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CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Following our usual custom, we will not get out any issue of THE GAZETTE during the week of the Christmas holidays.

We have made our appearance promptly and regularly for fifty-one weeks of this year, and we feel that the staff, the printers, the mailing clerk, and in fact all except the collecting agents, have earned and should take a much needed rest.

By accepting our collecting agents, we mean that they will call upon you during Christmas week. Please to meet them. THE GAZETTE will call to come to you for one week, and let each of you see how bad you miss us for that once.

Bright and early on the morning of January 1st, 1898, we shall greet each of you again, in entering upon our journey for that year.

The results of the elections both in 1894 and 1896 being decided in favor of popular government instead of ring rule, we have had and enjoyed to a considerable extent our liberties during the year just closing.

We rejoice at the active though humble part which THE GAZETTE took in bringing about this condition of affairs.

Eternal vigilance being the price of liberty, we beg pardon for suggesting that the maintenance of the liberty gained will be equally as hard a task as the gaining of it.

Already the machine leaders of the Democratic party aided by a few misguided so-called Christian men are planning to by one means or another curtail suffrage in our old commonwealth and disfranchise nearly half of the voters thereof regardless of race.

In the approaching great fight to preserve a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," THE GAZETTE will again be a potent factor to the extent of its ability.

Human liberty and personal rights are as dear to the people of this great State now as in the days of yore, and we be to the political party which seeks to deprive them of either.

By subscribing for, paying for and reading THE GAZETTE the public will help it to carry forward the latest news to the acts of both friend and foe.

To the many readers who have during 1897 favored us with renewals and subscriptions, as well as kind words and sympathy, we return our grateful thanks, and we shall strive in the future, as we have in the past, to meet their approval and win their esteem and confidence.

We are striving, in our humble way, as best we can, to edit a journal actually devoted to the best interest of our entire people.

We hope during the coming year to double our already large subscription list, and we ask the co-operation of all the readers of THE GAZETTE in accomplishing this great task.

May the God of peace guide you in all things and may the lines be cast in pleasant places for each of you. We extend to each of you our sincerest wish that you may each spend a pleasant Christmas and enter upon a joyous, happy and prosperous New Year.

In bidding you adieu for 1897, we beg to again thank you for all you have done for us during the closing year, and hope to receive a continuance of your favor in 1898. May Heaven's choicest blessings attend each of you, is the wish of THE GAZETTE.

A CERTAIN newspaper in Raleigh—"itself an organized hypocrisy"—has had much to say about the employment, by Gov. Russell, of counsel to assist the Attorney General in the important railroad litigation pending in the courts, in many respects the most important that has arisen in the State during its existence.

While the statutes do not contemplate that the Attorney General of the State shall appear for the State in all matters where the State is interested, as no provision is made for the expenses that would be necessarily incurred in so doing, and it would be impossible to do so and also to be in attendance upon the sittings of the Supreme Court for about seven months in the year, still one would think from the wild statements made by the above-referred-to newspaper, that not a cent had been paid for extra legal services prior to the present administration. A cursory glance at the Auditor's Reports shows that more than \$46,000 were paid out for additional legal help during the terms of Attorney Generals Kenan, Davidson and Osborne.

In some instances it was probably properly expended, as when the Attorney General was not able to attend to the particular business by reason of pressing public duties elsewhere; in many other instances the Attorney General doubtless could and ought to have attended to the same without the employment of any other counsel. The statutes authorizing the Governor to employ counsel were passed with a view to giving the legal officer of the State assistance in cases of great importance, in which it becomes necessary to secure the ablest legal talent to be found to meet the formidable array of lawyers against the State. But be all this as it may, the examination of the Auditor's Reports discloses the facts and lays bare the contemptible and sneaking hypocrisy of certain Democratic "axe-grinders" and "organ-grinders."

The Committee of Arrangements are getting things in order for the big celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation, which will take place on Saturday, the first day of January.

The North Carolina Industrial Association—Every Department Full and Complete—Wednesday and Thursday Big Days—The Industrial Department of the City Schools a Grand Feature.

The maragement of the North Carolina Industrial Association is to be congratulated upon the success of the fair which ended on Friday last week.

The fair was a complete success in every particular. The beautiful weather which dawned upon us on the opening day gave new life to everything, and everybody was bent on having a delightful time.

President Donaldson, Secretary Leak and all the members of the association labored ardently, and the result was the display of exhibits was a record-breaker over any previous fair for many years.

When we entered the Hall and began visiting every department, we found them check-a-block with exhibits of a very high grade. And as we made a tour through that magnificent building we were struck with surprise to find such a large display of fine work in every department.

To the credit of the fair, the courteous young ladies in charge of the exhibits delighted in showing and explaining to us the various articles.

The Wilmington exhibit, in charge of Mrs. B. L. Ligon, and the Raleigh exhibit, in charge of Mrs. Andrew Haywood and Miss Sarah Merritt, and those managed by Mrs. B. L. Ligon, Mrs. A. B. Young and Mrs. M. E. Wadwell, and Miss Sarah Merritt, from Rowan county were very attractive. The ladies' needle work, the splendid display of fancy embroidery and other ladies' fancy work, and the handsome silk quilts were exceedingly creditable.

This fair was the display of all ages from six to sixty years of age. Mrs. Haywood had in her department a beautiful and well finished made table, the work of Mrs. Sarah Upchurch, an elderly lady of this city.

The collection of preserves and jellies were in charge of Mrs. G. L. Beckwith. Mrs. M. W. Watts deserves very great credit for the very excellent display of the largest and finest collection of fruit.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

Among the attractive and famous exhibits, those of the graded schools of our city and the Johnson High School are second to none. They were prepared under the supervision of Prof. J. H. Branch, and the display from the industrial department, which is quite commendable, and various specimens of needle-work, penmanship, map-drawing, done by the pupils, were on exhibition, showing the attainment of the pupils in these various lines.

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