

ONE YEAR,	\$1.00
SIX MONTHS,	.85
THREE MONTHS,	.75

FRIDAY, Jan. 12 1912

Don't forget to write it 1912.

The Masonic Grand Lodge met in Raleigh this week.

A law that does not apply to everybody alike is no law at all.

Moss light and better light is what the people of Louisburg want.

BALTIMORE has been selected for the meeting of the National Democratic Convention for this year.

Taft says nothing but death will remove him from the race for the Presidential nomination.

W. B. McKoy, of Wilmington was selected to succeed R. N. Hackett as Grand master.

The plumbers won out in a strike for more pay and shorter hours in the larger cities the past week.

WHAT Louisburg needs most is a citizenship who is ready to help build up instead of tear down.

FROM what we can learn politics are warming up a little in Franklin. It looks to us that there is still a plenty of time.

If every business made as much money as it appears to the one outside of it, there would be a lot of wealthy people in this world.

THE news of the death of Dr. Jas. McKee of Raleigh, which occurred on Tuesday night will be received with much regret in all parts of the state.

THOSE who are always ready to predict the success of the republicans over the democrats in local politics are already in evidence, but will prove no usual talk.

ORTIE McMANICAL gave his evidence to the Federal grand jury the past week, wherein he tells of many ugly crimes. He told of more than 100 establishments that were blown up.

THERE should be a state law requiring Insurance Companies to send their adjusters to the scene of a fire or settle for same straight out within a week from the time of the loss, or force them to pay damages to the insured.

WHENEVER an Insurance Company receives premiums for an excess of protection they should be made to pay the full amount purchased or return the difference in the premiums with interest and in addition a bonus as a fine for allowing anyone to be over insured.

TWENTY FIVE street car men left their cars in Raleigh at noon on Wednesday because the company failed to grant the demands made by them in a petition. The strike did no especial damage as the place of the strikers were filled in a short while and the service continued.

JOHN ROSS the Cleveland county negro, was convicted of murder in the first degree Wednesday morning, the jury being out fifty minutes. The sentence will not be passed until Frank Gladden, a white man is tried. Ross admits killing Dixon and says that Gladden killed Mrs. Dixon, and that their purpose was robbery.

RICHESON, the Boston pastor who was facing trial for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, Mass., sprung a surprise on the people on January 3rd, when he sent his confession of the crime to the court. He now faces death in the electric chair unless he is relieved by executive action, which is the only source of relief left to him.

THERE is a general dissatisfaction being expressed as to the quality of light produced by the local lighting plant. There is certainly some trouble and it should be attended to. The patrons of this plant expect to get what they pay for and the plant is said to be capable of giving good service. The lights are excluding yellow and are very uneven. The trouble should be remedied at once.

THE information contained in the advertisement of the First National Bank of Louisburg in another column shows a flattering business since its establishment in 1906, and speaks well for the management during this period. Besides declaring their annual dividends which has amounted to \$9,500 they have accumulated a surplus of \$12,500. Their accommodations to the public have been many and their future success is hailed by all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson III.—First Quarter, For Jan. 21, 1912.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke II, 8-20. Memory Verse, 10, 11—Golden Text, Luke II, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Those days of verse 1 are spoken of in Gal. iv, 4, as "the fullness of time," the time appointed before the world was, for the great deliverer to come, for "knows unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world" (Acts xv, 18). He declares the end from the beginning and death according to His will both in heaven and on earth, sending the king's heart whithersoever He will (Isa. xlii, 10; Dan. iv, 35; Ec. cxxxv, 6; Prov. xii, 1). So it came to pass that the world ruler's decree was used by the Lord of all the earth to fulfill His purpose and to cause the Prince of the kings of the earth, the King of kings and the Lord of lords to be born at the long before appointed time and place. But so out of harmony with God is this world which He made and the people who inhabit it that there was no room for the Creator in the world which He had made and no welcome for Him. "There was no room for them in the inn" (verse 7). Does the thought of it lead you to say, "Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus—there is room in my heart for Thee?" If so then you may rejoice in the comfort of John 1, 12; Rev. iii, 20.

The story of the shepherds takes us back to Abel and to Moses and David and Amos, and the darkness makes us think of the darkness that now is and will be till He shall come again in His glory (Isa. lx, 1-3). The night is far spent, the day is at hand, and the time for our new bodies and the redemption of Israel is ever drawing nearer (Rom. xiii, 11, 12; Luke xxi, 28). The shepherds were doing just as they had always done, watching over their flocks, when the angel of the Lord came suddenly upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them (verse 9). Moses and David and Amos were keeping their flocks, Hagar was plowing, Peter and John and others at their work, Matthew at the receipt of custom, when the angelic call came to them. It is required of some that they leave their former calling and of others that they continue where they were and therein abide with God (1 Cor. vii, 28, 24). Note the visits of the Lord to such lowly people as Hagar, Manoah and his wife, Gideon and others and in Isa. lviii, 15, His two dwelling places. To Zacharias and Mary and the shepherds there was given the heavenly "Fear not" (verse 10; 1, 13, 30). It was also the angel's message on the resurrection morning (Matt. xxviii, 5). How can we explain our slowness to tell to all people the good tidings of great joy? Is it because the tidings have never brought us the joy unspokeable of 1 Pet. i, 8? The lepers of 11 Kings vii, 8, 9, put us to shame. What can we say to Christ? Suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host is heard by the shepherds saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" (verse 14). Listen to the testimony of more than a hundred millions of angels in Rev. v, 11, 12; and then if you know that you are redeemed join more heartily in the song of Rev. v, 9, 10.

The Lord Jesus in all His life on earth never sought His own glory nor His own will, and it must have been with joy that He said to His Father in His great prayer, "I have glorified Thee on the earth" (John vi, 28; viii, 50; xvii, 4). Our motto should be "that God in all things may be glorified" (1 Pet. iv, 11; 1 Cor. x, 31). When the Lord Jesus shall have become the peace of Israel and shall have spoken peace to the nations through Israel then quickly shall the whole earth be filled with the glory of the Lord (Isa. v, 5; Zech. ix, 10; Num. xiv, 21). His people shall be willing in the day of His power (Ps. cxv, 3). The angels, having executed their commission, went away into heaven; simply went home. How easy it sounds, how wonderful and glorious it is, that we have ever with us these ministering ones who behold the face of our Father in heaven (Heb. i, 14; Matt. xviii, 10). The shepherds did not seem to question for one moment the good news they had heard, and they considered the angels as the Lord's messengers, for they said, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" (verse 18). They did not delay, but made haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger, as they had been told (verses 12, 16). It was not any kind of a figurative manger, but really a place from which cattle ate their food. As a rule, the statements of Scripture are plain literal statements, and unless the language is plainly figurative, as when our Lord said, "I am the vine," "I am the door," "The trees of the field shall clap their hands," we must take it to mean just what it says. Accepting this babe as the Saviour, Christ the Lord, they made known what was told them concerning this child (verses 11, 17). With the artlessness of simple minded people they just believed what they had heard and told what they had seen, making us think of Peter and John, who said long afterward concerning the same person, "We cannot but speak the things we have seen."

The Bigger LITTLE Store

In its new home new ready to serve its customers to better advantage than possible heretofore

My stock of dress goods, all over embroideries, laces, etc., will be complete, you will find in this department a full stock of the newest and most desirable goods of the season.

My white goods, new spring gingham, percales, galatias, etc., will be displayed on my counters for your inspection Monday, January 15th. If not convenient to call, write or phone for samples.

Shoes Shoes

Every desirable shoe will be added to my stock for every member of the family. New spring slippers to arrive Feb. 1st. I will positively give you better shoes for less money than you buy elsewhere.

THE PROOF

Thirty years experience has taught me what best to buy when to buy and to know a shoe when I see it. You not only get the benefit of my experience, but I stand for every shoe that leaves my house.

Cabbage Plants

Send me your orders for Young Island plants. They make cabbage, not seed. Will have for court week fifty-thousand plants.

R. Z. Egerton

Farmers and Merchants Bank

LOUISBURG, N. C.

We Wish You a Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR

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

In Wishing You

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Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR

We wish to thank you for your past patronage and also inform you that we will continue business at the same place during 1912. We shall keep ourselves in position to furnish you the best the market affords in our line at all times. Give us a call we will be glad to see you.

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.