

**THE NEW YEAR.**

We are now entering on another year, with our minds filled with anxious expectations, hopes and fears. The old year has folded its wings and departed, and is now numbered with the things of the past. 'Twas with a sigh that we bade her farewell. A sigh, that three hundred and sixty-five more of the pages in Life's history were turned that can never be recalled from the bottomless abyss of the past.

We always instinctively pause on the threshold of the New Year, and give a backward glance at the ponderous volume closed forever, and find the pages sadly soiled and blurred by many foibles and mistakes. But retrospection is not pleasant. We will not scan too closely the past year, (with its smiles and joys, its softening memories and its share of sorrows, and above all, our own failings, rising up in horrid or line and taunting us with what we might have done, but turn hopefully to the New Year, with snowy pages to be filled with our words, deeds and actions. If the success of the present year depended wholly on great achievements, great acts, we would start and fear to enter it, for how few would come out victors at its close.

But we are certain that the next year's happiness and success will depend on the faithful performance of little duties well done. These secure life's happiness, and puts the crown on the victors brow at its close. We scan the immaculate pages of futurity and see much to be done the coming year, and it all depends on doing faithfully the work that lies nearest us. Not to fret over the past, nor dream idle dreams of the future, but do the best we can to make a success of the present.

We feel that now is a fitting time to thank the citizens of Watauga and surrounding counties, for the liberal support they have given to the DEMOCRAT in the past, and for the many kind words we hear almost daily concerning it. We will try to give you a better paper the coming year, and ask you to do all in your power to make your home paper a success. Pub.

If you suffer pricking pains on moving the eyes, or cannot bear bright light, and find your sight weak and failing, you should promptly use Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening eye salve twenty-five cents a box.

Sweet Water, N. C.  
Dec. 28th. 1889.

**To the DEMOCRAT.**

Christmas has come and gone and not without some pleasant things. It was a little rainy Christmas day, but notwithstanding there was a large crowd gathered in Forest Grove Church house to receive the nice presents that were bending a beautiful evergreen. After a prayer by J. W. Stephens, Mr. J. J. T. Reece delivered a splendid speech to the attentive audience, we heard the speech complimented wonderfully. Then came the most pleasant part of the exercises—distributing the presents. The old as well as the young were kindly remembered and all seemed to enjoy it very much.

There was not anything in the tree in way of a bur-

lesque, or that would tend to irritate the feelings of any one. Splendid order prevailed, as good as we ever saw on such an occasion. To the great delight of all "King Alcohol" had not even a representative.

The day seems to be drawing when Christmas will be celebrated by some other means than swearing, drunkenness and big guns, we will hail with delight the day. The Christmas tree was pronounced a decided success by those who are competent of judging.

Speaking of gifts we believe Mr. I. W. Storie rather topped the climax, for when it came to get up the last girl I don't consider it a small matter. About 4 o'clock Christmas eve, Mr. Henry C. Phillips and Miss Sarah A. Stone, at the residence of the bride's father, stood before J. B. Greene J. P. who did a short but sweet ceremony which ties the nuptial cord and makes one of two.

I would say just here that any of the other boys wishing any thing of the kind, would do well to call on Esq. Green as he does up the work nicely indeed. After partaking of a good supper we had quite a pleasant time. Long and happy may their lives be the wish of many friends.

S. H.

There are many needfuls and diseases when effect stock and cause serious inconveniences and loss to the farmer in his work, which may be quickly remedied by the use of Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment.

**To the DEMOCRAT.**

The old year with all of its joys and sorrows, its hopes, its fears and its disappointments have been numbered with the past. And as we look back in to its retreating shadows, we see that in many respects it has been an eventful year, great floods, cyclones, and dire disasters have heaped to many of our people, both by land and sea. Many great and good men, who have made the world better by having lived in it, "have crossed over the River and are resting under the shade of the trees, on the other side," and last of these but not least, is the matchless Grady, the South's peerless defender, has been stricken down, like an eagle soaring in mid air, and his noble fearless spirit is at rest in the "clear upper sky" his beloved people are left in tears and sorrow, let us gaze up into Heaven, and pray that the Patriot God, may raise up more men like him, he had a "heart for every fate," a soul great enough and grand enough, to take in his whole country, with him there was no North, no South, no East or West, but it was all his country, may his noble example be as bread cast upon the water and his burning words as seed sown in good ground, that shall spring up a hundred fold.

Yes the old year with its teachings and experiences, has been counted out. Have we profited by the history we have made? We have lived in vain if we have not stored our minds with the wisdom afforded by passing time. We should now, at the commencement of the new year, examine ourselves and see if we have come up to the full measure of our duty, as citizens of the great republic

As a part of the busy of politics have we been faithful stewards? We are persuaded that many of us have not.

Our people are not prospering as they should, the great farming and laboring classes, the main-stay and prop of every other edifice, are gradually being borne down and are getting poorer and poorer as the years glide by. Now Mr. Editor there must be something wrong somewhere, why is it that an industrious and frugal people, at peace with the world, favored with every condition of climate, surrounded with so many favorable circumstances, should be retarded and borne back and covered as it were with debts, yet such seems the case, for them there seems to be no "how set in the clouds" and as the years thicken upon them, the clouds seem to thicken about them, the trials of life seem more severe and the temple of happiness farther in the distance, is there anything wrong with our laws, is the great farming and laboring classes being made only the medium through which the golden stream is flowing and accumulating in the coffers of the capitalist manufacturers and bankers, is there not some subtle power in motion that mysteriously but surely withdraws the substance and labor of the masses and concentrates it in the centers of trade and commerce. Let us during the coming year take our exact latitude and longitude as it were and see upon what sea we are sailing, let us cast aside party spirit, and rise to the full stations of patriots, it may be that by locking our shields together that the current may be stemmed and the calm open sea of prosperity again reached.

If you will kindly give me space in your paper I shall from time to time during the coming year give my views on the situation as well as try to hunt out a remedy. Alexander Hill, Sands N. C. Jan. 1st. 1889.

**COUNTY EXHIBIT.**

	Bills cost.	
J B Green	50	
J D Wilson	1.45	
J H Brown	.45	
Allen Gaen	1.55	
Joseph Philips	.50	
W H Bower	4.15	
L L Coffey	1.55	
Geo Pritchard	.30	
sol younce	.30	
J H Guyan	.60	
John Culler	.30	
shif Hayes	2.55	
W H Edmisten	2.15	
C M Hoppes	.45	
C C Smithy	1.40	
J E Hemerick	.65	

The undersigned do hereby certify that the following is the amount of revenue collected, and also the audited debt of the County for the year ending Nov., 30 '89, to-wit:

Revenue	\$4,375.12
Audited debt	\$2,874.63

Surplus, subject to Siff Treasurer and Com's \$1,500.49 This the 9th day of Dec. '89. M. B. Blackburn, Clk Bd Coms (Concluded)

Children will freely take Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Blood Balm unlike cough syrup, it contains no opium, will soothe and heal any disease of the throat or lungs quicker than any other remedy.

**Notice of Seizure.**  
United States Internal Revenue Collector, 5th Dist of N. C. Statesville N. C. Notice is given of the seizure made by J. G. Hardin, D. C., on 19th day of Dec. '89, for violation of internal revenue laws of the United States, viz: 2 1/2 bbls corn whisky; one bbl of apple brandy containing about 55 gallons in all. One claybank horse; one bay mule; one two horse wagon, and one pot the property of W. C. Bushop. Any person or persons claiming said property are hereby notified to appear before the undersigned, at his office in Statesville, within 30 days from date hereof and make such claim, or the property will be declared forfeited to the United States. J. B. Hayes Collector, per J. G. Hardin D. C.

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Gundies of all kinds, plain and fancy.

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For those who are indebted to me, I wish to say that I need not insist on my money. Should you do not wish to be annoyed by an officer, your best better make settlements by first day of Jan. 30, Respectfully, W. R. B.

**NOTICE!**

J. L. Adams, Administrator of the Estate of Adams, vs. E. W. Loner & E. H. Donaherty, Trustees of Adams, Executors.

By virtue of a Van X Execution issued to my honor by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County in the case of J. L. Adams vs. E. W. Loner and E. H. Donaherty, I will sell to the highest bidder the following real estate, to-wit: the lot of land, known as the Adams Adams land, which is in the hands of the County, containing one hundred acres, lying on the north side of the road, in the town of Boone, on the 1st day of January 1890. I will sell the same, to-wit: a tract or parcel of land, known as the Adams Adams land, which is in the hands of the County, containing one hundred acres, lying on the north side of the road, in the town of Boone, on the 1st day of January 1890. This the 1st day of Dec. 1889. J. L. Hayes, Sheriff.

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**NOTICE!**  
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by J. C. Miller and wife Martha Miller of the first part and George W. Lowman of the second part, which mortgage deed is duly registered in the office of the register of deeds of Watauga county in book 21 of mortgages, pages five hundred and 63 and 64 I will proceed to sell at the court house in Boone for cash to the highest bidder on the first Monday in January 1890 the tract of land described in said mortgage, lying in Cove Creek township Watauga county adjoining the lands of J. C. and W. A. Miller and others as will more fully appear by reference to said mortgage containing 200 and fifty acres more or less to satisfy the payment of the sum of \$200 with interest and costs. This fourth day of Dec. 1889. E. F. Lovell Atty for mortgagee

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**Watauga county.**

The undersigned do hereby certify that the following is the number of days the Bd. of County Coms have been in session since Dec the 1st 88, and also the number of miles traveled and the amount allowed each member, to-wit:  
J E Finley chmn 20 days at \$2.00 per day 40.00  
110 ms travel 5 cts pr m 5.50  
w w Fressnell com 20 days at \$2.00 per day 40.00  
80 ms travel 5 cts per m 4.00  
J H mast com 20 days at \$2.00 per day 40.00  
140 ms at 5 cts per m 7.00

Total amount 136.50

This Nov. 30th '89.

M B Blackburn clerk board county commissioners.

**LOOK OUT**

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