

### Miss Kearns Bride of Mr. Benton.

Mr. R. A. Benton and Miss Blanche Dixon Kearns, a well known and popular couple, were quietly married this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of Mount Vernon church by the Rev. John B. Winn in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

The bride will be pleasantly remembered by many as a nurse in the General Hospital of this city from which she graduated in the spring of 1910. Mr. Benton, a Danville merchant and bred, enjoys the friendship of a multitude and graduated from the Renowned College in New York as a licensed embalmer.

The couple have received a large number of useful and handsome presents from their friends here and in other parts, who wish them both happiness and prosperity.

The above is clipped from a Danville paper of recent date.

### Confederate Veterans Dead.

Rev. A. J. Coope dopped dead at his home December 16, at about 4 o'clock aged 69 years, 9 months and 29 days. He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father and leave a widow and five children to mourn their loss: R. L. Cooper, of Staley; Mrs. T. J. Fowler, Mrs. J. C. Hobson, D. L. Cooper and Miss Alice Cooper, of Greensboro.

Brother Coope served three years of his life in the Confederate army. He was several lieutenant and belonged to company I, 40th regiment North Carolina troops. He was a faithful soldier, loyal to his country and true to God. He was in the battle of Fort Fisher where 1,000 fell at his right hand but the cannon ball did not come nigh unto him. But the pale messenger of death has come and laid his cold icy hand on him and taken him from our midst. Our loss is his eternal gain. May God bless and comfort the bereft.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled,  
Written by one who knew him well.

### How To Build Up a Market For Produce.

Now, the first thing I would advise the farmer to do is to have the editor print him some envelopes to use in his correspondence, and probably some letter-heads. It will cost but a trifle more than to buy the paper and envelopes at the store, and maybe not so much. When a man gets a letter from you with your name and address printed neatly on the paper, he concludes that you are at least of enough importance to put your name before the world so it can be seen.

Then get familiar with the editor as a factor in selling your stuff. If you give him 15 cents to run a three-line reader in his paper, saying:

"Turnip Greens, Onions, Radishes—Henry Jones will be in town on Monday with turnip greens, onions, and radishes," you will have the people in their residence streets informed of your coming, and ready to buy more quickly than if you have to argue the question after you arrive. If you ask them in the paper to telephone an order to you before, you start to town you may sell out all the stuff you propose to take before you have it on your wagon.

Tell people through the paper that your Klondike strawberries will be ripe by Wednesday, and sell for 15 cents a quart. Tell them you have killed a beef and will deliver some desirable pieces of meat on a certain date, at wholesale prices, always naming the price.

Your paper will help you to sell the cow that you do not find a purchaser for among your immediate neighbors. It will locate a man who would take a dozen of your eggs for setting, at a reasonable price, but who does not know you, have them unless you tell him in a paper. The paper is merely a man with a bigger audience than you can get yourself, and it tells the story to all of them. It tells what you want to sell, and it tells it for very little cost.—Bion H. Butler in Progressive Farmer.

Rev. M. M. Shields, of Greensboro, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

### Trash Cans in the Towns.

Trash cans should be supplied in abundance in every town. The appearance of the town is indicative of the character of the inhabitants. A man who is methodical in his business matters has a place for each thing, also a good housekeeper. These men and women must have a place for trash as well as their business papers and household articles. With trash cans provided at short intervals of space along the streets it would be as easy to throw trash in them as on the streets. The throwing of trash on the streets is only a habit anyway; we are creatures of habit. Fruit peelings thrown about the streets draw flies which are the filthiest thing possible and lead to all kinds of diseases. Instead of going to the expense of having a man to clean our streets, let us adopt a resolution for the New Year that we will provide trash cans for our streets and see that we and others put our trash in them.

### The Health Habit.

A man is sent to the penitentiary because he has disobeyed the laws of the land. He goes disgraced in the eyes of his friends and society.

A man is sick largely because he has violated the laws of nature and nature's God. Such persons, instead of feeling disgraced, often feel sorry for themselves and go about craving sympathy from every one who will listen to their story.

Health is the most natural thing in the world. Man was never intended to be other than healthy and happy. If he is, he is out of harmony with nature.

Physicians no longer claim all the credit for curing people of disease. The chief function of physicians is to lead men back in line with nature. Nature heals, and all the healing forces are perfect natural. Most of our know rules of health. They are common knowledge these days.

The trouble is that many of us consider ourselves exceptions and postponed punishment does not deter us from violating these laws of nature.

But we must do more than know the laws of health. We must bring our will power to bear to see that we live them. We must make these laws part of ourselves, a part of our business, a part of our very life, our every-day habit, if you please. Health is a habit with a vast number of people already, and more are getting the habit every day. They make it their business to be well every day, and the feeling of discomfort at being sick is only equalled by their feelings of disappointment and disgrace at not being continually up to their habitual standard.

### The Bazaar a Success

The friends of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Randolph Chapter, will be glad to learn of the success of the bazaar held in Asheboro Dec. 6, and 7. The success of it was due in great measure to the liberality of the merchants and manufacturers and others who generously devoted many serviceable gifts. In behalf of the chapter, I wish to thank them and assure them of sincere appreciation of their generous co-operation with us in an effort to benefit the Confederate Soldiers and their descendants. The hearty thanks of the chapter is also due the citizens of Asheboro for their liberal patronage.

Miss May D. McAlister, President.

### Wilson Warns Moneyed Men.

President-elect Wilson held up a warning finger Tuesday night of last week to any one who might deliberately start a panic to show that the intended legislative policies were wrong. In his speech at the banquet of the Southern Society of New York declared that the machinery was in existence for starting an "unnatural" panic. "Frankly," said Gov. Wilson, "I don't think there is any man living who dares to use that machinery. If he does, I promise him, for my fellow countrymen, a gibbet as high as Haman's." He said that of course it would not be a gibbet of public disgrace which would live as long as the memory of that man's family survive.

Get the health habit, and associate with people who have it. It's contagious.—Elbert Hubbard.



## The Night before Christmas

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

"Tis the night before Christmas—  
I whisper the rhyme  
And wander in fancy  
To "once on a time."  
I see the big fireplace,  
The girls and the boys,  
The long, heaped-up stockings,  
The drums and the toys.

"Tis the night before Christmas—  
So old, and so new!  
With all its dreamings  
So good and so true.  
I see all the faces  
Forgotten so long,  
And out of the twilight  
There murmurs a song.

"Tis the night before Christmas—  
And here, by my grate,  
The past rises, glowing,  
The years lose their weight,  
The boy-days come trooping  
At memory's call,  
And gleam in the embers  
That flicker and fall.

"Tis the night before Christmas—  
Ah, could'st but clutch  
The gold of my fancies!  
I would go at my touch!  
The shouts and the laughter  
Now sweet to my ear  
Would shrink to a silence  
Too deep and too drear.

"Tis the night before Christmas—  
Remembrances stir  
As sweet as the cherished  
Frankincense and myrrh.  
And, hark! As the visions  
Grow dim to the sight,  
There comes, "Merry Christmas!  
And, boy-days, good night!"



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### Providence News.

Providence school adjourned for week's vacation and the teachers returned home for the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Cox is at home for Christmas.

Mr. Talmage Necco and sister, Miss Estelle, are spending Christmas with their parents.

Mrs. Nanbie Redding, of Plainfield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Necco.

Miss Mattie Reynolds is at home for a few days.

Mr. A. S. Barker, of Randleman, and daughter, Miss Maude, who is back from Florida, spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Miss Esther Cranford is at home for a few days.

Rev. Alpheus White and wife, of Guilford College, attended Providence meeting Sunday.

Mr. S. E. Coble's family have moved near Guilford College. The community regret losing them.

J. Madison Hinshaw, of New Salem, died at the home of his son, Jesse, December 21. Burial to be at Level Cross December 23, at 11 o'clock.

A great disturber of health is fear. Fear, worry, fretting and all that line of kindred ills of our own imagination impair the bodily functions, particularly the circulation and digestion, and these in turn affect the whole program of life. To eliminate fear, worry, etc., we must apply the opposite remedy, assert our confidence in ourselves, bolster up our courage, forget the petty trials, determine to be master in spite of such petty things.

### Court Next Week.

A special term of Randolph Superior Court begins next Monday, Dec. 30, for one week. The court is called for the trial of both civil and criminal cases, but no civil cases will be tried except those heard by consent, or cases contested, such as divorce suits. Motions in civil cases will be heard.

No witnesses in civil cases should attend except one who are subpoenaed to the special term.

### Witnesses Not Attend on Monday

Except in Jail Cases.

For the accommodation of defendants and witnesses no criminal cases will be tried at the special term of court next week on Monday except where defendants are in jail.

Defendants who are not in jail and witnesses against defendants who are not in jail need not attend until Tuesday, and such witnesses attending before Tuesday will get no pay for attending on Monday.

Only jail cases will be tried on Monday.

WM. C. HAMMER, Solicitor.

### Steamer Wrecked.

In the wreck on the ledge west of St. Thomas during a gale Friday of the Parsons Line Steamer, Florence from Halifax, N. S., for St. Johns 23 of the 27 members of the crew lost their lives. Five survivors reached here bringing news of the wreck. The ship fortunately

### The Parcels Post.

Speaking of the parcels post, this from the Richmond Times-Dispatch is interesting:

The scope of the new parcels post reveals the dawn of a great change in methods of buying and selling. The ruling of the Postmaster-General that such articles as butter, lard, fish, vegetables, berries and even eggs, when properly packed, may be transmitted under the parcels post, opens wide the door for readjustment of trade conditions. It remains to be seen how the regulations will work out, but it looks as if the retailer might first feel the operation of the law, but whether in an increased or diminished trade is not yet apparent.

On the other hand, many articles may not be sent by parcels post. Matches, liquors, explosives of all kinds, pistols and revolvers, live or dead animals, hides or pelts and books and printed matter are forbidden. Books and printed matter must go as third-class matter, as at present. This precaution is necessitated because the parcels post might be too greatly flooded with business. In all probability, when the system is in successful operation the latter matter will be accepted, for there is a greater reason for its inclusion than its exclusion.

The parcels post marks a departure as significant to the nation as the establishment of rural free delivery, which has done so much to bring country residents into close touch with the business world.

### The Greensboro Record adds:

This should be a great convenience to farmers and truckers. They can arrange with a customer to ship butter or eggs, for instance, on certain days and have the customer to be at the local postoffice on the evening of the day to all for it. It should make the price cheaper, but it won't. Some men rather come to town than stay at home. They seldom count time as money.

### Ramsour News.

The concert troupe from Guilford College gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the academy last Saturday night. We will be delighted to have them again.

Among the many young people at home for the holidays are Misses Sarah Cole and Lella Ferree, of Davenport College; Misses Sue Siler and Lilla Ferree, of the State Normal; Messrs. Orren Perriester and Fred Burgess, of Rutherford College; Miss Madge Moffitt and Paul Parks, of Elon College, and Lacy Blane, of the State University.

Mr. J. J. Phoenix Jr., of Greensboro was a visitor in town last week.

Mr. Sam Brady of Granite City, Ill., is spending the holidays with his parents.

### The Skin a Show Window.

Imagine a Christmas shop with a poor show window. You wouldn't expect to find much in such a store. To a large extent the show windows are the indicator cards or an index to the rest of the store.

Sometimes, of course, they are not a true index, but they usually give some idea of what is back of them. Did it ever occur to you that you skin is the show window of the body? Well, it is, and a pretty good indicator, too.

For instance, a pale, white skin shows anemia due to poor blood making or excessive blood breaking. A faint lemon hue means that the blood is being excessively destroyed. Marked yellow means that bile is being poured into the blood.

Pimples and boils mean that the surface germs have gone down into the skin glands. Carbuncles mean that these surface germs have gone still deeper. Physicians diagnose scarlet fever and measles by the appearance of the skin. Likewise, the presence of chicken pox and small pox is usually detected by the looks of the skin.

The blood usually shows through a thin skin and poorly through a thick one, but the human skin is never so thick but that it is given to it by the blood. If the blood is rich, or if there is much blood the skin is plump and ruddy. On the other hand, poor blood and little of it results in pallor. Here is much food for thought for the would-be pretty girl.

Happy the store with the well trimmed show windows, but thrice happy the people with the clear, bright skin.

### A Demand for Reform.

If North Carolina needs anything today that need is a modern and efficient system of taxation, yet only a day or two ago we heard a prominent editor declare that we would not get it soon, that legislators were as afraid of such a proposition as a dog law. While we do not altogether agree to this sentiment, it is true we make the mistake of not having these needs discussed in the campaign. It is the rarest thing in the world that we hear real live local issues discussed in our campaigns. About the only thing we demand of a candidate is that he is able to beat the opposition. We want to get away from this, and we want to see to it that the men we name for the Legislature stand for something, and that our canvases be marked by a discussion of issues of interest to the people of the State. It would be a refreshing rarity to witness a campaign in which candidates would stand vigorously for some real program of accomplishment.

This is all said at such distance from a campaign that there can be no reason for saying we are personal. We have in mind only conditions as they exist generally throughout the State. We neglect the essential things for the non-essential and then when these serious matters come before a legislative body there is no expression of the will or wishes of the people to guide and the matter is disposed of in a manner seeming the best from a policy standpoint.

But discussing the matter of a better tax system, it can be said that the people of the State are feeling the need of such and would receive with real joy something by way of a forward step in this direction. It is the work for some statesman, who will do this State a great service and at the same time put a big feather in his own cap. This is a reform there is great need of.—Sally Yury Post.

### Blow Out the House.

Frequently it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to adequately ventilate many of our houses, owing to the way in which they are built. One of the best aids to such unfortunate conditions is the periodic blowing out or thorough airing of certain parts of such a house. In the home not infrequently the family can be induced to move from one part of the house to another, or to different rooms, for five or ten minutes at a time. Then the door and windows in the unused rooms can be left open long enough to drive out the stale, foul air. Such rooms will be found delightfully sweet and fresh when entered after such an airing, and the top sections of the windows are left open eight or ten inches this freshness will continue for some time.

Schoolhouses should be thoroughly aired at every intermission. There is no danger then of the children's becoming cold, as they are exercising sufficiently to keep up the circulation. In fact, they should all be sent outside during intermissions, except in rainy weather. There is no ventilation like being outside in the open air.

### Wilson to Stand By Progressives in His Party.

Gov. Wilson declared in two public utterances last week that he would continue the fight against the Smith-Nugent forces in New Jersey, and all other reactionary Democrats. He said he would "stand back of the progressive forces in the Democratic party everywhere at every juncture." He made plain that he would come back from Washington when President and go on the stump in his home state against the elements he considered reactionary.

### Death of Mr. Pickard.

M. Edgar L. Pickard died of pneumonia at his home at Burlington on Dec. 20. Mr. Pickard had many friends in Asheboro and was here last spring surveying for the highway through the southern part of Randolph county. He was State Highway Engineer.

He seemed better just before his death and had been up for a while when his heart failed.