

IS THERE A LETTER FOR ME? Is there a letter for me, sir? Is there a letter for me, sir? Play brighten my heart with your answer; There is, that my maid can be so.

Georgia's Shame. The Georgia Legislature has defeated the bill for the Georgia Confederate Soldiers' Home. The Atlanta Constitution says: "It is impossible to regard it in any other light than as a triumph of the Third party. In the last campaign that party made a strong fight on the Home, and made it a leading issue."

UNTIL DEATH. Make me no vows of constancy, my friend, To love me, though I die, the whole life-long, And love no other till thy days shall end— Nay, it were rash and wrong.

THE BURDEN OF THE DAY. Oh! when we face some trying hour before us, And feel the press of care on every side; Behold the sky of life's storm laden o'er us, And hear the rolling, rumbling ebbless tide.

Anti-Option Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Within a day or so, after the re-assembly of Congress, the Republican Senators will hold a caucus to determine upon the order of business that is to be pursued.

THE STRAIN ETERNAL. From crystal ether-plains is borne To slumbering earth one silent morn A glorious strain, A sweet refrain, Of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. There sang twelve sparrows on the wall At even-fall, in even fall, When gloomed about the village doors Between the silent sycamores, They heard a sound from mystic shores.

California Leads the Way. California has taken the lead in two most important political reforms. At the recent November election her people declared, by a vote of 187,958 against 13,342, in favor of the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Settle G. to His Certificate. The certificates of election have been issued to all the members of the 53rd Congress for this State including the one to Hon. Thomas Settle, Republican, of the fifth district, about which so much has been said lately in the newspapers.

RAIL ROAD CHANGES. That Go Into Effect To-morrow on the Atlantic Coast Line: How it will Affect Goldsboro.

THE AMERICAN END OF THE CANAL. That there was an "American end to the Panama scandal" is scarcely a revelation; the assumption that it involved such corrupt practices as have been exposed in France is wholly gratuitous and impertinent.

Trade Flourishing. New York, December 30.—The most prosperous year ever known in the business circles of this city with strongly favorable indications for the future.

Business Failures in 1892. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The number of failures occurring in the United States in the year 1892, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile Agency is 10,344, being less than in any year since 1886.

STATE NEWS. Kinross Free Press: Mr. Edwin Taylor, aged 72 years, died on the night of Dec. 15th, at the home of his son-in-law Mr. Jas. Williams.

ALMOST A CENTENARIAN. Death of Mrs. Louisa T. Crawford at the Age of 93.

Every day more clearly teaches the necessity of a substantial educational qualification for voters at our elections. The bitterness of rare conflicts in the South has led to its adoption in a number of the Northern States, but it is in the great North where the herds of ignorant voters do most congregated.

Miss Winnie Davis. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The North and South met again in amicable last night. Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the Confederacy, is visiting friends in the city.

The new year is reasonably certain to open with good business cheer notwithstanding the present depression in values. Unless all signs are at fault, there will be a steady advance in prices for securities generally early in the new year.

Politicians in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There were a number of prominent politicians in town to-day, besides Speaker Crisp and Congressman Owen Scott, of Illinois, who arrived yesterday.

Congratulated Mr. Gladstone. LONDON, Dec. 29.—Queen Victoria was among the earliest to congratulate the Right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone on the arrival of his 83d birthday.

Wilkesboro News: A warehouse for the buying and handling of all kind of herbs, roots, etc. is to be established in North Wilkesboro shortly by Mr. Mac Absher, of Ashe county, North Carolina.

Wilson Advance: Two prisoners from the Greene county jail, were last week carried to Greenville, by order of Judge Whitaker, for safe keeping.

Newton Enterprise: As a general thing the farmers of Catawba county are in good shape to start on a new year. They used less fertilizer than usual this year and made fewer store bills than ever before.

The Columbia Daily Calendar remains the only valuable daily pad calendar for '92 is of the same general design as that of previous years, consisting of 366 leaves, one for every day in the year and a calendar for the entire year.

Carthage Blade: Mr. William Fields' barn, with the forage, seventy-five bushels of rye, a threshing machine, a feed cutter, etc. was burned last Tuesday night.

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Wilkesboro Chronicle: A large poplar tree was hauled through town last week. The tree made five cuts, twelve feet long each, and would average 500 feet of lumber to the cut, making near 2,500 feet of lumber for one tree.

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