

It is not given to many to be heroes, but everyone can be a useful citizen and that is always in order.

Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do there is great danger of our doing nothing.

By the common consent of all moralists war is regarded as a sin against humanity, and it is equally true that the wages of sin is death.

If you cannot see the great improvements which have taken place in our town within the past two years you are blind. And when we say improvements we do not mean in any one particular, either. There have been enormous improvements made in the way of residence building and remodeling, there have been improvements in the way of added business hours, and above all there has been an improvement in the moral tone of the place. It has not been long since it was a common sight to see men disagreeably drunk on the streets, while now it is a very uncommon sight to see any man under the influence of liquor. And in every other way the town has greatly improved. A general wave of progressiveness and a feeling for higher morals appears to have taken hold of our people, and here as elsewhere public sentiment regulates public conduct. When public sentiment demands a higher moral life the result is always a better place, and when the public agrees that they live in the very best section of the country then improvement begins, and this infection spreads even to the stranger that is within your gate. We have the very best town and is situated in the very best section of the state and our own people have awakened to the fact. There is still a greater and better town coming. Are you aiding in the forward movement?

The spirit of Christmas! What is the spirit of Christmas? It is the generous spirit, the spirit of giving! Yes, but that is not all. There will be millions of gifts made between now and the new year, and they will not all express the Christmas spirit. Some will be made out of pockets of plenty and thus entail no personal service; some will be made under compulsion of supposed necessity. How many people give things at this time because they think they must? They must give to those who, they hope or fear, will give to them. It is almost unfortunate that giving and taking has become such a feature of our Christmas celebration because the mere gift is incapable of expressing the spirit of this occasion, and the occasion itself has become a burden to many because it has been so much abused. It is not by giving lavishly that we honor Christ whose birth we celebrate, but by sharing unselfishly every good thing we possess. This puts the best things of Christmas within reach of every human life and enables every human being however poor in goods to give generously of whatever else he has. We all have much. Is money denied us, then let us give what is better, a word to cheer, a smile to awaken hope, something out of our hearts' treasure. Who would not rather get a cordial message from a friend that would express his thought and appreciation, than to get a dollar trinket? What hereby to think that we cannot express an unselfish love at Christmas time except by lavish us of money.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GRUYER'S FASTIDIOUS BLOOD TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, builds up the system, & is a true Tonic. For adults and children, 50c.

IN WAR ZONE.

Official Reports From Headquarters of Fighting Nations.

AUSTRIA.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 21.—11:53 p.m.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Carpatians our attacks in the District of Upper Latorca are progressing well. To the northeast of Lupkow Pass, on the front north of Krosnow and Tuchow and on the Lower Dunajec river, severe fighting continues."

"The situation in North Poland is unchanged."

FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 21—10:50 p.m.—The following official communication was issued by the war office to-night:

"The British troops have attacked and this morning regained most of the trenches previously lost. Before Lihons the enemy delivered four successive attacks for the purpose of recapturing the trenches which we had previously won in that region, but all of them were repulsed."

"In an attack to the northwest of Puissele, south of Noyon, we have gained a foothold in the enemy's trenches of the first line and have made progress in the wood of Saint Mard."

"There has been no other report of any note on the day's operations."

GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—By Wireless to London, 4 p.m.—The following official statement was issued late to-day:

"French attacks yesterday at Nieuport (Belgium) were repulsed. Between Richebourg L'Ayone and the Canal of La Bassée we attacked the positions of the Anglo-Indian troops, stormed and captured their trenches, and dislodged them from their positions with heavy losses. We captured one piece of artillery, five machine guns, two mine throwers and 270 Anglo-Indians, including ten officers. The trenches we lost to the enemy December 18, near Notre Dame De Lorette, have been recaptured."

Items given out for publication by the official press bureau include:

Bulgaria has notified Vienna, Nish and Bucharest of the departure of Hungarian steamers on the Danube with war material for Bulgaria.

"Commercial circles in Genoa again have protested against the seizure of cargo boats by British warships. The Corriere d'Italia demands energetic steps by the Italian foreign minister in the case of the Italian ship Verona, bound from New York, which had been arrested by a British cruiser."

RUSSIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The official communication issued by the Russian general headquarters says:

"In the region of Maiva (Northern France) the Germans have fallen back towards the line of Lautonburg-Neidenburg (across the frontier into East Prussia.)"

"On the left bank of the Vistula there is no incident of importance to report. In Galicia the Austrian offensive is being greatly hindered by our troops, and the operations in this region have taken on a character extremely favorable to us. One of the Austrian divisions which was operating in the vicinity of Dukla Pass was easily defeated by bayonet-charge made by our troops."

"The enemy left on the battlefield five hundred killed and we captured ten officers and more than a thousand soldiers."

"The attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the Blous line have been definitively repulsed. The garrison was forced back into the line of fortifications with heavy losses."

The following official communication was issued to-night from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus:

"In the direction of Van, on December 20, engagements occurred which resulted in the defeat of the Turks, among whom there were a great number of wounded. During the pursuit of the enemy we captured a piece of mounted artillery with 500 other pieces of equipment."

"In the direction of Sary-Kamysh there have been several engagements of no importance."

Hartrellsville

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The Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday School children at the Baptist church on Monday night December 28th.

Mr. Joe Will Seall of Rocky Mount is visiting relatives in our town.

Mrs. W. B. Hare and sister Miss Annie Copeland of Suffolk visited their brother Mr. W. Q. Copeland who is very ill, last week.

Mrs. Edward Greene and little son Fred of Wilmington are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Copeland.

Mr. James Cotton and Starke Downing spent Saturday in Suffolk shopping.

Miss Lucille Williams came home Saturday from Chowan College to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Mrs. B. N. Sykes and children spent Saturday in Ahoskie shopping.

Miss Charine Scull left Monday to spend Christmas with her cousin Mrs. J. E. Ward at Robersonville.

School ended Tuesday for Xmas the teacher Miss Nora Mason left on Wednesday for her home at Edenton to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sharpe of Winston Salem are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Sharpe.

Mrs. Hallie Baker and children of Ahoskie are spending Xmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Miss Maggie Williams left Monday to visit relatives at Powellsville.

The school children presented their teacher Miss Mason a very pretty manicure set for a Xmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Britton and children of Norfolk will arrive Thursday to spend Xmas with relatives here and at Colerain.

Mr. H. S. Basnight will leave Wednesday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Basnight at Creswell.

Miss Lucille Williams spent Tuesday in Norfolk shopping.

Every one is so sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Lineberry in Murfreesboro and wish her a speedy recovery.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Lives grow upward like the trees or like the buildings that men erect. People do not build houses from the roof down at least not in this country, but from the foundation upwards.

WANTED.

Wanted to employ an industrious, sober boy, good home for bright boy.

J. D. EARLY, Earlys, N. C.

Notice of Horse for Sale

Saturday afternoon, December the 19th, at 2 o'clock, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Bank of Ahoskie, in Ahoskie, N. C., one good bay horse about ten years old.

J. T. Saunders.

Nations and individuals are alike in that they must progress or be left behind in the struggle of life. Unfortunately there are both nations and individuals that seem incapable of advancing.

How To Give Quinine To Children. FERRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for Ferriline original package. The name FERRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.



War... Deeds for sale at the Herald office 25c the dozen.

Fleety Smith, vs. Will Smith. NOTICE BY SUMMONS.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Hertford County to obtain a divorce A. Vinculo Matrimonii; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the first Monday before the first Monday of March, 1915, at the Court-house of said County in Winton, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. Tnos. D. BOONE, C. S. C. This the 24th day of November, 1914.

ROSWELL C. BRIDGER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

AT WAR PRICE

You can buy one of the nicest farms in Craven County very cheap, and on the same have 12 years time to pay. This farm is located at a thriving village on railroad good healthy high, and dry only six miles of New Berne, N. C. good roads only 20 minutes drive to New Berne, has six passenger trains, four mails, and two freights daily. This neighborhood has eight months graded school, building is brick, also has two large brick stores, two large wooden stores all doing good business, also has three great brick factories saw mills, and all employ near three hundred laborers, which gives good market for any farm produce. On this farm there is a fine Dwelling which has six large rooms deep piazzas wide hall, and is nicely finished—good water, and a beautiful lawn stables, and barn, also good tenant house. The place is fenced with American Field fence. Any crop will thrive on this land—will grow a bale of cotton per acre, and ten acres of which will easily produce 12 to 15 barrels of corn per acre. The ten acres mentioned is a black swamp land, and is under laid with Tile drain, which insures a good yield each year. Now, if you are ever going to buy a farm this is your best opportunity as you can buy at a great sacrifice, and at the same time have twelve years to pay for the place. You can pay for the farm with only part of your money crop. In case you are interested see or write to JOHN G. ANDERSON (Attorney) Snow Hill, N. C. This property must go at some price.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

If the end of the year doesn't find you happy, remember that it ISN'T TOO LATE to make amends. COME IN and talk over a BANK ACCOUNT with us. Save Your Money and You'll Get Rich as Sure as You Live. We have a burning desire to help you get rich. We want to be your Friend. A Saving Account is a friend in adversity. To-Day is the Time to do, Begin to Save Now. This Bank receives deposits for any amount. We pay 4% interest on time deposits. Call on us for anything in the line of Banking. We cordially invite you to make this your Banking Home. Checks on any Bank Received Here. FARMERS--ATLANTIC BANK AHOSKIE, N. C.

FOR SALE!

Carriage Business in Colerain—I will sell my Carriage and Blacksmith business in Colerain, including tools, machinery and supplies, at a reasonable price and terms. I have too much on me and desire to devote my time to machinery and automobile repairing. The sale does not include the property. This is a good opportunity for a good man. Apply or write to, J. S. DEANS, Colerain, N. C.

CURACHE relieves the aching head and rheumatic joints. In tablet form 6 doses, 10 cent. Roberts Drug Co. Suffolk, Va.

AGAIN WE THANK YOU To come to our store and look over the many things which you must have to be comfortable, as the season advances your needs must be supplied and we are in a position to furnish the most of them, at interesting prices, so don't fail to give us a call. This month makes ten years which we have been in business, and we are proud to think we enjoy the confidence of all with whom we have dealt. Thanking you for your good will and patronage. We are yours, HOGGARD & STOKES, AHOSKIE, N. C.

U. Vaughan's "The Quality Store" MURFREESBORO, N. C. LADIE'S SUITS! LADIE'S SUITS! We have just received and opened up a nice assortment of Ladie's Suits and Coats and Children's Coats. We bought them way under the market value, and can save you from \$5.00 to \$8.00 on a Coat or Suit.

Our Ladie's Babmacaan Coat at \$5.00 is a Money Saver. If in need of a Coat or Suit come to see us and be convinced that we can Save You Money. U. VAUGHAN Murfreesboro, N. C.

EVERYTHING TO FURNISH THE HOME ON THE EASIEST CREDIT TERMS. Here the Poor Man's Promise Equals the Rich Man's Money in Furnishing the Home. Small Weekly Payments Foot the Bill. We have just received from the factory a car load of Furniture that we bought to sell on easy terms. You be the judge as to whether or no we offer better values than others who sell for cash. GARRETT & BAKER Ahoskie, N. C.