#### MIDWINTER BEAR HUNT

L. D. LOWE.

There was a heavy crop of chestnuts and the bears had become very
fat before hibernating for the winter;
and while Harrison Aldridge had
killed a few hears during the fall,
he was not satisfied and he wanted
to get another. After the first snow
had fallen he had gone over a numher of trails, and when he failed to
find any tracks he knew that all fat
bears had gote into winter quarters,
and unless they were disturbed they

would not come out until spring.

A big snow fell about the middle of December and this lay on the or December and this lay on the ground until about the middle of January, when a general thaw came and all the snow had vanished Harry thought that he would try to locate bear, so he and four others start- until when it had reached the bottom imo the cliffs and ledges on Grand-father Mountain, and after dividing up the party, the five men began to make difigent search of all the ledges mane differ which might be suitable for a iear den and they knew that if a hear had scright to pass the win-der under some cliff he would leave sign near the entrance to the

After a long and tedious search after a long and redoms scarce one of the party gave a signal to the other members of the party and waited until their arrival. When all the perties had collected at the spot where brain had been located they becan to peer into the different cavities of the shift to see him, but it was no mark back under the ledge it good same time to locate him. Finit dook some time to locate him. Fin-ally flarry crawled a part of the way arts the cavity and after shulling of the agai, the bear ruled his head

the power and surring from a little course from the chaming ballet he regar to not the chaming ballet he regar to not make for the opening in the cliff. The bear came out from the cliff. The bear came out from the cliff, with such torrite force and speed, not a regio one of the party was quick enough to get in a shot, but the course it taked him from behind so vectorily that he had to make short stops and revel the attacks prices of raw materials had fallen prices of raw materials had fallen so viciously that he had to make short stops and repel the attacks, while the men followed in close pursuit and when one of the party could there had been no substantial get in a shot he would live, and every crease in prices charged at lunch time the bear would attempt to ascend a tree the degs would seen him and then he would run for a short distance and until he was presend so closely that he would stop to defend himself, and then he would receive a charge from one of the guns

The bear being inactive for such a period and being fat, after such violent exertion he stopped suddenly in an aparing in the forest, back-ed himself against a tree and fought the dogs on the defensive, then the party approached within a short disand poured a volley of sho into the bear and these shots disabled him so that he could go only a few puces at a time, and when he made his final stand toe men were near enough to place the final shot about the burr of the ear, and soon the lifeless form of the monster of the forest by before them.

By the time the party had killed the bear the sun was sinking low in the west, and by the time they had him dressed it was nearly dark so they suspended the meat on poles and sought shelter for the night under a shelving chif. After making a fire they carved some of the ment from a piece of the bear and broiled it over the coals for their supper. and heing freed after their arduous day's work, they retired for the night a hard rain fell and as they had the ciff, they found upon examination the next morning that the burreis of their guess were almost full official hangman has yet been en-of water, but the party felt that they were well paid for their time. In response to a recent advertise-

## WATAUGA FALLS ITEMS

Mr. Roby Vines, one of the County's best tenchers and business men, was married to Biss Edna Tester, of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tester of this community, on December 23. Rev. J. H. Farthing united the happy couple in the bords of matrimony. After the ceremony a estate deal. matrimony. After the ceremony sumptious supper was served at the home of the bride. A few of the the home of the bride. A few of the SOMETHING REMARKABLE intimate friends were invited, including one member of the old guard. The member of the old guard was Mr. H. H. Hagaman who still remains in single blessedness. The hap py couple will soon move to their beautiful newly bought home on Beaver Dam at the L. C. Wilson

a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson were visitors at the home of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. M. P. Edmisten, Sunday December 24th, going on to the home of Mr. Johnson's parents Sunday afternoon to spend Christ-

Mrs. M. P. Edmisten and family entertained several of their friends Christmas day. All had a delightful

### A GOOD AUTO STORY

A man who had never driven ar

and unless they were disturbed they on the instrument board, but the car only moved forward all the faster, help and comradeship. We strive to The telephone poles began to look keep ever alive the need of reingion; like a picket feace, and our moterist we stand for liberty of conscience; friend gave up all efforts to stop the we uphold the ideals of justice, charmachine, bending all his energies to ity and democracy." steering for the middle of the rond.

ed out early one morning, armed of the hill it was traveling fifty miles with fintlock rifles, muskets, toma-hawks, ax and their dogs, they went read the speed gradually diminished and finally, quite by accident, the driver did something that caused it to stop. He was just leaning back to take a full breath when a traffic cop on a motorcycle drew up alongside of him. "Say," yelled the cop, "What do

you mean by speeding along here at fifty miles an hour? Don't you know you are likely to kill somebody? Why in blazes don't you use your noodle?" "Noodle!" gasped the man. Nood-

le! Where in heck is the noodle? I pushed and pulled and jiggered every other durn thing I could see. I don'

#### RESTAURANTS AND CAFES CHARGING TO MUCH

(Boston, Dispatch)

oms are making excessive charges or food. District Attorney O'Brien sported to the legislature today as be unding of the county grand jury

an election and when the proportion to the capital. In one tail superior and superior to the capital. In one

prices of raw materials had fallen about 25 per cent in the past year,

#### BIG LIQUOR HAUL MADE OFF FLORIDA COAST

While A. B. Stroup divisional prohibition chief for Florida was on his way to Ferandina to seize the Cuban yacht Miguel Ferrarer and its cargo of several thousand cases of liquor, everal of his subordinates were bring ing to Uneksonville an auxiliary sloop registered as V-10220 seized near Mayport, at the mouth of the Saint John's river with enough liquor aboard to put a dent into the supply of Christmas wheer destined to be

of Christmas their destined to be distributed by Jacksonville bootleg-gers within the next few days. Three white men and one negro were arrested while two men escaped The liquor is valued by the prohibition forces at \$16,800. A part of the cargo had been unloaded and put n a safe place by the rum runners before the officers appeared on the

The Ferrarer, with papers showing her bound from Cuba to New Found-land with a liquor cargo of 3,000 cases, put into Fernandino several days

# HIGH RATE FOR SERVICES

da are worrying about a double hanggreated to place their gans under e ciff, they found upon examination the next morning that the barofficial hangman has yet been en-

ment several applications were filed but the fees demanded, ranging from \$200 to \$300, were considered too high. In the past, officials said, \$50. was sufficient to get a man to fasten the black cap on a condemned man and spring the trap.

The men sentenced to die are Harry Rutka and Nick Thomas. They killed a neighbor in a row over a rea

A big airplane piloted by J. E. Walters of Lumberton, crashed 1, 800 feet to earth at Chadbourne fifty miles from Wilmington Satur day afternoon but Walter escaped injury and his companion, Howard place. The community wishes them Bryan, of Lumberton, suffered only minor injuries.

> the children's ward of Receiving Hos- | went. pital that they may see at close hand what sufffering the speed craze has wrought. The judge also promises to take the speeders to the county morgue there to view those who have been killed by reckless drivers.

#### NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO U. S. CLERGY IS ISSUED

can Legion invites and needs their

# GIVEN EMPLOYMENT IN N. C.

Raleigh, N. C .- Twenty-four thou sand men and women were given em-ployment in North Carolina during the past 12 months through the co operation of the state and federal government in the employment ser-vice of which M. L. Shipman is director, according to the summary of employment statistics made by Mr. Shipman, Actual placement 21,261 against a total regisration of 28,986. Requests for help during the period totalled 21,722.

#### WOMAN IS ELECTED TO GREENSBORO POLICE FORCE

Miss Louise B. Alexander, lawyer and state president of the North Car-bina League of Women Voters, was dected a member of the Greensboro Folice Force, December 28th. It was claimed that Mrs. Alexander, who goes on duty January 1, will be the identification bureas of the police first police-woman in North Carolina. She will be in charge of the department and will have a special task in the examination and investigation

Brother Blank is a fruit grower is proved of his vocation, norwithubles to the fruit brain Eve tell for an apple. Adam fell for a pouch, and all of as have since failed for lemons.

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# Relic of Saxon Days

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THE New Year begins precisely at midnight, and almost everyone now-adays sees the New Year in by general festivities and many good rese which are promptly forgotten on Jan-

The festivities marking this occasion says Hereward Carrington, scientist and author, are very ancient, and in old Saxon days It was the custom to was passed ground with the expression "Wasshael," which meant "to your hea!th?" Hence the origin of the Wassail, or Wassel bowl.

We now keep New Year on January the first; but the Chinese, Jews, Turks and many others do not observe it on this day. Even Christian countries have not always so observed it; the Romans began the year with the March equinox. The later Teutonic nations for a long time continued counting the beginning of the year from March 25.

It was only in 1503, by an edict of Charles IX, that France changed the time of the beginning of the year to January 1. In 1600 Scotland made the same change, and England only did so in 1752, when the Gregorian system was adopted there. It will thus be seen that the New Year, observed on January 1, is relatively new, though we are accustomed to think that it dates back from time immemorial

It was Julius Caesar, in the year 46 E. C., who first reformed the calendar-aided by the Egyptian astronomer too loag, and a second correction was necessary. Pope Gregory made certain changes in 1582, A. D., and additional minor changes were made later on, from the "old style" to the "new style" calendar." We now employ the new style.

After the French revolution France decided to set up an entirely new order of things. A new calendar was The Christian era was wiped out, and was replaced by the new French era, beginning September 22, 1792. Instead of our week of seven days, a week of ten days was estabtished-in accordance with the decimal system—the tenth day being set aside

Instead of the mythological names of the months, others deduced from the prevailing seasons of the year were

Everything was to be based upon reason! The Notre Dame was con-verted into a "Temple of Reason." In addition to a prison sentence for speeders, a Detroit municipal wife of a Jacobin printer, was chesen judge has the violators taken through I to represent "Reason." And so it

The months were chosen and given french names which were thought to be characteristic of them. Thus, autumn had a vintage month, a forey menth and a story menth. Winter,

## THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF New Year Wishes

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WHATE'ER the year may bring
Of things not understood.
We certain are that everything
Will have to serve our good.
We may go on with joyous trend
And not a single thing to dread

SOMETHING NEW AMID the false, amid the true, Between the laurel and the yew. Thank God for something young and new! And may this new leaf of time's page This fair addition to our age. Be filled with sunny wit and sage!

NIXETEEN TWENTY-THREE MAY the New Year be threaded thre With strated of blue and gold for Things high and precious, far and fine To serve, inspire, delight and abbe!

And here we stand to say "Good-by!"
Brief words—and yet we scarce known why.
They bring a moisture to the eye,
And to the heart some quakes and aches;
We speak there very tenderly,
With half a sob and half a sigh—
"Old Year, good-by!"
—W. K. Burleigh.

HERE we stand again on the borderland of Welcome and Goodby. There is so flitle be-tween them and so much either side of them.

When the great bell of time strikes the midnight hour, and 1922 passes into the land of long ago, there is one simple resolution that we can all make with pretty good surety that we can keep it till the next midnight chimes—that we will be a better man or woman in the next year than in the last.

That won't be a hard resolution to fulfill in some degree, and if everyone is even a little better, there will be a heap more good-ness, kindness, success and love in the world when 1923 rings out

The untried year brings with it another chance for all-a chance to make good where we have failed a chance to benefit by what we have counted as failures in the year that is passing out. The old year has been a difficult

one for many. Some have lost heart. The new year, which gives promise of so much that is better, will bring new courage and hope to them.

If we can let the unhappy part of the past year go with it, and only remember the good, it will help toward all that is best in the

One of the best things that we can hope for the aptried year is that it will be a busy one fer everybody. Work is the best promoter of goodness, and happiness, and the best cure for trouble and

sorrow that there is.
When the solemu, happy bells "ring out across the snow," let them ring out with them the bad things and ring in all that is good and true and beautiful that is within the power of each of us.

## ANIMALS AND NEW YEAP'S DAY

Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Goats and Pigs Blessed in Churches of Italy, Spain and France.

IN ITALY, Spain and France more is made of New Year's day than Christmas and on St. Sylvester's eve as the last day of the year is called the utmost joyousness prevails. Even the animals are blessed in the churches A correspondent who attended one of these quaint ceremonies, writes:

The priest lifted high the host and said some words of benediction at which the people fell on their knees with a response. An acolyte with a holy-water sprinkler passed through the columns of animals deftly throwing the sacred water upon them. oxen and cows were thus blessed first, then the sheep and goats and lastly the pigs. A moon nearly foll glittered high above the mountain stones and combined with the light from the candies revealed the long, polished horns and heaving sides and sleek coats of the exen and cows and the white woolly skins of the sheep. The acolyte passing among them, incensed them and their bellowing, bleating and squealing arose to a tumult. But, high above all, the voice of the priest was heard, as he chanted these words:
"My children, God in his goodness

to bless your flocks, according to an ancient custom of our mountains, so that these animals by whose aid you monies which usher in the New Year. Let us then sing a loud hos praise to the ever-merciful Lord so lenient to sinners."

a windy month. Spring, a budding month, a flowery month and a pasture month. Summer, a harvest month, a hot month and a fruit month.

Each month began somewhere be-tween the 18th and the 22nd-according to our reckoning. Thus the first month of the autumn trio began on September 22, and lasted until October 21, etc.

With the restoration of a stable vernment in France, this calendar was repealed, and the usual one sub-But for a time, as we have seen, New Year day did not begin on January 1, in France, so late as the last century, and it does not begin on that date in non-Christian coun-

# FAMISHED TIMBER WOLVES EXACT TOLL IN HUMAN LIVES

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27 .- A great roving band of hungry timber wolves has devoured three men, according to meagre reports sifting in today from the snow covered trails of the Sturgeon river country. reports told of a losing battle fought by two Indians after a white trapper had been downed and killed.

st Saturday an elderly trapper test his cabin in the woods 70 miles and wife. O A. Ba north of Ignace in Mush down to the settlement for his Christmas mail. He arrived in safety. There was no In the way of road construction mail, however, and the old man said it is hard to get to the bridge with he would come back Christmas norn- an empty wagon.

At moon he had not arrived. The A little child of Wesley Presnell's ow the trail until they found him.

About two miles from the settle-

nent the Indians found a spot poundd in the snow and crimson hued. Bits of dog harness torn to shreds were scattered about. In the reidst sick list recently, of them the Indians found human Mr. Ben Harma

their discovery.

The lure of the bounty on welves the trail again with extra ammunition
They sped behind their dog teams
into the woods as the villagers waved
Miss Cameline, daughter of W. R. good bye. They did not return.

Yesterday a new searching party cently.

departed. They found another patch trodden in the snow about two miles pecced old gentleman, died here a eyond the first.

two guns of the Indians were shells.

The carcasses of sixteen dead something isn't done. welves lay stretched in a circle about the trampled patch of snow.

#### THE MOONSHINER OR THE LAW

fact that the Government has made the high seas was taken by customs descrimined acceptance of the chall-officials as proof of reports that pironce by the bootlegater. The issue new for the New Year is whether he bootlegater or the law sail run he country. With the first of the News that the first of the News that the first of the News that the header are divisional headerners of the News that for higher than the headerners of the News that the new that the news that the news that the news that the new that the news that the news that the news that the new that the news that the news that the news that the new that the news that the new that the news that the news that the new that the new that the new that the new that the news that the new that th sams. The territory over which these nen will have active charge is commen will have active charge is composed of the whole of North Carolina and part of Virginia, and it is significant that the offices were moved to this center from so important a place as Norfork. High Point, therefore, is to be the center from which proas Nortork. High Point, therefore, is to be the center from which pro-hibition enforcement operations will be conducted next year. High Point access duly appreciative of the dis-tinction that has come its way, and the riches do no ring contentment that the conducted as a contentment of the riches do no ring contentment of the riches do no riches do n has promised hearty co-operation and support.—Charlotte Observer. ers now possess.

## ROMINGER HAPPENINGS

Deputy Sheriff Johnson was here

collecting taxes on the 21st.

Mr. Custer Baird was bere with
his truck buying apples last week and hauled away a load of very fine

Mr. Willard Presnell and family spent Christmas with W. P. Mast. They have been living for some time

in Tennessee.
Mr. Manuel Rominger and son, Coy and wife, O. A. Baird, and Daily Presnell have gone to Akron Ohio

recently.

Little Miss May, daughter of Chas. Gillam, is a very sick giri at this time.

W. S. Rominger has been on the

m the Indians found human
They hastened back to report
iscovery

Mr. Ben Harman made a business
call at C. W. Gillian's last Sunday.
Messrs. Charles Gilliom Boyd, and Harman and Charles Mast are

Ward of this place were married re-

days ago.

The bridge near John Mast's is aying there and scattered about were completed and will be a great conseems like money thrown away if

#### PIRATES GET \$1,000,000 WORTH OF LIQUOR IN RAID

A report received from enstoms There seems no mistake about the officials today from Nassau, Fahamas, of a \$1,000,006 liquor cobbery on or divisional headquarters of the with 10,500 eases of honor, had been on hition enforcement bureau will boarded of the New York coast and another the coast another the coast and another the coast and another the coast another the coast and another the coast and another the coast a

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# Greetings

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