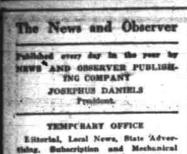
THE NEWS AND OBSERVER



Christmas Davl

It is Christmas Iber?

and Good Will holds sway!

of find

He Himself arose from the dead

hear the voices of them that pray for peace.

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MORNING TONIC

(Henry Van Dyke.)

am thinking of you today beenue In CHRISTMAS, and I wish you hap iness. And tomorrow, because it will the the day after Christmas I shall still you happiness; and so on clear igh the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because be far away, or because both of us be very busy, or perhaps because] mannot afford to pay the postage on so But that makes no difference; he thought and the wish will be here the same. Whatever joy or suc ust the same. Whatever joy or sue to comes to you will make me giad ut pretense, and in plain ords ned will to you is what I mean, in the

UNCLE WALT MASON

THE SPEED MANIAC.

All men should lift their feet and ek against the cheerful lunatic, who m his car no end of power, and furns up sixty miles an hour. We see In the country roads; he kills our geese and cats and dogs, and spolls our Potricken dumb, when we behold the mon Her come, and climb a tree a furlong high, to save ourselves till he goes by. He scorehes through the country town, and runs the leading grocer down, and stars the local merchant prince, and no regret does he evince. Then comes a miver safe and sane, who has not speed upon the brain; he ambles by the vilage tower at fifteen modest miles an z. The villagers are sad and sore; 've found that speeding is a bore and now they're looking for a goat; they weize that driver by the throat, and take thim to the donjon keep, where he may mash his teeth and weep. They find him forty-seven wheels, with trimmings added, so he feels, when he's permitted id withdraw, there surely ought to be a inv. This happens every day or three: the criminal too oft, goes free, while and again ball wat offend mund pay he fiddler in the end.

THE FIRST CHRIST AS DAY.

(St. Luke 11:8-14.)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping match over their flocks by night. lo, the angel of the Lord cam And, apon them, and the glory of the Lord mone round about them: and they were pore afraid.

And the angel said unto them : Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidTHE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS-1915. FIE SHIP

are at war. They have numbered their slain by millions within seventeen months;

they have multiplied earth's sorrows ten thousandfold; but as yet they will not

Indged, and at this hour there breaks upon the whole earth "the never failing

homes of poverty, in the hearts wherein is no sorrow and the hearts in which the

will. Even the soldiers in the treaches, even the mothers whose sons have been

spirit, gentle, kind and full of joy There will be no fighting along the lines today.

This is the miracle-the miracle of the Christ-in which He has a present tes

timony as compelling as that He had when Lazarus came forthh from the tomb

common days. But at Christmas He enters the hearts of men in all conditions.

will abide; but we will not abide in His spirit. Those who would build perma-

nent tabernacles upon the Mount of Light must go down and grapple with the

hard conditions in the dark valley of life as it is-not as they would have it,

But we may and we ought to carry the memory of the miracle with us. The

esson of Christmas will not be entirely forgotten. The aftergiow of one day in

the effulgence of the Christmas love, of the Christmas kindliness, will be pro-

longed far into the shadows. At least, if we may not abide upon the mountain,

we will remember its glories, and our bearts will be leading us all along back

toward them. Yes, we will be a little kindlier at any rate-a little more patient,

And in order that we may be the more sure, let us take to heart our lesson:

We are happy at Christmas because the spirit of Christmas has taken us out of

ourselves. We have ceased to be solf centered. We have become God like. We

love and give as He loves and gives. For one day we have been given over

not to our own happiness, but the happiness of others; we have been concerned

not in ourselves but in others. In loving and giving we have found the golden

keys to the Kingdom of Joy. We have seized upon our true inheritance as sons

It is the old, old story. Nearly two thousand Christmases have taught it, each

one unfailingly; but not yet are we sufficient for it. The Christ Himself in His

last days gave the lesson once and for all when, as He ministered to His disciples

Hy said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." We will yet

come to that. The Christmas spirit will take captive year by year one and

another, and each and all ever more and more completely, until at length the

race shall be utterly redeemed. We will all know one day that there is no happi

ness for any of us in any other way. We will abandon the painful struggle for

our own happuness. We will learn that there is no comfort in the comforts we

so vainly prize; that there is no happiness for them that seek it for themselves.

And we will realize what Jeanie Deans meant when, in behalf of her poor sister

The race is not yet sufficient for the infinite grace of God.

a little more gentle, a little more thoughtful of those about us.

And it is Christmas Day in the year of our Lord 1916!

PREPARED IN ALL THINGS. There can be no better wish than that the United States be prepared in all There are ten million men, perhaps more, in arms; all save one, of the great

things, that our condition be of this leading peoples of the earth, representing more than one third of its inhabitants, kind in field and factory, in counting house and in storehouses of the lands. in church and school, in transportation and in markets, for defense on land and 08 975.

That is an All American wish with splendor" and the "never censing song." In the homes of prosperity and the which we well stand upon the threshold of the new year, for this is a time when graves are green, there is for a day a strange gentleness and a passing sweet good we are concerned in this country with matters pertaining to preparedness shain, even the widows whose husbands return no more, even the children whose And this great country must look be fathers he in far off and unknown graves, -all find themselves eaught up by a youd the matter of adequate preparedness for defense, seeing to it that in the coming year we are in a position

to mobilize all our resources and all our energies in carrying forward this maat His command, as majestic as that He gave to His ewn when on the third day tion to a greater future. In this coun try we are just beginning to feel out

There is room and to spare for the sordid, the cynic and the pessimist, as the power, to know ourscises, and the vas ommon days go by. They may be assured that Jeaus does not reign in the possibilities which are at hand.

Giving utterance to such sentiments and behold how upon His coming in Hate departs, War is silenced, Love rules as these Captain E. J. Parrish, of Durham, president of the State Fair, in

Seeing that the miracle of Christmas is so blessed, the question immediately expressing himself on matters which occurs-why may we not maintain it? Why do we not abide in the Christmas concern the people, has written his spirit! Alas for human nature! Tomorrow the guns will boom again and their views for the News and Observer, and victims will be piled in thousands; widows will mourn and orphans ery. And not these are such that all our people can only on the fields of battle, but in our own land: The race of men will resume give a hearty "Amen" to them, Cap the ordinary round. Greed will run riot; hate will claim its own; the hardnesses tain Parrish saying: of life will take hold again and good will will go into eclipse. The patient Christ

What can concern us more than our present and future welfare! Some predict great prosperity; others warn us of great dangers. Let our efforts he not only to increase the productive power of our country, but to find the best markets and be prepared, with our own ships, to transport our products to uttermost parts of the earth. May those in authority legislate well and wisely, knowing that competition will never cease, and that struggles for existence cannot be We must be prepared to meet all struggles and competition. The promise is to him that "overcometh.

May this country never be dietated to by any other country. Woe to the nation governed or dictated to by others. Let us ever show a cordial friendship for all notions and ever love peace and justice. May we never have to take up arms for offensive or defensive warfare. However, we should not "sleep at the switch." We do not want to be a China; we should be prepared against any enconchments our rights. God forlad that America should ever be dominated by any other people than her own Let us see to it that our country is duly prepared, and then stand upon the foundation of justice and humanity, and may God Ideas us.

REDUCING DRUNKENNESS.

That drunkenness is being vastly reduced in Great Britain is the official report of the Cantral Control Board for the liquor traffic, a department created at the close of May of this year ostensibly for the purpose of suppressing excessive drinking in the munitions areas, but its powers have proved such as to enable it to control drink in all classes of communities without exception.

Getting down to figures the report of the board shows that drunkenness has een reduced forty per cent, this being accomplished by the limitations of hours when intericants may be sold, the restricting of the amount of liquor which may be taken from saloons for onsumption in private, the abolition of treating, and other regulations. That these rigid measures have justified their alue is the opinion of those who have studied conditions and results.

But the habitual drunkard is the problem, and it seems that he is only to

be eliminated by absolute prohibition

The English board says it has been

the temperance measures which have

As far as the work has been done

Raleigh has made a good showing in

the laying of granolithic sidewalks dur-

ing the year just coming to a close. But

let's not be satisfied. Let's finish up the

We trust that the City Commissioners

found in their Christmas stockings this

Unless you are anxious to see a fire

you should handle matches with ex-

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Stand By The Naval Program.

If Mr. Henry A. Wise Wood really

job next year.

Christmas tree.

lew York Times.

AMERICA'S GIFT TO THE WARRING NATIONS



the Secretary, and we doubt if Admirals Dewey, Benson, and Badger and their New News of Yesterday By E. J. EDWARDS.

PLORAL TRIBUTES TO A FAMOU'S WRITER.

In August, 1871, I vasited Westminster Abbey in London and found my vily to the so-called Poet's Corner. I specified period, advised that it shundd Dickens, and I wondered if I could find able of the two?" be gradually increased to this point "by it easily, especially in view of the fact that I had been odd that superimposed

over the grave was a flat stone upon which was inscribed Dickens' name and lt was not necessary to make any

search however. The roost conspications object in Poet's Corner was a besutiful sorting to the facilities of the country What Secretary Daniels advises is such bunch of flowers which apparently lay What Secretary Daniels advises is such a program as may in time give us the navy we should need if the initial were beset with peril. The General Board advises the laying down of four dramt nonghts and three battle crusers next nonghts and three battle crusers next

ago are not yet animate, as the been ordered last Spring have not yet been hild down, as the latest Naval Last re ports the progress of work on the Cali fornia at the Brooklyn Navy Yard with

kens both

taxes a burden and found it hard to spare the money to pay them. If taxes are higher this year, cotton is higher Tar is now 91-2 cents per gallon. Last year it was 7 cents. Land values are higher in Bladen than ever before. The question we want answered is "Was all land-and property valued equally, or was one man's valued high and his neighbor's low when his neighwanted to see the grave of Charles bor's perhaps, was really the most value

Aged Cat Dies. Washaw Enterprise.

Mr. D. E. Simpson of the Unity com munity sustained what was to him a personal loss when his highly prized black cat died on the 18th. The ead was more than twenty two years old and had belonged to Mr. Simpson all the time. For several months it had been blind and almost helpless, but with the devotion born of long friendship Mr. Simpson and his family tenderly cared for the pet, refusing to let it be killed because of its uselessness.

Record Hog.

popping Democrat. Mr. F. B. Johnson killed a hog the other day that we believe makes a rec-ord. On the day of his death the hog was only 8 months and 17 days old yet ie dressed 320 pounds. If there is any hog in all the State that can beat that we want to hear from him. A number of people have been killing fine hogs recently, among whom was Mr. W. H. close as was that between Mr. Godwin and Thuckeray. Mr. Godwin said: "It was perfectly that dressed 900 pounds. Herring. He killed two on Monday

resentative North Carolinians which are highest development it will be found

fistion And so, hail to the advertiser. He is asking for the sentiments requested a part of the making of every great that in responding the writer state what newspaper and his services to the comin his opinson could be done in the munity and to the individual should

State to make it a better State in which never be overlooked.

replied failed to take note of this re. Observer advertisers? nest but the failure was quite natural

are well worth a careful reading The News and Observer in its letter

to live and work. Many of those who A merry Christmas to all News and

TAR HEEL CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS. agent and, figuratively speaking, dis play his wares. In the communities where education and science reach their

have done for others, that we think of most pleasantly. Even so shall we find the abiding blessedness of Christmas,

The Christmas expressions from repgiven in the News and Observer today that the advertising art is nearest per-

Effir, she said to Queen Caroline: -

Alas! it is not when we sleep soft and wake merrily ourselves that Ains) it is not when we steep sort and wake merrity ourselves that we think of other people's suffering. Our hearts are waxed light within us then, and we are for righting our own wrongs and fighting our own battles. But when the hour of trouble comes to the mind or to the fody—and seldom may it visit your indyship—and when the hour of death comes, that comes to high and low - long and late may it be yours oh, my lady, then it is not what we have done for ourselves, but what we

associates in that body will be partie ularly grateful to him on that account Mr. Daniels has shown more respect for the General Board than any other See retary of the Navy, and, if he has not accepted all its suggestions for the enlargement of the navy, it must be re-

membered that the board, in prescribing a minximum strength for the navy within such a rate of development year by year as may be permitted by the facilities of the country." The Navy Department's recommendations to Congress for the nothing else. amediate increase of our naval strength contemplate precisely a development acyear. The program submitted to Conyear. The program submitted to Con-gress calls for two dreadnoughts and two battle cruisers in that period. As the dreadnoughts authorized three years ago are not yet finished, as the two

For unto you is born this day in the

of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you:

te shall find the babe wrapped in ddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the an a multitude of the heavenly host GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. ND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL WARD MEN.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We trust that it is only going to be the full stocking today.

Now is the time to get busy in fram ig up those New Year resolutions.

We had with us last night Santa

Memorandum for sweet young things Don't stand under the mistletoe unless

The abounding prosperity throughout entire country is such as to make a Merry Christmas indeed.

And we hope that every one received otly that gift which was needed to ake complete happiness.

Remember that you can also use the ed Cross seals for your New Year's ands and packages.

The message of the day for one and I should be: "Peace on earth; good will to all."

If continued talking could do the we feel that T. R. would take a cake.

Henry Ford having turned the job to others we expect that there will on he others who will return home.

What we would like to know is: What of that equirrel that some one ther sent aboard the Oscar Second ?

evening we expect that there he a number of our fellow citizens will by Christmas treed,

is have for the dilatory in the tar. As it is leap year the uses buyers will have one more a which to shop early.

y Ford has left the money i the rest of the trip, his the poace mission party fool

in view of the season and in view of the

controlling desire on the part of so many to see their fellow men across the non relieved of the awful curse of wat Some, however, presented programs of advancement and development for the State. One of them ventures a taxation proposal that tells much in a surpris ingly few words. Quite a number dwell on the importance of the school in the

working out of the State's problems and of the need of better pay for teach ers as a means of having better and more efficient schools.

All of them breathe that earnest and loyal spirit of patriotism that is char acteristic of the true Tar Heel. There is no better State than North Carolina and for North Carolinians there is no

State so good. The Christmas sentiments this morning are the thoughts of some of the State's best men. One can not read them without being better

equipped to be of service to the State They are cordially commended to the thoughtful consideration of all readers.

THE ADVERTISER.

The best Christmas advertising that the News and Observer has ever enjoyed was that of the past few weeks. For this business it is thoroughly appreciative and would feel remiss in its

duty if it did not acknowledge the splendid support given the paper, a support which was all the more appre-

eisted breause of the tremendous losse sustained in the November fire. In this connection a good word for the advertiser will not be out of place. The average person does not stop to

think about it, but it is a fact that but for the advertiser the newspapers would entertainment and information than they are. If a newspaper had only its

subscription income it would be vastly less interesting and valuable to the Year. Greetings of the season to the subscriber than it is.

The advertiser is a side of the triangle of mutual interest of which the Nows and Observer. The oysters have reader and the newspaper are the other two sides. The newspaper is the me-

buyer are brought into intimate touch Christmas remembrance and take back with each other. It is one of the facilitics of a high state of civilization that the arrival of those New Bern oysters there is provided a means by which the They are all to the good, a-meanin'

morchant can go into the home by an the systers and the staff.

HENRY FORD.

We confess we are sorry for Henry shown that no amount of regulation can Ford, sorry that there has come to him affect chronic inebriety, as in certain a distillusion of the dream of peace areas some of the convicted persons had which had found way into his heart and been punished more than a hundred rope would fail was a matter about times, and a considerable proportion which there could hardly be any doubt. more than twenty times Wars are not ended in that way. But

Henry Ford dreamed they could. creased sobriety. Reports from harbor We are not so much concerned with cities say that there has been a great those who went with Mr. Ford for theirs improvement in labor conditions. was only a response to an invitation. Drunkenness among the sailors, firemen, and we feel that there were some who and dockers has duminished. Crews sailed away as members of the Ford signed on are more suber and ships are party simply to get a free trip to Euable to get away with much less delay.

rope. Others in the party had a high purpose, but the practical use to be made of this was a matter forgotten, enness. as there were no definite plans for attempts to secure peace.

Term Henry Ford's attempt Quixotie, been put in force since the beginning of the Sancho Panza class, or whatever of the war in Europe, and the cause of you please, we believe he was in earnest prohibition is being advanced in the that he went at what he felt to be his splendid showing of practical results. mission with an honesty of purpose. What is being done in Great Britain That it will continue now that he is on teaches this country another lesson of his way back to the United States is the value of sobriety,

hardly to be expected, the bickerings and cross-purposes of the members of the party ending thought of any concerted action on any line. Henry Ford will be laughed at and

derided for what he has attempted. But we are not going to be with those who smile and jeer. We prefer to sympathize with him as a high-minded but

morning more bitulithis streets for cause has been led into impossible ways Raleigh.

If you have thus far failed to do it

there is nothing which need hinder you be much less valuable as purveyors of from helping to make some orphan child happy by a gift today.

> Merry Christmas and a Happy New Editorial Staff of the New Bern Sun-Journal from the Editorial Staff of the feels that he could not conscientiously

"came," and they are of the kind to stir the appetite of an epicure. We dium by which the merchant and the thank the Sun-Journal staff for the every doubting word we ever said about

must be slower than the General Board had established cordini friendship with would have it, and must continue slow until facilities are increased

We want in the way of military and naval preparedness what we can get now Men cannot be obtained by whistling. brain. That his peace mission to Eu- times previously, many more than fifty warships cannot be built by resolutions. guns and ammunition cannot be turned out overnight. - The whole business of recruiting in this country needs to be Labor has been benefited by the inreformed under the control of experienced officers. We are in a letter sit nation now in regard to this kind of accomplish it all with a rush. Much of the blame for our state of unprepared ness rests with Congress. It is the duty of the present members of both houses to repair the wrong that has been done. To do that in the quickest And there has been a large decrease in and best way possible will be to accept the measures of defense proposed by the War and Navy Departments. The moveprosecutions and convictions for drunk-England is being vastly improved by

ment to defeat these measures is now well under way out of Congress.

Underwood Closes Up Penrose. N. Y. Evening Post.

There was no closure in the Senate yesterday, but Senator Penrose was closed up by Mr. Underwood. The Alabama Senator, on the question of reve-nue from the tariff law and the general relation of prosperity to high proteetion, carried altogether too many guns for the Pennsylvanian. The latter, in the running debate between the two, was driven was driven into several different cor-ners and walked into a number of traps. All that he could do at the end was to declare that, anybow, if the country must be admitted to be flourishing under a Democratic administration, the This is prosperity is "meretricious." pretty nearly to plagiarize from Hor-ace Greeley, who wrote of the low tariff of 1833 that the country was launched by it "on the flood of a factitious but ductive semblance of prosperity. the main question before the Senatethe extension of the war-taxes for an other year-there was really but one

treme care today when around the thing to do, "Excoriate" the adminis-tration as the Bepublicans might, and make party speeches as they pleased, the m carry on the gove ernment nacy to must be voted. The Republican opposition was purely formal and partisan. If any wonder that the whole subject should have been disposed of in one day, they should observe that it was the day before the holiday adjournment. If Christmas came once a week, there would never be any need of closure in

Finishing of the new Caundian Gev-erament grain elevator at Caugary marks the completion of the chain of Governremember that Ar. Wood's appointment into completion of the chain of Govern-aroused great enthusiasm, and we note meat elevators between the Great Lakes that his redirement has not as yet caused and the Bocky Mountains, those at Sas-a ripple of excitament. He chooses to pit knices and Mossajaw being in opera-the General Board of the Navy against tion now. katoon and Mo. Navy agai

him, although the intimacy was not so

untural that Dickens' grave should be streau with flowers by children and by

persons of mature years, for whatever ration_may be made of his literary workmanship he achieved something which many of the fluxet of writers never gained, and that is the friendship of all classes of readers. That is also work than ever before, but we cannot true of the United States, and I can tell by one dealer in a single day! Siler you something which fits in perfectly with your account of the strewing of flowers over Dickens' grave

"When Dickens was in New York or his second visit, he was a guest at the Westminster Hotel. That was also the New York home of Thackeray-certainly when visiting the United States for the second time, and I think also for the first time. "Of all of the experiences that Dick

ens met with while on his second visit to the United States in 1867, none touched him so deeply as the sending to

him of flowers every day, sometime humble little bouquets of violefs or wild flowers, sometimes magnificent baskets of flowers. Almost all these were set down outside his door, so that he looked upon them when he opened it in the morning. But what especially pleased him was the fact that only rarely was there a card attached which showed from whom these tributes came, and whenever there was such acknowledgment it always came from some on whom Dickens knew. Much the larger part of these floral tributes came from people, many of them young people, who did not such to identify themselves with the gift, but simply to show Dick ens in what esteem and affection he was hold

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RACY OF THE SOIL

Chicken Thief Was Possum Duplin Recod.

The thief that had been robbing the hen houses of the neighborhood, was Mrs. George Steele's chicken yard, last Thursday night by the com Dr. S. E. Buttler. It proved to be a nice fat possum, who seemed perfectly at home, and enjoying the occasion.

Taxes And Price

loninda le COTTEM nal.

We are glad to see Bagged Ranger and Mr. McCulloch discussing the great question of taxes. We can't ren de did not think

Ships Ton Of Turkeys. siler City Grit.

One produce dealer here yesterday shipped twenty one hundred pounds of iressed turkeys! Can any other dealer in the State equal that record? Think of over a ton of turkeys being shipped City continues to break even its own high records, and that is going some.

Give Hen Party.

Hertford County Herald.

A local cafe went down in history one hight this week. It was on Monday evoning that a real "Hen Party," the first of its kind, was celebrated at this popular eating place. Being the last night that the schol teachers were to be to gether, a spread and a "cackling" good ime was had

Germany Looking Ahead as Usual. (By the Associated Press,)

Berlin, Dec. 24 .- It is beginning to se realized in Germany that the war in going to leave the belligerent nations with a great number of maimed and erippled men, and German inventors and rganizers are already at work providing for the special needs of this class. The Christmas estalogue of a Berlin jewelry firm, for example, contains a distinct section for one-armed men. There are several kinds of so-called forkunives, contrived in a very ingenious and handy manner. One consists of an ordinary table knife with the cutting dge as usual on one side, but having fork prongs projecting from the extremity of the blunt side. Another is an ordinary fork with the inner prong videned and sharpened. A "meat mincer" consists of two sharp-pronged forks arranged pincer like or like chop sticks. Another offering is a little rack which enables a one-armed card player to hold, arrange, and shuffle his cards

Jesse Marcady Buried. 180

Warmaw, Dec. 25 -- The -- remains of lesse Marcady were brought down from Rocky Mount where he after an peration for appendicitin . Thursday norning, and were interred in the cemetery of this place Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. He was the son of Mr. Tom Marcady and resided three miles from Marcady and resided three miles from Waraaw. He was only twenty-five years of Age, and a young max of fing character. The deceased is survived by is father and several brothers and sist ers.

Those who dodge work don't have dodge the reward.

perform his duties as a member of Se stary Daniels's Naval Advisory Board

thile differing with the Secretary as to the measures that should be adopted for national defense, he has done well

to resign from the board. We do not remember that Mr. Wood's appointment

rement

badly mistaken man who for a good of accomplishing it.