

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.

The next union will be held in the Presbyterian church the last Sunday in March, and a request was made of the different superintendents to assemble their schools and attend the union in a body.

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 Saturday 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 find 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 Pieces 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.

J. B. Cherry & Co

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

The Home of Women's Fashions.

GREENVILLE Lumber & Veneer Co.

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 D. 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.

Blow 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 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.

THE EASTERN REFLECTOR

WEEKLY—TUESDAY AND FRIDAY.

D. J. WHICHARD, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Entered in the post office at Greenville, N. C., as second class matter, advertising rates made known upon application. A correspondent desired at every post office in Pitt and adjoining counties.

Truth in Reference to Fiction

GREENVILLE, PITT COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1904.

GOOD YEAR FOR GREENVILLE.

The year 1903 was one of much material progress for Greenville. We have not the figures at hand for comparison, but there has probably been as much or more money spent in buildings during the past year as in any year in the history of the town. And what was done during the year will prove of more lasting benefit to the town, because the buildings secured will stand as monuments to the people.

First in importance is the splendid graded school building, and if nothing else had been accomplished, this alone would have been a creditable year's work and cause for abundant congratulation.

Second to this is the splendid Masonic temple, erected by the Masonic fraternity. While this is not quite completed, the year 1903 gets the credit for it and its erection will mark an epoch in the history of the town.

The tobacco section of the town came in for a liberal share of improvements. Notwithstanding the big fire out there the first of July, the buildings lost there are hardly missed, so many new ones have gone up in their places. The new warehouses erected are far superior to the old ones, and there are other marked improvements in that section.

Then there are new residences and other buildings almost without number in various portions of the town, making it, upon the whole, a decidedly good year for Greenville. The whole town has felt the spirit of progress and a good year's record was made. THE REFLECTOR congratulates the town and wishes the new year may bring even greater progress.

The commerce of Colombia has not been reduced to figures for several years, because of the state of intermittent war. The total volume of trade in 1897 was about \$20,000,000. Of this about one-fourth came to the United States in the shape of coffee, gold and silver ore, hides, tobacco, and drugs.

Instead of traffic movement overtaxing the railway facilities, the tonnage now moving, though still very large, can be without extraordinary efforts to clear the yards and terminals; instead of increasing profits being the striking fact in the railway income statements, the expansion in expenses has become the vital factor for the consideration of railway officers and the investment public; instead of preparation of extensive projects for improvements, plans to develop the economies in operation, expected when betterment policy was outlined, engage the attention of railway managers of large and small railroads alike.—From "The Prospect for Railway Earnings," by R. W. Martin, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Josephus lastly there is nothing in Josiah's last to reply to. Let us hope the end has come.

Wonder if Prof. Bassett and Mr. Massee felt either hurt or helped by the controversy between the two J's.

Don't get superstitious over the new year coming in on Friday. It will stay with us a whole year and one day longer than any recent year.

That was a pointed assertion in the Durham Sun, that if a fellow fools with a bee he gets a stinging rebuke.

Wilmington business men enter a protest against Mrs. Russell being made postmaster. They want Miss Darby reappointed.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidential nomination on the democratic ticket. The more the merrier.

A man should be measured, not by what he pretends to be, but by what he really is. The measure would be small for some people.

Some fellow has discovered a method for turning a black man white but does not offer this as a solution of the race problem.

Of course the farmers will decrease the acreage of tobacco, but the price of cotton will have more to do with it than the price of tobacco.

Richard Olney, of Massachusetts who was a member of the Cleveland cabinet, is a candidate for the presidential nomination and has advised his friends that they can push his claims.

The lady who owns a patent medicine has hit upon a plan to get a lot of free advertising by offering a prize of \$25 to the newspaper that will prepare and print the best advertisement of her remedy. No doubt many of the papers will bite at it.

There is a sadness and a gladness about the death and birth of a year, and the feeling cannot be shaken off. As the bells solemnly tolled the last moments of the old year, there came the sad thought that the year is dying, and with it the reminder that we will ere long reach the end of the journey and the bell will as solemnly toll our requiem. And then as the merry peals told that a new year had been born there came the glad thought that death is but the beginning of a new life, and as we pass beyond this world of sorrows and trials it is but to enter a brighter and better existence where all is joy and peace.

On the closing days of the old year the thoughts of the young turn to the future, while those of mature years turn chiefly to the past.

The Gastonia Gazette is twenty four years old. It is good enough to be a hundred. They are not made much better.

The farmer who sold his cotton for ten cents now wishes that he had taken the advice of the fellow who said it was going higher.

After the two Raleigh editors have fought to a finish both will be in the ring but they will find that neither one has been benefited by the discussion.

Raleigh, Durham, Wilson, Kinston and a number of other towns are rejoicing over the passing of saloons with the end of the year. It will be no great while before this rejoicing will cover the entire state.

The Wilmington Messenger reports the saloons winning in Falkland by nineteen majority. That number is as many voters as there are in the town and eight of them voted for dispensary and one did not vote. How old is Ann?

That is a pitiful story told by the Observer how the Charlotte people, who a few weeks ago won so much money gambling in cotton futures, have since Christmas lost it all and more beside. Cotton futures are a dangerous thing to fool with.

About 95 per cent. of all modern agricultural implements and tools used in Mexico are imported from the United States, the remainder being imported from Germany, the latter principally with single handle and wooden frame, all being usually of the cheapest construction.

The heart almost stands still in the presence of a calamity like that in Chicago Wednesday afternoon. Nearly 600 people—equal to the population of many a village that considers itself a good deal of a town—packed in a theatre and roasted to death, like rats in their holes! It is tragical, awful, beyond the power of words to express.

If the twelve days between the Christmases indicate the weather for the corresponding months of the coming year, there is much pretty weather in store for us in 1904. The holiday weather has certainly been beautiful with the exception of Christmas day.

"Cotton gambling is ruining trade," reads the telegram from Manchester. The spinners over the water are still fooled by the talk that high cotton is due to speculators, whereas it is due to the law of supply and demand. The cotton crop is very short.

President Vann of the Baptist female college expects to present his Baptist friends with a New Year's present of "the debt paid" on that institution. We congratulate him and the Baptists of the state. They have done a wonderful work and one deserving of the thanks of all the state irrespective of denomination. —Wilmington Messenger.

If the present price of cotton keeps up until planting time it will not be as high another year, that is if the supply will have anything to do with regulating the price. In 1902 tobacco brought a good price, caused by the scarcity of the weed which caused many farmers to plant tobacco in 1903, hence the supply was greater than the demand.

The New Bern Journal, referring to the fact that the oysters of that section are so fine that sixteen filled a quart measure calls attention to the possibilities of oyster culture in North Carolina. It is already an industry of no small importance, but with proper development and management, the revenue from oysters could be increased ten fold within a few years.

New York doubtless said, when Southern bulls pocketed their profits on the recent rise, as Fraps said when the boys swore off the night before New Year's "day will all come back." Some of them have already come back, the market has tumbled, and New York has whip-sawed them on the turn.—Charlotte Observer.

Curtailment 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.

Several parents in Greenville have made an excellent innovation for the new year, as will be seen from the card they publish in this issue. The habit in vogue among young people of going to dances at 11 or 12 o'clock and staying there until nearly daylight is fraught with much danger, and the parents are wise in declaring their opposition to this and correcting it. If they would go a step further and make them go by 8 o'clock and return home at 12 it would be even better. Four hours is plenty long for young people to stay in the dance hall, and the unreasonable hours they have been staying from under parental care is dangerous to say the least of it.

A Thrifty Young Gentleman. One day last week, a well dressed young man approached a Lumberton grocer and said, "See here; I don't know you nor do you know me, but I don't mind telling you that I am strapped, and I want you to credit me with ten cents' worth of goods." "All right, certainly," said the sympathizing merchant. "What will you have?" "Give me a bar of that soap," said the young man, and he bought a long, yellow bar of laundry soap, and, taking his knife, deliberately cut it into small pieces, remarking that the people liked to be humbugged, and that he would gratify them. He then asked for some tinfoil that had come off tobacco, neatly wrapped up his soap went out. Twice he returned and bought more soap, paying for the first bar, of course, and before the evening train, he came and showed the grocer a handful of change, remarking that he could now leave town but the funny part is, when the grocer went home he learned that his wife had bought two pieces of the soap.—Lumberton Argus.

Good time now to take photographs. Call on B. T. Evans, Dickson avenue. 12-81-424-w11

Business Stability in the West.

One day during the past autumn, a dweller on the prairies drew from the country bank a little nest egg of two hundred dollars that had been there for half a decade.

"I'm going to stay," he remarked to the cashier. "That money has been saved until we were sure that the West suited us. It does. When I left Pennsylvania I determined to put aside enough to take us back any time in ten years. We don't want to go back now."

It was a typical sentiment, the outcome of trial and it has been expressed in similar terms by multitudes who have sought prosperity—and found it.

In the recent history of the vast granary of the nation—the West—one fact stands out vividly: the day of speculation and experiment has passed away; substantial business progress, based on plans of permanency, has succeeded it. This great underlying feature of the plains region, which means so much for any section, is potent with promise. It meant a great deal when the Western people ceased talking about going "back East" and began to invite their Eastern friends to visit them. It was all the difference between the nomad and the landlord.—From "Good Crops and Good Times in the West," by Charles Moreau Harger, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Railroad Prospects for 1904.

In substance, then, the prospect for the railways at the beginning of the new year is that prosperity will be put to a task which it has not experienced since 1896. That check is not likely to be so acute as seemed to be indicated a few months ago, but there is no questioning of the fact that railway traffic is not increasing uninterruptedly, as it was a year ago, and railway finance is not on the solid basis of easy credit which has existed for several years past. This condition, too, it may be emphasized, is in very large part traceable to the excesses in the capital policies of the railways themselves. The beginning of these policies may be placed in 1901, or further back; but no such radical changes between the outlook and the opening and the close of the year have been effected for a long time past as have been observable in 1903.

The trend of affairs in the railway industry during the coming twelve months will certainly not be so overwhelming in one direction as to bring about the uniformly favorable results in the operation of the companies as a whole, which has been the case of late years, almost irrespective of the policies of the various companies or their location as to traffic. Instead of business and financial conditions so favorable that all the railways, whatever their separate characteristics, shared in the substantial prosperity of the country the new conditions are bound to work out a varied record. The policies of the several managements, and the question of location as related to special traffic, will have a governing effect in fixing the fortunes of the railways under the conditions which must now be faced, to a degree which has not prevailed since the upward turn of revenues began in 1897. Instead of unlimited credit, the strongest railroads have difficulty in financing new loans in a money market whose absorbing power has been taxed to very nearly its limit by an unprecedented issue of new railway capital.

FOR SALE—Two corner lots in Forbestown or South Greenville, running parallel with Mr. William Parker's residence, apply to Mrs. Dora Quinn, at Quinn House, Greenville, N. C. 29-1wdaw

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., Jan. 2.

There are right many new pupils coming in to the Winterville High school. The school is rapidly growing in patronage and the fact that it is appreciated proves conclusively we have one of the best schools, if not the best, in Eastern Carolina.

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.

John McLawhorn, a prosperous farmer of Black Jack, was here Thursday.

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

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson returned to Goldsboro Tuesday.

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.

Miss Cornelia Munford, of Ayden, is visiting Misses Mimie and Dora Cox.

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

Miss Bertha Dawson spent Thursday in Ayden and returned Friday morning.

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

Robt. M. Newton, representing the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., spent several days here during the past week.

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

Last Tuesday Blaney Stocks, a young man living near here, had a vicious horse to kick him on the arm and wrist breaking several bones. It is a very painful wound.

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

Jimmie Cox came home Tuesday from a visit to his parents in Bertie.

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

Joshua W. Manning, of this place, has accepted a position as salesman with J. B. Cherry & Co. of Greenville. We can and do heartily recommend Josh to our friends and everybody. He is an honest, high toned, Christian gentleman and can be trusted anywhere.

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

Miss Bettie Harper, of Black Jack, is visiting her brother, J. W. Harper.

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.

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

Mrs. J. D. Cox and Miss Venetia Cox have returned from their visit to Washington city.

O. J. E. Green, after spending several weeks away on pleasure and business combined, has come back.

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.

H. O. Rodges who has been acting as depot agent left for his home Tuesday morning.

Some folks are all talk and no do. Others are all do and no talk. The latter do not believe in advertising, while the former are advertising swindlers. A. G. Cox Mfg. Co. have the reputation of both saying and doing. Try them.

Ernest Manning has accepted a position with B. F. Manning & Co. Atwood Kittrell spent Christmas with his parents here and returned to New Bern Tuesday evening.

B. F. Manning & Co., will pay the highest cash market price for your cotton seed.

Rev. W. E. Cox, of Greenville, has been in town for several days.

Three reasons for buying your wire fence of A. G. Cox Mfg. Co. (1st.) It is cheapest. (2nd.) Quality is guaranteed. (3rd.) You don't have to wait for it to come. It is right here ready for delivery any day.

Miss Hattie Kittrell came home Monday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Guy Taylor near Graingers.

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.

Our good friend Mrs. Mary Smith sent us some delicious Florida oranges Thursday. They were appreciated in the highest degree. To be so remembered by one who has known and always shown such friendship for us all our lives is indeed more than gratifying. We appreciated the fruit, but not near so much as we do her friendship.

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.

C. A. Fair went to Greenville Thursday.

We have a nice line of 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 Barber & 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 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.

W. L. Hurst has been on the road in the interest of the Winterville Mfg. Co.

WANTED—Trustworthy Lady or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for house of solid financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday direct from headquarter. Expense money advanced, position permanent. Address: Manager, 605, Monon Bldg., Chicago.

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Milliner
WINTERVILLE, N. C.
A Full Line of Millinery Goods.

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Staple - and - Fancy - Groceries,
Dry Goods, Hats and Country Produce,
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Candies, Cakes, Crackers and Cheese always fresh. Tobacco Snuff and Cigars. Pure Apple Cider Vinegar. Fruits and Vegetables, Rice, Hominy and Canned Goods. Green and Roasted Coffee. Toilet and Laundry soaps. Tinware.

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Greenville Mfg Co.

Having been closed down sometime for needed repairs will resume operations

Monday, Jan. 4th

under new management with a full force of competent workmen. We make and sell at wholesale and retail, Sash, Doors and Blinds, Mantels, Porework, Stairwork and all sorts of Interior and Exterior Building Trimmings. We solicit your patronage, not as a favor but only on our merits.

Mother

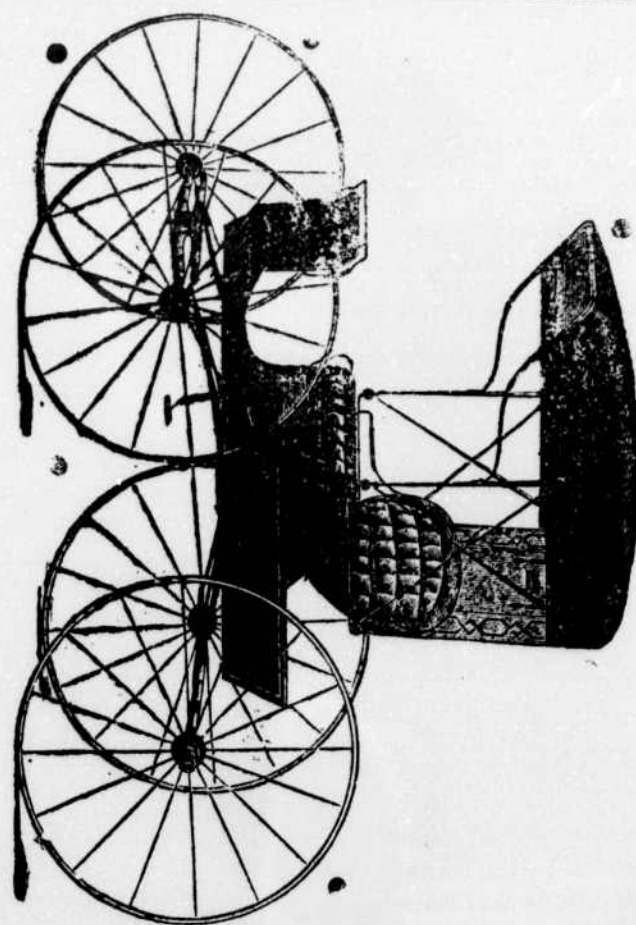
"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured."
D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y.

No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
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stimulate the TORPID LIVER, strengthen the digestive organs, regulate the bowels, and are unexcelled as ANTI-BILIOUS MEDICINE. In malarial districts their virtues are widely recognized, so they possess peculiar properties in breaking the system from that poison. Slightly sugar coated.



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Good - Resolutions

1904 -- 1904

Happy New Year

Time says, "Move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so—for a year, at best, is but a twinkle on the Calendar of time.

1904 :: WELCOME TO :: 1904

New Year's resolutions are now in order. Start right in everything. Start right toward the right Clothing, Hat and Furnishing store. Get yourself into the habit, early in the year, of buying the kind of Clothing, the kind of Hats and the kind of Furnishings that will give absolute, unqualified, satisfaction. It pays in every way.

Such a Resolution will bring you Here.

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Wholesale and retail Grocer and Furniture Dealer. Cash paid for Hides, Fur, Cotton Seed, Oil Barrels, Turkeys, Eggs, etc. Bedsteads, Mattresses, Oak Suits, Bay Carriages, Go-Carts, Parlor Suits, Tables, Looms, Safes, P. Lorillard and Gail & Ax. Sash, High Life Tobacco, Key West Canned Cherries, Peaches, Apples, Pine Apples, Syrup, Jelly, Milk, Flour Sugar, Coffee, Meat, Soap, Lye, Magic Food, Matches, Oil, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls, Garden Seeds, Oranges, Apples, Nuts, Candies, Dried Apples, Peaches, Prunes, Currants, Raisins, Glass and China Ware, Tin and Wooden Ware, Cakes and Crackers, Macaroni, Cheese, Best Butter, New Royal Sewing Machines, and numerous other goods. Quality and Quantity. Cheap for cash. Come to see me.

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Ollen Warren has moved his family here from Penny Hill and occupies one of the Munford house in South Greenville.

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GRIMESLAND'S
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Merchants, Millers and
Manufacturers.

If you want lumber to build a house, furniture to go in it, clothing and dry goods for your family, provisions for your table, or implements for your farm, we can supply your needs.

Our mill and ginery are now in full blast and we are prepared to gin cotton, grind corn, saw lumber, and do all kinds of turned work for balusters and house trimmings. We also do general repairing of buggies carts and wagons.

"Peace be with you," says Elijah Dowie, "curse your unbelieving hides."—Atlanta Journal.

T. F. PROCTOR,
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Anything wanted in the way of Clothing, Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Hats, Groceries and Hardware can be found here. Whether it is something to eat, something to wear, or some article for the house or farm, you can be supplied. Highest prices paid for cotton, country produce or anything the farmer sells.

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If you have you will want a Lawn Mower pretty soon, and we've made it easy for you to own one. There is no need to borrow a lawn mower when we sell a good machine with best steel knives at such a satisfactory price, and guarantee it to do the work. Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers, Hammocks and everything else in the hardware line.

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1. Loan Value,
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CLOTHING, - HATS - AND - SHOES
suitable for winter. We carry F. C. Young's famous line of Footwear for ladies. Every pair sold goes with a guarantee. Our line of Dress Goods this season embrace the newest and best. Call on us.

Mayor's Court.

Mayor H. W. Whedbee has disposed of the following cases in his court from Dec. 22th to 30th inclusive:

Right Blount, drunk and engaging in riotous conduct, fined \$5 and cost, total \$7.20.

Turner Thorne, larceny bound over to Superior court.
Zeno Adams, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.30.

Zeno Adams, carrying concealed weapon, bound over to Superior court.

Till Daughy, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.20.

Jesse Starkey, violating chapter 3, section 1, of the town ordinance, fined \$1 and cost, total \$2.95.

James Barber, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.30.

Noah Barber, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.30.

John Lackany, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.20.

Tony Baptist, assault with deadly weapon, bound over to Superior court.

Arden Evans, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.20.

John Taft and Alex. Bailey, (col.) drunk and disorderly, fined \$2 each and cost, total \$8.35.

Frank Forbes, carrying concealed weapon, bound over to Superior court.

Joe Summons, drunk and down, fined \$2 and cost, total \$4.20.

Richard White, carrying concealed weapons, bound over to Superior court.

Elmer McMin, drunk and down, judgement suspended upon leaving town at once and not to return in twelve months.

Wm. Hanrahan, drunk and down, fined \$3 and cost, total \$5.30.

Farm Labor.

The textile mills of North Carolina now give employment to about fifty thousand operatives. Other manufacturing interests, such as saw mills, furniture factories, trouser factories, tobacco factories and many others, engaged about fifty thousand more. Most of these have come from the farms inside of twenty years, perhaps most of them inside of ten years. It is said that the Southern Railway has four thousand hands employed in Virginia double tracking its line out of Washington southward, and the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac has approximately as many more double-tracking its line from Washington to Richmond. Many of these have been drawn from farms in North Carolina. Perhaps ten thousand able-bodied negroes, fitted only by endowment and training as farm laborers, are living in towns and cities and being supported in idleness by cooks and other servants from the households of white people.

Perhaps these facts have something to do with the scarcity of cotton for the mills and its abundance in the fields unpicked at this season. It's a condition, however, which makes farming attractive to the willing worker and opens the way for immigration of the better class of good white farmers from other parts of this country and Europe.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

The Chicago board of health is confronted with a serious problem by the prevalence of pneumonia, which has established a new death record. The County Hospital is crowded and only the most serious cases are taken in. The disease claimed 139 victims in the seven days ending Saturday, which is 27 per cent of the death list.

BETHEL DEPARTMENT

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BETHEL ITEMS.

BETHEL, N. C., Dec. 30, 1903.

Holidays are about gone, the old year is getting ready to bid us its final adieu, men are sobering up for a new beginning.

Our friends say goodbye and smile and only a beautiful vision remains.

Sam Smith returned to his work in Manchester, Va., this morning after a short stay here with his brother, Tom.

Mr. Blount is away on business.

Mr. Taylor, of Farmville, left us almost before we could say howdy.

Mr. Harris, of Washington, has returned.

Mr. Mosely stayed only long enough to remind us that he had not forgotten us.

Bud Barnhill, who has been visiting his parents here, returned to Franklin, Va., this morning.

Van Staton left us without stating the cause of his departure. Nobody ever asks him why he goes to Greenville now-a-days.

Miss Creef is visiting the Misses Beverly in the country.

Miss Maggie Peal, who has been visiting Miss Huida Brown, has returned to Robersonville, so Theobritton says.

Mr. White has gone to Kinston on business. He and Mrs. White

will begin housekeeping upon his return.

They are not all gone yet. Henry Staton says Miss Carnegie did not leave this morning.

Miss Essie Albritton will remain in Bethel some time before she returns to Plymouth.

Baker Wamack may leave soon, but not whole-hearted.

Rev. Mr. Barker, of Goldsboro, is with us again.

Miss Richmond is visiting in town.

They will all come back "some sweet day." If they do not come back ask Tom Smith who is coming.

Miss Nannie Moore and the Misses Manning were in town yesterday.

Miss Mollie Manning is visiting Miss Maggie Nelson.

Ask Dr. Thigpen who is coming next Sunday.

This has been one long week.

With the coming of the new year the hammer and the saw will tell us that new life has come to the old town.

Mr. Blount is having a new house built.

The new families who come to town will infuse new blood into the sluggish old heart and growth will be manifested in every root and branch of the industrial life.

DR. R. J. GRIMES,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
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Office opposite depot.

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Suits, Overcoats, Cloaks, Dress Goods, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Crockery Ware, Hardware,

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Our goods are here and we are ready to serve you. Everybody that sees buys, and everybody that tries our goods becomes our customers. Just give us a trial and save yourselves money.

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DAY OF CHANGES.

Many Come With the New Year.

Every new year day marks more or less changes of people going from one house to another or from one place of employment to another, and this new year is no exception.

Charles Denser has moved his cabinet shop from Evans street to one room of the Munford building on Fourth street.

L. H. Pender moved his tin and repair shop off of Evans street and also takes a room in the Munford building on Fourth street.

B. Fleishman & Bro. have vacated their former store in the Phoenix building and now occupy one of the Harrington stores on the next block down the street.

D. S. Spain and J. S. Congleton have changed houses, the former going to the Congleton house in West Greenville and the latter to the Dancy house on Pitt street.

J. L. Hearne, formerly with C. S. Forbes, is now with J. Benj. Higgs.

J. M. Moore is back from Farmville and has taken a position at the depot.

C. O. Brown, who was formerly with the Pitt County Buggy Co. is now with the Union Carriage Co.

Hugh Ragsdale, who was with J. S. Smith, has stopped clerking to resume his studies and Leon Rieves takes his place.

TH Tyson, formerly with C T Munford, has gone to Norfolk, B L Tyson, formerly with S M Schultz and R. S. Mays, formerly with W B Brown, both take positions with C T Munford. R D (Bo) Cherry says tell the people he is still right there perambulating on both sides of the big store.

L H Rountree, formerly with A E Tucker & Co., is now with C S Forbes.

E L Baker, formerly with W J Thigpen, is now with S M Schultz and J. A. Thigpen, Jr., takes the place he vacated.

W T Lee, formerly with Greene & Brown, has moved away and Heber Forbes takes his place in the store.

E A Coward, formerly with S T White and H E Patrick, formerly with B Fleishman & Bro, have both resigned their places to engage in business together.

Lonnie Fleming, formerly with Zeno Moore & Bro, will attend school.

S. Lowenthal, formerly with B Fleishman & Bro, has returned to Baltimore, and Argall Vick, who was with the same firm, is open for a proposition.

Joshua Manning, of Winterville, has taken a position with J. B. Cherry & Co. C. M. Jones wanted to declare that he was the best looking attache of this popular store, but when the ballot was taken Miss Lena Matthews received all the votes.

The foregoing were the changes THE RELECTOR man found on his new year round. At many of the stores the "old guard" clerks continue. To all who stay on in their old places and those who have changed, as well as to the employees, we wish a happy new year.

Lost a Thumb.

Mr. W. J. Hyman, a young man of Carolina, to nship, accidentally shot himself in the left hand while out hunting Wednesday. The thumb had to be amputated.

Whiskey is now being made from old rags. It is a simple process of inversion, as whiskey has been the chief manufacturer of rags.

A man seldom knows when he is well off until he is away off.

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SHOWING OF

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WINTER - - - BARGAINS

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.

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| 15.00 - Overcoats - | 11.50 |



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249 Pairs Boys all Wool Knee Pants worth double at 50c.

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

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



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| 11-12 Ex Size Blankets | \$1.39 |
| 10-4 Full Size Blankets | 75c |
| 10-4 Full Size Blankets | 1.00 |
| Bay Heavy Flannel Shirts and Drawers | 25c |
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| LaFleur Stockings | 15c |

For the coming holiday season watch for our big announcement of House Furnishing Goods, Couches, Bookcases, Pictures, Frames, Easels, Rocking Chairs, Hall Racks &c.

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