

SALUTATORY.

We send forth to-day the EASTERN CAROLINA NEWS, a weekly newspaper, published in the town of Trenton, Jones Co., N. C., as a candidate for public patronage. In the publication of the NEWS we have two objects in view. The first to assist in the elevation, intellectually and financially the people among whom we have come to live. The other, to so win the esteem and confidence of our readers, that the enterprise will prove a financial success to us.

The NEWS will be strictly a family newspaper, non-partisan non-sectarian free from sensation, yet it will not hesitate to condemn wrong and uphold the right as we see it, at all times and on all occasions.

Correspondents Solicited

We beg our friends who have anything to say that the public is interested in hearing, to use the NEWS as a vehicle to communicate their views. The name of the author should accompany the article, yet it will be optional with him whether it shall be published.

THE NEW YEAR.

When, dear readers, we were children and with childish anxiety were looking forward to Christmas, or the Fourth of July, or the annual gatherings of families and friends, how slowly time seemed to travel! It seemed to be an almost endless period from one Christmas to another.

But it is not so now. As we grow older and the years behind us are more than those that are before us, time seems to go pass with the speed of lightning.

It was only but yesterday, seemingly, that 1896 was ushered in; now it is gone, and a new year has begun, and before we are conscious of its going the new year will become the old year, and another new year will be upon us.

What shall we do in 1897? Shall we live on as we have been living; or shall we live, or try to live, to better purpose than during any past year of our lives?

If we would make the present the best year of our lives, it can only be done by improving upon the conduct of each day. The present moment is the one in which to begin any amendment, and the present moment is the one we should carefully improve. If we live well to-day and improve to-morrow, watching and improving each moment as it passes, we may make this year the most successful one we have ever lived.

The editor knows how difficult it is for one to do as he here suggests, and he feels the need of the counsel which he is giving to others. Therefore including himself among his readers, he would say in conclusion: Let us all try to so improve each passing moment as that, at the end of the year, we may have the consciousness of knowing we have done the best that we could.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan having found by experience that a number of State laws are obsolete or inoperative through some defect in construction, has offered a prize of \$25 to the student of the University of Michigan who will discover the greatest number of these laws. A similar offer in this State would disclose a large quantity of shell-worn statutes.

IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

In some respects, yes. In others, no. There never was a time when the Christian religion was more popular than at this time. Nor was there ever a time when the poor and the halt, and the lame and the blind were better cared for, which is presumptive evidence that mankind is loving his neighbor. Nor was there ever a time when so much money was raised to send the gospel to the heathen, and so much effort was being made to reach all nations with the gospel, as now.

Nor was there ever a time in the history of our country, when such efforts were made to educate and gospelize the masses—when schools, and colleges, and churches, and preachers, were better equipped than they are now. In short, there never was a time when philanthropy and patriotism, and truth, and righteousness made a more onslaught upon ignorance and error and wickedness than they are making at this time, and to that extent the world is, or seems to be, growing better.

But, when we turn from this side to the other, we are confronted with the fact that, at no period of the world's history has satan had more or better equipped agencies, more wealth and respectability, on his side, than he has to-day. While the schools, and the churches, and the missionaries are spending their millions of dollars, in the furtherance of their operations, satan has the use of hundreds of millions, yea, billions of dollars with which to combat and counteract those operations.

And, in addition to the money at his command, he has so managed as to secure to his aid men of high position in church and state, who use their influence to weaken the efforts of those who are battling for the cause of right and truth.

If you would warn young men again; the evils of the bar-room, men in high position open the club room and so gild and gloss it as to make it attractive, and thereby, (because of its respectability) make it tenfold more dangerous than even the lowest down doggery.

If you would warn men against gambling, you are confronted with the fact that the business of the world is controlled by men who gamble in stocks and products and almost everything that is bought and sold.

If you would warn Christian men against worldly-mindedness, you are confronted with the fact that leading citizens—some of them pillars in the church—drink, and dance, and visit theatre, circuses, and gambling halls.

Whether the world is growing better or not, this fact is apparent: There never was a time, in the history of the world, when the forces of good and evil were more active, or more determined in their struggles against each other than now, and we have the faith which encourages us to believe, that the truth and the right will win, and that error and sin and wickedness will in the end succumb to them.

A Parisian, not a lawyer either, has devised a method by which a hair can be split into thirty-seven strips.

Rhode Island has never been looked upon as the Venus, but it surely shelters a Cleopatra in the woman who has just married her sixth husband. Four of her former husbands acted as ushers at the wedding, and the fifth sent his regrets and an invitation to the couple to spend the honeymoon at his home. A new name will have to be invented to describe a woman of such charms.

Paderewski, it is said, can play from memory over 500 compositions. He needs to read or play a composition new to him only twice in order to memorize it, and, frequently after reading it over, can sit down at the piano and play it without referring to the notes.

Ladies, ladies, there are five hachekers in Shelbyville, Ind., who on Christmas day, pledged to marry before the expiration of the twelvemonth! Trains leave every hour, and unless there is a breakdown you can be in Shelbyville in about 48 hours, according to schedule time.

A colored man in Colorado claims to have discovered the original site of the Garden of Eden. It is probably a good place in which to grow water-melons.

Whether the New York courts are able to decide if a sandwich is a meal or not it is known to be made of celluloid in that Raines law town.

A Brooklyn young woman has died from the effects of tight lacing; but this incident must not be taken to be significant.

Connecticut has 80,000 bicyclists. Only 48,000 of them are voters, but they all ride astride.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. E. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; sold by J. P. Brogden.

The Southern Building and Loan Association of Knoxville, Tenn., one of the largest and wealthiest of the kind in the United States is now in the hands of a receiver. The suit was brought in the United States Court at Nashville by Mrs. Melluda Johnson, a resident of Indiana, who has \$10,000 worth of stock in the association. Mrs. Johnson, it appears became worried about her investment, and decided to withdraw it. On making application to withdraw her stock, according to the rules of the association, Mrs. Johnson was informed that her application would have to wait its regular turn for consideration, as such applications were only acted upon in turn as received. After waiting a considerable length of time Mrs. Johnson became alarmed, thinking that so many like applications were probably being made but by the time her application was reached all the available funds would have been drawn out, leaving the association with no immediately available assets. She therefore at once had the present suit brought.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 8, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editor printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. P. Brogden.

Sahara Desert contains 1,000,000 square miles.

MUTUAL INSURANCE.

The Onslow and Jones Branch of

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

The applicants for membership in the Onslow and Jones Branch of The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina met at the Court House in Jacksonville on Saturday, January 9th, to perfect an organization. The State Agent, J. S. C. Carpenter, of Raleigh, made a brief explanation of the plan as operating in this and other States. The plan, in a nut shell, is this: The farmers, or those owning detached property in the counties of Onslow and Jones are privileged under special act of the N. C. Legislature to obligate themselves in a policy contract

To Proportionately Share Each Others Loss in the Event of the Destruction of Property by Fire Wind or Lightning;

and if there be a loss or damage then if cost nothing, as there are no salaried officers. A policy fee of 50 cents on each \$100.00 worth of property insured is charged, this amount pays all the expenses of the organization and gives each member a perpetual policy without additional cost, unless some member meets with a loss, and in that event you will only be assessed to pay your pro rata share, which in most cases would be less than you would give to an unfortunate neighbor.

Here is a list of the officers elected for the Onslow and Jones Branch:

- G. H. SIMMONS, President.
- S. B. TAYLOR, Sec'y and Treas.
- SUPERVISORS:
- Dr. W. J. Montfort, F. W. Hargett, John F. Cox, D. J. Sanders,
- A. N. Sandlin, Dr. E. W. Ward, Dr. R. A. Whitaker,
- K. R. H. J., Benj. Brock.

Now, the above named gentlemen have the complete control and management of this Branch the Agents of course, do all the work, but it is supervised by this local Board, composed of your own neighbors, can you not trust them? And again, can you afford to remain uninsured when it will only cost you from \$1.50 to \$2.00 on the thousand annually? Consider, so that the loss of \$1000 these hard times means severe sacrifice.

- For further particulars concerning this insurance address,
- J. S. C. CARPENTER, State Agent, Raleigh, N. C.
- D. B. McQUEEN, Local Agent, Jacksonville, N. C.

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as can be bought on this or any other market. We desire a share of your patronage and ask you to call and see us when you visit Trenton, examine our Goods, and we are sure you will be so well pleased that you'll buy what you need.

W. M. COBLE,
Trenton N. C.,

Wishes to announce to the public that he is now better prepared for work than ever before, and has a nice line of

PICTURES AND FRAMES,

on hand, which he will sell cheap. He also have on hand a nice line of

Watches, Chains and Jewelry,

which he will sell very cheap for the next thirty days. Remember you can get all Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing done on short notice, and when you want your

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You all know he get there on them. And when you want the

Hair Snatched Off of You,

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