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DUNN, N. C., January 1, 1902.

SALUTATORY.

As the New Year comes in, THE DEMOCRATIC BANNER salutes her patrons and friends under new management. At this season, eminently appropriate for changes in all things, THE BANNER begins, as it were a new career. Though clad in her old garments, and faithful to the sound principles which have ever governed her, new hands will shape her destiny and new minds will guide her on the journey of life.

With this issue we launch our little craft upon the broad sea of journalism, and with the support of the people we expect to make a voyage that will not only be profitable to ourselves, but to the people at large. We do not expect to run a paper for our good alone, but one when a man has read its columns will feel like he has been benefited. It will be under the name that it has heretofore had, but under an entirely new management. We shall endeavor to uphold the principles of democracy, but intend to do so from a principle, giving every man a right to his own opinion. We shall fall out with no man because he does not see as we do, but will try to convince him of his wrongs, so that he may right them before it is too late.

Mr. Pittman, has for several years served the people of this and adjoining counties, and we hope his patrons will continue to give the paper their support and we promise to try to give them a paper that will be enlightening in every respect. Now if you want a good paper come to our support and with our united efforts we will labor for the upbuilding of our community.

We want some one in every township in Harnett to send us a few items every week. Send us the news and help us spread the paper and make it a joy to the people in the county and elsewhere. Get your neighbor to take the paper. Call at the office when you come to town and you will always find a hearty welcome.

Stand by the paper and see that your county and section has a good medium for news and advertising. With best wishes for your success in your labors and honest undertakings, we leave the matter with you.
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M. F. Hatcher, Bu. Mgr.

To Our Former Patrons.

We desire to say to our patrons and friends who have stood by us during the past six years in the publication of a paper in the town of Dunn, that we thank one and all for their liberal support and every kindness shown. We fully realize that we have failed in many things, and that the paper might have been better, but as to our success we leave it with the people. We have decided to retire, for the present, from the newspaper field, and have sold out the good will of the paper and it will be continued under entirely new management. We have not included in the sale anybody's account, but hold them all in my own hands. We have accepted a position on the paper for the year, and will keep our books and accounts in the office and shall greatly appreciate the kindness in all who owe us, if they will call and settle the same. We shall be at Lillington on the 1st Monday in each month, also, a few days court week for the purpose of collecting what is due us. With best wishes for THE BANNER under its new management, and our friends throughout the county, we now bid you adieu.

Yours in gratitude,
J. P. PITTMAN.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES.
Effective, October 15, 1901, excursion rates are placed on sale by the Southern Railway to all principal winter resorts of the South and Southwest. Ask any agent Southern Railway for full information.

The Bridge.

How very much has been added to our holiday joy, relief and satisfaction by the completion of the long-talked-of bridge at Lillington. There it stands strong, majestic, symmetrical, beautiful and proud! Yes, indeed, proud!

There is something in its very majesty that compels one who beholds the grand structure to feel that this is no ordinary but beautiful work stands proud of itself as a lasting link and bond holding in steady grip the two heretofore divided sections of Harnett County. United now and,

"Forever and forever,
As long as the river flows
As long as the heart has passions
As long as life has woes."

To hold the blessed union firm and united as it should be. It stands high above the turbid waters of the raging Cape Fear, and seems to look down with satisfaction at its own mirrored form beneath, confident of its strength and indifference to the angry threats of the roaring water beneath, that against which it will can but cast back the beautiful picture of their victor above.

This bridge is of steel except the approaches; and consists of three spans of equal length, which are each one hundred and sixty-one feet, and from land to land the total length is seven hundred and thirteen feet.

From the average water height to the top of the frame work of the bridge is a distance of fifty-six feet. The floor of the bridge standing twenty-nine feet above the average water line four feet above the highest freshet ever known in this age or at any time heretofore chronicled by tradition.

From these facts, and that every additional rise will necessarily have to cover so vast a space on the flat lands next to the river, that it is barely possible that the water can ever reach the bridge floor.

The great superincumbent weight of the steel frame work will hold down the bridge against tons of pressure, later applied by the current.

It was constructed by the Converse Bridge Company of Chattanooga, Tenn. An enterprising and successful corporation of southern men, southern organization and southern location of its plant and shops.

The people of Lillington are pleased to commend this company.

The gentleman in charge of the work of construction, Capt. James Hawthorne and later Capt. J. H. Wilson with their most excellent foreman, Gland S. Terry and his assistant Mr. O. S. Clark have shown themselves most competent and worthy men, honorable, honest and courteous.

They have employed our own local labor, and have thus been of great benefit to our community, with the exception, only, in the case of Capt. J. H. Wilson, who has been so unreasonably as to discharge every single one of our people whom he had engaged, except our beautiful and accomplished friend and teacher and chorist, Miss Emma Kivett, whom he has married; and is to take away from us soon; whether we know not; for he is ever engaged in bridge building here and yonder. Well! every one likes "Capt. Jack," and we suppose Miss Emma could not help it herself. Wherever they go they will carry with them the blessings of every soul in Lillington; for we feel that they are ours, and we will follow them with our wishes and prayers.

That Tired Feeling
You have been caused by worn out digestive organs. "Coleman's Guarantee" heals the parts, aids digestion and positively cures all forms of Dyspepsia. Thousands of cured people recommend "Coleman's Guarantee" as an honest medicine. Price 50c. large bottle at Hood & Grantham, druggists.

Business Proposition.
Now is the time to protect your property with a nice fire policy that will get your money after the fire. For your policies call on

JAS. A. TAYLOR & BRO.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Hood & Grantham.

Very Respectfully,
OSCAR J. SPEARS.

Notice.
The undersigned having qualified as administrator of B. A. Hedges, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same at once or the statute will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Any person owing said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned. This Dec 9th 1901.
J. V. BARFOOT, Admstr.
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Messrs Smith and Harrington were present and highly pleased.

Mr. Harrington was especially delighted and said he wanted to vote then for receiving it and paying the contract price. In this he voiced the sentiments of every man and woman whom we have heard express themselves about it. Capt. Wilson had a large crowd of two hundred or more on the bridge Thursday, and had Mr. Keen, the photographer of Dunn, to photograph the crowd and bridge. Then later at the Court house he tendered the bridge to the two commissioners present, and requested them to accept the same, if they thought it made according to contract specifications. If they did not so think, he invited a thorough examination by a competent engineer, and stated, that if not built according to contract, the Converse Bridge Company would make it so, before it would ask them for a payment of one cent of the contract price. He stated that the company, not by any fault of itself or of any one, had sustained great losses, on account of the unavoidable accidents occasioned by unusual and unexpected freshets in the river, by which the Company, if now paid the contract price, would leave the work damaged near six thousand dollars in loss, as could be proven by bills and vouchers in his hands. He challenged any one to challenge dispute or deny it to an investigation, and concluded thus: "Now, gentleman, consider, if you please, what I have said to you. Consider our misfortune and losses under this contract, and be so kind as to arrange for a settlement of this question at the earliest possible moment that will give opportunity sufficient to satisfy yourselves that we have done our duty and complied with the terms and specifications of the contract. Until you so decide, we cannot leave here; for if you find anything about the bridge not in accordance with the contract specifications, then we will make it so, and will keep our force here to do the work. This will be with great expense and loss of time to the company."

The company is now using it as a toll bridge, so that the expense incurred by the delay may be in part met. The people demand the bridge and wish it now, today; though they do not blame the bridge company in their action, but say that it is just. Now, Mr. Editor, please overlook and pardon the great length of this article. My only excuse are the holidays and the great interest our people all feel in the subject matter of this communication. Many of your readers, of whom you have many in Harnett, have never seen the bridge and know not the facts herein stated, which will be of interest to them. Please publish without charge.

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MOVED!

I desire to inform the public that I have moved my

BEEF MARKET

to the building formerly occupied by the Dunn Grocery Co., next door to Gainey & Jordan, where I shall be glad to serve one and all in need of anything in my line. All orders filled promptly.

And buy your meats from my stall.

To save you money I'll do my best: Come get your's first—then tell the rest.

Since first I opened up my stall, My aim has been to please you all.

My knives are sharp, my counters clean,
I keep all kinds both fat and lean.

Yours to serve,
R. M. PEARSALL.

A Good Cough Medicine.

From the Gazette, Teowomba, Australia.
I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. WICKNER. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wickner. This remedy is sold by Hood & Grantham.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of

The old year with its joys and sorrows is gone, hidden forever in the recesses of the irrevocable past, and the new year with its innumerable possibilities and manifold responsibilities is upon us.

The holidays, with all that seems to make life worth the living, are just past and every one is invigorated for the coming year.

It is true that the past year, from a financial point of view, has been rather quiet and commonplace since crops have been poor and the price of commodities low. Such a state of affairs must inevitably make itself felt throughout the country, for when misfortune rests heavily upon the farmer the heart action of the business world is necessarily affected and the circulation of money, the life current of the country sluggish and inert.

There is all the greater reason for the farmers to feel more hopeful for the coming year, and consequently the country. Two such poor crop years, seldom follow each other in close succession, therefore we can expect better times.

It behooves us then in every avocation at this threshold of a new year to be on the qui vive with faces turned to the future. The moments are quickly passing and we stand like some traveller upon a lofty crag that separates two boundless seas. The year that is closing is complete. "The past" as has said some great statesman, "is secure." It is finished and beyond our reach. The hand of distraction can't dim its glories, nor the tears of repentance wipe away its stains. Its good and its evil, joy and sorrow, its truth and falsehood, its honor and its shame, we cannot touch. Syk for them, blush for them, weep for them if we will, we cannot change them now. The old is dead and they are to be buried with him; his history is complete and they will stand upon its roll forever.

The year that is opening is all our own. The months that are before us are a virgin page. We can inscribe them as we will. The future, the destin of our nation, especially of our State rests upon us, its people. Let us then for another year be brave, benevolent, consistent, energetic, true to the teachings of our history, proving "divine descent by worth divine."

Yours for business,
Baucom & Co.

DUNN HIGH SCHOOL

Do not forget that the third session will begin

SEPTEMBER 2, 1901.

The faculty consists of experienced and well prepared instructors who will labor earnestly for your children.

Tuition from \$1 to \$3.50 per month.

Instrumental music in charge of a most competent and experienced teacher.

Students in the school will have the advantage of a course in elocution.

We feel thankful to our friends and patrons for the encouragement they have given us; and hope by fair dealings, hard work and the one purpose of helping you to educate your son and daughter to merit a continuance of the same.

For circulars and further information, write to
J. D. EZZELL, Supt.
DUNN, N. C.

NEW QUARTERS.

We desire to inform the public that we are now located in the NEW BRICK BUILDING RECENTLY ERECTED BY MR. W. D. THORNTON ON EAST BROAD STREET. We have plenty of room and one of the most complete lines of

FURNITURE

to select from to be found in the county. New goods arriving nearly every day. We sell at a close margin and find this the most satisfactory way to do business.

Watch this space and you will find it to your financial interest. QUICK SALES—SMALL PROFITS. Come to see us.

Yours to please,
GLOBE FURNITURE CO.

BAUCOM & CO.,
DUNN, N. C.

When you come to town be sure that you see our line of

Machinery & Fancy Goods.

The interest of our customer is what we intend to look after this year and give them all the advantages of low prices.

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HOW TALL ARE YOU?

If you don't know, come in to see us and we'll put you under the "International" Height Measuring Device and tell you to the fraction of an inch.

Incidentally we'll show you the "International" line of samples comprising over six hundred of the noblest and newest patterns for Men's Fall and Winter clothes.

The International Tailoring Co.

of New York and Chicago

is the largest and most reliable tailoring concern in the world. The clothes it makes fit perfectly and cost little. Let us send in a trial order for you and we know you'll always wear "INTERNATIONAL" garments thereafter.

T. C. YOUNG, & CO., Dunn, N. C.

E. LEE'S

HARDWARE & HARNESS

HOUSE

Is the place to get Bargains. I will soon be ready to move in my new store and am selling goods cheap to keep from moving them. See me before buying.

Yours to serve and please,
Lee's Hardware House.

YOU LAUGH! AND SO DO WE

When we think about what great values we are offering the public.

=DON'T=

Forget to see us when you have

Repair Work

Of any kind. We guarantee satisfaction in prices and work. ALL MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

Thanking you for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of the same,

We are yours to serve,
GAINES & JORDAN.

PHILLIPS & CO.,
'Phone No. 24.

*** MOVED. ***

You will now find Phillips & Co. in the store fronting Lucknow Square, next door to W. H. Blanchard. They carry in stock at all times, best Flour, Meal, Sugar, Coffee, Green and Roasted, Syrups, Finest Maple, and Molasses.

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, Apples, Corn, Beans and Tomatoes. Canned Meats, Beef, Ham, Sausage, Salmon, etc.
Preserves, Jellies, Teas, Chocolates of all kinds. Pickles in kegs and in bottles. Condensed Milk, etc.

CAKES AND CRACKERS.

Ginger Snaps.....5 cts. per pound.
Orange Wafers.....15 " "
Jelly Cakes.....15 " "
Oyster Crackers.....5 " "
Best Soda Crackers.....10 " "

CANDIES.
THE BEST OF ALL KINDS.
Vegetables of all kinds. Butter and Cheese. Ice Cold Drinks. Tobacco from 25 to 60 cents.
Baskets, the best for 5 cents. Fresh roasted peanuts always on hand. When you want anything call on

Phillips & Co.

Miss Florence E. Holder,
DUNN, N. C.

Millinery

AND

* FANCY * GOODS *

The latest styles of the fall season of 1901 now exhibited. Call and see them.