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 THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily
 newspaper in North Carolina, is published
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 six months, \$1.50 for three months, 50
 cents for one month, served by carrier in
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 cents.
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 paper they may reach all Wilmington,
 Eastern Carolina and contiguous territory
 in South Carolina.
 Ordinary sketches, cards of thanks, com-
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 like matter, will be charged at the
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Wednesday, January 1, 1913.

Face forward—the way Wilmington is going.

Who was the fellow who put the noise in Illinois?

Virtue is its own reward. Vice is its own executioner.

The Colorado woman who is to be in the Electoral College will be in a class by herself.

The fellow who thinks he is standing at Armageddon is "facing backward" to the Summer time of 1912.

Our idea of neglected opportunities is the failure of bachelors to seize the beautiful opportunities that can be daily seen on the streets of Wilmington.

The Treasury Department sends out an alarm about the remarkably cunning counterfeit of a \$5 bill. Rent agents and grocers are specially concerned.

We are glad on the first day of this New Year because it finds us taking another lease on time in the Nation's Garden Spot—the Land of the Long Leaf Pine.

Happy New Year! If there are shadows and clouds, may they give way to the sunshine that comes into all lives. "After clouds and wind and rain the shining sun comes out again."

Dr. Woods Hutchinson declares, "there is no such a thing as a perfect woman." The doctor's acquaintance no doubt is limited. If he could only know Wilmington's lovely women, he would be bound to change his opinion.

Uncle Sam is always preaching the doctrine of competition. He will now know what it is to have the express companies as his competitors in carrying parcels. They are going to give him a run for his money, unless he does something in restraint of trade by sitting down on them when they get more business than he can get.

A Washington dispatch says Col. Roosevelt is going to prepare a series of autobiographical sketches in which he will mention things that have never gotten into print. Our idea of "great self-restraint" is for the Third Termer to know something on himself and keep it a secret.

After New England had secured government aid for her harbors, the department adopts the rule that municipal docks must be provided to deserve aid. This is on a par with the proclamation of freedom after New England had sold her slaves—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The hoodoo year of 1913 ought to bring bad luck to the cur dog in North Carolina. The Legislature is to meet in a few days, and it ought to see that the sheep-killing dog gets all that is coming to him. Our idea of a hopeless reactionary is a so-called progressive who hasn't got the nerve to curtail the dog that isn't worth a cent—except to run down a Spring lamb.

"Adieu to the Leap Year! Farewell to 1912 forever! We greet 1913! We are not afraid to meet it any night, though it may be as dark as a stack of black cats. We face the future with courage and hope, those buoyant human assets that encircle the future with the rainbow of promise. The irrecoverable past is behind us. It is the future we face. It offers us new chances. The past is a sealed book. The future is an open book whose glowing pages we turn daily, always looking for the best. The world loves something new. We love the New Year of 1913 because it offers us continued opportunity to do, to achieve and to win."

YEAR
 A new wonder record in wireless telegraphy was made at midnight, Eastern time, last night, when that twentieth century force of communication was requisitioned to greet the New Year and mark the time when 1912 should be checked off the scroll of time. The greeting was a time signal sent as a test from the high power radio station of the United States government at Arlington, just outside Washington. The station sent out a time signal recording the beginning of the New Year to the exact second. The Star's telegraphic dispatches this morning tell about it, and it will go into history as the first event of the New Year that was ushered in with a wireless signal heard almost around the world.

There is something fascinating about the wireless, not only to the uninitiated public but to the seafarers aboard ships which are fitted out with receiving and sending apparatus. Many ships coming in and out of the port of Wilmington have wireless equipment and those who can read the messages as they are being flashed up and down the coast have both their interest and curiosity appealed to. The United States revenue cutter Seminole, which makes Wilmington headquarters, has wireless equipment and operators are constantly on duty day and night while the cutter is lying at the custom house wharf, navigating the Cape Fear ocean gateway, or ploughing the briny waters of the ocean. Lying quietly at her wharf in Wilmington, the instruments are all that break the silence that broods over the harbor at night. Captain Carden, the genial and alert commanding officer of the cutter, confesses that wireless appeals to him. He says it is curious night or day to listen to the apparatus telling the day's story in marine circles. At times the ocean all up and down the coast is ablaze with messages. At sea off Wilmington and all up and down the coast for hundreds of miles come manetic whisperings from the sea, messages from passing ships being sent and received.

These messages, says Capt. Carden, contain a vast amount of interest. Hundreds of them contain shipping orders, others are about various matters, and now and then notice is flashed of ships in distress or of assistance needed. While the Seminole is at her wharf at night she hears Bar Harbor, Maine, sending out the day's report of shipping on the North Atlantic. She hears Guantanamo, Cuba, "talking" over seas with Key West, and day or night the ocean all around seems to be flashing with telegraphic messages sent through space but as plain as if they were coming over wires. The condition of the weather makes no difference. If a hurricane is howling at sea and a storm or squall exists, the wireless goes right on crackling in the ears of Neptune and breaking his rest, if it were possible for him to steal a doze on the heaving bosom of Old Ocean.

WHO WILL LEGISLATE FOR US?
 The large majority of the Pennsylvania Legislature is made up of farmers and lawyers. That is a mixture of good common sense and learning, provided the right kind of farmers and the right kind of lawyers have been elected to the Legislature. If, however, the lawyers are in politics for what they can get out of it, and the farmers belong to the cross-roads political cliques, ready for a deal with the politicians, Pennsylvania will have the average Legislature that contributes to the unpopularity of politics and creates distrust among the people.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania is one of the most important legislative bodies in the country because that State is one of the largest, most populous and wealthiest States of the Union. The Legislatures of such States as New York and Pennsylvania are hardly less important than the American Congress, but the chances for double-dealing, trickery, jobbery and corruption are far greater. If men of ability, honesty and integrity are elected to Legislatures and the members are the kind of men who are interested in legislating in the interest of the people and the State, they will have the endorsement of good citizens who are not hide-bound partisans that make a fetish of their politics.

The legislation of the States is a part of the people. That of Congress is National in scope and affects the people as a Nation, but the members of the State legislative bodies go up directly as the representatives of local constituents whose happiness, prosperity and progress are largely affected by State legislation. Through the Legislatures millions of the money of the people is handled. They tax the people for revenue and often tax their patience as well, but wise legislators will now begin a new era of legislation for the public weal.

Legislatures often make mistakes and the people and their States bear the brunt of it. One fault of North Carolina Legislatures is to defer action on important bills till within a few days of adjournment, but there is every possibility that some needed changes in methods will be adopted

THE SOUTH WAKING UP.
 The South is making wonderful progress but it has to wake up in many respects. Our resources are so many and so varied that it is difficult to find the men and the capital to make its progress more rapid than during the past few years. We cannot do everything at once, but there are some things that we should do without delay.

One is to utilize our raw material at home and not send it away to be manufactured and returned to us as high priced finished products. We have been sending away our cotton seed meal and feed stuffs from our cotton seed oil mills instead of keeping them at home and converting the South into the greatest cattle and stock raising country on the face of the globe. We have often declared that we should keep our feedstuffs at home and turn them into meat, butter and cheese. Our cotton seed oil mills turn out the best stock feed to be found in the world, and yet we allow those in cold countries in America and Europe to use it and make us their customers for the more important finished products.

The Houston Chronicle tells us that Texas is going to practice what the Star has preached for years. Says that paper: "The Panhandle and West Texas stock raisers have taken the entire output of cottonseed cake from the oil mills of northwest Texas. They are going to feed their stock with it." Good! When North Carolina, and the entire South, follows the lead of those wise Texans we will not buy our beef from Kansas City and Chicago, or butter from the North and West.

There are some things that we ought to do without waiting any longer and one is to raise stock and cattle in the country that is best suited for it. That is in the South, where the best feed stuffs are produced, where there are two forage producing seasons, where grass grows two to three months longer than anywhere else, and where the winters make it easier on stock and cattle and more economical for their keep and care.

early at the approaching session at Raleigh. It is to be one of the most important sessions of the General Assembly, and North Carolina legislators should go to the capital with an earnest purpose to get through with its constructive work first of all. Some serious legislation will have to be enacted, and while it is not necessary to go into detail, let us hope this Legislature will be more representative of the people than any of its predecessors.

CURRENT
 The Postmaster General's express company there won't be any express companies. Possibly so, but the success of the express business is seriously threatened from the start if Congressmen are to have the unlimited use of it free of charge under the franking system.—Charleston News and Courier.

Another movement has been started looking toward the erection of a new and modern hotel at Wilmington. Wilmington is doing more building at present than ever before in its history and probably more just at this time than any city in the State. Charlotte not excepted. However, the Coast City is sadly in need of a new and up-to-date hotel and those interested in its growth and development will watch the new enterprise with interest.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The city of Wilmington is to have the finest union passenger station in the Carolinas, which reminds us that with the Norfolk Southern competing its line into Charlotte in the near future, there will be an almost unanswerable demand for a union station here. Three passenger depots in a city of this size are entirely too many. The people of the city are not materially inconvenienced, but the traveling public generally is inconvenienced and confused to a miserable extent by such an arrangement.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Observer yesterday had a talk with a commercial man whose territory covers the Southern States, and learned from him what is said to be an undoubted fact, that the New Year finds North Carolina heading all the South in the prosperity column.

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CHANGE IN TAX SYSTEM.
 Without taking into consideration, for the moment, the constitutional barriers that may be in the way, we are unalterably opposed to the proposition of "a member of Council" that city taxes be paid semi-annually in future instead of annually as heretofore.

Having provided citizens of this good town with rather bitter medicine in the form of an increase of the tax rate from \$1.30 to \$1.75 on the hundred dollars valuation of property, a little over 34 per cent. in a single year, this "member of Council", no doubt, now seeks to administer the medicine in broken doses—an expedient that we believe is neither practical nor tasteful to property owners, large or small, in Wilmington.

If members of the city council cannot run the municipal government, under a commission form in which business methods and a concentration of affairs are supposed to make for economy, we would respectfully suggest that they vacate in favor of a committee of five bright boys from the Wilmington High School or the Boys' Brigade. Under the old and cumbersome Aldermanic system, the city, with a much less reduced tax rate, was able to get through from year to year, with a loan of a few thousand dollars each Summer, and we had hoped with the establishment of a commission form of government, our experience would be that of Columbia, South Carolina, where a surplus of cash is on hand and the city is a lender instead of a borrower. Efficiency, we seem to have in practically every department of city government, but it comes high and the taxpayer is paying the freight.

The least it city council can have to say about city taxes the better it will be for all concerned. That is a sensitive point with the average citizen just at this season of the year when notices from the Treasury Department call for something over one-third more taxes than were required last year and when citizens are scanning with increasing apprehension the authorization of additional loans to pay coupons and current expenses and advertisements of real estate for sale by the city.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS INDICTED.
 Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter in Connection With Wreck.
 Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Sixteen officials and officers of Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad and two trainmen were indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter by the Marion county grand jury in connection with its investigation of the wreck on that road in a suburb on November 13th. Sixteen persons were killed when a passenger train ran into an open switch and collided with a freight train.

Those indicted are Daniel Willard, president; George F. Randolph, vice president, and George M. Schriver, second vice president, Baltimore; W. C. Loree, Cincinnati, general manager; H. B. Voorhees, Cincinnati, general superintendent; R. E. White, Indianapolis, division superintendent; O. G. Murray, George W. Perkins, J. F. Loree, H. P. Davison, Frederick W. Stevens, Joseph Wood, E. R. Bacon, F. D. Underwood, Harry Bronner and Norman B. Ream, officials of the railroad, and Karl Gross, brakeman on the freight train, and Willis York, engineer on the same train, both of Indianapolis.

Division Superintendent White was out of the city tonight on an inspection tour. It was declared at an office that there was no one to give out any statement for Mr. White or any other members of the board.

No arrests had been made in the indictments tonight. Karl Gross, whose leg was broken in the wreck, still is in a local hospital. York's wife said today that he had left Indianapolis shortly after the wreck when the company dismissed him. Gross and York were held responsible for the wreck in the verdict returned by Coroner Durham a few days ago.

STATEMENT CONDITION
The Murchison National Bank
 OF WILMINGTON, N. C.
 At the Close of Business November 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES:
 Loans and Discounts . . . \$4,326,202.83
 U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . 551,000.00
 Bank Building . . . 75,000.00
 Bonds and Other Securities . . . 157,712.39
 Cash and Due by Banks . . . 1,459,710.18
 \$6,557,630.51

LIABILITIES:
 Capital Stock . . . \$ 825,000.00
 Surplus and Net Profits . . . 327,943.13
 Circulation . . . 850,000.00
 Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds . . . 100,000.00
 Deposits . . . 4,554,787.38
 \$6,557,630.51

DEPOSITS:
 November 26th, 1908 . . . \$2,971,510.83
 November 26th, 1910 . . . 4,144,900.07
 November 26th, 1912 . . . 4,554,787.38

H. C. McQUEEN . . . President
 J. V. GRAINGER . . . Vice-President
 J. W. YATES . . . Vice-President
 C. S. GRAINGER . . . Cashier

DEFEATED C. L. Becker in Final Round of Golf Tournament.
 Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 31.—George C. Crocker, Brookline, Mass., defeated C. L. Becker, Woodland, Mass., in the final round today of the ninth annual Pinehurst holiday week golf tournament. Crocker won 7 up and 6 to play.

In the consolation class J. M. Thompson, Springhaven, won from C. B. Hudson, New Suffolk, 5 up and 4 to play. Other winners were William A. Barber, Jr., Princeton, and William C. Freeman, Englewood, N. J.

Gold enthusiasts and their families gathered at a local hotel tonight at a New Year's banquet at which William C. Freeman was toastmaster. Covers were laid for 100.

Many of the players who participated in the tournament just ended will compete in the annual mid-Winter tourney which begins January 7th.

MARTIUS SMITH DEAD
 Son of Senator Smith, of S. C., Succumbs to Pneumonia Attack
 Florence, S. C., December 31.—Martius Smith, about 22 years old, the only son of Senator E. D. Smith, who accidentally shot himself Christmas Day while out hunting with his father on his farm near here, died at a late hour last night from an attack of pneumonia that set in following an operation on Thursday. The burial will take place tomorrow at St. George, S. C., beside the young man's mother, Senator Smith's first wife, who died almost 20 years ago.

Young Smith was shot by his own gun which he had leaned up against a tree. He was rushed to a hospital at Florence where a successful operation was performed, but pneumonia developed last Friday and proved fatal.

YOUTH ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.
 Goldsboro Boy in Hospital as Result of Handling Shot Gun.
 (Special Star Telegram.)
 Wilson, N. C., Dec. 31.—James Horne, 15 years old, was accidentally shot this afternoon and is at the sanatorium for treatment. Horne and Frank Wade were handling a shotgun in the plumbing shop of James Hinton, on Goldsboro street, when the gun was discharged and the load took effect in the Horne boy's leg. The gun was the property of young Wade and was a Christmas present to him.

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\$10.00 Quality now \$2.50 off
\$15.00 Quality now 3.75 off
\$25.00 Quality now 6.25 off

All THIS YEAR'S Latest Styles

Bargains in Furs

Red Fox Muff and Neck Pieces, Now \$22.50 for set
 Beautiful White Angora Muff and Neck Piece Now \$15.00 for set

\$5.00 Wool Blankets, \$3.75; \$3.00 Blankets, \$2.75; \$5.00 Comforters, \$3.75; and \$2.50 Comforters, \$1.98.

New Year's Cards, 1c each
 Newest Styles

J. H. Rehder & Co.

Ladies' Outing Gowns, 50c.

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Entire stock of X-mas Novelties, Pattern Hats, Feathers and Flowers at half price, beginning Monday. Will also have on display our Spring line Regalists and C-B. Corsets, Centemer Gloves, Onyx Hosiery and Handkerchiefs.

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 110 N. Front Street.

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A Happy New Year To All!

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