

The Old Year lies a dying, and in a few days will have passed away and be numbered with the ages that will never return.

Let us all profit by the experience of the past year, and let it not have been spent in vain.

The value of newspapers is appreciated this week more than any other week of the year.

Few people seem to appreciate the full value and importance of the newspapers until they are deprived of them.

More crimes are committed and accidents occur during Christmas week than during any other week of the whole year.

A Welcome Snow Storm. Alliance No. 21—Snow, for which Nebraska farmers have been praying for a month, is falling all over Western Nebraska.

A Blood-Thirsty Mob. Knoxville, Dec. 22.—Four thousand people witnessed the execution of Clarence Cox and John R. Stanley at Maynardville, Union county, this afternoon.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1894. Secretary Carlisle is so thoroughly satisfied that the more his currency reform bill is studied and discussed the stronger it will be, both in and out of Congress, that he used his influence with the House committee on Rules to prevent the original plan of voting on the bill before adjournment for the Christmas recess, being carried out.

Gov. Ruffalo, of Oklahoma, is doing his level best to fill Congressional ears with the idea that Oklahoma ought to be a State.

The Dockery Congressional Commission, which has already done so much to reform departmental business and to cut off needless expenditures, never made a better recommendation than that to abolish the separate bureaus of the Coast and Geologic Survey and the Geological Survey, turning as much of the work they have been engaged in as it may be considered desirable to continue over to the survey division of the General Land Office.

A Murder at Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Annie L. Leary was murdered by her stepfather, Joseph A. Beary, a steam boiler, at her home in this city shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Two Lives Saved. Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Mo., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life.

Shot His Wife and Daughters. Vancouver, Dec. 23.—George F. Ashford, a railroad laborer, who has been drinking heavily of late, woke up his wife last night, and telling her that her time had come, shot her dead.

The clothing of a little daughter of Mr. Harvey Criss, of Anson county, caught fire while she was playing around the fireplace and she was burned to death.

State Auditor's Report.

(From the News Observer.)

The report of the State Auditor to the Governor is this year the most complete and exhaustive document of the kind yet presented.

According to the report, values in towns and cities have greatly increased, but the improvement is confined to the towns, cities and corporate property, agricultural regions not showing that condition of prosperity which the welfare of the people as a whole requires.

The end of the fiscal year 1893 shows a net increase on taxable property of \$1,209,392 15 over 1892. The total increase for the year was \$2,628,629 67 distributed as follows:

On town lots, \$1,764,389 Personal property, 454,394 Railroad property, 394,153 Telegraph lines, 35,692 92

There was an increase of 17,513 logs in the State, showing that our people are raising their own log and hominy.

In 1892 the total collected for State taxes amounted to \$1,205,899 73. In 1893 the total was \$1,358,994 75, a decrease of \$93,094 89 from the previous year. The decrease in the tax levy accounts for this.

The State and county taxation for 1893 for all purposes was, State, \$1,358,994 75, county, \$1,058,941 69, total, \$2,417,936 44.

A special table is inserted in the report showing the average value per acre of farming lands in the State, the average for the entire State is \$4.16.

The total amount spent for penitentiaries this year was \$196,132, an increase of \$5,715, on the roll there are 4,886 prisoners, a net increase of 26.

The new building and four additions have begun business in this State during the past year. This increase, as Mr. Farman says, indicates that the value of such institutions, when properly conducted, has been appreciated in the State.

The report treats at length of the public indebtedness and of the relative ability of the people to bear taxation. The ability depends, Mr. Farman says, upon what people owe and what they own.

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Suffering in the West.

(From the New York World.)

Destitution and suffering prevail at the present time in portions of not less than six Western States. More than a thousand letters have reached this city from the afflicted districts during the last two weeks, and it tells a story harrowing in the extreme.

These letters, written by pastors of every Christian denomination, by postmasters, by public officials of large acquaintance, by business men and by honest farmers and farmers' wives, furnish conclusive evidence of the fact that almost the entire population of a district covering thousands of square miles are at the present moment experiencing all the horrors of famine in a Christian land.

The people of western Nebraska seem to be the worst sufferers, and the reports which come from there are especially pitiful.

The people in the north west west of Nebraska are of that class whose poverty and destitution make a loud call to their more fortunate brethren in the East.

The cost of winter clothing. As the severe period of winter approaches it will interest many farmers of our people to know that the prices of woolen goods and dress goods will probably be lower after January 1, when the new tariff on these goods will go fully into effect.

It is this firm "can replace" the stock of dress and woollen on January 1, at about thirty per cent, less than the same stock cost under the McKinley law, then it is clear that winter clothing should be purchasable next month at much lower prices than during the era of McKinley's export duty.

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A Wonderful Still.

(From the Birmingham Post.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 24.—A special to the Age-Herald from Florence, Ala., says: The United States revenue officers who have been raiding illicit distilleries in this section the past three weeks made a remarkable discovery yesterday.

When the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train from South Dakota came to this morning just before daylight, four men went into one of the coaches, some distance from the depot.

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To a belief is said to be growing at Washington that there will be a currency or bond bill passed at the present session of Congress.

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AT McIVERS, SANFORD, N. C., UNTIL SOLD. 30 Men's Hats, former price \$2 to \$3, now 50c to 80c. 50 Pair Shoes from \$1 to \$5.50, selling from 50c to \$2. All CLOTHING now on hand at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES! A few Pieces of Dress Goods at cost and less than cost. BARGAINS WORTH YOUR ATTENTION! We mean exactly what we say! McIVERS, Sept. 6, 1894.

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