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1819—Philip Scuaff, Biblical scholar, born in Coire, Switzerland; came to the United

States in 1844; died 1893. 300-Paul Hamilton Hayne, poet, born in

858—Abolition of Irish parliament and legisla tive union of Great Britain and Ireland

asis—The edict of emancipation of the slaves of states adhering to the Confederacy went otion of specie payments in the

1894—The Manchester ship canal, connecting Manchester with the river Mersey, formal

ly opened.

1806—Alfred Ely Beach, editor of The Scientific American, died in New York city; born 1826. John B. Blair, once famous as a painter and inventor, died in Chicago

N., retired, died in Washington; born 1830.

In a question of honor versus cash this county should not sell itself too cheap. Repudiation is a detestable offense. The repudiator like the "green goods" swindler cannot play his game in public on same public twice. It would not be to the advantage any more than it would be to the honor of Buncombe county if it could escape the payment of an obligation to which it had delibeately affixed its signature if a technical flaw in the form of the transaction should afford it the means of doing so. We shall observe with interest the progress of the suit that has been brought to test the validity of the bonds given by this county to assist in building the Spartanburg and Asheville railroad, but thus far we think the effort of the commissioners does not reflect credit on the county. It has too much the flavor of repudiation to fit in well, with a strict interpretation of the 8th commandment.

Many changes have come to Asheville since last New Year's day; some for the better, a few for the worse; but as a whole, in looking back it is safe to say that our little mountain city has made progress during the year and stantis more solidly today than last New Year's. Many new elegant residences have been built, much street improvement made, our fine hotels have been made more comfortable and attractive and have prospered ac cordingly, the College for Women has been reorganized and received a new impuls forward, a large hospital has been projectization of a Board of Trade, most established business firms have maintained their positions and some new firms have come into existence. The bank failures have been the disastrous feature of the year and even these have their encouraging side since the National bank is reorganize on a sounder basis and caution and sound methods will no doubt result hereafter in this line of business from the lessons of the past. As to ourselves it is, but the second New Year's that the Gazette has seen, and we believe we can say withou undue pride that few newspapers have made more progress in a community than has the Gazette in less than two years. This New Year's day sees it with a year of constant growth behind and hopeful for a year of increased growth ahead. Nothing that pertains to the welfare of the community is "foreign to us." It has been and will be our chief endeavor to advance the interests of our section in the numerous ways by which a live newspaper can readers and advertisers for the liberal manner in which they have shown that they recognized that the Gazette was iden-

COTTON MANUFACTURING It is refreshing after reading the many

pacious arguments that are now being advanced by northern newspapers in supanufacturing in New England and against its removal to the south to see the following clear statement in the Wash Post men'tions as possessed by the south material are such as neither time, legislation or even the sharp business methods

any product of labor is less in a warm the progress of the industry and with the and genial chimate, like that of the cotton whirl of fashion and fad by selling and growing states, than in the rigorous cli- knowing of the latest productions in his mate of New England. The single item line of merchandlee, the seeking and adop of fuel cuts a large figure in the expense ing of all practical, legitimate methods of account of a New England family residing attracting customers to his store by adin a city, but it amounts to very little in vertissing and window display, in a word the cotton belt. Clothing and bedding are the conducting of business other indispensables in which the New Englanders labor under a great disadvan- basis—there are some of the qualities tage compared with their southern competitors. Rents are higher in a cold than in a warm climate, because it is necessary to construct more costly dwellings in the one than in the other. Food is naturally more abundant in the south than in the eastern states, for vegetables and fruits grow with little care, and two or three crops can be grown annually on the same ground in most of the southern states.

"For these solid reasons, which neither egislation nor labor organizations can change, it will always cost less for subsistence in the south than in New England. And the cost of subsistence has such relation to the cost of labor, and, therefore, to the cost of production, as must inevitably be a permanent factor in manufacturing industries.

"Other things being equal, this single fact would give the cotton states a steady, reliable advantage in the business of converting their staple into cloth. But other which, resting like its climate on nature's dred good resolutions laws, can be held against all competitors for all time. The proximity of the factory to the field would of itself enable the southern manufacturers to make money in turning out goods at prices below cost of production in the mills far removed from the fields."

> NEW YEAR'S ADVICE To Parents.

The reopening of schools, both public and private, brings to mind the old problem how to make children like school better and how to gain better results from study. Many educators have said for years, and rightly, too, that studies must be made Harper's Bazar thinks parents must do much also; must enforce a desire to work, must see that their children have suitable panions, must keep their children in condition for work by not letting them eat trash, stay out late at night, read too much

out of school hours This writer contends that it is not nough to send children to school every day, but they should be sent in such con dition that they may be receptive. They not be bright and alert to new ideas without having the support of a suitable food, which must not be replaced by candy and cake. He says, teachers cannot be responsible for their pupils' associates. This is wholly the parents' province, and on that needs looking after early in school life, for an idle, quick-witted boy who will out-and-out bad boy, To provide good Mantels, Grates, Tiles, food and sympathetic knowledge of studies to cull the friends; to allow moderate nents and standard reading matter. and to teach a pride in actual work, every parent ought to recognize as his rightful part in the education of his children, and hus compliment the efforts which teachents put forth for forty weeks in the year.

TO THE BEGINNER IN BUSINESS

The Washington Star tells the story o an employer's advice to his office boy a ollows: "Avoid getting your mind s firmly fixed on the future that you can't enjoy being an office boy while you have

ts force, and he deals in first rate philose by. It is all right to "hitch your wagor to a star," as Emerson advised, but in the antime it is well to take in all the bes of terrestrial scenery as one jogs along in the wake of the star: Even the office boy's job may have a lot of compensation in it over and above the weekly wages The lad who enjoys being an office boy will probably reach something better an enjoy that. But there are many persons set a good table without unduly in which they find any enjoyment. Worry Tea, Coffee etc. and pure Butand discontent spoil everything in life for ter and fresh Eggs, will last longer on. This world, with all its opportunities ferior goods. and delights, is not good enough for them, and if they ever enter paradise they will be looking for something beyond.

willtppol j wtflo pgfl(-e da -sr It is good philosophy to "enjoy being an ffice boy while you have the chance, and then enjoy the clerkship, if it comes nd then—though there are drawbacks enjoy the proprietorship.—Rochester Dem-ocralt and Chronicle.

TO THE MERCHANT.

in speaking of the various efforts to reulate department stores by law, the Jewelers' Circular wheely says "The retall merchant must depend upon himself for his success in business; the legislature cannot aid him to the disadvantage of his neighbor. The public demands the most goods for the least money, and the dealer must from his own gray brain matter conselve ways and means for satisfying this effed with the progress of the city and demand or dail behind in the race. Deter-

"Other things being equal, the best of his money's worth, a keeping abreust with business principles and modern business which, if the merchant possess, he will not seek help from his legislature."

> Among the altogether commendable hold day editions of southern newspapers that have reached the Gazette that of the Brunswick, (Ga.,) Threes is worthy of mention. It was a double issue replete with news, served in a temphingly modern way, and the edition was enclosed in a lithographic cover of very handsome design.

> Only two years more of this wonderful century; but two years in this age produce more results than two centuries in times gone by, and no one can tell what new maryels may appear before 1900 dawns to complete the cycle.

> Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer was "told" that Judge Dick's resignation was now before the president. Won't there be a scurrying, if it is true!

Today is the traditional time for good things are not equal, as the south has resolutions, which are all right in their one other and much greater advantage way; but one good action is worth a hun-

> The citizens' meeting at the court house last night did not materialize. Chizens pre ferred to stay at home and roast the frost out of the water pipes.

-The large works of Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe company at Hamilton, Ohio, were closed on Thursday on orders from Judge Neilan, who appointed S. D. Fitton receiver for the company hast week. On orders from the court, Receiver Fit on borrowed the money to pay all the employes and the announcement was made to the large force of workmen that the plant would be closed

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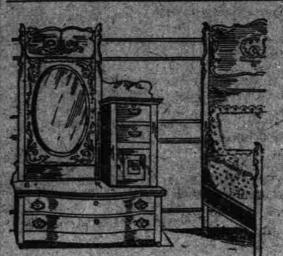
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