

## Mebane Leader

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### CLOSING THE YEAR.

With this issue the Leader closes its work for 1911, and will permit its mechanical force to take a brief breathing spell, some much earned rest. We hope to greet you again on the first Thursday in the New Year. We wish to take this occasion to express our sincere thanks to all who have in any measure contributed to the support of the Leader, whether as a paid subscriber, or an advertiser. We feel grateful to you all, and trust that these exchanges of business amenities while of a practical character has proven mutually profitable.

The end of the old year is fast approaching, soon time will toll its death knell, and it will be laid to sleep with the millions that have preceded it since the worlds creation.

The old year will soon be gone but he will have left foot prints upon our lives some where, in some way, he has taught us more of this old world, we have learned to cling closer to the good friends we have, or to watch more carefully those who have proved unworthy by their treachery.

Some beautiful girl, noble boy precious babe or treasured friend whose smiles gladdened your home last Christmas, may be gone and we may have some little moments that reminds us of their once happy presence but we hear no more their familiar foot fall.

The New Year will soon be here. We trust to each and all of the Leader Readers it will be a year of pleasure and prosperity. It will be a year of good purposes of splendid resolve. With wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, The Leader bids you a brief adieu.

### TOBACCO GROWING IN THIS SECTION.

It might not be out of the way to suggest to the tobacco farmers of this section that it is getting time to look after their tobacco plant beds. There is no question but what the tobacco raised in this section is of superior quality, and the tobacco manufacture are beginning to fully appreciate this fact. The grade of tobacco raised in Northern Alamance, and Orange and Caswell Counties will command superior prices right along. It is not such a bright tobacco, nor is it the black strong kind, but it is a rich mahogany that in the future will go in a filler for the better grades of chewing tobacco. There is no possibility of this section retrograding in the quality of tobacco raised, but the farmers will raise more and a better grade.

The gray lands of this section for tobacco raising have no superior in this state, and there is a great deal of land South of Mebane that will produce a fine grade of tobacco. There are great areas of tobacco land in which the cultivation of tobacco will cease, because it will become less and less profitable, but this is an ideal tobacco section, and the grades raised in and around here will always command good prices.

If you have not tobacco seed then call on Mr. J. S. Warren of the Piedmont Warehouse, or Mr. W. E. Harris of the Planters, they will see that you get seed.

Some members of the Democratic party can always be counted upon to play the fool, and if they did not do it when a number voted forty million dollars for the dependant pension bill last week then they missed their finest opportunity. Nothing better was expected of the Republican party, it was an other effort to feed their friends at the public crib, but that members of a party pledged to economy in the administration of public affairs could lend their support, and encouragement to a species of public graft, to a dirty dishonorable effort to plunder the public crib for the hope of political influence is past understanding.

Those Democratic Congressmen, who have presidential aspirations, who voted for the Sherwood public plunder bill, misnamed a pension, should hasten to announce that they do not want the nomination, would not have it, if presented on a silver waiter, because it will be all the same, they will not get it.

### Yuletide and You.

I  
A winter's sky and stars without,  
Pale moon and memories calling  
Encompass all my world about;  
God's blessings on me falling.

A scent of lilacs through the room,  
Like holy incense burning  
Awakens through the twilight gloom  
A lover's ardent yearning.

Out there the wind sweeps o'er the plain  
Within the glowing embers;  
Love weaves about his golden chain  
The Yuletide yet remembers!

II  
Twilight and gloom fill all the room,  
Time's pray things receding,  
While Dreams along the hallway bloom  
And faces smile in pleading.

As daylight dies from out the skies  
And night bestows his blessing  
I catch a gleam from Love's sweet eyes  
And feel his soft caressing.

III  
Somehow an angel's touch is laid  
Upon the brow of Sorrow,  
And every debt of sin is paid  
With dawning of tomorrow.

So hang the mistletoe above  
The hallway and the landing  
That one may kiss the brow of Love  
Beside the hallway standing.

IV  
Yuletide and you! a sky of blue,  
Though winter's blasts are blowing,  
Old love remembers and is true  
As yonder embers glowing.

Yuletide and you! the sirens sing  
As in the Grecian story  
And to the Christmas hearth I cling  
With you and all its glory;

For wintry sky and stars without,  
Pale moon and memories calling  
Encompass all my world about,  
God's blessings on me falling.

-H. E. HARMAN.

### The Pension Steal.

(From The Asheville Citizen)

Congressman Gudger, of our own district, was the only North Carolina Congressman who went on record as voting for the pension steal which proposes to make the taxpayers of the country contribute seventy-five millions of dollars annually to the 676,000 G. A. R. veterans who "saved the Union" fifty years ago. While the friends of Mr. Gudger will regret that he should have voted for a measure which adds to the burdens of the South, he himself can not complain of publication if he went on record that way, while his North Carolina brethren, Doughton, Godwin, Kitchen, Page, Small and Stedman had the courage to vote against the steal. This monstrous bill, which no Southern Congressman should have supported, proposes to tax every family in the United States (that's the way it figures out) to pay additional pensions, ranging from \$15 to \$30 a month to the soldiers of the Union armies who fought against the South. They are to get it, regardless of the fact that they were already getting good pensions. Such was the bill for which Congressman Gudger voted.

### A Terrible Blunder.

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### Pull Together.

Pull together, brethren. We are all here for the same purpose. Then live and let live. The best way to build up your town is for each and every man to pull together and not strive to rend and tear down. All residents of a town are partners, and not opponents. In all likelihood, the more business done by your rival the more you will do. Every man who treats his customers honestly and fairly will get his share, and the more business that can be secured by united effort, the better it will be for all. -Exchange.

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Training an Elephant.  
In training the elephant to perform tricks advantage is taken of the fact that the feet of the animal are peculiarly sensitive and he dreads any injury to them. Many of his tricks are based upon this principle. Thus he is made to place one foot upon a low pedestal; then the other foot is tapped gently, and he raises this and places it beside the other—to get it out of harm's way. The hind feet are treated similarly in turn, the front feet being hit every time they are placed on the ground. In this way all four feet are finally placed upon the tub. The trick of inducing an elephant to partake of a meal is very simple. Animals will naturally eat anything placed before them, and it is only necessary to open a bottle of "pop" once or twice and present it by hand when the animal may be trusted to find out for himself how to get at its contents. In all such cases the essence of the training consists in infinite patience, kindness and constant repetition, showing the animal over and over again how a thing is done in precisely the same way and then forcing him to do it himself.—Scientific American.

The Old Man's Plea.  
He got eight years in Sing Sing, but nevertheless the plea for mercy of Joseph Amos Washington Bruen was one of the finest prose poems ever uttered in the general sessions of New York. The old man addressed the court as follows:

"Deed, yo' honah, I can't say much. Mah record am sure against me. I hab served mah time for de same offense. All I have to remark (an' I hope yo' honah will not be too stern) is dat I just simply can't keep away from a hencoop nobow when I heah dem pullets callin'."

Endyard Kipling expressed the very same idea when he wrote those two familiar lines:  
For the wind is in the palm trees, an' the temple bells they say:  
"Come ye back, ye British soldier; come ye back to Mandalay!"

The chicken habit once formed is as tenacious and irresistible as the Burma girl habit.—Boston Globe.

Can't Beat the Head Waiter.  
"You can't get ahead of a head waiter," said a man who spends a great deal of time at one of the New York hotels. "Of course the tips at a hotel like this mount up, and, as there are several restaurants, if you give \$15 or \$20 to the head waiter of each one of them it is too much. I sweetened one head waiter, but neglected to give the autocrat of another restaurant anything. Soon I found that it was very difficult for me to get a table in that restaurant. The head waiter would always be looking another way or a table that I fancied had been engaged. I got even by giving my waiters extra big tips, and it soon got so that when I entered the restaurant half a dozen upraised fingers would beckon me. But soon the head waiter was on to my game, and it got so that almost every table offered me was claimed by the head waiter on the ground that it was reserved."—New York Sun.

Pullman's Little Joke.  
S. S. Beman, the architect, had the most to do with the building of the town of Pullman, although acting on certain suggestions from the founder of the colony. When plans had been completed and the perfunctory work of execution was under way the architect said to the car company chief:  
"Now that we are well started, Mr. Pullman, I want to ask you if you have given any thought to naming the town."

"A great deal," said Mr. Pullman. "I think it is only fair that you should have recognition, and I have decided upon a composite name that will immortalize you and myself at the same time. We will do this by taking the first syllable of my name and the last syllable of yours."—Chicago Post.

Browning and a Cabman.  
The gondoliers of Venice are supposed to know their Tasso and Ariosto. The following little incident leads to the supposition that Browning's "Ride to Ghent" may possibly be found in the poetic repertory of the London cabman: A neighbor one day saw Mr. Browning alight from a hansom. The cabby looked at the fare in his open palm with an air of dissatisfaction and, wheeling round, delivered himself of this parting shot: "You may be a good poet, but you're a bad paymaster."—Mrs. Andrew Cross in "Red Letter Days of My Life."

His Calling.  
"What are you doing now, Wigglethorpe?"  
"Settlement work."  
"Settlement work? You don't look the part."  
"That's what I'm doing, just the same; I'm collecting bills for old Spot-cash."—Exchange.

An Easy Task.  
Lover (mournfully)—Have you learned to love another? Flirt (who had just broken off her engagement with him)—Oh, no, George. I didn't have to learn. The man is very, very wealthy, and the love came spontaneously.

"Music Hath Charms."  
"What on earth do you keep clapping for? That last singer was awful!"  
"I know, but I liked the style of her clothes, and I want to have another look at them."—London Opinion.

Diplomats get more profit by listening than by talking even when they talk well.—Hanotau.

### Pure Demagogy.

(From The Nashville Banner.)  
It was pure demagogy paraded in the name of patriotism and was influenced not so much by the soldier vote now growing much smaller than the pension paid by the government would indicate, but by a mischievous sentimentality that needs correcting and, what is worse, the army of pension officials and the pension attorneys, for whom the disbursement of so much money affords rich bounty and large annual incomes.

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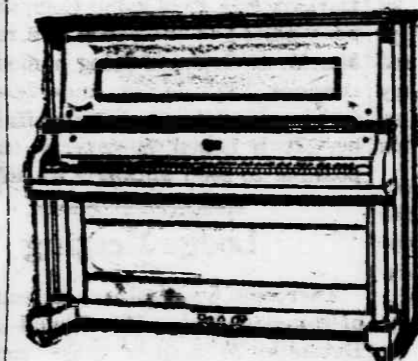
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