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With the advent of the new year comes a change in the staff of THE ELEVATOR. It will be the aim of this paper during the coming year to continue its policy of working for the best interests of Elm City, praising where praise is due, and giving an occasional good-natured scolding when certain necessities in our life as a city are not fully realized.

There is good news for the hobo with the new year. A Soap Trust is about to be organized in the Southern States.

President Roosevelt must have felt that he had had enough of "the strenuous life" for one day, after shaking hands with eight thousand people New Year's Day.

Now that there is a lull in the Cropsy Case, Admiral Schley will have opportunity to hold first place again in the attention of ourselves and neighbors.

We hope that among your New Year's resolutions was a good strong one to help in every way possible to secure proper fire protection for Elm City during 1902, the earlier in the year the better.

Now that Miss Cropsy's body has been found, and Wilcox is in jail, it is to be hoped that the law will be permitted to take its course, not that lynching would not be too good for the guilty party, but because there will be plenty of time to lynch, if necessary, after the trial. In the meantime, the courts should have first say in the matter.

The figures given in School News show that there is need of increased effort for better school attendance in this county; while Elm City is to be congratulated on the able assistance of Professor Hays in keeping up its standard of education, yet he needs the unqualified support of the people in his work as County Superintendent. Here is opportunity for more New Year's resolutions.

A glance at Professor Hays' extract from the Wilson County School Census shows that of 4600 white children of school age in the county, 327 or a trifle over 7 per cent can not read and write. At nearly every election in North Carolina for the past twenty years, a change of considerably less than 7 per cent of the votes would have reversed the result. In view of the Amendment of 1900, and the grave questions which will surely confront the voters of North Carolina in the future, a word to the wise should be sufficient.

Trusts

Mr. Charles Francis Adams made the following remarks on trusts last Friday at the meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington.

"Monopoly is as old as civilization. The ancient monopoly was something granted by the government which enabled the persons securing it to reap vast profits. The modern trust is based on an entirely different principle. It seeks to obtain a larger profit by larger sales at a smaller profit. It is but one step more in the process of the development of industry since man commenced making machinery. The record of mankind shows that increased production has driven out a small dealer by means of a larger trade, an extension of commercial activity. No monopoly can exist which is not under cover of the government and there is no trust in the United States that could maintain itself after charging more than any one else for the same article, unless it were allied with the government. Therefore in the study of history throughout it will be found that the absterge of the trust is the tariff."

Everything goes to indicate that the smaller a republic is the more difficult it is to govern.—Atlanta Journal.

How much better off this country would be if the money spent in the Philippines had been applied to improvement at home.—Danville Bee.

What's the use of worrying now over how Mr. Carnegie got his money? let us keep pegging away at the good work of taking it away from him.—Washington Post.

Now comes a saloon keeper of Elizabeth City who claims that the whiskey bottle found on the supposed spot of Nell Cropsy's drowning was purchased at his saloon by Wilcox, and adds "or one like it."—Charlotte News.

Although obliged to get along without either subsidies or prize money, Admiral Noah at least had the satisfaction of knowing there was no Bureau of Navigation to criticize his starboard loops.—Durham Herald.

The Secretary of War is to be commended for his frankness. He declares the war in the Philippines is still on. This is better than the former policy of declaring the war over when the declaration was lacking the essential elements of truth.—Winston Sentinel.

If President Roosevelt in distributing his favors to party friends in the south will avoid the class that proved so offensive he will help the south, and command more of its respect. Give the country competent, decent, sober, honest, fair, obliging, faithful men who will represent the federal government with dignity and credit.—Wilmington Messenger.

The demonstration of the inhabitants of the Danish West Indies against being sold to the United States is worthy of the observation of our government. When President Gaunt set out to buy those islands he sought the consent of the inhabitants. The precedent is not a bad one. The people there have some rights which both Denmark and the United States should heed.—Atlanta Constitution.

It is nothing new to learn that the politicians are afraid that Admiral Schley will become a political factor. They are afraid of their own shadows on the smallest intimation that a new and unexpected candidate is forthcoming. But Schley will likely not give them any trouble unless he loses some of the excellent judgment which has characterized him in the past.—Greensboro Telegram.

Iowa is nearly the whole push in Washington. Besides the Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of Agriculture and many other appointive positions, an Iowa man is speaker of the House, chairman of the Nicaraguan Canal Committee, chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee, and Agricultural Committee. If there's anything else Iowa wants it should ask for it, for where Iowa sits is now the head of the table in Washington.—News and Observer.

Christmas Musicals

A musicale was given by the pupils of the Elm City Academy Friday evening, December 20, at the schoolhouse. There was a large attendance and the musicale was greatly enjoyed. The following program was rendered:

- 1. Duet—"Tres Jolie." Misses Lillie Watson and Mattie Lee Dixon.
2. Recitation—"The Warning." Miss Ethel Brinkley.
3. Duet—"Homeward Quickstep." Misses Viola Dixon and Lessee Taylor.
4. Duet—"Morning Star Waltz." Misses Westie Williams and Blanche Wells.
5. Chorus—"Christmas Pilgrims." Class.
6. Duet—"Golden Chimes March." Misses Lady Doles and Addie Owens.
7. Duet—"The Ocean by Moonlight." Misses Elsie and Marie Griffin.
8. Song—"Telling Dollies." Class.
9. "Juanita." Misses Doretha Farmer and Lucile Moore.
10. Duet—"March of the Goblins." Misses Fannie Viek and Hattie Dixon.
11. Vocal Solo—"Asthere." Miss Pauline Batts.
12. Recitation—"Bill Smith." Miss Lady Doles.
13. Duet—"Les Dames De Seyville." Misses Mamie Hales and Hattie O'Berry.
14. Duet—"Awakening of the Lion." Misses Ivy Pridgen and Linda Barnes.
15. "Columbia's Party."

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Sunday-school teacher—I was very sorry to hear, Sandy, that you went fishing last Sunday; you should certainly set a better example than that. Now, here's a little boy (turning to newcomer) who doesn't go fishing on the Lord's day. Do you, little boy? Newcomer—No, sir.

S. S. teacher—Ah! I thought as much. One look at that innocent face was convincing. And why don't you go fishing on Sunday, my little man? Newcomer—'Cause there ain't no fishing where I live.—Boston Courier.

Farmer Wayback—Those pesky boys tied a tin pail to that dog's tail and ran him eleven miles. I'll sue 'em.

Mr. Cityman—Was it your dog? Farmer Wayback—No, it was my pail.—Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

"This the salesman said, handing out another package, 'is also an excellent substitute for coffee. It is very wholesome. It makes red blood."

"Hav'n't you something," asked the young woman with the earrings, "that makes blue blood?"—Chicago Tribune.

Brown—That's a swell stud you are wearing, Smith. I wish my friend Jones could get a glimpse of it.

Smith—Is he a diamond expert? Brown—No; he travels for a glass factory.—Chicago News.

"Is there any water in metals?" asked the instructor of a class in physics.

"There seems to have been some in copper," responded the young man with the bad eye.—Chicago Tribune.

Pointed Paragraphs

Every man should sit on his self-conceit.

Only fools imagine the world cannot do without them.

Fortunate are they who learn wisdom from the folly of others.

Riches are the wings that make an angel of just a plain, ordinary girl.

Few people die of love, although lots of young people are dead in love.

Many a man who travels on the right road is headed the wrong way.

If a woman hasn't any other object in life she can act as companion to a pug dog.

The millionaire who has a titled son-in-law has something to look up to and put up for.

A widow is entitled to her third, but men are usually shy after she has planted her second.

The man who feels every inch a king at night is very likely to feel like the deuce the next morning.

A new broom is able to raise more dust in a minute than a fresh young man can produce in a thousand years.

It takes a genuine philosopher to discover a number of good and sufficient reasons why other people should be satisfied with their condition in life.—Chicago News.

Original Observations

The light of Washington city is the candle.

A great many grandfathers are anything but grand.

The holiday big head is beginning to diminish in size.

It is natural for the cowboy to be noted for his "horns."

An ounce of favor goes much further than a pound of justice.

It was a "green" Christmas, but many who celebrated painted it red.

Many stockings were well filled in Orange without the aid of Santa Claus.

A great many who can neither read nor write can "reckon" all right.

Many men have been generous to a fault this week, the fault of getting drunk.—Orange (Va.) Observer.

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