

Subscription Rates: One year in advance \$1.50, Six months .75, Three months .37, Clubs of ten or more 1.00. TERMS STRICTLY CASH. Sent by mail at Salisbury, N. C. THURSDAY, DEC. 25 1890.

A Happy Christmas.
For 53 years the WATCHMAN has visited the homes of the people in this part of the State. During that long period it has seen the people more prosperous than they now are. But our people should be ready to celebrate this, the greatest of all anniversaries, in a proper manner. We trust that there is no actual suffering from want in this State. So far as we know no fatal contagious diseases are raging anywhere on this continent. Then let us feel that if we have done nothing during the year to better our condition and that of those around us that we may yet in the few remaining days of 1890. A happy Christmas to all.

Our Deaf and Our Blind.
Maj. R. S. Tucker, President of the Board of Trustees of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution at Raleigh, has issued a circular letter to the newspapers of our State setting forth the need of a building entirely separate from the one now in use in which to teach the deaf and dumb. He thinks we need a plant for this purpose sufficient to accommodate at least one hundred and fifty white mutes. Our last General Assembly appropriated one hundred acres of State land to the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, but we have no money with which to erect a building. Maj. Tucker argues that we might teach practical agriculture and gardening, raising and caring for stock, printing, shoemaking and broom and mattress making on this land, and thereby benefit the unfortunate deaf and dumb in more ways than one.

All this seems practical, and certainly we cannot do too much for these people. Perhaps the greatest mistake made in this State in years has been the building of a Governor's mansion at such an enormous expense. It is not done yet and not paid for. The Governor is entitled to a good residence, but the one now being built is twice as much as it should have done. Half of the cost of the mansion should have went to the Agricultural & Mechanical College or to our charitable institutions. However, we will not stop to cry over spilled milk, but should go to work in earnest to help the unfortunate deaf and dumb.

The World.
The New York World has recently moved into its own building, which is thirteen stories high and entirely fire-proof. The event was celebrated in grand style. A large portion of the building is made of steel, and the total weight of the structure is 68,000,000 pounds. The cost is not stated, but the site for the building cost \$650,000. Joseph Pulitzer, the sole owner of the World was once a tramp printer. In a few years he has made the greatest paper the world ever saw. The circulation has averaged 310,000 copies daily during the past twelve months.

The success of Joseph Pulitzer is wonderful indeed. But he is in a country where people read and are willing to pay for papers. The chances are that Mr. Pulitzer would go under in six months if he would start a paper in North Carolina. The State of New York has about twice the population of this State, and there are more than three thousand papers published in the State, most of them well supported. In North Carolina about 100 are published and nearly all have hard work to live. Some of them do not deserve support, but a great many fail to receive half as much as they deserve. Some of our editors work sixteen hours a day, and yet people think they ought to publish papers as large and employ as much talent as the World or Herald. The way to make strong papers is to pay for them. They cost money. Our people ought to work for them and pay for them, too. A man with a pint of whiskey under his shirt and a quart in his pocket is the man who is not able to pay for a paper. The man who "has no time to read" is a pretty piece of creation. He is standing in his own light. If he will reflect a little he will know that the men who are getting rich are the men who read and keep posted. They know what is going on and gather news of gain in any other way. A man who does not read ought to make it a duty to read those who do not to do

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A Few Words With You.
The WATCHMAN is out for the third time since it changed hands. The editor and printers have stood at their posts for twelve months. Work in a newspaper office is like life on a tread mill—unceasing. So our readers will grant us a furlough for one week and not feel disappointed in not getting a paper a week from to-day. After the holidays it will be on hand at the usual time.

The new editor of this paper has met with substantial encouragement already, but the WATCHMAN must have at least three times as many subscribers as it now has. If the people of this section will aid us it can be done in a short time. But if every one depends on some one else to go forward it will be slow work. We want to make the WATCHMAN a much better paper than it now is. All we ask is co-operation. We expect to work hard and run it on business principles.

Perhaps three hundred of the old subscribers are in arrears. We hope that before the next issue each one will send in their renewals. Don't wait for us to send bills or call on you. Come and pay or send check, money order, postal note or stamps. A part of the old subscribers were paid several months in advance. Most of those that were behind were transferred on the new books and owe the present proprietor from Dec. 11, 1890.

If you send in the cash within the next two or three weeks all will be well, otherwise your names will be dropped from the list. No editor can undertake to run after his subscribers all over the country and whine for his pay. The day for that sort of business is over. If the friends of this paper don't think enough of it to come in the office and pay for it or send the money by mail, then we no longer count them as friends. The old subscribers of the WATCHMAN have been to it what the "Old Guard" was to Bonaparte. They have always been faithful through everything. We hope the "old guard" will continue faithful unto the end.

Senator Vance Will Obey.
Below we publish some correspondence between President Carr and Senator Vance. From his letter we take it for granted that Senator Vance will agree to obey the instructions of the General Assembly, if it shall unequivocally direct him to vote for the Sub-Treasury plan of financial reform. Now the people have a chance. If they think the Sub-Treasury plan best, or if no one will devise a better one, they should instruct the members of the Legislature so they can instruct Senator Vance.

Here is the correspondence:
NOVEMBER 20, 1890.
Hon. Z. B. Vance, Black Mountain, Buncombe Co., N. C.
DEAR SIR:—After carefully considering the political situation in our State, I deem it wise to write you and ask the following question: If the Legislature instructs you to advocate and vote for the Sub-Treasury plan of financial reform, will you carry out said instructions in good faith? I hope that you will understand I do not reflect in the slightest degree on your devotion to the people of North Carolina, but there are precedents where United States Senators have carried out instructions, and also precedents where they have disregarded them. I trust that you will give me an answer at your earliest convenience.
Very respectfully,
ELIAS CARR,
Pres't N. C. F. S. A.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6, 1890.
Elias Carr, President N. C. Farmers' Alliance, Old Sparta, N. C.
DEAR SIR:—In answer to your official communication of the 20th ult., which did not reach me until the 1st inst., I have to say that I recognize the old Democratic doctrine of the right of the people to instruct their representatives to the fullest extent to which it has ever been carried in North Carolina. I hold that the will of the people, clearly and unequivocally expressed, must be obeyed unless compliance would involve the representative in a moral wrong, in which case it would be his duty to resign and give place to a representative who would obey. Good faith in the observance of instructions and public pledges is absolutely essential to a government based on the popular will.
Very respectfully yours,
Z. B. VANCE.

Mr. E. H. Walker, a school teacher in Mecklenburg county, had his hands badly burned a few days ago while tearing the clothing off one of his pupils—whose clothing had accidentally caught fire. The little girl was not injured.
The Charlotte News reports a number of lively scrimmages at colored "festivals" in Mecklenburg county.
Mr. Hugh Parks, near the Rowan and Cabarrus county lines, is dead. Had he lived twenty days longer he would have been 59 years of age.—Concord Standard.

What the Alliance Has Done.
The Alliance as an organization has made mistakes. Individual members have made mistakes and have been guilty of wrong doing, just as human beings have and always will continue to do. But it is an educator, has saved thousands of dollars to its members without destroying any other legitimate business. The farmers have to some extent, been brought to a realization of the terrible mistakes they have and in many instances, are still making. All classes of people have been thinking, talking, arguing, quarrelling, and yet the problem is not entirely solved. Something is wrong. All admit it. If the farmers are to blame saddle it on us—produce the proof. If somebody else is in the wrong nail them. If we are all to blame let us all pull the mote out of our own eyes and do better. Let the good work go on.

Notes by the Way.
The New York Herald will give 1,000 news boys and their parents a dinner to-day.
The Troy Vilette is five years old and deserves more liberal support than it has heretofore received.
The Atlanta Journal will give their 55 carrier boys a present and Christmas dinner to-day.
The Alliance in Kansas has decided to build elevators and secure advances on grain delivered to them.
The Henderson Gold Leaf has just passed the 9th mile post. It is a live paper and we wish it many more years of prosperity.
The Charlotte News is two years old and has enlarged to a seven column paper. Wade Harris is one of the best newspaper men in the State and deserves greater reward for his labor than he has yet received.
It is said that a man was elected Judge in Kansas this fall who has no knowledge of the law. An eastern paper says that almost any man can be elected Judge in New York who can put up four or five thousand for campaign purposes.

An Associated Press dispatch went the rounds last week to the effect that President Polk and others held a meeting in Florida on Monday night and decided not to call a meeting of the Third party, etc. President Polk was at his home in this city and sound asleep at the time named.—Progressive Farmer.
Col. Polk came through Raleigh and showed plainly that he had been faithfully caged in Florida. The Alliance gave him a beautiful goldheaded cane. Mr. Anderson, at Barlow, gave him one, the vertebrae of a shark that had been taken from a phosphate bed where it had lain for perhaps, thousands of years. Gov. Fleming gave him a beautiful orange cane, cut for him by the Governor's hands at Silver Spring.—Progressive Farmer.

Church News.
Lamberton Robesonian.
Rev. D. J. Harris has removed to Edgewater, N. C.
Elmwood Presbyterian church has had seven accessions of late.
Twelve persons recently united with the Methodist church Carthage.
About 200 conversions are reported from the Louisburg meeting held by W. P. Fife.
Rev. J. A. Smith will supply the Baptist church in Whiteville next year.
Rev. D. M. Austin has accepted the call to Trade street Baptist church in Charlotte.
Rev. P. S. C. Davis goes to take charge of a Baptist church in Virginia.
The circulation of the Raleigh Advocate is reported by its editor to be now over 5000.
A Superintendent of the Synodical Presbyterian Orphan's Home will be selected Thursday of this week.
The Methodist church has lost a promising young minister by the death of Rev. J. Frank Jones at Vanderbilt University.
Hendersonville Baptist church has had a good meeting in which there were forty professions and several renewals.
The Evangelistic committee of Fayetteville Presbytery meets in Maxton Wednesday that is to-morrow according to the Robesonian calendar.

Short Notes.
Mecklenburg county Alliance will meet at Pineville.
On New Years Day the Alliance at St. John's, Cabarrus county, will have a thanksgiving service conducted by Rev. Peter Miller.
Cabarrus county Alliance will meet at St. John's church on the second Thursday in January and continue two days.

An Open Letter.
MR. DOUGLAS GIVES FACTS IN REGARD TO R. R. TAXATION.
GREENSBORO, N. C. Dec. 1890.
To the Committee on Railroad Taxation.
GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the request of the Attorney-General to give you the benefit of whatever information I might obtain relating to Railroad taxation during my professional investigation of that subject, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the vast and unaccountable discrepancy between the valuation for taxation of the railroads in this State as shown by the auditor's report for 1889, and the capitalization of the same roads as shown by the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on Railway Statistics for 1888.
One instance will suffice: The Western N. C. R. R. is assessed for taxation at \$1,589,375.00 and is reported as capitalized at \$15,735,000.00, nearly ten times its tax valuation, and fifty per cent. greater than the tax valuation of all the railroads in this State, which is given at \$10,003,682.05.
This capitalization comprises \$3,000,000 of stock and \$7,735,000 of bonds, being stock at the rate of \$42,123.00 and bonds at the rate of \$41,721.00 per mile, aggregating a total capitalization per mile of \$84,844.00.
The stock and bonds of a railroad company are presumed to represent the cost of its property, which in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, is a fair criterion of its value; and private property in this State is said to be assessed on an average, at least one-half its value.
By this standard the Western N. C. R. R. Co. should be assessed at \$7,807,530.00 instead of \$1,589,375.00 as shown by the Auditor's report.
Such gross disparity between the burdens bore by the corporation and the citizen demands redress, especially as it exists, in a great degree, as to other roads, as for instance, the Statesville and Western, which is assessed for \$56,400.00 and capitalized at \$800,000.00.
Acting upon the maxim of one of the sages of the law, that: "Blessed be, not the complaining tongue, but the amending hand," I venture to suggest a possible remedy. That is the creation of a Railroad Commission consisting of the State Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the two houses of the Legislature.
All questions of railroad taxation should be referred to it, with an appeal to the courts.
This commission would not increase the actual number of offices and would cost but little, as the members would be paid only their actual expenses and a reasonable per diem while actually in session. In their different positions they would acquire information peculiarly fitting them for the work of the Commissioner while the tenure of their offices and the different courses of their election would effectually prevent any suspicion of the interest of the railroads or against them. The Commissioner of agriculture should be a member, as he is familiar with the productive value of farm lands, which pay the greater part of our taxation, and which, in their present depressed condition, should certainly bear only their just burdens. When one article escapes taxation, the rate is necessarily increased upon what is taxed; and what the locomotive fails to pay, must be levied upon the mule.

What the Alliance Will Do.
1. They will secure a thorough discussion of some important economical questions, says William Gladden in the Forum. They will force the people to consider carefully the problem of the State ownership of the great public highways. If the farmers can stick together, and stick to their text long enough to get this business thoroughly ventilated, they will do a good service.
2. They are loosening the bands of partisanship, and opening the way for a rational co-operation of citizens for all desirable purpose. It is not improbable that will lead to a reconstruction of parties.
3. They are helping to make an end of the sectionalism, which has been a large part of the capital of a certain class of politicians. "Scarcely a vestige," they say, "of the old sectional prejudice of a few years ago is now visible within their ranks." The South and West are coming into fraternal relations. "The demagogic politician who now attempts to array sectional prejudice in order that he may keep farmers equally divided on important questions," is admonished that he is about to confront a superior intelligence that will soon convince him that his occupation is gone. "The farmers' movement is not, probably, the deluge, but it will prove to be something of a shower—in some quarters, a cyclone—and it will clear the atmosphere."
A Big, North Carolina Colt.
Capt. B. P. Williamson has at his Fairview stock farm, near this city, a colt twenty months old that measures fifteen hands two and a half inches high, and weighs nine hundred and twenty pounds. This colt is by Franklin Chief, No. 3,118; he by 553; sire 10, in 230 list; out of Irene by Editor, record 22312; he by Princeps, sire 22 in 230; Irene out of Eiter, a daughter of George Wilkes, with 71 in 230 list. This Colt can trot in his present form, miles close to 3 minutes. How is this for a North Carolina bred colt? "Dotteration" is his name.—State Chronicle.

Gathered from all Sources.
LATEST EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF PRODUCTION AND LABOR.
The Farmers' Alliance has 1,500,000 members.
The Pennsylvania & a Pontyry Society has been organized, with headquarters at Harrisburg.
King Kalakama is writing articles on the labor problem of Hawaii for the San Francisco Examiner.
The Federation of Miners which met at Bristol, Eng., has 123,000 members. They talk of working only five days a week.
The place of holding the next annual meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance has been changed from Washington to Indianapolis.
The experiment of shipping to England Canadian eggs, which have been shut out of the United States by a duty of 2 1/2 cents per dozen, has been very successful.
The Michigan Grange is in open revolt against the National Grange on account of the stand taken by the national organization in endorsing the proposition for Government to loan on real estate.
The Farmers' Alliance of Atchison, Kan., the home of Senator Ingalls, at a recent meeting adopted resolutions recommending the retirement of Mr. Ingalls from the Senate, and the election to his seat of a Farmers' Alliance man.
The reports emanating from Chicago that the newly formed harvester trust will fight the twine trust and thus give the farmers cheap twine is laughed at by Alliance men in the past and the well known fact that they have always absorbed a large part of the cost of twine to the consumer gives the farmers no reason to accept cheap twine from this new consolidation.

To the Point.
Judge Thurman says the farmers should devote themselves to the tariff issue. He heartily approves of much the Alliance hopes to secure. He says they are trying to do too many things at once. He is a farmer.
A sensation in trotting-horse circles was caused a few days since at Lexington, Ky., when it became known that Anteo 2:16 1/2, the best living son of Electioneer, will be sold here in February.
A dispatch from New York on the 18th states that Duke d'Acey is under arrest for failure to liquidate his hotel bill. This news causes a flutter of excitement in Staten Island society.
They are hard on Illinois it seems. A tramp would fare that well.
A Raleigh dispatch says: The cancellation of farm mortgages is now going on at a remarkable rate. During the present month more have been cancelled than in the years 1886-87 in this county.
That is good news, but the good work goes on.

Don't think because you join a farmers' organization that you must have an office, says the Farm Journal: A man wanting office will seldom make a good member of the Grange, the Alliance or League. A man wanting votes is often too nervous to express his honest opinions. Office hunting makes many a man unmanly.
The wheat crop of Washington is the largest in its history, being estimated at 16,000,000 bushels. The elevators, warehouses and box cars along the railways are filled and stacks of wheat dot the field. The inability of the railways to obtain motive power to move the enormous crop to market is expediting the farmers, who are charging them with collusion with the warehouse men to lower the prices of wheat.

The Forum.
Among the Features of The Forum for 1891 will be: Results of the census. A series of articles by Gen. Francis A. Walker; results of the latest research and of the most recent achievements in all important lines of work, in science and in industry, by specialists; political discussions, by the leaders of opinions in the United States, and by foreign statesmen; shibboleths of the time, a series of critical examinations of popular opinions, by W. S. Lilly, the British essayist; autobiographical essays, a series to which some of the most noted men of the time, American and British, have already contributed; discussions of social and religious problems in the United States; literary articles, discussing the tendencies of literary work along all directions of activity, by the foremost critical writers. The Forum, New York, 50 cents a copy, \$5.00 a year. Subscriptions taken in club with this paper. Special inducements to new subscribers.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.
A cream of taste baking powder. Highest of Swin blending strength.—U. S. Government Rec. April 17, 1880.
Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SANTA CLAUS AT BUEERBAUM'S.
The Largest Stock of Christmas Goods ever offered in Salisbury.
ALL I ASK IS TO COME IN AND SEE.
Christmas Cards, Artistic Booklets, Plush Goods, Albums, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Smoker Sets, Shaving Sets, Traveling Cases, Comb & Brush Boxes, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Scissor Cases.
BOOKS suitable for PRESENTS in large variety.
TOYS!
TOYS!!
TOYS!!!
Fancy Glass and China Ware.
PICTURES at prices to astonish the oldest inhabitant. Elegant Works of Art in stylish frames.
Any picture framed to order on short notice.
CANDIES AND FRUITS
AND CANDIES AND FRUIT
Velocipedes, Tricycles, Dagoes, Hobby Horses, &c., &c.
Come and See Me.
Respectfully,
THEO. BUEERBAUM.

BE SURE AND SEE IT!
THE NEWEST IDEAS.
HAPPIEST HITS!
Greatest Variety to Fairest Prices.
WE ARE PLEASING THEM ALL.
LITTLE FOLKS AND BIG PEOPLE
Will all find just what you are looking for to make a holiday or birthday gift.
IN WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE AND NOVELTIES.
Our low prices make these beautiful goods all bargains.

WILL LAST A LIFE TIME.
Warranted 75 Years!
NOT HALF the COST of STERLING SILVER.
SPOONS AND FORKS
HAVING STERLING SILVER
half through the back at points exposed to wear, as shown by cut.
THEN PLATED ENTIRE.
Guaranteed to contain more silver and are more durable than any plated or LIGHT Sterling Silver goods made.
MADE ONLY BY THE ELIASS & EDWARDS SILVER CO.
Call and examine our line of ware, we never before have had such a mammoth stock of this line. And we call your special attention to our line of silver inlaid spoons and forks. Everybody is delighted with our holiday display. You want to see it.
NEW NOVEL AND BEAUTIFUL SELECTIONS.
PLENTY OF VARIETY, NEW ATTRACTIONS.
We invite you all and will be glad to serve you to our best ability.
VERY RESPECTFULLY
W. H. REISNER & BRO.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.
A cream of taste baking powder. Highest of Swin blending strength.—U. S. Government Rec. April 17, 1880.
Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.
A cream of taste baking powder. Highest of Swin blending strength.—U. S. Government Rec. April 17, 1880.
Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.
A cream of taste baking powder. Highest of Swin blending strength.—U. S. Government Rec. April 17, 1880.
Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SANTA CLAUS AT BUEERBAUM'S.
The Largest Stock of Christmas Goods ever offered in Salisbury.
ALL I ASK IS TO COME IN AND SEE.
Christmas Cards, Artistic Booklets, Plush Goods, Albums, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Smoker Sets, Shaving Sets, Traveling Cases, Comb & Brush Boxes, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Scissor Cases.
BOOKS suitable for PRESENTS in large variety.
TOYS!
TOYS!!
TOYS!!!
Fancy Glass and China Ware.
PICTURES at prices to astonish the oldest inhabitant. Elegant Works of Art in stylish frames.
Any picture framed to order on short notice.
CANDIES AND FRUITS
AND CANDIES AND FRUIT
Velocipedes, Tricycles, Dagoes, Hobby Horses, &c., &c.
Come and See Me.
Respectfully,
THEO. BUEERBAUM.
BE SURE AND SEE IT!
THE NEWEST IDEAS.
HAPPIEST HITS!
Greatest Variety to Fairest Prices.
WE ARE PLEASING THEM ALL.
LITTLE FOLKS AND BIG PEOPLE
Will all find just what you are looking for to make a holiday or birthday gift.
IN WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE AND NOVELTIES.
Our low prices make these beautiful goods all bargains.
WILL LAST A LIFE TIME.
Warranted 75 Years!
NOT HALF the COST of STERLING SILVER.
SPOONS AND FORKS
HAVING STERLING SILVER
half through the back at points exposed to wear, as shown by cut.
THEN PLATED ENTIRE.
Guaranteed to contain more silver and are more durable than any plated or LIGHT Sterling Silver goods made.
MADE ONLY BY THE ELIASS & EDWARDS SILVER CO.
Call and examine our line of ware, we never before have had such a mammoth stock of this line. And we call your special attention to our line of silver inlaid spoons and forks. Everybody is delighted with our holiday display. You want to see it.
NEW NOVEL AND BEAUTIFUL SELECTIONS.
PLENTY OF VARIETY, NEW ATTRACTIONS.
We invite you all and will be glad to serve you to our best ability.
VERY RESPECTFULLY
W. H. REISNER & BRO.