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Date your letters 1912. Has anyone forgotten?

Leap Year, Leap Year, a chance for even the old maids!

A Happy New Year to all our readers. May you enjoy prosperity, happiness and peace.

All together to make 1912 a boomer for Burlington and Alamance county.

Few New Year resolutions put into effect are better than many broken.

The more you advertise in The State Dispatch this year the greater will be your success.

What is the trouble with the sidewalk on Front Street? Have they fallen from their level?

How many of our readers had peas on New Year's day for good luck.

"Mark it 1912" sounds to us like Republicanism and prosperity.

That the past year has been a prosperous one for our merchants will be evidenced within the next few days, when inventories will have been completed.

Long Neglected.

The DISPATCH wants to call the attention of our county commissioners to a fact that is known of all men. And that is the neglect that all the county administration are giving and how given Cobles and Pattersons township. The road conditions in these two townships is very bad. They have been long neglected will not our present county commissioners give this matter their attention.

Who is To Blame.

Are the roads bad, and who is to blame. When the roads were bad during the republican county administration, the Democrats with one accord said it was on account of incompetency and bad management. Surely no one will be so unkind as to say that this is the case now. But that they are bad, very bad is putting it mildly. We are not blaming the Democrats for the present condition of the roads, but we are recalling this instance to show what a party without principle or judgement will do and say in order to down a political opponent. This ought to be a lesson to our democratic friends to be more truthful in the future and not try to take advantage of bad conditions to discredit a political opponent. The roads will get bad no matter who is in power. But it does seem that they get just a little worse when the Democrats hold the reins of county government. And yet they say they are the only party that is capable of giving the people good government, perish the thought.

The State Dispatch in 1912.

The State Dispatch feels confident that this will be a great year for Burlington, a year of progress, of successful enterprise, of genuine prosperity. The Dispatch means to use all its influence to accomplish those ends to make this the greater Burlington in fact, not in name only. Since its initial issue it has fought along those lines it means to fight in 1912, backed up by the strong force of public opinion, encouraged as it knows it will be by popular approval.

In the year that has now gone into history The Dispatch has made new records in Burlington history. Its columns have been filled from week to week to overflowing with news and advertising, it has grown to have an enormous circulation; a circulation of which it and its patrons are well proud. It has endeavored to become an important factor in the life of this city.

During 1912 we shall endeavor to stand by the same faith. We send our many readers and advertisers the heartiest of good wishes for 1912.

Business Outlook for 1912.

The general opinion of those who are in a position to speak is that 1912 begins with a brisker and brighter era of business just ahead. During 1911 we sold much more than we bought from other nations, our exports greatly exceeding our imports. The theory advanced from this is that the nation, like the individual, is better off when it sells more than it buys. 1912 starts with a fine balance from our past dealings with the outside world. Although the cereal products of the past year were much smaller than the previous year which was due to prevailing conditions, the prices ranging high. The cotton crop for 1911 will surpass the previous year's yield by 100,000 bales. The general trade conditions for 1911 were not fully evidenced until the last months of the year, which was distinguished by a marked revival in the steel manufacture. It is predicted that 100,000 men who were idle in the Pittsburgh region two months ago will be employed during the current month. Thirty six plants which were idle Dec. 1st will be put in operation with in the next twenty days.

In this bright and prosperous outlook for 1912 we should not forget the fact that this is a presidential year—a year when everything, as a rule, goes into the melting pot. But the idea of this has been set aside from viewing the fact that so far as Republican National politics are concerned, there is not likely to be anything approaching a revolutionary upheaval. Locally as well as Nationally the year 1912 starts well, pointing toward business activities.

Expression of The Pastors.

Last Sunday night all the churches of the city except one or two closed their doors. They did so partly because there was a Sunday School meeting in one of the churches—an excellent and profitable meeting for all who attended. But the churches closed also because there was published a rather remarkable request that all the churches would call in their night services. I dare say that no church believed it was best to close, but each one feared it might be considered narrow if it failed to close, and out of sympathy with the great Sunday School movement represented by the local convention here Sunday night. I wish to make my humble protest against such a view, and to give the public an expression by the pastors of the city, touching the matter of closing our churches for various meetings that are arranged for Sunday evenings. The frequency of such meetings led the Ministerial Association of the city about a year ago to adopt the following, and to place it on its records:

"Whereas it is our conviction that the regular preaching services of the church should be magnified above every other kind of services, and

Whereas frequent requests came to us to suspend these services for meetings of various kinds,

Resolved, that our preaching services shall not be suspended except for something decidedly extraordinary.

That this action was altogether reasonable will appear to anyone who weighs the several facts:

1. No church in our town will accommodate half the people who should be expected to attend services on any Sunday night. I venture to say that no church in town will hold more than half the people who actually go to the regular services on Sunday nights, when all the churches are open.

2. With a city nearly two miles in length no one church is easily accessible to the people in all sections. Many people therefore would attend services in a near-by church who would not go to a distant church even for a service of very unusual interest. For both these reasons it is clear that to close all churches but one is greatly to reduce the number of church-goers on any Sunday evening.

3. Those churches that are scheduled to have services every Sunday night lose greatly by calling off a service now and then. Some will not know of the decision to suspend services, and will go and be disappointed. This element of uncertainty will result in decreasing attendance.

I trust, therefore, that it will be more strictly the policy of our churches not to suspend services except for something decidedly extraordinary.

Nobody will be so unfair as to construe this as a reflection on the excellent meeting to which I invited my people last Sunday night. Still less is it to be construed as implying any lack of interest in the great International Sunday School movement. I have stated a general principle, which I believe should hereafter be generally recognized. I make this statement in the interest of all the pastors and churches. The pastors have committed themselves. Hereafter, if any church desires to call in a regular service, it will not be considered narrow nor selfish. The presumption hereafter will be that churches will not close except for some meeting of extraordinary importance.

S. L. Morgan.

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