N. C.

Wm. T. Dixon, President National Exchange Bank, Baltimore, Md. We respectfully solicit the accounts of firms, individuals and the general public. The Scotland Neck Bank, Scotland Neck, N. C. Noah Biggs, Scotland Neck, N. C. Checks and Account Books furnished on application. R. R. Fleming, Pictolus, N. C.

H. M. HARDEE.

WE HAVE just received a complete line of Ladies Underwear & Capes and the prices are very low. Overcoats and Rubber Shoes. A complete stock to select from and your inspection is invited. Price lower than ever.

H. M. HARDEE.

At Higgs Bros.' old stand Leader of Style

BROKE DOWN BUT NOT BROKE UP.

We are still in business and expect to sell our share and sell as high as any one. Having the misfortune to lose our house we have made arrangements with Rountree, Brown & Co. to handle our trade on their floor (The Star.) We are in a condition to get as much, if not more for your tobacco, than we could before and hope our friends will stand by us in this our misfortune and we guarantee to get as much if not more for your tobacco than any other house or market. Remember two distinct firms on the same floor, both doing all in their power to sell your stuff high—an advantage that no other house in the State has. Come and see for yourselves and we will convince you it is to your interest to sell with us. Combined together we control more capital than any house in Eastern Carolina. Come and we will stand by you and appreciate your favors.

EVANS & CO., at the "Star."

A CARD.

We take this method of thanking our friends for past patronage and hope to merit a continuance of the same. The above circular by Evans & Co. speaks for itself. Bring on your tobacco and with Leon and Old Man Charles to run the sales and Wiley Brown to whom it up we are sure that you can get more for your tobacco than at any other market in the State. Bring it on and give us a joint trial. Your friends,

Rountree, Brown & Co

FRANK WILSON,

The King Clothier.

We place before you grandest display of

CLOTHING,



SHOES, HATS, FURNISHINGS, NOTIONS,

in Greenville. Our prices are the lowest—compare quality and prices. That's the test.



"A Mrs. Hopkins Boy."

Being the largest buyers or Fine Clothing, Shoes, &c., in Greenville we buy lower than anybody else. Being the Largest Sellers, it naturally follows that we can and do sell lower than anybody else. Plain English enough

Frank Wilson

THE REFLECTOR

Local Reflections.

Shelburn's is a place of beauty
 Not many days to talk your Christmas goods in.
 Fresh Pork Sausage at S. M. Schultz.
 Get your nice Christmas present from James Long.
 Keep your eye on the REFLECTOR holiday advertisements.
 The nicest cheapest line of Christmas Toys in town at Jas. Long.
 All the bonds of the newly elected county officers were accepted.
 A daily Republican paper called the Tribune is to be issued at Raleigh.
 Sweet and fresh, Carr Butter in 1 lb. packages, at S. M. Schultz.
 A phone has been placed in W. G. Hines' store and restaurant, No. 51.
 All the weather prophets say we will have another big snow on the 19th.
 100,000 dozen Eggs wanted at J. S. Tunstall's, highest cash prices paid.
 The little folks can count the days to Christmas on the fingers of both hands.
 Santa Claus should not miss the beautiful display of Dolls and Toys, James Long's.
 My holiday goods are arriving. Call early and make your selection.
 Mrs. M. D. HIGGS
 CHEAP—50 barrels choice Apples at S. M. Schultz.
 The boys are saving up their nickels to have as big a pile as possible for popcorn.
 Be sure that you see Mrs. M. D. Higgs' stock of holiday goods before making your selections.
 Toys, Drums, Dolls, Wagons, Carriages, Vases, Cups and Saucers, at S. M. Schultz.
 A man named Leisure, of Massillon, O., is suing a man for \$5000, as his horse bit off his ear.
 Sales at the warehouses have been immense this week. Tobacco has been coming in as freely as it did early in the season.
 The Atlantic Coast Line has sent out advertisements for holiday excursion rates—4 cents per mile for the round trip.
 Want to see something pretty? Look at those ladies gold pens, pearl handle, a Reflector took Store.
 Do not allow your system to get weak and debilitated. It is easy to keep well and strong by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.
 We learn from the Kinston Free Press that Mr. Asa Pritchett is dead. He was for many years a citizen of Greenville.
 The REFLECTOR is sending out statements to subscribers. We hope there will be a prompt response from all who receive them.
 Adrian Savage has gone to Richmond to purchase a lot of fine horses and mules. Look out for him if you want a good animal.
 At a meeting of the Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade today they decided not to close the market for the holidays until Tuesday 22nd.
 Petitions are being circulated for signatures asking the next Legislature to work convicts on the public roads. Signers to the petitions are numerous.
 In 1 lb packages—Golden Dates, Currants, Seeded Raisins, Citron, Nuts, Evaporated Apples and Peaches at S. M. Schultz.
 FOR SALE.—A fine black horse, Palizada, will be sold at once for a division. For terms, &c., apply to G. M. Tucker or Marshall Starkey.
 Our stock of fountain pens and ladies gold pens grows smaller. Better come make a selection if you want one saved for a Christmas present.
 For fresh, London layer seedless and stemless Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Dates and choice confectioneries, call at J. S. Tunstall's.
 Can you tell me who is headquarters for Christmas goods, Toys and Confectionaries? Why of course I can. It's Ed. H. Shelburn & Co. I thought everybody knew that.
 The Methodists of Greenville are to be congratulated that the conference sent Rev. N. M. Watson to the church here. He is an excellent preacher and one of the most brilliant men of the conference.
 Mr. Business Man, if you want to get your share of the money that will be spent for Christmas goods you better be letting the people know what you have. Get in your advertisements.
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 Register of Deeds J. J. Perkins who was inducted into office Monday, retains R. W. Ward as his deputy. Sheriff W. H. Harrington has made W. A. Hyman the deputy of his office. Mr. Hyman served six years in the office under former Sheriffs.
 Do not be misled by what some few people may tell you, but if you want Toys and Christmas goods right come to headquarters and we will show you the prettiest and largest line of them you ever before witnessed.
 Ed. H. SHELBURN & Co.
 The Reflector Book Store has just received a new line of nice box paper, ruled and unruled, tablets, Diamond inks, cream maulage, pens, pencils, and other articles in the stationery line. Our tablets and paper can't be beat for the prices. Nothing is better than Diamond ink and cream maulage.
 Married.
 Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. S. Harris, father of the bride, near Falkland, Miss May M. Harris was married to Mr. R. B. Whitehead, of Wilson. The REFLECTOR extends best wishes.

PEOPLE WE MEET.

Every body Getting Ready For the Holidays.
 H. B. Harris is clerking for D. S. Smith.
 R. A. Tyson is clerking for A. Forbes.
 Carlos Harris went to Ayden Wednesday night.
 M. S. Georgia James left Thursday for Baltimore.
 Mrs. J. A. Andrews is very sick at the King House.
 A. Ward is building a new dwelling on James street.
 Dr. R. J. Grimes is building a new piece to his dwelling.
 J. B. Cherry, Jr., returned from Tarboro Thursday evening.
 Mrs. Rice Gwynn returned Friday evening from Rocky Mount.
 J. W. Morgan has moved into the Pearce house on Second street.
 H. C. Hooker has quit house keeping and boards with W. H. Waite.
 Congressman Harry Skinner came in from Washington Thursday evening.
 O. Cuthrell and wife returned Friday evening from a visit to Washington.
 Misses Rosalind Rountree and Nanette Fleming left Thursday evening for Kinston.
 Miss Estelle Wooten, of Farmville, took the train here Friday evening for Kinston.
 G. R. Jones, who has been spending some days here, left Tuesday evening for Kinston.
 Zeno Moore has returned from Litleton. We are glad to know his health has improved.
 Bethel has several horse dealers. Rumor say that lots of trading was going on Saturday.
 Guy Williamson, who has been spending some days here, returned to Suffolk Monday.
 B. S. Sheppard, who has been in Florida for several months, returned to Greenville Tuesday night.
 D. C. Lindsay, of Currituck, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. Owens, returned home Monday.
 Mrs. F. M. Hodges and little child and Miss Betsy Greene, returned Wednesday evening from a visit to Tarboro.
 Misses Mattie Becher and Becca Worthington, of Farmville, and Mrs. M. F. Turnage, of Wilson, are visiting Mrs. R. L. Smith.
 Revs G. F. Smith and J. C. McCall, who were returning from conference, stopped here Monday for a visit. Glad to see both of them.
 Our Firemen.
 Hope Fire Company had a meeting Monday night at the store of A. B. Ellington. The membership of the company is now 32 and is composed of plucky boys and good workers. A committee was appointed to wait upon the Town Councilmen at their next meeting and request the purchase of 200 additional feet of hose and a fire alarm bell. The services of the company in case of fire is entirely voluntary, and they should be encouraged by the citizens and town.
 Bethel Items.
 BETHEL, N. C., Dec. 8th, '96
 Miss Maud James is visiting relatives at Tarboro this week.
 W. F. Harding, of Greenville, spent last Tuesday in town.
 A. Ward went to Washington last night on business.
 John Mayo, J. M. Whitchard, R. D. Whitehurst and W. W. Thomas made a business trip to Norfolk last week.
 Rev. A. S. Barnes left last night to attend the Methodist Conference at Kinston.
 The protracted meeting still continues in the Baptist church. Several have joined the church.
 Mayor D. C. Moore and several other parties went to Greenville today.
 Harvey James, of Asheboro, arrived Sunday night and will spend a while here visiting relatives.
 BETHEL, N. C., Dec. 14th, '96.
 W. F. Harding, of Greenville, spent today here on legal business.
 Ex. Keel, of Williamston, spent Sunday here.
 William Smith, of Falkland, spent Sunday night in town, with his sister Mrs. B. F. Bryan.
 Jesse W. Thomas went to Tarboro, Sunday.
 Lovit Hines left for Kinston Monday evening.
 Miss Becca Worthington left Monday evening from Kinston.
 J. R. Moore and children returned Monday evening from Burgaw.
 J. E. Moore and H. W. Stubbs, of Williamston, arrived Monday evening.
 H. B. Anderson and wife, of Smithfield, are visiting the family of D. D. Hasket.
 Judge A. W. Graham went to Rocky Mount Saturday, returned Monday evening and reopened court this morning.
 Rev. W. A. Forbes, former pastor of the M. E. church here, came over from Kinston Saturday morning and spent the day here. His many friends were glad to see him.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From a Regular Correspondent.)
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 11th 1896.
 "Dear Boss: Unless you can buy us several more Senators it will be impossible to pay a tariff dividend on the investment of the late campaign." While the above is not the exact wording of the message sent by the caucus of Republican Senators to King Hanna, it contains the substance and real meaning of the request of the caucus steering committee that Mr. Hanna shall try to "influence" the election of Senators who will pledge themselves to act with the Republicans on the tariff in several States. Among the legislatures upon which the Republican Senators desire Mr. Hanna to try his "influence" are those of North Carolina, Kentucky, Washington and South Dakota. If high tariff Senators can be secured for all of these, the passage of a high tariff bill at the extra session of the next Congress will be assured. Otherwise the matter has been made very doubtful, with the chances against high tariff, by the action of the silver Republicans in declining invitations to enter the Republican Senatorial caucus.
 While the caucus of Republican Senators did not by a formal vote abandon the Dingley tariff bill, they did what was practically the same thing when they referred it to the steering committee and empowered that committee to act upon its own judgment. Pressure from the woolen manufacturers may compel the Republican Senators to demonstrate by some sort of a vote, not necessarily on the bill itself, that the Dingley bill cannot pass, but the bill is as Ben Harrison's force bill, so far as any serious attempt to pass it is concerned. The Republicans couldn't pass it if they wanted to, and very few of them want to. This was shown this week when the bill was before the Senate for a few minutes (on Senator Allen's motion to take it up, which was carried by a vote of 35 to 21), by the consternation which existed among the Republicans who had voted for the motion because they were afraid to do otherwise.
 Representative Stokes, of South Carolina, has been served with notice of a double contest for his seat in the present and in the next House. Dr. Stokes came to Washington last year with the proper certificate of election but his seat was contested by Mr. Johnson, a Republican. Finding nothing in the case upon which to base an excuse for giving Johnson the seat, the republicans of the House declared the seat vacant. The two men were again candidates and Dr. Stokes was elected to the vacancy and also to the next House, Johnson's contest depends more upon the Republican majority than it does upon any evidence he expects to produce.
 Senator Blanchard voiced the sentiment of nearly all of the Democrats in both branches of Congress when he said: "The Democratic party, while beaten in the recent election, is compact, organized, and full of hope for the future. It simply bides its time. It has lost some material which can be spared, and gained lots of friends, adherents, and well-wishers. It has always been a party of wonderful recuperative capacity. It will be ready for the fray in 1898 and in 1900. We to the Republican party if it does not make good that dangerous promise it has heretofore through out the land of prosperity and good times."
 Senator Quay has astonished those who thought they knew him, not only by his change of tactics—he has heretofore been the most silent of fighters—but by the wording of some of his published interviews against the candidacy of Mr. John Wanamaker for the Senate. For instance when he said: "In the United States Senate, we have millionaires and business men enough to serve all legitimate purposes. Senators are needed who have no specialties but who will act for the interest of the country in gross without special affinities. The people most deserving of representation and most in need of legislative protection are the farmers, the small store keepers the artisans and the laborers, and I stand by them." The truthfulness of the above is unquestioned, but that it should come from Mr. Quay is astonishing. While not himself a millionaire, Mr. Quay has always had the reputation of being in touch with the millionaires of the country. But, he is first of all a politician, and as such is apt to make use of what he thinks to be the most effective weapons to carry his purpose.
 The House is going right ahead passing bills just as though the Senate calendar was not already choked up with House bills passed at the last session which haven't a ghost of a chance to get acted upon.
 The mountain would not go to Mahomet so Mahomet went to the mountain. After remaining in Washington nearly a week, stopping just around the corner from the hotel at which Speaker Reed makes his home in Washington, without receiving a call from Mr. Reed, Boss Hanna decided to call upon Mr. Reed, and he did so at the latter's office in the Capitol. In view of the humble manner in which most of the Republicans waited upon Hanna, this call must have been a little humiliating to him, that it was pleasant to Tom Reed is certain.

THE COUNTY HOME.

What a Faithful Superintendent Has Done For It.
 The Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday elected Mc. G. Bryan as Superintendent of the Home for the Aged and Infirm to succeed J. W. Smith. Mr. Bryan will take charge the first Monday in January, and if he makes as good a Superintendent as Mr. Smith has made he can feel justly proud of his work.
 Mr. Smith has been Superintendent of the Home for two years. When he took charge he found 23 inmates there, and it had cost the county \$2,408 to maintain them the previous year. He found the buildings and premises in a miserable condition, the inmates scantily clothed and poorly provided for, no farming implements and no table ware. There were 2 barrels of corn, 2 hogs and 25 chickens on the place, and he had to go out and buy provisions for the first dinner he served there.
 The first year of Mr. Smith's administration the number of inmates was increased to 27, and notwithstanding he had so much to purchase at the total expense down to \$1,534. At the same time the farm was supplied and everything about the premises was considerably improved.
 During his second year the number of inmates has increased to 29, and the cost for this year will be only about \$1,800 which includes the building of a good two-room house. The farm and premises have been still further improved until they are now in excellent condition. He has 30 barrels of corn housed, 23 hogs fattening, 250 chickens on the yard, and enough collards and turnips for the winter's use. The inmates are comfortably clothed and well cared for.
 Mr. Smith will retire from the place carrying with him the gratitude of the inmates for his exceeding kindness and attention to them, and with the praise of his fellow citizens for the faithful and economical manner in which he has conducted the Home.
 Oakley Items.
 OAKLEY, N. C., Dec. 14th, '96.
 After a long and painful illness at his home in Carolina township, on Dec. 11th, W. J. Belcher, aged 22 years, son of Geo. Belcher, died of typhoid fever. Jesse was a good, kind, straight forward young man. He was beloved by all who knew him. The stroke falls heavily on his parents and brothers and sisters, who have our heartfelt sympathy.
 After spending some time with her parents at this place, Mrs. J. E. Hines returned to her home at Rocky Mount, Monday. Her grandmother, Mrs. Lucretia James, accompanied her home.
 Right much fever in some portions of this township. We learn there are several cases in Briery Swamp section.
 Marriage Licenses.
 The first week of the new fiscal year started off well in the marriage license line, Register of Deeds Perkins being called on to issue eleven, three for white and eight for colored couples.
 WHITE.
 J. J. and D. D. James.
 T. J. Cox and Nancy Tyson.
 John G. Lawrence and Margaret Robertson.
 COLORED.
 Robert Foreman and Victoria Barrett.
 Hugh Hodge and Lou Flood.
 Odus Hawkins and Nora Wilson.
 Chas. Willoughby and Mary Joyner.
 Edwin Telfair and Estelle Hutton.
 John Stevenson and Annie Hardison.
 Jas. Johnson and Florence Williams.
 Samuel Little and Cora Wilson.
 Better Stop.
 Most every night explosions of cannon crackers are heard in different quarters of the town. The boys had better leave off such sport until Christmas. The officers are on the watch for the offenders, and first thing you know some of them will be before the Mayor.
 H. B. Clark has an attractive window display of silver, wedding and Christmas presents.

THE BAZAAR CLOSED.

It Was a Success in Every Way.
 The bazaar conducted by the ladies of the Baptist church in the O'Hagan building closed Thursday night after having been in progress for three nights. It was a success in every way and afforded our people more enjoyment than anything of the kind that has been held here.
 The bazaar was originated and managed by Mrs. P. E. Dancy, to whom much credit is due for its success. She had excellent co-workers and everything was managed well for beginning to end.
 There was another bean guessing contest on the closing night, the prize winners being W. I. Pender, W. I. Corbett, Mrs. F. G. James and Ric Gym.
 Another interesting feature was drawing for a beautiful cake that was made for the occasion by Mrs. Wells. The decoration on the cake was exquisite and admired by all present. J. S. Jenkins held the lucky number and "took the cake."
 Just before the bazaar closed the ladies had a handsomely embroidered center piece presented to Mrs. J. H. Blount for the valuable assistance she had rendered them in the bazaar. The presentation was made by Prof. W. H. Ragsdale.
 Mrs. Dancy requested the REFLECTOR to return thanks to all who assisted in the bazaar, and to all who attended and patronized it. The proceeds amounted to \$115.
 The Message.
 President Cleveland's message was read before both branches of Congress Monday and was telegraphed over the country. It was an immense document of great length. It discusses clearly many topics in which the country is at this time interested. Perhaps the most interesting part of the message is that pertaining to Cuba. The President thinks some rule should be established for these people, and says that the United States has offered to assist Spain in reaching such a result. In reference to our own government he says it ought to go out of the banking business.
 When you are ready to buy your Christmas goods go straight to Ed. H. Shelburn & Co., where you can get anything you want and at the right kind of prices. I tell you they are surely headquarters.
 If you have Christmas goods to sell let the REFLECTOR help you talk them up.
Good Blood
 Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember,
Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.
 Hood's Pills cure Liver Tills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.
 TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.
 IT has been reported that I would not be in the Mercantile Business next year. I want to say that is a mistake. I shall remain in business at the same place. Thanking you for your past liberal patronage and hoping to have a continuance of the same, I am yours to serve, W. H. WHITE.

C. T. MUNFORD

CHRISTMAS

is only a few days away! We are showing a very handsome assortment of

Silks and Wool Dress Goods, suitable for Holiday Presents. You couldn't give your mother, sister or wife a more suitable present, nor one that would be more appreciated than a Dress of some of these Goods. We have them at all prices to suit all purses.

C. T. MUNFORD.

WE ARE JUST TOO BUSY

TO-DAY TO WRITE AN AD.
 THINK FOR A MOMENT
 —What causes the rush at—
ED. H. SHELBURN & CO.'S?
 The question is very easily answered.
 1. Because we are headquarters for Santa Claus.
 2. We have the assortment of TOYS and XMAS GOODS in the State.
 3. Our prices are way down below the lowest.
 4. Our Toys and Dolls are as pretty as you ever saw.
 5. Our salesmen are polite and courteous.

Let everybody come and see.

FIVE POINTERS.

1. Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes
2. Gent's Furnishing Goods, Ladies Dress Goods—down, Hats, Burgoyne Robs, Jewelry Cutlery, Pistols—down.
3. Meats Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Bagging
4. Flies—way down.
5. In fact anything in the Gen'l Merchandise Line—out of sight.

AT SAM WHITES.

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Christmas 1896.

RICKS & TAFT.

See the array of New Goods below for the Xmas holidays and you cannot do better than make your relative or friend a present of this kind.

New Dress Goods	New Suits
New Dress Silks	New Underwear
New Table Linen	New Shoes
New Handkerchiefs	New Fine Clothings
New Neckwear	New Hats
New Gloves	New Overcoat
New Wraps	New Hosiery

We will make special efforts this week to serve our trade.

RICKS & TAFT
 The Ladies Palace Royal.

CLOAKS. CAPES. FINE SHOES.

The Finest Line in the city

Lang's
 CASH HOUSE

Xmas shoppers come see us

FINE SHOES. CLOAKS. CAPES

