

Wall Street is again having a severe attack of "Indigestible Securities."

The Legislature meets Jan. 4th—the first Wednesday after the first Monday, so the Constitution provides.

The Japs and Russians are taking it easy now while their respective exchequer offices are getting ready to secure another loan.

You can now go to St. Louis and be treated with proper consideration. That city is glad to get legitimate business once more.

France is about to pass a law to suppress dueling. This is a waste of time and legislation, too. French duels never did any harm.

A San Francisco judge recently decided that poker was not a game of chance. We cannot help but infer that the Judge must have "lost" every time.

A Savannah man has made a big kick because the cost of repairing his wagon was \$325.17. He really has a kick. That 17 cents should certainly come off.

A Baltimore bank has declared a dividend of 100 per cent and doubled its capital stock since the fire. Wonder what it would have done had the city had two fires?

If Secretary Shaw doesn't cure that growing deficit in the Treasury pretty soon, President Roosevelt had better call Mrs. Chadwick to his assistance.

The Japs complain that the Russians were bombarding them with shells that looked like sausages. They were merely sorry that the shells were not real sausages.

The Republican leaders in Congress are itching to tamper with Southern Representation. Benjamin Harrison had this "itching" and it will be well to recall what happened to that gentleman in 1892. History repeats itself sometimes.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

There never was a time when the assembling of the General Assembly was so near at hand that one heard so little about the selection of the next speaker.

Although that important office is to be filled in about three weeks, and has been usually sought by many of the leading legislators elect, no one can tell today who the next speaker will be.

The organization during the past week of the Southern Press Association, at Atlanta, the meeting being participated in by several North Carolina newspaper men, is an important development in improving the telegraph news service of the evening newspapers of the South. Mr. John C. Drewry, president of the Raleigh Evening Times, was elected chairman of the executive committee and the active chairman of the board of directors.

The strenuous call for more immigrants for North Carolina is growing in volume in certain quarters. If we are to judge by the language of some of the appeals along this line printed in some of the newspapers anything that wears pants will be welcomed.

We beg to enter a protest. There are "immigrants" who land in this country from some of the countries of the old world who do North Carolina a great service by locating in other States than this.

We do not need nor want the ruffraff of Castle Garden dumped upon our shores.

There is not room in the most homogeneous State in the Union for foreign anarchists and "socialists," the very breath of whom is poisonous to our well-being and prosperity.

But we do need and we will welcome desirable classes of immigrants, be they Americans or foreigners—and no other kind.

It is therefore absolutely necessary that care and discrimination should be exercised by the managers of any concerted effort to induce outsiders to come among us—and we wish to emphasize and accentuate that fact as forcibly as we can.

It is noted that some of the

North Carolina newspapers are giving notice of an increase in their rates of subscription, beginning January 1st.

This increase is not due to the enlargement or improvement of the papers, but is necessitated by the fact that, with the increased price of newspaper material and the general commodities of existence, it has been demonstrated that the publishers cannot continue to print their papers at the old price and keep out of the poor-house.

A newspaper man must eat and wear clothes and buy fuel (and pay house rent, often) and support his family, the same as other people. The cost of living has very greatly increased of late and it takes more money to supply the newspaper man's actual necessities, considerable more of it, than it did only a short time ago.

There are few newspapers in North Carolina that have ever made much clear money under the most favorably conditions. Many of them have lived from hand to mouth from one year's end to another.

With the expense account largely increased there is nothing left for them to do except to provide for an increased income to meet the deficit that is now staring them in the face.

But some people do not appear to understand this. Some men who will pay the increase of \$1.50 on his usual brand of a barrel of flour, with only a mild protest, will kick like a steer over a corresponding increase in the price of a yearly subscription to his favorite newspaper.

He seems to think that the news paper can and must manage to get along, some how, at the old rate, even if everything else does cost more than formerly.

The great majority of newspaper readers had rather pay a little more, and do so cheerfully, when they find appreciate the fact that they are securing a much better paper in every way.

A poor newspaper, intrinsically, is dear at any price—and the major portion of the "poor" ones in North Carolina are kept so because their income is so meagre that it is impossible to make them better.

Like everything else, the best newspaper talent commands and costs money.

Without newspaper talent, and journalistic aptitude and experience, the richest newspaper company can put upon the market nothing but a "poor" newspaper.

With poverty at both ends, it is no wonder that some of our so-called newspapers present such a poverty stricken appearance that one seeks in vain for a valid excuse for their continued existence.

Fortune knocks once at every man's door, we have been assured by the old saying of many years standing.

It has been added that unless he is present and alert to answer the summons fortune may pass him by forever.

But true or not, the fact remains

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by John Tull and W. A. Leslie, Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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The Morganton Water Works Company respectfully call the attention of their customers to the danger of freezing, which attends all exposed water pipes in winter. Each private line should have a drip cock located at the lowest point on the supply pipe and well below the frost line. Whenever a freeze is threatened (and no chances should be taken) this cock should be given a quarter turn, which will cut off the water from the street and at the same time allow the contents of the service pipe to escape. A spigot in the house should be opened to admit air in order to entirely empty the pipe. This is a very important matter, as frozen water pipes cause great inconvenience and frequent loss. Any special information or assistance will be gladly furnished by any employee of the company. MORGANTON WATER WORKS COMPANY.

C. L. EPLEY. CHARLES DALE.

EPLEY & DALE, LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE, Morganton, N. C.

Having bought the livery business of F. B. Brittain & Co., in Morganton, we solicit a liberal share of the patronage of the public. We have added several new vehicles and intend to give nothing but strictly first-class service. It is our intention to have none but sober, polite, employes, and would thank our customers to notify us of any discourtesies. Our hacks meet all trains.

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PHONE 125.

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Has license to sell fireworks outside the town limits and has a large stock of

FIRECRACKERS, CANNON CRACKERS, SKY ROCKETS

And various other things in the fireworks line. Call on him for your Christmas supply before the stock is all sold. Prices reasonable.

that it does not prevent a man from knocking at the door of Opportunity, just as often as it may please him; and no one has a better chance or a greater privilege to do this than a newspaper man.

Fortune may not knock but once, but the man who cannot find opportunity to court Dame Fortune more than once will never set the world on fire with the brilliancy of his success in life.

An exchange prints the statement that "sixty nine per cent of the inmates of a western prison say that they were led to commit crime by the extravagance of their wives."

We refuse to believe it—it is a base slander on the sex. About 60 per cent of them are unmitigated liars.

Ever since the time when old Adam lusted after the forbidden apple and laid the blame on the woman, the male cowards of the world have been following his disgraceful example.

The long grey whiskers on this old lie need the services of the barber.

There are men who will go and do something mean or dishonest, or get on the wrong side of the market and get drunk, and then swear that their extravagant wives or unhappy domestic relations drove them to it.

It is too thin. There may be cases, there probably are, where men marry extravagant and improvident women, with out knowing they are that kind of women at the time, and where such marriages turn out badly. But they are the exceptions.

As a general rule the average wife is more economical and provident than the husband—and she will cheerfully and uncomplainingly submit to personal sacrifices and privations when the wolf threatens the home, while the man will kick like a steer and swear at his misfortunes like a trooper.

And she has greater ability to get along under a strain and come safely through financial disaster. Her ideals are higher, her code of honor more binding than the man's.

And it is God's truth to say that her benign influence over her husband is distinctively and decidedly good, and acts to deter him from dishonor or crime, and not to impel him to commit unworthy deeds.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at John Tull and W.A. Leslie's Drug Stores.

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Our holiday stock of gift jewelry awaits your inspection. You will wonder at its variety, its values, its freshness and its scope. It bristles with suggestions of correct, "GIVABLE" things. Gifts to suit all tastes, all purses and all circumstances. Watches from the dainty diminutive time-piece for the ladies to the larger STANDARD MAKES for the men. An elegant line of fobs, rings, brooches, link buttons, stick pins, collar pins, baby pins, silver novelties, toilet sets, cut glass, sterling silver and plated ware, pretty clocks, etc., etc.

Always glad to show you what we have.

Swindell & Patton JEWELERS

Best Wishes for 1905.

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We wish to begin the new year with an acknowledgement of our appreciation of the favors shown us during the past twelve months by the people of this community. Our business through 1904 has been very satisfactory indeed and we desire to thank those who have contributed to this result. We endeavor to so conduct our business that our customers will be our friends, and we have no doubt the steady growth our business is in a large measure due to the loyalty and influence of our patrons. We hope to merit a continuance of this good will and to so conduct our store that it will attract those who appreciate high quality of goods and service at most reasonable prices.

To all our friends we extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year

JOHN TULL.

The Bank of Morganton

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Thos. Lowdermill CHRISTMAS 1904

To the Public: You are cordially invited to make my store your headquarters during the days. I have on hand:

800 lbs. of candy at the following prices: Pure cream French mixture 15c per lb. 2 lbs. for 25c. Good French mixture 7c per lb. 3 lbs. for 20c. Nice chocolate and cocoanut at 20c per lb. All kinds of penny goods. Best stick candy 10c per lb. 2 1-2 lb. box for 20c.

ORANGES ORANGES ORANGES

25 boxes fancy Florida oranges 25 to 50c per doz. \$3.50 per box. 25 bushels of fancy apples from 60c to \$1.00 per bu. Fancy Florida pineapples 20 to 35c each. Fine bananas 25c per doz. London layers raisins 15c per lb. 2 lbs. for 25c. Fancy figs 10 to 15c per lb. Mixed nuts 15c per lb. English walnuts and Brazil nuts. I also have on hand a small line of nice toys for the little folks.

I will also wrap up in your goods some nice presents, though not costly, of real value. Remember my line of goods are all FRESH and the BEST ON THE MARKET. Thanking you in advance for a liberal share of your patronage, and wishing you all a merry Christmas, I am, Yours respectfully,

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