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END OF YEAR

Putting Papa Up a Tree.

"Pop," said little Willie, do you know anything of science?"

"Well, my boy," replied his father, modestly, "although I am no scientist, yet I may safely say that I have given some attention to matters scientific. Why?"

"Oh, nothing. Only I thought I'd like to ask you a question."

"My boy," said his father, confidently, "put your question and I'll answer it. Never hesitate in the pursuit of knowledge."

"Well, pop, it's this: When you look into a mirror the left side of your face appears to be the right side and the right side appears to be the left side, doesn't it?"

"Yes, my boy." The mirror reverses things."

"That's what I thought. Well, pop, what I want to know is, if the mirror reverses the right and left sides of the face, why doesn't it reverse the top and bottom of your face the same way?"

"H'm!" said his father. "If you haven't anything better to do than think up fool questions you'd better go to bed."

Much stirring around now to get ready for the new year.

Language of Stamps.

Here's the language of stamps: At—upside down on left corner—I love you. Left corner crosswise—My heart is another's. Straight up and down Goodbye, sweet-heart. Upside down on right corner—Write no more. In middle at top—Yes. In middle at bottom—No. In right hand corner at right angle—Do you love me? In left hand corner at right angle—I hate you. Top corner at right—I wish your friendship. On line with surname—Accept my love. Same upside down—I am engaged. Same at right angle—I long to see you.—American Times-Recorder

Tallest Building on Earth.

New York, Dec. 26.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway if present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a 60-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet making it over twice as high as the Flat iron building, and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present holds the record.

This building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost, including the site, will reach \$10,000,000.

The land is said to have been secured, and the completion of the building within one year is promised.

Sunday School Officers.

On Sunday morning the Baptist Sunday school elected the following officers for the coming year: Supervisor—C. D. Rountree. Superintendent—M. A. Allen. Assistants, J. G. Bowling, S. J. Farham and S. B. McDowell. Secretary—J. C. Tyson, assistant, Hugh Ragsdale. Treasurer—J. J. Cherry. Librarian—Z. P. Vandyke, assistant, Hugh Sheppard. Organist—Miss Rosalind Rountree, assistant, Miss Fannie Bagwell.

Tar Heel Girl Calls Him Down.

"A young North Carolinian girl gave me a center shot the other day as a token of locality which is more pronounced in the South than elsewhere," said Mr. Henry O. Comers, of Baltimore, at The Ebbitt.

"It was quite a small place, but it boasted one very fine hotel, at which I stopped all night. After a good breakfast I paid my bill to the grown daughter of the lady who ran the tavern and who was quite up in the duties of a cashier."

"You have a nice little town here, m'as," said I, trying to make friends with the good-looking clerk, "but I must say that I never knew there was such a town on the map till the Southern railway landed me here yesterday."

"Eyeing me coolly and looking me square in the eye, the Tar Heel maiden said: 'Where are you from, mister?' I owned up to Baltimore, and this is what she handed me: 'Well, I reckon there's lots of folks in Baltimore that are just as ignorant as you.'"

Married.

At the home of the bride, in South Greenville, on Christmas eve, Mr. Samuel Flake and Miss Lizzie Fleming were married by Rev. James Corbitt. Only a few relatives and friends were present.

Pistols With Fireworks.

The greatest danger arising from the shooting of fire works Christmas, was the reckless way in which pistols were discharged on the streets to increase the noise. A pistol ball crashing through a plate glass store window, Thursday night, shows the danger of this. It is better to suppress the whole fire works shooting hereafter than to have such as this going on.

Reports from Griffin say the smallpox has all disappeared.

Marriage Licenses.

Last week Register of Deeds R. Williams issued licenses to the following couples:

WHITE

W. A. James Jr., and Katie Crandell. Jno. H. Keel and Mary Brown. Thos. Manning and Cora Bullock. Joseph Cobb and Mary Davis. Husie Pierce and Arsetta Morgan.

Joseph H. Garris and Mollie Corbitt.

Jno. Wynne and Hattie Bibb. Edgar Summerell and Nannie Jolley.

Samuel Flake and Elizabeth Fleming.

C. C. Case and Mary Walters. Z. V. Smith and Lula Gardner.

COLORED.

Amos Mills and Joan Mewborn. Jesse Floyd and Posaie Little.

Butler Redding and Elizabeth Ballard.

Samuel Adams and Allie Langley.

Wm. Hoggard and Irene Chapman.

Manus Jones and Lula Dixon. Peter Dudley and Willie Edwards. Joseph Lang and Martha Sparkman. Giles Bryant and Mat Smith.

Enough to Make One Man Happy.

The editor's Christmas presents consisted of three turkeys, a bunch of bananas, four cravats, one pair of gloves, a cravat case, an elegant gold mounted merschaum pipe, twelve sacks of smoking tobacco, a \$5 gold coin and two \$1 bills. Pretty nice Christmas, thank you.

Possum on Wall Street.

Sunday's express carried a big fat live possum from Col. I. A. Sugg, one of the Greenville bulls, to a Wall street firm, D. J. Sully & Co. That possum will fare but common on the exchange.

Head Badly Cut.

The afternoon before Christmas a turkey escaped from a cart on Evans street. In a desperate effort to save its neck from the hatchet, the bird flew through the glass panel of the door of Zeno Moore & Bros. store. Lonnie Fleming, a clerk in the store, happened to be crossing the door at the time and fragments of the shattered glass flew all over him. His head was badly cut in several places and he has since been laid up from the wounds.

All Prisoners Escaped.

When the jailer went to the jail to feed the prisoners this morning he found none to feed. All of them, six in number and all colored, had made their escape during the night. To save fuel by running only one fire all the prisoners had been put together in one cell on the lower floor. They first off the lock to the cell door and then dug out a portion of the brick wall through which they crawled to liberty.

Homicide at Shelmerdine.

On Christmas day there was a shooting match at Shelmerdine for chickens. Charlie Boykin and Jesse Haddock, both white, got into a dispute over a 5 cent shot. White Boykin had his back turned toward Haddock the latter shot him with a pistol. As Boykin turned around to face his assailant, Haddock fired on him again with a shot gun, the load taking effect in the bowels. Boykin lived about two hours after the shooting. He was formerly of Wilson county but had been at Shelmerdine about two years.

Coroner Laughinghouse went down Saturday evening to hold an inquest and the verdict of the jury was that Boykin came to his death from a gun shot wound in the hands of Jesse Haddock. The coroner ordered Haddock taken in custody and placed a jail commitment in the hands of the officer who had him in charge. Later the officer took Haddock before a magistrate and the latter released him from custody under a \$1,000 verified bond.

Entertainment Postponed.

The committee for the Christmas entertainment of the Episcopal Sunday school wish to announce on account of the influenza scare they have decided not to have the usual tree, but will have a winter entertainment for the school instead.

PERSONALS AND SOCIAL.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30TH. J. W. Higgs went to Rocky Mt. to-day.

W. H. Cox, of Kinston, was here to-day.

O. L. Joyner left this morning for Raleigh.

Rev. D. B. Clayton left this morning.

A. F. Johnson left this morning for Louisville.

John White left this morning for Raleigh.

G. W. Baker returned to Lewiston to-day.

Miss Lena Anderson returned this morning from Ayden.

W. N. Cox left this morning for Petersburg.

Joe Rawls returned Tuesday evening from Norfolk.

Miss Lucy White returned from Conetoe Tuesday evening.

Miss Elise Vincent left this morning for Norfolk.

Miss Anna Belle Moore left this morning for Raleigh.

Miss Carrie Brown returned to-day from a visit to Grimesland.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes returned to Raleigh to-day.

District Attorney, Harry Skinner left this morning for Raleigh.

J. Macvin Taft returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Henderson.

The family of Mrs. Lucy Randolph have moved back to the country.

Mrs. L. T. Sealwood returned from a visit to Norfolk Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. O. Brown and son returned today from a visit to Grimesland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Tarboro.

Mrs. H. L. Fennell, of Wilmington, arrived Tuesday evening to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Taft returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Henderson.

Miss Rosa Blood, of Ayden, who has been visiting Miss Lizzie McGowan for several days returned home Tuesday evening.

Miss Mattie Gwaltney, who has been visiting the family of C. C. Parkerson, left this morning for her home in Virginia.

Darwood Wilson left this morning for Ponkeepsie, N. Y., to begin his preparation for the West Point examination.

Furnished rooms for rent, beginning Jan. 1st. Apply to Mrs. N. E. Anderson.

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Supply Unlimited.

With coffee, cotton, kerosene, eggs and beef soaring skyward, about the only cheap thing left is good advice, of which the supply continues to be unlimited.—Savannah Morning News.

"Same to You"

THE REFLECTOR acknowledges from Mr. W. B. Wilson a check on the Bank of Prosperity for three hundred and sixty six happy days in the year 1904.

Thousands of Sheep Burned.

Buffalo, Dec. 28.—A fire at the stock yards in east Buffalo tonight destroyed two big sheep pens and seven thousand sheep intended for export. The loss is about \$75,000. The superintendent of the yards says the fire will not interfere with the handling of stock.

Great Lumber Fire.

Suffolk, Va. Dec. 28.—Fire at Franklin, Va. today destroyed the planing mill and appurtenances, the electric light plant and all the dressed lumber of the Camp Manufacturing Company. The saw mill and rough lumber were saved, the blaze being checked about sixty feet from the saw mill. The company estimates the loss at \$90,000, insurance \$63,500. The Company has mills at several points and is one of the largest lumber manufacturers in the South.

Saxony has decided to follow the example of Prussia in stealing the eastern frontier against emigrants for America from Russia and other Eastern countries, except they pass through the stations of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American companies. Owing to the new regulations the competition of rival companies for the emigration traffic will be further restricted.

A New One on Us.

Mr. Lawrence Holt, one of the leading citizens of North Carolina, and one of the most substantial of Southern cotton manufacturers, left Washington for his home at Burlington, N. C., last evening.

Mr. Holt, in a brief chat with a Post reporter at the Ebbitt, said:

"It is a fact that a great many of our Southern mill men are scarce of raw material. Very few of us have as much cotton on hand as we would like, but still I do not take a gloomy view of the situation. Somehow we have always before this managed to get a supply, and so we will not suffer. I do not look to see any shutting down of factories in my section."

"The high price of the product and the sharp demand have brought about some unusual conditions. In the past only the cotton that has opened in the bolt by natural processes has been thought of any account."

This season in some of the States the farmers have even gathered the unopened bolls, those that never would have burst apart, owing to the lateness of the season, and placing them in a threshing machine have extracted from them an inferior grade of cotton, which, in spite of its off-color and short fiber, commanded a fair price, and was a considerable addition to the regular crop."

FARMVILLE DEPARTMENT

The Farmville Branch of the Eastern Reflector is in charge of Rev. T. H. Bain, who is authorized to transact any business for the paper in Farmville and territory.

CHEAP GOODS.

W. G. Speight, administrator of R. H. Speight deceased, wishes to notify the public that he has charge of the stock of goods owned by said R. H. Speight at his death, and is offering them to the public regardless of cost. The stock consists of a full line of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SHOES, hardware and groceries, all fresh and nice. W. G. Speight is also agent of the Royal Tailors Mfg. Co. All suits made to order to fit the individual. Your measure is taken and a good fit guaranteed. We can furnish these goods at 40 per cent. less than tailors usually charge. If you want bargains come early to

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Can't Deliver the Cotton.

Recent failures of Southern cotton dealers have had a depressing effect on the mill and brokerage business in this city. Brokers here who bought for December and January delivery at last summer's prices now hear that the Southern men cannot deliver the goods. The brokers who sold this prospective cotton to local mills upon a guarantee of delivery are left high and dry, and are entirely at the mercy of the mills. The rapid rise in the price of cotton has made it impossible for any local broker to replace default contracts involving large amounts, so that it forces the issue to a basis of dollars and cents representing the difference between the price at which the sales were made to the mills and the present price of cotton, which is practically 14 cents a pound. One large transaction is said to have been settled by compromise already. The loss sustained by mill men and brokers to date will aggregate \$100,000.

Another effect of the inability of the mills to get cotton for less than 14 cents will be an earlier and more extensive curtailment of the production. Local cotton brokers almost without exception say they have been victimized by ginney men of the South, who have been sending light bales here.

Not all of Them.
The employees of the Southern Express Company all over the system received substantial Christmas presents yesterday in the shape of a piece of gold money. The company gave away several thousands of dollars.—Greensboro Record.

This did not apply "all over the system." On the contrary some employes not only did not receive the piece of gold money, but the money due them at the first of the month was not paid until after Christmas had gone by. And they would have appreciated even having their own money to spend at Christmas.

He Wants to Trade.
Some one, no matter who, sent Mr. Andrew Joyner a turkey the other day and it was a whopper, weighing 48 pounds. He was delighted and his mouth watered in anticipation, but looking over the markets in the Washington Post, he saw that the ruling price for common, every-day turkey was 30 cents a pound, and he did not eat turkey yesterday, but has sent it to Washington and sold it and with the proceeds is on the market for a horse and buggy. Here is a case where a man had rather go hungry than to walk. Mr. Joyner would not make a good trap.—Greensboro Record.

Dr. D. L. James,
Dental Surgeon
Greenville, N. C.

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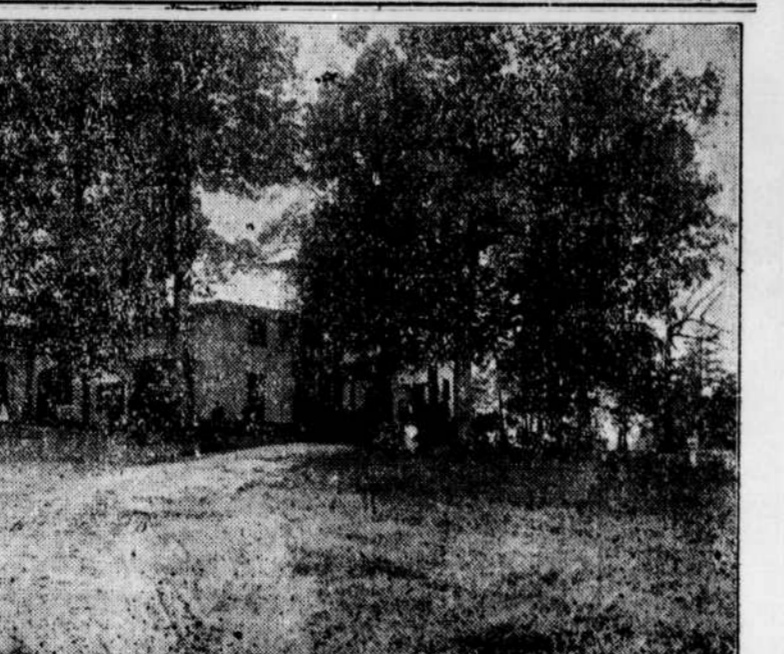
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NOTICE.

Is hereby given that L. N. Edwards, enters and lays claim to eighth (8) acres, more or less, of vacant land in Chisold township, Pitt county, North Carolina described as follows: Bounded by the lands of Mrs. E. A. Tyson, W. F. Carroll, Henry McLaw- horn, Stephen Leggett, Church Mills, Thomas Moore and others. This 5th day of December, 1903.
Any person or persons, claiming title to, or interest in, the above de- scribed land; must file their protest in writing, with me, within thirty (30) days, from the date hereof, or they will be barred. R. WILLIAMS, Ex-officio Entry Taker, for Pitt county, N. C.

State of North Carolina

In Superior Court Before the Clerk. Pitt County
J. J. B. Cox and wife Mary E. Cox, W. C. Burney and wife Susan Burney, S. R. Wilson and J. C. Wilson, against E. A. Wilson, H. H. Wilson, C. F. Wilson, Rodney Wilson, Edward Wilson, Frederick G. Wilson and Rufus Wilson and Eira Wilson, the last five named being minors without guardians.
E. A. Wilson and C. F. Wilson who are defendants in the above entitled cause, will take notice that a special proceeding, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior court of Pitt county, before the clerk, to sell certain lands in said county for par- tition, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are re- quired to appear at the office of said clerk of the Superior court of said county, on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the town of Green- ville, N. C., and answer or demur to the petition and complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of said clerk within ten days from this date, and let them take notice that if they fail to answer or demur to said petition and complaint within that time, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein. Given under my hand this 5th day of December 1903.
D. C. MOORE, Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt Co. Jarvis & Blow, Attorneys for plaintiffs.

A RUNAWAY BICYCLE.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and anti- cian remedies for four years. Then Buckien's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c, at Wootens Drug Store.

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Or Any Other Town.

A telegram from Columbus, Ohio, says: "Of more than 2,000 prisoners received in the Ohio State Prison last year not one could repeat the Ten Command- ments, though many professed to be sons of church members." This is pretty bad. But suppose a canvass of Wilmington were made to ascertain what proportion of the population could repeat the Ten Commandments, the canvass to be confined to persons over eighteen years of age? Would not the percentage that could stand the test be painfully small? Try the first ten men you meet on the streets today and report the result. —Wilmington Star.

EVENTS in 1903

A Year's Record from January to December.

DAILY HAPPENINGS.

Enormous Treasure Lost by Storm and Flood.

A NOTABLE OBITUARY ROLL.

Personal and Political Items—Miscellaneous Affairs Throughout the World—The Field of Sports—Loss of Life by Accident, Shipwreck, Explosion and Fire—A Chronologi- cal Review.

The year 1903 has been memorable for the prolonged drought early in the season for production, followed by phenomenal rainfall and destructive floods. During the first week of June the state of Kansas suffered losses by cellaneous property and \$5,000,000 in crops destroyed. Hundreds of lives were lost by flood disasters on the Mis- sissippi and Missouri rivers. In South Carolina the June floods swept away two towns on the river Paeolet, causing loss of life and damage amounting to \$3,000,000.
Following closely the flood disasters in America the world was startled by the cold blooded massacre of King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia, together with the Serbian cabinet. The deed was perpetrated by a band of military revolutionists, who suffered only nominal punishment for their crime.
The burning of a passenger train in the Paris subway, resulting in the horri- ble death of scores of imprisoned peo- ple, gave warning of the new danger which the march of progress brings possible in crowded cities. The long impending and vexing question of the succession to the papal throne made vacant in July by the demise of Pope Leo XIII., who lived one score and three years beyond the allotted age of man, was happily solved by the choice of Giuseppe Sarato, patriarch of Venice, a devoted, yet liberal minded, church- man. Earlier in the year Cardinal Parro- chio, chief candidate for succession to the papacy when it should become vac- ant, had been removed from the field by death.
Dead also removed from the world's stage during the year many men of advanced age whose activities lent bril- liancy to the era which produced them, notably Alexander Bain, the master of logic; Lecky, the English historian; Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, and Professor Theodor Mommsen, whose achievements in the domain of history surpass those of him the unique title, "The grand old man of Germany." Other noted deaths abroad were Sagasta, the prime minister of Spain during the Spanish-American war; Du Chailu, the author and explorer; Whistler, the ec- centric but talented artist, and Arch- deacon Farrar, a distinguished English churchman and author.
Three conspicuous literary lights of the past died during the year—Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet and critic; Charles Godfrey Leland (Hans Breit- mann) and B. L. Farjeon, the novelist. To say that the creator of "John Ingle- sand" died during the year suggests to few readers of that classic romance the name of its author, Joseph Henry Shilohhouse.
The defeat of Shamrock III. by the Reliance in the race for the America's cup added one more to the half score of victories already won by American defenders. On the turf the world's light harness records were materially reduced by American horses. The trot- ting record of 2:02½ was brought down to 2:00 with a third by Lou Dillon, son, however, to be equaled by Major Del- mar. Cresscus quickly beat the record down to 1:59½, when Lou Dillon once more lowered it to 1:58½.
Grave financial troubles have been experienced during the year. In mid- summer stocks fell and have remained down, involving several large broker- age firms. Subsequently several bank- ing and trust companies succumbed.
The long looked for Panama canal received a serious setback by the re- jection on the part of the Colombian senate of the Hay-Herran treaty. In- creased over the prospect of losing the rich treasure which the canal would bring to the isthmus, the state of Pan- ama seceded from Colombia and set up an independent republic under the pro- tection of the United States navy. The United States immediately recognized the new government and negotiated a treaty for the construction of the canal.
JANUARY.
1. Personal: The Indian durbar in honor of the coronation of King Edward VII. as emperor of India opened at Delhi.
2. Shipwreck: The Norwegian bark Ar- thur Prince lost off Cape Flattery; 13

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Truth in Reference to Fiction

GREENVILLE, PITT COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1904.

Japan is buying war ships. That looks like business.

Governor Aycock gave out ten pardons for Christmas presents to prisoners.

We have not seen any account in the papers of how Grover Cleveland spent Christmas.

Little Columbia wanting to fight the United States reminds us of the frog and bull story.

Don't stop to count up what this Christmas cost you, but get to work to be ready for the next one.

Since it has become so much trouble to get buried in Chicago fewer suicides in that city are reported.

Josiah and Josephus have only had a clash of words so far. It is to be hoped it will get no worse.

The Salvation Army in New York did a graceful thing in distributing Christmas dinners to 25,000 poor people in the city.

As the old year draws to a close let's bury the Bassett and Massee incidents and get ready to think about something new.

The Progressive Farmer, at Raleigh, has been sold to a stock company. C. H. Poe will continue as editor of the paper, he being the largest stockholder.

All this war talk between Russia and Japan and between Columbia and the United States, looks like there will be warm times early in the new year.

The most awful catastrophe of the holidays was the wreck of a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train, near Connellsville, Pa., in which sixty-three people were killed.

Charlotte's recent heavy winnings at cotton futures had an effect on Christmas trade. The Observer says the amount of money spent there this Christmas was far ahead of any former year. Money just flowed.

The Durham depot has got near enough for the selection of a site to be talked about. If the building progresses at the same rate as the preliminaries it may be completed by the time another century rolls around.

That was a big undertaking Josephus Daniels asked his brethren of the Press to perform, publish his nine column reply to Josiah Bailey—that is those who published Bailey's article were asked to do so. Mighty glad The Reflector can do the task.

Hashed turkey is over by now.

Canal or no canal is the question.

Christmas bills will soon be presented.

The year is on the home stretch and moving the finishing line.

And now appeareth Daniel Russell who deposes and sayeth "I didn't say it."

Those escaped prisoners might stop running long enough to send back a happy new year greeting to the jailor.

James Gordon Bennett will establish a large public park in New York in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald.

The people of Pineapple, Ala. want to prosecute some lynchers. Perhaps they will find out catching comes before hanging to a pineapple tree.

After all we believe the readers of both their papers feel but little interest in the war of words between Josiah and Josephus. Newspaper controversies consume space that ought to be devoted to other kinds of reading matter.

Another horrible railroad wreck with great loss of life is reported. Two fast passenger trains in Michigan collided and the deaths numbered more than a score. Surely the old year looks like its appalling record of casualties will continue to the end.

No, don't think the next criminal court will have no business to transact because the jail is empty at present. There will be more commitments between now and court unless the magistrates do too much bailing. And, too; the carrying concealed weapon cases will be no small business.

A man whose cardinal goal in life is to make money will steal. To such a man stealing is a fine art, upon the possession of which talent he congratulates himself. Getting more than belongs to him he considers thrift; causing one man to fail that he may rise he considers self preservation. He can not be counted exactly a highwayman—no, he lacks the criminal chivalry and physical daring of the class of robbers. He prefers to be a self-conceited genteel scoundrel in every way, and so works the schemes of his egotism into a being whom he esteems exempt from the Ten Commandments and immune from criticism. He is encouraged in this hallucination by his fellow townsmen, and as his wrath expands he rises to a loftier flame in society, in commerce, in politics and even in religion.

The bulls are rabbing the bank where the bears took hold.

You can't always tell when it comes to guessing what cotton is going to do.

Tong Chew, a young Chinaman and brilliant scholar, is arranging to start a newspaper in New York to be printed in the Chinese language.

"With the present price of the two commodities, would you advise me to plant cotton or tobacco next year?" asked a farmer. Cotton of course.

And Josiah comes back at Josephus in a 4-column article. The public will be glad when this controversy is at an end. Both have said enough, and too much.

Monday night the plant of the Norfolk Landmark was damaged by fire to the extent of \$7,000. We hope the paper will not be crippled by this misfortune.

A recent poll of the democratic senators and representatives in congress places Gorman in the lead as their preference for presidential candidate.

It required an appropriation of \$153,000,000 to run the postoffices and postal routes of this country this year, with a deficit of \$4,000,000. The appropriation for next year will be \$160,000,000.

The Raleigh Post of Sunday was a big edition of 24 pages devoted largely to the city of Durham. Among other features was a picture of the Durham union depot that is to be. It looks well on paper and may be some consolation to the folks of the bull city to see that much of it.

When it comes to treachery, ex Gov. Daniel Russell going to Washington in the interest of the reapportionment of Miss Dalby as postmaster and getting the appointment for his own wife oversteps all.

It is well to have a high standard of life, even though we may not be able altogether to realize it. Whoever tries for the highest results cannot fail to reach a point far in advance of that from which he started.

The Panama canal treaty is the all absorbing topic. The South is very anxious for a canal to be built, but does not want to see it secured by dishonorable means nor the country involved in war just for the sake of getting it.

To retain the spirit of youth while age weakens the body is a splendid thing. There are those of whom we say "he never grows old." Their hair may be whitened, their faces wrinkled and their shoulders bent, but in heart they are young. If "their strength is labor and sorrow," their lively interest in the things that concern those of younger generations gives no indication of it. Their tenderest and inmost thoughts may be of the past, but they live in the present.

Be patient with everyone, but above all, with yourself. Do not be disturbed because of your imperfections, and always rise up bravely from a fall. Make a daily beginning; there is no better means of progress in life than to be continually beginning afresh.

The death of Mrs. Cicero W. Harris, which occurred a few days ago in Washington City, is learned with regret in North Carolina, her native home. She was well known and has been prominent as a newspaper correspondent.

Troubles and blessings increase by being aired and ventilated. Therefore say little about your troubles that they may decrease and talk much of your blessings that they may grow upon your hands. Why should you be self-afflicted when you can help to bless yourself?

Curtailling of the production of cotton goods will very likely pan out like reduction of the acreage in cotton. The mills that have a sufficient stock of the raw material on hand to run several weeks or months will decline to be curtailers and will make money.—Wilmington Star.

New York city proposes to put in a bid for the next National Democratic Convention. New York is a nice town and we are all proud of it, but the Post still thinks, considering all things, Indianapolis, Indiana, would be the best place for this convention. Very many strong reasons favorable to this city naturally suggest themselves.—Raleigh Post.

General Reyes, the Colombian emissary at Washington, has protested his note to Secretary Hay, protesting against the action of the United States in recognizing Panama and is now awaiting his answer before returning to Colombia to take personal command of the army. "Be patient" and remember that "war with Panama means war with the United States" is the substance of the cablegrams which he has sent to his countrymen, advising them strongly against a warlike course. The General sees the hopelessness of a struggle in which Colombia opposes the United States, and he is inclined to recognize Panama, and strive to save what he can by having the question of the division of Colombia's debt referred to the Hague Tribunal. At the same time he is by no means certain that his people will accept his advice, in spite of the fact that he is their president and commander-in-chief of the army.

Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, has been ordered by the Navy Department to proceed at once from Honolulu to Chinese waters. This order has caused much comment. The commercial treaty between this country and China has yet to be ratified at Peking by receiving the Imperial Seal and State Department officers believe that Russia is secretly opposing such ratification, as the treaty opens to the United States the Manchurian ports of Antung and Mukden. The Russians are said to fear that if the United States acquires such an interest in Manchuria, it will oppose the permanent occupation of the country by Russia and will perhaps become involved in the Russian-Japanese dispute. War between Japan and Russia is regarded as almost certain by the State Department, and it is thought advisable to have a strong American fleet in Chinese waters to protect American interests.

With all due respect to the men who have announced their candidacy for the state governorship on the Democratic ticket, we would like to suggest the name of one other. He is a giant when it comes to work and ability. He is a man who will never soar so high that he will get beyond touch of the common people or lose sight of their interests. He is a lawyer of great ability, and a good man withal. His democracy cannot be assailed, and he has ever been a champion in the field where victory was sought. His services as congressman, as representative in the legislature, and his broad experience in the affairs of state equip him for the governor's chair. When we mention Hon. John S. Henderson of Rowan county as the man everyone will recognize in him one who is equipped as but few men to guard and direct the finances of the state and meet all demands of a "business" governor. His work on the congressional committee of post offices and post roads stands as a monument to his ability, and his private and public career single him out as one when the state needs just at this time. The office will have to call him out if he is to run—for he is not an office-seeker. Knowing him as we do, our words in praise of him seem feeble in the extreme. Put, in our love for this great state, and feeling her needs for a man who will govern her wisely and well for the best interests of the entire commonwealth, we would point to Mr. Henderson and earnestly commend him to the party's serious consideration when it looks for the next governor.—Stanly Enterprise.

Christmas Cards.

The Greenville Daily Reflector is nine years old. It is one of the most sprightly and spicy papers in the state, honest, outspoken and well edited and is a credit to the town and its energetic and tireless editor, D. J. Whichard. May it live to celebrate many more ninth anniversaries.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

The Greenville Daily Reflector is nine years old. Here's hoping for it long life and that it is enjoying the prosperity it deserves. It is upright, honest and square, has opinions of its own and accords others the same privilege.—Durham Sun.

The Greenville Daily Reflector is nine years old. We like the way Editor Whichard writes on moral questions. He is sound and safe. Such a paper does a community good.—North Carolina Baptist.

There are at various places in the United States the graves of some 30,000 Confederate prisoners of war who died while in prison. Many are on land not owned, but leased by the government. Others are on land owned by the United States, but the graves are in large part imperfectly marked, and the ground is not properly inclosed. A bill is pending in the Senate and has been favorably reported making a modest appropriation to acquire possession of leased land to inclose all lands containing graves, and to mark each grave with a stone like those in the Confederate section at Arlington giving the name, with company, regiment, and State of the dead. This bill, The New York Times declares, is for the performance of a duty to which the attention of Congress was first called twenty five years ago. "and," it adds "there should be no question of its passage."—Charlotte Chronicle.

WINTERVILLE DEPARTMENT

This department is in charge of J. M. Blow, who is authorized to represent the Eastern Reflector in Winterville and territory.

WINTERVILLE ITEMS.

WINTERVILLE, N. C., Dec. 29.

Jerry Nichols, of Green Pond, S. C., is here on a visit.

Mrs. Fannie Tyson and Mrs. Edolph Croon, from near Kinston, are visiting Mrs. Ed. Nelson.

Misses Mimie Cox and Ethel Carroll came home Wednesday evening from Raleigh to spend the holidays.

Mr. Huff, of Maple Cypress, has been a visitor here this week.

W. L. Hurst has accepted a position in the store of the Winterville Mfg. Co.

E. L. Little, of Florence, S. C., is visiting his parents for a few days.

A. G. Cox Mfg. Co.'s wagon department would make you think of a Xmas toy store, only of course they are full size instead toys. The pretty part is what we are trying to emphasize. Years in the business has built up a reputation which does not need emphasizing.

Now a word to the wise. Go to see B. F. Manning & Co., before their bargains are exhausted.

Misses Mollie Bryan, Kate Chapman, Hulda Cox, Lena Dawson and Lida Roberson, after spending Christmas at home, have returned to their various schools in the country.

We have in stock the best line of shoes ever offered here and can fit you in both size and price. Bring your family and we will keep this red on, so we will make the shoe equal before you get it on your foot. B. F. Manning & Co.

We have spared no time in selecting our stock and we think we can suit the most fastidious.—B. F. Manning & Co.

Claude Dawson has been home during the week from the A. & M. college at Raleigh.

See M. L. McGowan the jeweler. Repairing promptly done. Work guaranteed.

The school girls and boys are all back and everything is now serene and Josephus is his own again.

Boiling House—Mrs. J. D. Cox Board \$1 per day. Best House in town.

Miss Olivia Cox, who has been attending college in Tennessee, has returned home and her many friends are glad to see her.

For Rent or Sale—My house and lot located between Josephus Cox and A. D. Cox on Academy street. Apply to C. A. Fair.

J. A. Nichols, of Plymouth, is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. Dixon at the Drug Store will be pleased to show you their line of handsome gold and fountain pens.

Bring your cotton to Winterville and have it ginned. G. A. Kittrell & Co. will buy your seed at the gin and pay highest market prices or give you meal in exchange for them.

Joe Smith received a painful burn near the eyes from fire works Christmas.

If you want your horse shod, if your harness or your own shoes need repairing, and for general blacksmith work call and see W. E. House on Main street.

One Christmas tree was a success and everybody was happy.

Rev. Mr. King, of Ayden, preached in the Missionary Baptist church Sunday morning, and Rev. J. B. Jackson Sunday night. G. E. Dixon has the cutest fire place outside the capital. 6 x 8.

For brick see G. A. Kittrell & Co. They have recently burned a kiln and will make prices reasonable to suit the times.

Hunsucker buggies don't grow on honeysuckle vines. If so they would doubtless be pulled before ripe. As it is Hunsucker sees to it that no job leaves the factory before it is thoroughly ready to do so.

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A. G. Cox Mfg. Co., never have occasion to make special runs on Hunsucker buggies. They run themselves. In fact it seems to be impossible to make them fast enough to supply the demand.

We now have a nice lot of porch column timber. If you are in need of them why not let us fit you up. Prices are right. Winterville Mfg. Co.

We have a nice line on hats for both old and young, also trunks, valises, telescopes, &c., at prices we think very reasonable and always glad to serve you and save your money if possible.

Harrington Barbe & Co.

Up to date. The quality of Tar Heel and Oak wagons has been up to date all the while, as numerous customers will testify. To please some people, who want them to look like western made wagons we are now taking special pains with the finish of same. A visit to our show room would doubtless make you feel like you were in some western establishment. Those who are skeptical can call and see for themselves.—A. F. Cox Mfg. Co.

Unusual—Christmas morn an old hog with appetite voracious and a keen sense of appreciation for the good things that naturally come along during the holidays, wended her way in the neighborhood of the boy's dormitory and there she spied a pussy cat. No sooner done than said to satisfy the voracity of her inner feelings she pounced upon poor pussy and with one mighty crush of her ponderous jaws she crushed, and in a moments time as we have never before heard, ate poor pussy up. Prof. Nye and the ladies deserve much credit for the valor they displayed, but alas! the old hog was victor and the vanquished are now silently sitting by their friends musing and wondering did ever before in the knowledge of man did hog display such taste.

Yes! the hog ate the cat.

Another Wet.

An election was held in Farmville, Monday, on the question of dispensary against saloons. The saloons won by a majority of twenty odd.

Same Old Story.

Two small colored children were burned to death about seven miles from LaGrange Saturday, in a cabin in which they had been left by themselves. The mother locked them in and went to a neighbor's, and it is supposed they set fire to the house by playing with fire and were burned in it.—Kinston Free Press.

Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting of the Pitt County Farmer's Mutual Fire Association will be held in the court house in Greenville on Monday January 4th at 11 o'clock, all members and supervisors especially are requested to be present.

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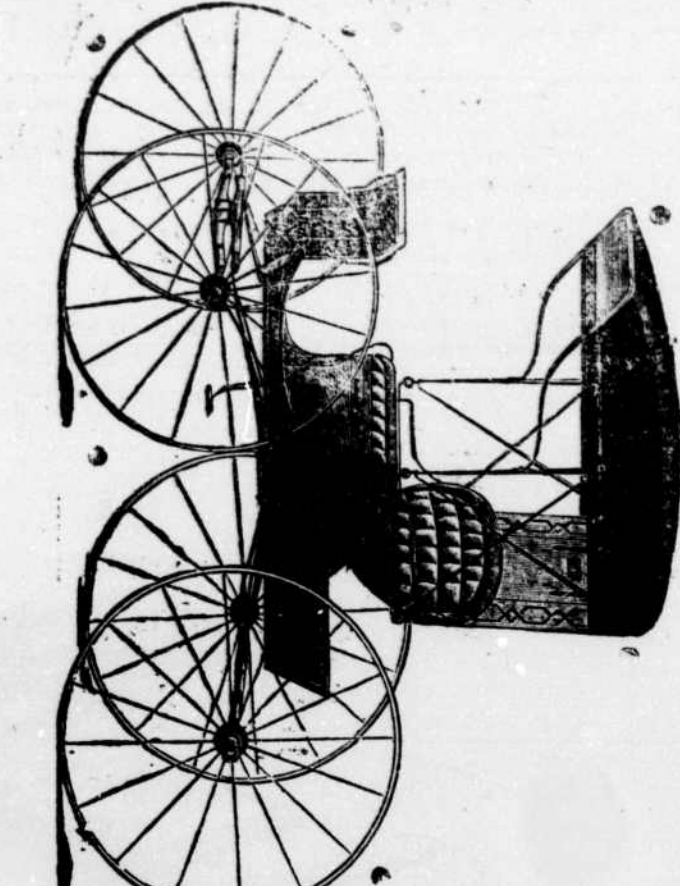
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MAYE HARRISS

A Pretty Home Wedding.

The parlor of the elegant home of Mrs. Mellie Harris, on Dickinson Avenue, was the scene of a very beautiful and brilliant marriage at 8 o'clock this morning, when Mr. Robert Strange Maye led to the hymenal altar Miss Mary James Harriss.

The darkened rooms and hall-way were tastefully decorated with holly, white from the numerous candelabra candles furnished sufficient soft light.

Miss Nina James rendered sweet music on the piano before and during the ceremony, it being impressively performed by Rev. J. A. Hornaday, of the Methodist church.

The bride wore a handsome blue going-away gown, with hat to match, and carried bride roses.

The numerous presents of quality showed the high esteem in which the contracting parties are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Maye left on the morning train for a trip north.

The bride is the accomplished and charming daughter of Mrs. Mellie Harris. The groom is a popular business man of Greenville. Both have a large circle of friends who wish them much solid joy and happiness in their wedded life.—Daily Reflector, 29th.

A Good Beginning for 1904.

The Ministers Union, of Greenville, hereby makes an earnest appeal to the people of this city to cooperate in the following plan for observing the first week in the new year.

This list of topics, suggested by the Evangelical Alliance will be used by all denominations throughout the Christian world, and may well engage our attention.

Sunday night Jan. 3, 1904. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Hornaday, in the Baptist church. Subject: "The Kingdom of God"—and the conditions of its Triumphant Advance.

Monday, Jan. 4. Service conducted by Rev. W. E. Powell, in the Presbyterian church. Subject: "The Warrant, the Privilege, the Power of Prayer," and the Present Need of World-Wide Intercession.

Tuesday, Jan. 5. Services in the Christian church, led by Rev. F. G. Hartman. Subject: "The Church of Christ," the One Body of Believers called of God to win the world to Christ.

Wednesday, Jan. 6. Services in the Methodist church led by Rev. A. T. King. Subject: "All Nations and Peoples"—The One Human Family loved of God.

Thursday, Jan. 7. Services in the Baptist church, led by Rev. W. E. Powell. Subject, "Missions, Home and Foreign."—Departments of the one Evangelizing Effort under the one great Commission.

Friday, Jan. 8. Services in the Methodist church, led by Rev. F. G. Hartman. Subject, "The Family," a Divinely Prepared Foundation of Society's Existence and Well-being.

"The School," called of God as a Prime Agency of Moral and Intellectual Training.

Saturday, Jan. 9. Services in the Presbyterian church, led by Rev. J. A. Hornaday. Subject, "The Enthronement of Christ on Earth," the only Hope of Humanity's Highest Welfare.

Sunday night, Jan. 10, services in the Christian church, led by Rev. A. T. King. Subject, "The Holy Spirit, God's Free Gift."

BETHEL DEPARTMENT

BETHEL ITEMS.

BETHEL, N. C., Dec. 28, 1903.

Along with Christmas many old friends came to spend with us a few days of refreshing.

Miss Blanche Mayo is home from Greensboro to spend the vacation with her parents and friends.

John Sutton is so happy that Chapel Hill has no charms nor troubles to claim any of his attention during vacation.

Reuben Taylor and Nathan Beverly are home from Mt. Olive. Misses Nina Grimes and Addie Lee Long have returned from Mt. Olive.

Miss Alice Carson is home from Fremont.

Tom Britton came in from Houston, Texas, to visit his parents. W. I. Peel is home from Greenville.

Lawrence Rouse returned from Whaley, Va.

John Tyson stopped to see us as he was returning from Cuape Hill.

While many old friends returned home, there are also several visitors with us for the holidays.

Miss Mabel Carver is visiting the Misses Grimes.

Misses Ethel Peck and Maud Brown, of Robersonville, are spending a few days with friends.

Miss Farr, of Wilmington, is

visiting Mrs. John Floyd. Robert Howard, of Conetoe, was with us one day.

Miss Alice Briley, of House, is visiting friends in town.

E. J. Hines came up from Fountain, to see his best girl.

Some are coming; others are going.

Miss-Lucy Manning, a teacher in Wilson and Miss Barbara Manning have gone to Plymouth to witness the marriage of friends.

Miss Mann, the music teacher in the Bethel graded school, is visiting her mother at Whitakers during the vacation. She will return to her work Jan. 4, 1904.

There was an entertainment at the academy Wednesday evening. The large crowd gave almost rapt attention to every part of the program. The election pupils, under Miss-Creef, and the music pupils, under Miss-Mann, demonstrated what persistent application can do for the voice and hand in four short months.

On Thursday evening the little folks gathered at the academy to receive their many presents off the-Christmas tree. Many a little heart swells with pride as it witnesses its vast possessions. It is lord of all it surveys and it surveys a plenty for one time.

Hope you all, Mr. editor, and your host of readers had a happy Christmas.

DR. R. J. GRIMES,
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The Reflector.

PERSONALS AND SOCIAL.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH,
Sylvester Fleming, of Washington, was here today.

Thomas Cotten went to Scotland Neck today.

Zeno Moore and H. T. King went to Tarboro today.

Will Saulsbury, of Hassell, came in Monday evening.

W. M. Daniel, of Dunn, came in Monday to visit relatives.

J. T. Abrams, who has been sick some time, is out again.

The mayor has about completed his levy on Christmas drinks.

J. F. McCluer, of Washington, was here today.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins went to Tarboro today.

Misses Tessie and Maud Evans left this morning for Goldsboro.

Miss Lena Matthews returned from Washington Monday evening.

O. D. Hooker returned from South Boston, Va., Monday evening.

Richard Howard, of Tarboro, came in Monday evening and left this morning.

E. L. Howard, of Hassell, who has been visiting here, returned home this morning.

Dr. H. R. Hoover, of Black Creek, who has been visiting relatives here, left this morning.

Miss Lillian Burch returned Monday evening from a visit to Washington.

J. Steagall returned from Oxford Monday evening, where he spent the holidays.

Mrs. A. E. Tucker returned Monday evening from a visit to Scotland Neck.

Rev. D. B. Clayton, of Columbia, S. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moye.

Miss Annie Sledge, of Tarboro, who has been visiting Miss Nellie Pender, returned home this morning.

A dance in Washington tonight attracted several of the young people and visitors of Greenville who went down on the boat.

J. O. U. A. M. will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. Every member is requested to be present.

A. F. Johnson, one of the force on the Lenoir Times, is visiting C. D. Rountree. He made us a pleasant call today.

Miss Ruth Whitehurst and Miss Mattie Evans arrived Monday evening to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tyson, at the King House.

C. E. Lincoln, formerly of Kinston, has moved his family to Greenville. He takes a position here as foreman of the Greenville Manufacturing Co.

Sad End of Long Journey.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 27.—After a journey of nearly 4,000 miles, which was to have had its termination at the nuptial altar, Miss Lillian Bennett, of Wednesday, England, today stood in the presence of the remains of her betrothed, Ambrose Good, who was killed in the wreck of the Duquesne limited last Wednesday evening. The scene in the little darkened parlor of the home of Thomas R. Good, a brother of Ambrose, was pathetic.

Just across the street from the home of Thomas Good stands the cottage which Miss Bennett's intended husband had purchased and furnished for her. Tomorrow, which was to have been the last before the wedding, will witness the funeral.—Daily Reflector 29th

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A touch of black and white and a dash of red, green and brown, and you have a successful costume. Winter demands brightness we have it in big shipments.

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Great Reduction.

Every Overcoat Goes in this Reduction.

\$ 5.00	- Overcoats -	\$ 3.49
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249 Pairs Boys all Wool Knee Pants worth double at 50c.

15 per cent. reduction on the entire line of pants--All Grades.



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They are the Season's latest creation. We are the cheap Fur house.

For the coming holiday season watch for our big announcement of House Furnishing Goods, Couches, Bookcases, Pictures, F. A. nes, Easels, Rocking Chairs, etc.

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MILLINERY

Special inducements on the entire line, nothing but high class Millinery sold in our store. Everything new and up-to-date.

Tailor Made
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They fit well, hang well, handsomely made. Prices range from \$1.00 -- to -- \$8.00.

COLD WEATHER Comfortables

11-4 Ex Size Blankets	\$1.39
10-4 Full Size Blankets	75c
10-4 Full Size Blankets	1.00
Boys Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers	25c
LaFleece Shirts	25c
LaFleece Stockings	15c

Sermon by Young Minister.

Mr. Robert Fleming, Jr., of Paeolus, who is a ministerial student at Wake Forest College, preached in the Baptist church here Sunday morning. His subject was "Draw Near to God," and his sermon contained many good thoughts and practical illustrations. His delivery was good and he bids fair to much usefulness in his calling.

The rain Christmas day gave property owners a feeling of security against danger from fire works.

Union Sunday School Meeting.

The union Sunday school mass meeting for the last quarter was held Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church, the devotional exercises being conducted by Rev. F. G. Hartman.

Rev. W. E. Powell delivered a strong address on the subject of whether the schools should be called Sunday schools or Bible schools. His argument favored the latter, as he said names should have a significance and stand for something.

There were interesting recitations by Miss Mary Lucy Dupree of the Presbyterian school, and Miss Annie Leonard Tyson of the Baptist school.

The statistical reports of the several schools was not so good as at the previous meeting, the falling off being due to the cold weather.

Hit Em Agan.

A writer who made a flying trip through the South gives his impressions in one of the northern magazines, the chief of which relates to "the far-reaching poverty" of this section. Suppose we admit that we are poor though, as a matter of fact we are not nearly so poverty-stricken as the average northern observer infers from superficial appearances, still poverty has some compensations, and besides the poverty of the South is honorable. The people of the North should be among the last to speak of it. Poor as we are, we have been helping to pay pensions to the men who devastated our country and to numerous fraudulent claimants besides. They robbed us and have done what they could since to keep us poor.—Danville Register.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Pitt county made in the special proceeding entitled J. D. Dupree Adm'x. of J. A. Dupree, deceased vs. Alvin D. Dupree and others heirs at law, the undersigned Commissioner will sell for cash before the court house door in Greenville, on Thursday, Jan. 21st, 1904, the following described tract of land in Pitt county, Falkland township: Beginning at a corner on the Swain farm and running south with the land of Pitt and Dupree to W. R. Williams' line, thence with said Williams line to the land belonging to the Pitt estate, thence north with said line to the J. W. Dupree land, thence with said line to Swain farm line, thence with said line west to the beginning. Containing 150 acres, more or less.

This Dec. 22nd, 1903.
F. G. JAMES, commissioner.

ENTRY OF VACANT LANDS.

North Carolina, Pitt County.
Henry Baker claims and enters the following piece or parcel of lands, containing seventy five acres more or less, lying and being in Pitt county, on the south side of Tar river in Greenville township and on both sides of Swift Creek swamp adjoining the lands of Thomas Tucker and Henry Core, the heirs of Bryant Baker and others and south westerly course from the mouth of Laurel swamp, where Laurel swamp enters into Swift Creek. Any person, or persons claiming title to or interest in the above described lands, must file their protest in writing with me within the next thirty days, against the issuing of a warrant, or they will be barred.

This Dec. 18, 1903.
R. WILLIAMS, Entry Taker Ex-officio.

PERSONALS AND SOCIAL.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th.

J. M. Loos left this morning for Wilmington.

Miss Lucy White left Saturday for Conetoe.

John M. Taft went to Henderson Christmas day.

M. L. Starkey left this morning for Wilmington.

W. T. Hunter left this morning for Sumter, S. C.

R. B. Jarvis returned to Norfolk this morning.

A. J. Outerbridge left this morning for Wilson.

Miss Lucy Johnson returned this morning from Ayden.

Mrs. J. B. Cherry left this morning for New York.

J. B. Cherry, Jr., left Saturday evening for New York.

Dr. D. B. Clayton will preach in the court house tonight.

D. C. Moore and son, Andrew, spent Sunday in Bethel.

Miss Nannie Coward left Saturday evening for Ayden.

Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes spent Christmas here.

H. C. Edwards and family returned this morning from Ayden.

Miss Georgia Anderson went to Ayden Sunday and returned this morning.

Bruce Sugg spent Christmas here and returned to Rocky Mount Saturday.

S. W. Gabriel, of Washington, came in Saturday evening and left this morning.

H. W. Whichard, of Norfolk, spent Sunday night here and left this morning.

W. H. Johnson and family left Christmas morning for Windsor to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little and little son spent Sunday with relatives at Grindool.

Miss Lida Harper, of Norfolk, who was visiting Mrs. E. A. Moye left this morning.

Miss Kate Hines, of Wilson, came in Christmas night to visit Miss Lina Sheppard.

J. B. Edwards, of Scotland Neck, came in Saturday evening to visit W. H. Harrington.

Miss Lillian Bland, of Ayden, and Miss Neva Boyd, of Edwards, are visiting Mrs. T. L. Bland.

O. R. Moore, of Mt. Airy, arrived Sunday evening to take a position with THE REFLECTOR.

W. C. Cook, of Garysburg, who was here visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Hart, left Saturday.

C. L. Godley returned Saturday evening from Washington where he had been to spend Christmas.

L. A. Cobb, of Grifton, who spent Christmas with relatives here, returned home Sunday evening.

D. S. Smith, of Manchester, Va., returned home after spending a few days with his brother, W. J. Smith.

Maj. C. T. Lipscomb, of Columbia, came in Christmas night to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lipscomb.

Misses Isabel and Emily Williams, of Wilmington, who were visiting their sister, Mrs. J. A. Brady, returned home today.

Mrs. H. L. Freeman, of Plymouth, who has been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Smith, returned to her home this morning.

G. W. Baker, of Lewiston, came in Sunday evening.

James Averett returned Sunday morning from Ayden.

Miss Carrie Brown left Saturday for a visit to Grimesland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Moye spent the holidays at Conetoe.

A. C. Holloman returned Sunday evening from Lewiston.

J. S. Norman and family returned Sunday evening from Parmele.

L. O. Cox, of Grifton, spent Christmas day here with relatives.

Miss Lena Anderson left Sunday evening for a visit to Ayden.

Miss Mary Allen, of Raleigh, is spending the holidays with Miss Ima Allen.

Mrs. Frank Pittman, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brown and son, Brownie, left Saturday for a visit to Grimesland.

B. F. Oden, of Bath, returned home today. He spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. J. G. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hadley and child, of LaGrange, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Forbes.

C. C. Cobb, of Norfolk, who was here spending Christmas with relatives, returned home this morning.

James J. Hathaway, of Battleboro, who has been spending a few days here, returned home Sunday.

C. W. Hearne, who has been spending the holidays with his home people, left this afternoon for Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleber Demmark and children, of Kinston, who were visiting relatives here, returned home Sunday evening.

Miss Anna Graf, who has been connected with the millinery department of C. T. Mumford's store during the fall, left this morning for Baltimore.

Mrs. Jane F. Savage, Mrs. Annie Elam, little Miss Annie B. Lee, Mrs. S. E. Warren and daughters, Misses Lillian and Mabel, of Wilson, Mrs. Endora Johnson of Windsor, Va., Mr. N. B. Mumford, of Tami, Va., and Dr. W. H. Savage, wife and children, of Clifton Forge, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mumford.

Notice to Subscribers.

THE REFLECTOR has gone through the fall without saying much to subscribers about paying up. The new year is here now and all should pay promptly. Many owe us for the past year, and some owe for longer. Every one who reads this knows if he owes us and about the amount. Do not wait for a statement to be sent you, but please send us the amount at once. If you send it by mail you deduct for the postage and money order fee. We need the money now and hope you will not keep us waiting for it.

Scared Away by Boll Weevil.

The boll weevil has turned a considerable tide of immigration from Texas to Mississippi. There are 90,000 Mississippians settled in Texas, who with their families constitute 250,000 persons, the largest element in the Lone Star State. The holidays have brought hundreds of these Mississippians back to their old homes, and they say they have come to good, the failure of crops this year, largely because of the boll weevil having convinced them that they can do better in Mississippi than Texas.

Greenville's - Great - Department - Stroek

Gold and Silver Handled Umbrellas

"Hiawatha" Slippers for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Table Covers, Bureau Scarfs, Pillow Shams, Center Pies and Mats in Linen Drawn Work. Irish Point, Tenneriffe Wheels, Point DeEsprit net.

Wool Sweaters for Children and Ladies.

Wool Crochet and Silk Shawls in evening Sades.

Lace and Silk Neckwear for Ladies.

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FOR PARTICULAR WOMEN

We are proud of our shoe stock this season. We are certain we have the finest line we have ever shown and we are certain that no other store gets even a little bit ahead of us.

ULTRA and BROCKPORT Shoes for Women

are our strong cards, and we are able to meet the requirements of the most fastidious as well as the more conservative patterns, and we invite a thorough inspection of our line—ULTRA in name, ULTRA in character, ULTRA in every feature that contributes to fit, comfort and style. In finish, material and workmanship, we are proud to present to all lovers of good taste in footwear a shoe for which we have never yet had to make apology. The "Brockport" Shoe is constructed on common sense principles without sacrifice of those attributes that appeal to a woman's taste, or her pride, in a well and stylishly dressed foot.

Our usually up-to-date line of children's and infant's shoes is even better than ever. We are positive we can insure you perfect satisfaction and save you money in your shoe needs.

Pulley & Bowen's

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MANUFACTURERS OF North Carolina Kiln-Dried PINE LUMBER Truck Barrels, Baskets, Crates and Veneers.

Stove Wood on hand at all times, for sale by the load. Mill locate south of the depot. Phone 107.

Now that the holidays and busy season are practically over THE REFLECTOR would like to hear more regularly from its correspondents throughout the county.

Removal - Sale

Jan. 1st I will change my place of business from near the depot to the Phoenix block, on Evans street. In order to have as few goods as possible to move I will on

Saturday, Dec. 26th, begin selling everything in stock at cost. This will be your chance to get bargains in groceries for a few days.

C. C. Parkerson.

The stores did not have many left over Christmas things.

A Fifteen Thousand Dollar Fire at Durham.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 29.—Durham was visited by a \$14,000 or \$15,000 blaze at an early hour this morning. The Elk lodge and club rooms were burned and greatly damaged by water. Goodall Pharmacy was almost completely ruined by water and smoke and the Mangum building, in which was the Elk home and the pharmacy, was damaged to the extent of some \$5,000.

Just about 2:30 o'clock this morning the police discovered that there was a fire burning fiercely on the third floor of the Mangum building, and it afterwards developed that the fire started in the anteroom of the lodge. By 4 o'clock the firemen had the blaze under control and an hour later the water was turned off.

The losers, and insurance carried are as follows: W. Mangum and J. S. Mangum, damage to building, \$5,000, insurance, \$5,000; damage to Elk lodge and club rooms about \$2,500, insurance, \$1,000; damage to Goodall stock about \$7,000, insurance, \$4,000.

Knocked Down and Robbed.

Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 29.—Mr. A. Sellers was knocked down and robbed of \$68.50 last night on his way to his home. He lives near the depot and he runs a small shoe shop on Main street. It was about 6 o'clock, very dark. He said that the parties came up from behind him and he stepped aside from them to pass, when a hand was thrown upon his mouth and he was flung upon the ground, knocking the breath out of him.

They then went through his pockets, getting all his money, but leaving a fine gold watch. Mr. Sellers is about fifty years old and of small stature. He has no clue as to who the parties were, white or black.

Build More Houses.

Two houses advertised for rent in THE REFLECTOR bringing a half dozen applicants in less than that number of hours after the paper is out, shows the need of more houses in Greenville. The growth of the town would be more rapid if people could get houses as fast as wanted.

Will Take the Road.

J. L. Hearne, who for the past four years has been a salesman in the store of J. S. Forbes, has resigned that position for the purpose of accepting a place with J. Benj. Higgs, merchant broker and manufacturers' distributing agent. He will do the traveling in connection with the business. Mr. Hearne is one of our best young men, popular and courteous, and will command much business in his new position. We are glad to note that Mr. Higgs' business has grown so large that he can put a solicitor on the road, and he could not have secured a better man for this position than Mr. Hearne. They will do a large business.

STATE NEWS.

The directors of the Oxford orphan asylum have decided to build a dormitory for thirty more children.

Harry Grandy, a prominent young lawyer of Elizabeth City, died suddenly Wednesday morning.

The Henrietta correspondent of the Charlotte Observer reports the death of a peacock 50 years old.

The Elk's lodge rooms at Durham were destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

A new telephone company has been organized in Raleigh.

Fire is burning in the coal chute of the Southern railway at Durham. Several thousand tons of coal are in the pile.

Russia and Japan.

Russia, of course, does not want to fight with Japan, but Russia intends nevertheless not only to retain and fully annex Manchuria, but also, by a gradual and quiet process of encroachment, to secure Korea also in due time. But Japan's geographical, ethnical, commercial, and historic relations with Korea are such that almost every son of the Mikado's empire would be willing to yield up his life in fierce combat rather than have Korea made a Russian province. It is the opinion of many impartial experts that if war should occur promptly, Japan would have the advantage, her fleet and her army being in full readiness for action. But Japan's only hope for permanent success would seem to lie in a policy, for instance, would involve the seizure and annexation of Korea, and would be followed by war with Russia only as Russia should dispute such annexation, and should attempt to drive the Japanese out. Having actually seized and occupied Korea, Japan might propose to negotiate with Russia on the basis of acknowledging Russia's permanent authority in Manchuria in return for a like acknowledgment regarding Korea. It is fairly probable that if Japan were held enough to take such a course, and to act upon it with the utmost vigor and without a particle of delay, her very audacity might prevent a protracted and bloody war, and might lead to a permanent and valuable solution of the far Eastern question.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Grain Produced in 1903.

Returns to the Department of Agriculture show the total production of winter wheat in 1903 to be 399,867,250 bushels; spring wheat 237,854,585 bushels; corn 2,44,176,925 bushels; oats 27,638,126 bushels.

Value of spring wheat \$156,731,979. Value of corn \$952,868,801. Tobacco acreage 1,037,377 acres, production 845,972,425 pounds; value 555,514,627.

At 12 o'clock last night old Sergeant Joe L. Orr, the one-armed policeman, rang out the old year and rang in the new year for the 38th consecutive time, the city fire bell doing service for the tolling.—Charlotte Observer.

Notice.

We, the undersigned parents of the young ladies of the town of Greenville, who attend dances, hereby promise and agree that we will not permit our daughters or their guests to attend any dance to be held in said town, provided, that their escorts are not at our respective residences at an hour not later than nine o'clock p. m. on the evening the dance is to be held. This agreement enforced from this the 31st day of December 1903.

Charles Skinner and Wife. Mrs. M. D. Higgs. Alex. L. Blow and Wife. J. L. Wooten. Harry Skinner and Wife. B. F. Patrick. M. A. Allen, for guest. I. A. Sugg. F. G. James.

West India Superstitions.

The negroes of the British West Indies have many curious superstitions.

If a cock crows at the door, a gentleman is going to visit the house; if a hen crows, some of the family will die.

If you carry a tree pepper in your pocket, you will become poor.

If you give a thing away and take it back again you will have a sty.

If you roll your eyes when the moon changes, they will stay crooked.

Whenever a negro hurts a black dog he always begs its pardon, because the spirit of black dogs are supposed to go into man's bodies after death and cause them to walk the earth in the shape of a black dog.

When a West Indian negro cuts his hair he always buries the severed hairs. He argues that they are part of the body and therefore as much entitled to a grave as the rest of him will be.—Durham Sun.

Shew His Brains Out.

New York, Dec. 31.—Otto Ahlmann, the cashier and largest stockholder of the Bank of Staten Island, the largest financial institution in Richmond borough, one of the island's most respected residents and a leading figure in Staten Island society, blew out his brains sometime Wednesday night at the Albemarle hotel, Broadway and Twenty-fourth street, where he had taken a room early Wednesday evening.

As soon as the news of this reached the bank this afternoon, St. Elizabeth Johnson, who had begun the day before his regular examination of the bank, ordered the doors of the institution closed. It is a state bank.

It was learned that a lot of the bank's securities have been found to be missing, the amount may reach over \$200,000. That Ahlmann had taken the money no one doubts.

The news of the suicide and the closing of the bank seemed to stun Staten Island. Not in years has anything occurred to shock the people so much as the large business done by the bank was due more than anything else to the confidence placed in the integrity of Mr. Ahlmann.

Tobacco market will re-open Tuesday.

To The Patrons of the Graded School.

The board of trustees of the graded school met last night to consider and provide the ways and means of closing up and settling the balance of the accounts for the erection of the white school building.

While the board was in session the question came up as to what action, if any, the board should take as to continuing or suspending the school in view of cases of diphtheria which have occurred in town. After a full discussion the whole matter was referred to the executive committee with full power and authority to take such action as they may deem best.

The executive committee had a conference this morning with the superintendent of health and he advised that the school should open on next Monday as was intended. This is therefore to give notice that the school will open next Monday and continue unless it shall hereafter appear that it is advisable to close it.

The school authorities, however, wish to assure the parents that every precaution will be taken to protect the children against the disease. No child will be permitted to attend the school who is known to have been exposed. We are advised that it is likely that isolated cases may occur here and there in the town for some time to come, but it is believed that no additional danger will be incurred by opening the school. Conditions will be closely watched and the safety of the children faithfully guarded. We have thought proper to say this that the parents may feel that their children are to be taken care of.

By order of executive committee, THOS. J. JARVIS.

WOODLAND NEWS.

WOODLAND, N. C., Dec. 30, 1903. Christmas passed off very pleasantly here. Every one seemed to enjoy it.

A. J. Burnette, of Fortress Monroe, was in the neighborhood Sunday and Monday.

Miss Laura Crawford has returned from near Farmville, where she has been for some time.

Georgia Jackson and Miss Mary Smith spent Christmas at H. B. Smith's.

Miss Melissa Tucker spent Xmas with Miss Nancy Smith.

J. M. Smith went to Ayden Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ella May came home for the holidays.

Miss Della Smith, who spent the holidays at her home in Ayden returned Sunday afternoon, and opened school Monday.

Jesse Jackson, of Winterville, spent Sunday in our neighborhood.

Jim Flanagan, of Farmville, spent Sunday in the neighborhood.

H. B. Smith went to Greenville Monday.

Elias Crawford went to Winterville Tuesday.

Red Oak church has been made very attractive by a fresh coat of paint.

Ed Smith and Miss Melissa Tucker spent Thursday afternoon at H. B. Smith's.

We hope the editor had a merry Christmas and wish him a happy new year.

Chance of Long Life.

Taking a million as a basis of calculation, statistics show that at the end of seventy years there will still survive 312,000 out of 1,000,000 persons. At the expiration of eighty years there will be 100,700 survivors of the original million. When it comes to ninety years of existence there is a terrible thinning of the ranks. Only 8,841 out of the total 1,000,000, or one in 115, will live to that age. At ninety-seven but 244 or one in 410 will be alive. At ninety-eight half of these will have dropped out, leaving only 119 souls alive out of the original 1,000,000. One's chances to reach ninety-eight, according to these tables, is about one in 810.

Of the original 1,000,000 only fifty-four will live to see ninety nine years, or about one person out of 18,500. The century mark will be reached by only twenty-three out of the 1,000,000; or in other words, out of a group of 43,500 people born at the same time only one will fill out the century span of existence.

Only one in 3,000,000 persons will live to reach the age of 104 years; just one in 5,000,000 can be expected to see 105 birthdays, and as to living to be 106 years old, there are tables place that contingency as out out of the range of practical calculations. Possibly one human being out of 10,000,000 who shall have seen the light for the first time in 1903 will be alive in 2,000.—London Answers.

\$13,000 Bill.

A correspondent signing himself "Siam" has the following letter in last Saturday's New York Sun:

"Having just arrived here in this land of the free, &c., from Siam, where I have lived for many years, I take the liberty of asking you if there is such a thing as a thirteen thousand dollar bill in circulation.

"It has been my custom for years to give, every Christmas, a Siamese bank note of the value of \$13,999.99 in your money to each of my ten children, and hoping that I won't have to disappear to the little dears I appeal to you for information.

"I have exhausted every other known method. Yesterday I loaded down with large checks and presented one or more at every bank in the city hoping thereby to receive in change the notes of the denomination I desire. Can you help this 'distinguished foreigner'?"

Knights of Pythias Officers.

At its last meeting Tar River Lodge K. of P. elected the following officer for the ensuing term:

- J. L. Fleming, C. C.
- H. W. Whedbee, V. C.
- C. W. Harvey, Prelate.
- J. D. Garden, M. of F.
- C. S. Carr, M. of E.
- T. M. Hooker, K. of R. and S.
- Joe Rawls, M. at A.
- I. A. Sugg, M. of W.

Remember THE REFLECTOR takes orders for engraved cards and wedding invitations.