

Society

Mrs. J. C. Stewart has returned from a stay of several weeks in Philadelphia.

Mr. Owen F. Cobb, of Chester, Pa., is a guest of his aunt, Mrs. N. G. Shaw, on North Front street.

Miss Susie Ewing and mother, Mrs. Ewing arrived in the city this morning to spend some time with relatives.

Miss Josephine Harriss returned this morning from Warsaw where she spent the past few days visiting friends.

Rev. John C. Wooten, former pastor of Grace Methodist church, now in Durham, with Mrs. Wooten, are visiting here.

Mrs. H. F. Kydd, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Butler, No. 308 Dock street.

Misses Annie Lamb, of Red Springs, DeLisle Cobb, of High Point, and Mary Lou Cobb, of Salem, N. C., are guests of Miss Edna Shaw, on North Front street.

Rev. J. H. Meracken, new pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, and family, have arrived and are occupying the parsonage on South Fifth street.

Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the Acme Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit at the Winter Park Presbyterian church at the regular Sunday evening services at 7:45 o'clock.

Mr. R. O. Montz, traveling freight claim agent for the Coast Line, has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he has spent the past two weeks visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. D. Montz.

Messrs. L. W. Moore, George E. Leftwich and C. C. Cashwell, Esq., left this morning for Atkinson to attend the Union meeting, which will be held today and tomorrow at Shiloh Baptist church.

Mr. Turner T. Wellons and bride who were married here on Wednesday, have returned to their home in Raleigh. Mrs. Wellons was formerly Miss Goldie Prince Stevenson, of Raleigh, and is known here to a large circle of friends.

Mr. J. B. Huntington, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has returned from Charlotte, where he spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Huntington. Mrs. Huntington and children will remain in Charlotte some time longer.

Miss Irma Vidal, of Gainesville, Fla., who is a student at the Greensboro State Normal College, arrived here this morning to be a guest of Miss Eliza Murphy at No. 115 South Third street. Miss Vidal comes from Wallace, where she has been spending a visit with friends.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Calvary Baptist church was given last night at the church, at which there was a large gathering of the congregation and friends. Distinct features of the program was the singing of "Silent Night," by Miss Louise Sullivan, and readings by Misses Dorothy Boone, Mildred Robbins and Frances Sullivan. Two prizes donated by Mr. S. F. Garrison were presented by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, to Misses Louise Sullivan and Mildred Pridden for memorizing the church covenant. Miss Mabel Woolard, church organist, was presented with a gift for her faithful services during the year.

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BUT ONE CONVICT FAILS TO RETURN HOLIDAYS DIDN'T STOP ACTIVITY

Durham Reports Renegade Trustee to Governor—Prisoners Less Punctual.

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Governor Craig's office has heard of but one renegade convict as the result of the executive order allowing "trusties" to spend Christmas at home. The report comes from Durham.

Reports from the camps indicate that prisoners were a little less punctual than they were last year, but otherwise they have kept their obligation faithfully. Governor Craig last year found only one who did not live up to the trust. He would regard it a remarkable record if the prisoners did as well this year.

From various individuals he has received letters, some of them written by educated and intelligent men, others by the illiterate. Lee Spencer, of Wake county, was privileged to see his mother the first time in eleven years, he said. Many sent their money home.

The State has chartered the Stevenson-Belk company, of Rockingham, a general merchandise business with \$15,000 of its \$50,000 capital paid in. The subscribers are: J. F. Stevenson, of Rockingham; W. H. Belk, of Monroe; W. M. Matthews, G. H. McDonald, and W. L. Willis, of Charlotte.

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FAIR AND MODERATELY COLD WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Generally fair and moderately cold weather is forecast for the Southeastern States during the week beginning tomorrow. Rain probably Wednesday or Thursday. The weather will be warmer after Tuesday in the Southern and Eastern States.

PRESTON HOLDEN ENTERS REAL ESTATE.

Southport, Dec. 30.—Mr. Preston S. Holden, who is a native of Brunswick county, but who has been away for some time, has returned to Southport, where he will engage in the insurance and real estate business. Mr. Holden is a young man of pleasing address and possesses an abundance of energy and his friends predict that he will meet with success. He has rented and furnished attractive offices in the building adjoining the postoffice. He has had quite a bit of experience in his chosen work.

Capt. F. P. Crockett, who was formerly in charge of the government boat, the Gen. G. W. Gettys, and who was sent to Panama with the boat, has been transferred to the Captain Morrison, stationed here. Captain Crockett will return to Southport this week.

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South Added Many More Industrial Concerns to Its Long List Past Week.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30.—Holiday festivities of the past week interfered but little with industrial activities throughout the Southern States, about the usual number and variety of developmental enterprises having been announced. In today's Manufacturers Record appear numerous reports stating the essential facts regarding the week's announcements, and they include plans requiring the investment of capital for practically every phase of industry in the utilization of the South's many great resources.

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Leckie Coal Co., Norfolk, Va., incorporated with \$100,000 capital for developing coal land.

National Veneer Co., Richmond, Va., incorporated with \$100,000 capital for manufacturing veneer.

Ajax Clay Works, Macon, Ga., incorporated with \$100,000 capital, to manufacture silo blocks, sewer blocks and firebrick.

Stegall Water Elevator Co., Concord, N. C., incorporated with \$100,000 capital to manufacture elevators driven by waterpower.

Wetzel Oil Co., New Martinsville, W. Va., incorporated with \$100,000 capital by New York and Brooklyn capitalists, who plan to develop oil properties.

Pyramid Refining Co., Oklahoma City, incorporated with \$100,000 capital to refine crude petroleum.

Gum Panel Co., New Bern, N. C., chartered with \$75,000 capital to manufacture panels.

Aronhime Packing Co., Bristol, Va., incorporated with \$50,000 capital to kill and pack meat.

Stewart Manufacturing Co., Oklahoma City, incorporated with \$50,000 capital for manufacturing purposes.

Brunswick Marine Construction Corporation, Brunswick, Ga., accepted plans and specifications for drydock for vessels up to 5,000 tons.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—With the slogan, "Better prices for better milk," mass meetings of all farmers owning one or more cows are to be held today in every county seat in New England. The New England Milk Producers' Association is sponsor for the movement. The county meetings are to be followed up by a corps of organizers, who will visit every section to aid in completing local organizations, and it is believed that before the end of January a large proportion of the 200,000 farmers who own the 800,000 cows in New England will have joined the local and county unions and be prepared to take advantage of the full market value of their milk, butter, cheese and cream, and also make provision for handling surpluses.

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Pre-Inventory Specials

Next week we begin our annual inventory; As we have a few odd lots of merchandise to close before hand, we offer them Special for today. The values are immense. Better See Them



Wright's Health Union Suits for \$1.79
Light or medium weight Genuine Wright's Spring Needle Union Suits; all sizes \$2.50 value @ \$1.79

Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers at 38c
Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers; only a few of each kind; 50c and 65c values @ .37c

Children's Knit Underwear
Children's Vest and Pants, odd lots, only one or two pieces of a kind; worth from 25c to 75c per garment; priced to close @ .15c and 25c

Sweet Orr Work Shirts at 79c
Dark Blue Pokadot Work Shirts, with two collars to match; was worth \$1.00 each at the old prices; now reduced to close @ .79c

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at 25c and 48c
Ladies' Trimmed and untrimmed, velvet and felt hats; last season's styles; values up to \$5.00 to close @ .25c and 48c

Ladies' Gingham House Dresses at 69c
Made from fast colored blue and white striped ginghams; neat plain style; elbow sleeve; all sizes at .69c

Children's 25c Hose for 19c
Children's Cadet Hose; sizes 5 to 8 only; all black and fast colors; priced .19c

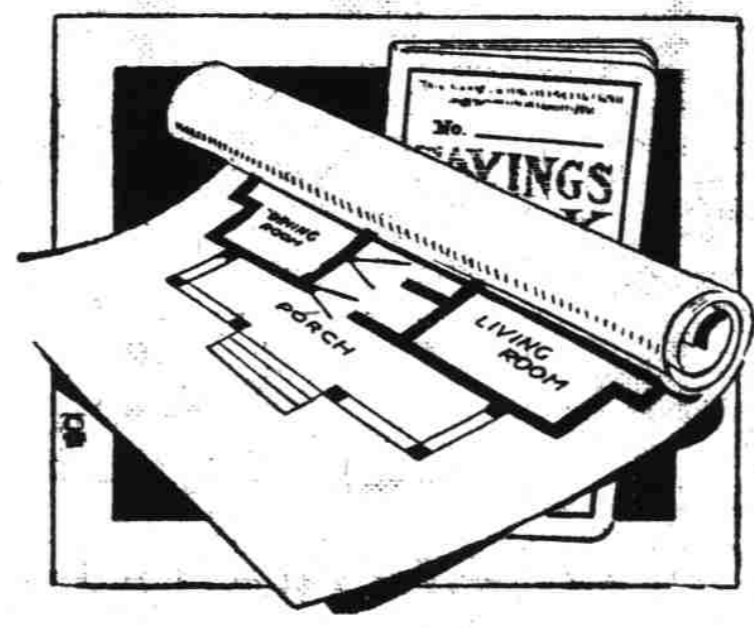
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Is there a Bank Book back of your Plans for the New Year?



Are you planning for the future? Are you taking care of meeting an opportunity to **Make money**.

which takes money to swing? Are you prepared to handle emergencies which require money? If not, let a savings account head your list plans for **1917**

The old axiom of "Money makes Money" is true, every word of it. The road to prosperity wends its way through a bank account. Plan to save this year. Your first deposit is the beginning of your success.

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Corner Front and Princess Streets

Correct Dress Suits and Accessories

For The New Social Season

Correct in those little details which distinguish the man who knows how to dress well—correct in the choice of materials from which they are made—correct in their conformity to the trend of today's fashions and—added to all this—correct in price, which in this case means less than elsewhere, quality for quality considered.

FULL DRESS SUITS	KNOX SILK HAT.
TUXEDO COAT AND VEST	OPERA HAT
FULL DRESS PANTS	DERBY HAT
FULL DRESS TIES	DRESS REEFERS
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All the above goods are of the newest styles and best qualities and at the Lowest possible prices.

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Tuesday 9 O'Clock

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Store will be Closed all day Monday.

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