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The current number of the College Messenger contains a number of very interesting articles.

PATIENT, hopeful waiting is hard work when it is the only work possible to us in an emergency. But patient waiting is in its time the highest duty of a faithful soul.

The worst penalty of evil doing is to grow into idleness with the bad; for each man's soul changes, according to the nature of his deeds, for better or for worse.

IN New Orleans there is a negro politician named Wilson, who says that he will vote for the constitutional convention, as he desires the ignorant masses disfranchised.

WILSON gets a slice of the pie. This time it is the Rev. O. L. W. Smith, colored, pastor of the A. M. E. Z. church at this place, who gets an appointment as Minister to Liberia.

THERE will be a meeting of the County Supervisors of Public Instruction, at Raleigh, on Thursday, December 30th. Quite an interesting and instructive program has been arranged.

THE house committee has a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution provided for the election of senators of the United States either by a direct vote of the people or the legislatures of the several states as now provided.

WE published some weeks ago a little Xmas tale with a pointed application. Some of our subscribers have taken the matter to heart and brought in "the dollar" for our Christmas tree. To these we extend our thanks in particular and wish likewise to extend to all alike our best wishes for their future welfare, both here and hereafter.

GREENSBORO has a live Industrial and Immigration Association. Such an organization to promote the material progress and growth of the city if properly conducted, is of great benefit to any town, says the Asheville Gazette. Wilson's Board of Trade should wake up. They started out with a fine show but for some time nothing has been heard from them.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE begins its twelfth year with the January number. The frontispiece gives a characteristic scene in a Virginia mansion on the night of a party in the days before the war. This is from Thomas Nelson Page's serial novel, "Red Rock," which in this opening instalment pictures the youth of the leading characters. Immediately the scene will shift to Reconstruction days, and the stirring times after the war, when carpet-baggers dominated the South, will be depicted. The leading article is Senator Lodge's great historical narrative, "The Story of the Revolution." This is the first history of the Revolution by a man who unites the literary qualities of a skilled historian with actual experience of governmental machinery.

CASTORIA.

THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF *Chas. H. Fletcher* IS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

To all its readers the Advance wishes A MERRY CHRISTMAS. Since that first morning when the angels announced to the wondering shepherds the birth of Christ, this season has been one of great rejoicing to all christian people. Particularly has the time been consecrated to making children happy, and the recollection of their bright faces at Christmastide forms one of the most precious memories of older people. Poor indeed must be the man who has no such memories!

It is the season of family reunions—of renewing old friendships—of patching up old quarrels—in short it is the period of the year when the influence of the Saviour seems most potent upon earth. To many persons, who hear with the fine ear of faith, the song the angels sung rings over land and sea again, as in the words of the poet:

"Till through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lonely plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever chime their Rabel songs,  
The blessed angels sing."

## THE SPANISH ARMY IN SEAR.

Charlotte Observer.

The Spanish army is on its ear. It feels that its honor has been impugned. Its pride has been wounded. The dispatches yesterday said that twenty Spanish generals had come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. It must entail a great strain upon the Spanish army to feel genuinely insulted. Its generals in Cuba have been reported as having been notoriously corrupt. A young insurgent was recently pardoned from a Cuban prison for giving away the secret that the Spanish generals and Cuban leaders in a certain province had an agreement amongst themselves not to attack each other. With 200,000 troops in the island, commanded successively by two of her most reputed generals, Spain has been unable to put an end to the guerrilla warfare of the insurgent Cubans, and it is this victorious host that feels itself insulted by President McKinley's message. The Spanish army must, indeed, have its sensibilities under a high pressure, to have worked itself into such a state of mind.

—We live in a country of which the principal scourge is stomach-trouble.

It is more wide-spread than any other disease, and very nearly more dangerous.

One thing that makes it so dangerous is that it is so little understood.

If it were better understood, it would be more feared, more easily cured, less universal than it is now.

So, those who wish to be cured, take Shaker Digestive Cordial, because it goes to the root of the trouble as no other medicine does. The pure, harmless, curative herbs and plants, of which it is composed, are what render it so certain, and at the same time, so gentle a cure.

It helps and strengthens the stomach, purifies and tones up the system.

Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

To make the Ladies' Home Journal for 1898 "the best of all the years," is the purpose of its editors, as disclosed by a prospectus outlining a few of the projected features the coming year. A notable feature, "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife," a series of letters from the wife of a Cabinet member to her sister. will, it is said, reveal some startling pen-pictures of Washington social and official life. The biographies of President McKinley, Mrs. Cleveland, Mark Twain, Thomas A. Edison and Joseph Jefferson will be presented in a novel way by a series of anecdotes, giving the vital characteristics of each. This is but a passing glance at the 1898 Ladies' Home Journal, which is aimed to meet the literary and practical needs of every member of the household.

## The New York Commercial Advertiser is a little closer to New England than the Chattanooga Times is, but doesn't take as cheerful a view of the cotton manufacturing industry in that section as our Tennessee contemporary does.

It sees the "flags of distress, a sign of the migration of the industry to a more favorable seat" on which it discourses thus:

The enormous increase of cotton mills in the South from 667,000 spindles in 1880 to 4,100,000 now has been attracting attention for the last decade, but it is only within a year or two that its effect upon the New England industry has begun to be anticipated, and it is only now that practical demonstration of that effect is given. The cut of wages in the New England mills, in the midst of increasing industrial prosperity, with demand for product increasing and raw material lower than for years, is a flag of distress, a sign of migration of the industry to a more favorable seat, where labor and power are cheaper, trades unionism is less arrogant and coal and raw material are close at hand. The cotton manufacture of the country is about to move to the South, as the iron industry moved to the West.

"The result will be cheaper production, lower prices and a more extended market. The largest effect of migration of the iron industry was production so cheap and price so low that it not only conquered the home market, but disdained tariff protection and invaded that of the world. The same result may be expected in time with cotton. The expected strikes in New England cotton mills will announce cheaper cotton goods, and the completion of the migration of the South will promise the long-looked for export of our great Southern product in cloth instead of bales."

The Commercial Advertiser is a Republican paper and not over partial to the South, but it keeps its eye on current events and correctly construes them. The "flag of distress" has been raised, but the "migration" began before the flag was raised, and has been going on quietly for several years. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if before the end of the next decade there was even more New England than Southern capital invested in Southern cotton mills.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The subject of wide tires on wagons and other vehicles is deservedly attracting a considerable amount of attention in North Carolina at the present time. It is a matter of great importance in every country, but especially in States like our own, where we must, at least for some years to come, do most of our hauling over dirt roads.

The following notes are submitted as a contribution to the discussion of the subject:

There cannot be much difference of opinion concerning the advantages of wide tires, but the practical question for us to consider in this connection is, how we can best secure their adoption in North Carolina. Two plans are suggested in the following notes:

(1) After a given date, two or more years in advance, make it a misdemeanor for any person to use a wagon with tires of less than a given width—say three inches for a wagon pulled by two horses, and five inches for a wagon pulled by four horses. Or, what would be equivalent to this, impose a fine of say \$5 per annum, after a certain date on all persons using wagon tires less than the above, as a police regulation, for the protection of the roads.

(2) A plan adopted in several States is to allow a rebate in taxes to all persons using wide tired wagons. In cases this rebate is equivalent to what would otherwise be the tax on the wagon. In other cases it is equivalent to one-half of the road tax on property, which would otherwise be paid by the person using wide-tired wagons, if, instead, they continued to use the narrow tires. It is claimed by some that this latter plan would be unconstitutional in North Carolina.

(3) Another plan, which might be adopted, if not prohibited by the spirit of the Constitution, or existing legislation, would be that after a certain date, the sale of narrow tired vehicles in the State should be prohibited by law.

J. A. HOLMES,  
Sec. N. C. Good Roads League.

## Raleigh News Budget.

WEDNESDAY December 15

Cleveland county farmers recently held a mass meeting and agreed to reduce acreage and buy no more fertilizers at the present price of cotton. It is said that the Seaboard people have decided to enter Winston, if they have to build a branch road, which would only be a short one, to enable them to get there. The State is represented at the Cotton Growers Convention in session at Atlanta, Ga.—When the Board of Agriculture went to the Executive office yesterday at the request of the Governor, that of fiscal procedure to tell what he wanted done. He said that John R. Smith wasn't competent to manage the Penitentiary, and as for the Agricultural Department the Governor said that it did not require any brains to run it. A reflection on both McWorther and Smith.—A five year-old child dies at Guilford College, from the bite of a cat.

THURSDAY, December 16.

The First Baptist Church is putting in an expensive hot air heating apparatus—Several herds of cattle in this city will be examined for tuberculosis. An event has been held in Raleigh in the afternoon of the 15th.—The funeral of ex Sheriff High occurred this morning. A great many people were present at the funeral.—The Board of Agriculture meets for an hour or so every day and thus manages to accumulate neat per diems. No election of an engineer in the heating department was held, though it is believed that King, who is temporarily filling the position will be elected.

SATURDAY, December 18.

The deed for St. Mary's School here to the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina is signed by the heirs of the late Paul C. Cameron. The amount to be paid is \$50,000, one-third cash, the balance in twenty years.—State Treasurer Worth decides that tobacco warehousemen are commission merchants and liable to the tax of 1 per cent. on their commissions. This is quite a surprising ruling.—The inspector of public buildings, John H. Devereux, will recommend several improvements of the public buildings here, including repainting, tiled hallways and better lights.—At the penitentiary farms on the Roanoke 2,600 bales of cotton have been picked and Superintendent Smith says about 700 bales are yet un-picked. Of course a good deal will be lost.—An amendment to the Virginia constitution is proposed providing for election of legislators only every four years.—Professor Robinson, of Guilford college, North Carolina, goes to Baltimore for Pasteur treatment for a cat bite; a boy bitten by the same cat died soon after being bitten.

MONDAY, December 20th.

Capt. R. H. Brooks returned from Baltimore today with Jim Booker, who is wanted here for the murder of a colored woman.—There is talk here among the politicians of establishing an office brokerage. Since McWorther hoodooed John R. Smith out of his boots, other government officials have become restless and are longing for "something better."—Alfred Upchurch, one of Raleigh's best known and oldest citizens, died this morning.—George W. Cobb, whom Carl Duncan defeated for the collectorship, tells it that Pritchard offered to divide the time of the appointment. Cobb also says that he was also offered the position of bank examiner, with \$3,500 salary, but that he declined all offers of a compromise.—The matter of postmasterhip will be taken up soon, so it is said. Maj. J. B. Hill, C. T. Bailey, J. H. Young and A. W. Shaffer are after the plum.—A number of insurance companies are doing business in the State without license. Secretary of State Thompson has run upon two or three unlicensed agencies.

The old bill claims which will shortly come before the Senate will embrace something like \$10,000,000 for claims wholly just and valid, but there is small chance that it will pass. More of the wronged and ruined creditors will be permitted to die in penury and want while Congress hesitates. Yet where the wealthy ship building Cramps come along with a bill for some hundreds of thousands to rectify errors in their accounts Congress hastens to vote the money. Why is it?

Richmond, Dec. 16.—In the State Senate today, the Barksdale anti-foot-bill was defeated—ayes 12, nays 21.

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Tried Friends Best.  
Forty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

**A Known Fact**  
For bilious headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases.  
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AN ABSOLUTE CURE.

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"My wife suffered more in ten minutes with either her other two children than she did altogether with her last, having previously used four bottles of 'Mother's Friend.' It is a blessing to any one expecting to become a MOTHER," says a customer.  
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We have a book prepared especially for you, which we mail free. It treats of the stomach troubles of women, and tells that every child is liable to and for which  
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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by druggists, price 75c.

Don't give only where you expect a return or wonder whether you will be supposed to buy something for A., B., or C. The spirit of Christmas lies in the loving and the giving—never in the receiving.

President McKinley has appointed his friend Attorney-General McKenna to the vacant Supreme Court Judgeship after all.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

**Branch & Co.—Bankers,**  
WILSON, N. C.,  
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, DEC. 15TH, 1897.

Condensed from the Report to the State Treasurer.

RESOURCES.

Loans & Discounts	\$44,837.57
Overdrafts	5,293.54
Stocks & Bonds	1,600.00
Banking House	5,000.00
Furniture	2,017.80
Due by Banks	39,566.24
Cash & cash items	29,872.17
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,583.29
Due to Banks	991.95
Certificates	28,571.96
Indy'l Deposits	219,200.12
	257,574.03

NORTH CAROLINA,  
Wilson County, )  
I, J. C. Hales, Cashier of above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. C. HALES, Cashier.  
Sworn to before me this, the 20th day of December, 1897.  
J. D. BARDIN, C. S. C.

**MOTHER!** There is no word so full of meaning and about which such tender and holy recollections cluster as that of "MOTHER"—she who watched over our helpless infancy and guided our first tottering step. Yet the life of every Expectant Mother is beset with danger and all effort should be made to avoid it, so assists nature in the chagel-taking ward without dread, suffering or gloomy forebodings, to the hour when she experiences the joy of Motherhood. Its use insures safety to the lives of both Mother and Child, and she is found stronger after than before confinement—in short, it "makes Childbirth natural and easy," as so many have said. Don't be persuaded to use anything but

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NOTICE.—Having qualified as administrator of Wiley B. Deans, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at my office, the 1st day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This December 14th, 1897.  
A. B. DEANS,  
Administrator.

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For their Children.

Built for Service. They are Pretty, Too.  
Sold by  
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A FINE No. Buck's Steel Range,  
Size 238, Value \$63.00.  
Will be given to the holder of one of these cards bearing number corresponding to special card seal and deposited with us by the "BUCK'S STOVE & RANGE CO." There are 3,000 cards issued, one to each purchaser of \$1.00 worth of goods at our store. As soon as the 3,000 cards are issued the sealed card will be examined and the number announced, and the holder of the corresponding number will receive for \$1.00 cash the "BUCK'S STEEL RANGE" valued at \$65.  
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