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The penitentiary is again going to show a profit despite the great slump in cotton.

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PROGRESS IN HUMANITY.
In a recent issue of the New York Americans there is a cartoon occupying the greater portion of one page. Money is represented as a great monster with out-stretched paws, while humanity is represented as a man in chains, standing helpless within the grasp of the money monster.

Money rules figuratively and literally.

There are two classes of monsters which terrorize men—one is physical and one is social, moral, religious, political, we might say.

Some where in an art gallery we have seen pictures showing the physical contests of primitive man with the monsters of forest, sea and air. Man has triumphed over these mammoth wild animals. While man has conquered nature and we only see bears, lions, etc., in zoological gardens.

There are other monsters not of a physical nature yet to conquer as suggested by the somewhat exaggerated picture in the American.

While money is all powerful yet the power will not and cannot last long. Instead of being pessimistic by looking at a single page of the world's history we should study the history of the past as well as the present and see the progress of humanity in its rapid strides.

At one time in England the law made the citizens of an entire community responsible unless they could produce the criminal when a dead body was found.

The innocent man whose neighbor died of hunger in an adjoining field was compelled to pay a fine for the corpse.

In the long years ago there was a law preventing the peasants of France from eating the peasants of those who died of the plague.

While money is all powerful when it can be used to purchase those who sent our laws yet the money king坐着 on the throne when there is intelligent concert of action on the part of those who have the best interests of mankind at heart.

The democrats are carrying out the spirit of the law in division of the school funds between the races and it is worth as much in the color race as the division made by the republicans, while it is worth immeasurably more to the white race.

In 1867, in the days of Reconstruction, the white child in the State got one cent per capita more than the black child. After the democrats came into power, the white child got 10 cents more than the black child. The difference in favor of the negro was 99 cents and the white 10 cents more for white children.

It has been said that under Governor Aycock's administration there has been discrimination in favor of the negro in the division of the school fund. The democrats have never done that throughout the state.

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Judge Purnell has signed an order in the case of the Southern Lumber Company against the Georgia Lumber and Coal Company and the Corporation Commission restraining the defendants from bringing suits for damages or liability by reason of the damage to a railway to place certain cars on the coal company's tracks.

Franklin, Dec. 13.—M. F. Scott, Asheboro, is visiting different town this week.

W. H. Elliott has resigned his office at this time and has been succeeded by R. S. Price.

Mrs W. G. Russell, mother of a young son to be married next Saturday, has given a \$100 gift to the Negro Orphanage Fund.

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There will be a church conference at the M. E. Church, Saturday night, for the first Sunday of each month this year and every member is requested to attend.

Mr. Gilvert Items.

December 19.—Rev Eads, our pastor, preached his first sermon at Mt. Olive Sunday, the 18th. All liked his sermon fine. There were several others considering the day. He went from Zion to Zion to preach to the meeting.

We have an evergreen Sunday school at Mt. Olive now. The school will give a treat Xmas day at 2 o'clock.

Mr. T. H. Tyor is visiting his father at Sampson.

M. T. Sugg and family are improving.

Mr. Trague has improved the looks of his house very much by the use of the paint brush.

From Upper Montgomery.

Dec 19.—It is only a few more days until Christmas, and baking cakes and scrubbing floors are an everyday business in this section.

The school at Morristown is now under charge of Miss Jessie Smitherman, of Troy, an accomplished young lady and a thoroughly competent teacher.

Wade Crawford and Mad Hall spent last Tuesday night in Siler City.

Our noted hustler says a perfect home should be equipped with the educational and refining influence of music and a good piano.

Teachers for the public schools are scarce in this country.

We have no marriage to report, but the candidates for matrimony are doing their full duty. Woe to them, the reward is to the faithful.

Great Big Fight On Over the Federal Offices.

This is a big fight on over the Federal offices. The result of the Federal election is to be decided in the House of Representatives.

It is a close race, and the result is to be decided in the House of Representatives.

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HOMECOIN DAVIDSON.

William Gandy injured in fight this night.

Special to *Asheboro Courier*.

Dec 20.—Last evening

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