

ONLY two weeks Sunday until Christmas. Are you ready for it?

THE Baptist Convention is in session at Winston-Salem this week.

ATTEND the musical at the Opera House to be given by the ladies of the Home Missionary Society tonight.

TRINITY College Glee Club Tuesday night, December 12th, at Opera House, for the benefit of Trinity College and Louisburg Female College.

ORGANIZED labor is a good thing when allowed to drift in the proper course, but when its powers and practices are abused there is no telling what the end may be.

The report of W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, which was read before the Commission this week, is a very flattering document. It is full of progress and prosperity.

The North Carolina law penalizing a railroad for refusing to receive goods for shipment in interstate commerce was argued before the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday—the Court holding that it was constitutional, as Congress had passed no law to the contrary.

CONGRESS convened on Monday and the President's message was read on Tuesday. It dealt with the tariff question mainly and almost wholly. In the Senate there are 49 Republicans and 42 Democrats, and one vacancy; and in the House there are 227 Democrats, 161 Republicans, 1 Socialist, 1 Independent and one vacancy.

GOV. KITCHIN has granted a respite of twenty-one days to L. M. Sandlin, the Wilmington wife murderer. This was done upon petition from his attorneys, who think they can convince the Governor of the insanity of the prisoner and get a commutation. The plea of insanity has been made to too great an extent in keeping justice from being properly handed out.

BUNOMBE county officials have done the right thing in passing an order to continue the quarantine system for smallpox. They not only show their difference of opinion to the State Board of Health, and which they are agreed with by a large majority of the better people of the State, but give to their citizens the protection against this dreaded disease they are entitled to.

If murders were committed over the state as frequently and openly as whiskey is sold illegally, and the press of the state did not condemn it as a VIOLATION of LAW it would receive the severest criticisms from all sources and would be charged with being a party to the anarchy. This being true why should they not be criticised for the failure to condemn the VIOLATION of the LAW against the sale of whiskey.

ONE of the biggest questions in connection with the promiscuous selling of whiskey is the fact that those who engage in the violation of the prohibition law or any other law and allowed to go on unhampered they will soon lose respect for all law and will break any other statute just as quick. Since prohibition is law, even though you may not be in sympathy with it, you should uphold it in order to create the proper respect for other laws.

THE McNamara brothers who were being tried at Los Angeles, Cal., for blowing up the Los Angeles Times building and killing 21 people, made a confession on Friday of last week. J. B. McNamara plead guilty to blowing up the Times building and was sentenced to life imprisonment on Tuesday morning. J. J. McNamara plead guilty to blowing up the Littlewyn Iron Works, and was sentenced to fifteen years in State prison. This caused a sudden ending to one of the most famous cases of the present year and created much surprise on the part of the friends of the prisoners.

Honor Roll.

The following deserve credit for being on the "Honor Roll" of Prospect school for two weeks ending Friday, December 1st, 1911:

- 1st grade—Willie May, Edgar Tant, John Phelps, David Tant, Bettie Burnett, Ruth Catlett, Bessie Phelps.
 - 2nd grade—Jimmie Wheeler, Kathleen May and Violet Dickerson.
 - 4th grade—Otis Ball.
 - 5th grade—Daisy Pearce, Nora Lee May, Joseph Phelps, Harold Phelps.
 - 7th grade—Johnnie May.
- NORA K. OLIVER, Teacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 17, 1911.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Neh. viii, 1-12. Memory Verses, 2, 3—Golden Text, Ps. xix, 7—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The temple being finished and also the wall around the city (chapter vi, 15; Ex. vi, 14, 15), they are better prepared to hear the word of God in order to do it. The Lord Jesus said one day when some one said what a blessed woman His mother was, "Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." On another occasion He said, "My mother and My brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it" (Luke xi, 28; viii, 21). Ezra was a priest and a ready scribe in the law of Moses and had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it and to teach it (verses 1, 2; Ez. vii, 6, 10). He was therefore just the right man to conduct this Bible conference. It was attended by both men and women and all that could hear with understanding (verses 2, 3), and they were an earnestly attentive congregation. As in the building of the wall, it was strikingly suggestive that they should begin and end at the sheep gate, inasmuch as no work will stand that is not connected with the blood of the Lamb. So in this lesson it seems most appropriate that the people should drink of the living water of the word at the water gate (verses 1, 3), or, as in Jer. li, 37, the fountain gate. In Jer. li, 13, the Lord calls Himself the fountain of living waters, and in Eph. v, 26, He is said to sanctify and cleanse His people with the washing of water by the word. Compare also Ps. cxix, 9. It was a long session from morning until midday (verse 3), and they kept it up from the first day unto the last day of the feast (verse 18), and there was very great gladness, with confession of sin and separation from the world (viii, 17; ix, 1-3). It is interesting to notice just thirteen men associated with Ezra in verses 2 and 7, and Dr. Bullinger calls attention to the first use of thirteen as associated with rebellion (Gen. xiv, 4). It was from the results of persistent rebellion that Ezra was seeking to lead the people back to God. It was at the thirteenth march around Jericho that the walls fell, and this coming back to God from all their wanderings was like the overthrow of a spiritual Jericho. There were just fourteen with Ezra, a twice seven, suggesting the perfection of God's dealings with His people. There was one with Ezra invisible to ordinary eyes, the only one worth considering, and His great word of encouragement is always, "I am with you" (Ex. iii, 12; Josh. i, 5; Judg. vi, 16; Isa. xli, 10; Hag. i, 13; ii, 4). The response of the people and their attitude before God seem to indicate that their hearts were right with Him, and the heart is everything (II Chron. xvi, 9; I Sam. xvi, 7).

Reading and exposition of the word of God are the great need of souls everywhere, and verse 8 seems to cover it simply and fully. "They read in the book in the law of God distinctly and gave the sense and caused them to understand the reading." In Deut. xxvii, 8; Hab. ii, 2, the instructions were to write plainly that those reading might run and tell. The way of Baruch in Jer. xxxvi, 8, is a good way. "Reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house." Just the word of God without note or comment or explanation has often wrought the salvation of a soul by the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Lord uses the human instrument to open up the word more fully, as in the case of Philip and the Ethiopian who said to him, "How can I understand except some man should guide me?" (Acts viii, 30, 31). On the resurrection day the Lord Jesus expounded or interpreted the Scriptures to the two men with whom He walked to Emmaus and the same evening opened the understanding of the disciples that they might understand the Scriptures (Luke xxiv, 27, 44, 45).

The words of the Lord, in the power of the Spirit, as Ezra and the Levites taught the people, convinced them of sin, and they wept, but the same spirit who convicts of sin also convicts of righteousness (John xvi, 8-10) and shows that where there is true penitence there are the blotting out of sin and the imparting of perfect righteousness, so that one can say, "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength" (Isa. xliii, 25; xiv, 24). Compare II Cor. v, 21; Rom. x, 4. Our lesson chapter is a seventh month chapter (verses 2, 14), beginning with the feast of trumpets and ending with the feast of tabernacles, but between the two came the great day of atonement (Lev. xxiii, 24, 27, 34), the only true ground of all real joy (Lev. xvii, 11; Gal. iii, 12). "Mourn not nor weep; neither be ye grieved; neither be ye sorry" (verses 9, 10, 11), reminds us of the words of the Lord Jesus to penitent sinners, "Son, be of good cheer; daughter, be of good cheer" (Matt. ix, 2, 22, R. V.). We think also of the Ethiopian who went on his way rejoicing, of the jailer and his household who rejoiced, believing in God; of the great joy in Samaria, of the joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth and of the joy and peace, the unspeakable joy, which is the privilege of every believer (Acts viii, 8, 39; xvi, 34; Lu. xv, 7, 10; Rom. xv, 13; I Pet. i, 8).

Lighting Kills Few.
In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but Dr. Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at Aycok Drug Co.

Notice
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. H. Wester, deceased, late of Franklin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against his estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 8th 1912, or this notice will be read in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement. This December 8th, 1911. D. C. THARRINGTON, Adm.

Will Pleasants has just received a new shipment of beautiful Cut Glass, in odd shapes, for Bridal and Christmas presents.

Have you seen that beautiful Cut Glass at Will Pleasants' priced so low.

Fireworks! Fireworks!!
I have bought too many fireworks for the holidays. In order not to carry over any, I expect to put the prices right down at the beginning. So, remember this, boys.
W. W. KING.

Notice of Execution Sale
North Carolina, Franklin County. In the Superior Court, R. F. Fuller vs W. G. Ayscue.
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Franklin County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday the first day of Jan. 1912 at 12 o'clock at the court house door in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution all the right, title and interest which the said W. G. Ayscue, the defendant has in the following described real estate, all the interest in remainder after the life estate of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ayscue, devised to him under the will of the late I. G. Staunton, particularly in the tract of land in said will devised to Mrs. Sarah Ayscue specifically known as the "Jessie Person Place", containing 200 acres, more or less. Said defendant is said to have a one-sixth undivided interest in remainder in the Jessie Person Place, and a one-eighth of one fourth undivided interest in remainder in the rest of the real estate of said I. G. Staunton which was not specifically devised in said will. This Nov. 29, 1911. W. M. BOONE, Sheriff.

TOY LAND

UNDER

The Racket Store

WILL

Open Up

Friday

NIGHT

The ladies and children are especially invited to come and see

SANTA CLAUS

Dressed in the original costume. The children are earnestly requested to bring a letter and put in the postoffice. Old Santa wants a full house.

Mrs. A. M. Hall

Farmers and Merchants Bank

LOUISBURG, N. C.

Don't Borrow Money, But if You Must, Come and See Us

Don't Carry Large Sums of Money, But if You Must, Do So Only Until You Can See Us.

We combine absolute safety with satisfactory service. Give particular attention to the business of farmers. Invite new accounts and new business upon our own merits for strength and superior facilities. A strong bank can afford liberal treatment to its patrons. Our past policy and ample resources are our guarantee for the future. We want your business.

Make OUR Bank YOUR Bank.

Farmers and Merchants Bank

Louisburg, N. C.

F. N. Egerton, President
M. S. Clifton, Cashier.

C. P. Harris, Vice-President
W. E. Uzzell, Assistant-Cashier.

Christmas Holidays

Are Fast Approaching and With it Comes the Monster Winter.

There is nothing better for these cold nights and you will soon learn to welcome them when you bunk in a Burnstein Bed. Absolutely the best bed ever placed before the public. Sold on the money back plan. We are sold agents for the above bed.

You Will Also Need a Few Extra Pieces of FURNITURE

for Christmas, such as chairs, dressers, washstands, bed lounges, chiffoners etc. Fail to see us miss a bargain. Come to see us and save money.

Howell and Bunn

Remember the Place
W. P. Neal Building, Main Street.

To Our Friends and Customers

We have some bills to pay Nov. 1st., and appeal to you to help us by paying your accounts on or before that day. Your account may be small, but we have hundreds of them and they count up. We don't want to oppress anyone, but to meet our bills we must make collections. Your account is due and again we kindly ask you to come in and pay it by Nov. 1st.

Beasley-Alston Drug Co.