

FAREWELL OLD YEAR.

The old year is almost gone, its days are numbered and its end is near, and we must all now say "Farewell Old Year."

With many it has been a year of happiness and prosperity, and they will regretfully say farewell as if parting with a kind friend. With others it has been a year of sorrow and adversity, of sickness and suffering, and they will gladly say farewell.

And such is life. Thus it has ever been and will ever be. While some are happy, others mourn. While the bright sunshine gladdens the pathway of some, the dark clouds cast a shadow o'er the lives of others. In the language of Holy Writ let us "rejoice with those who do rejoice and weep with those who weep."

May we all profit by the experience of the past year, avoiding its mistakes and misfortunes, and while enjoying a continuation of its pleasures may we all escape a repetition of its sorrows during the coming year!

To each and all its readers THE RECORD extends its best wishes during the new year, and may it be for each and all the happiest of their lives!

A State convention of the friends of temperance will be held at Raleigh on the 19th of January. The object of this convention is to form a programme for the temperance campaign for the coming year, and to urge the Legislature to take no backward step in temperance reform.

So much has been accomplished in this State during the past two years in the cause of temperance that all good citizens should be encouraged to push forward the good work until the whiskey traffic is entirely suppressed. While there is not much more that can be done by legislative enactment, yet steps should be taken to insure against any unfavorable legislation. From our knowledge of the coming Legislature we do not fear any legislation adverse to temperance.

The truth is we do not so much need any more temperance legislation as we need the rigid enforcement of existing legislation. What is now needed more is the strict enforcement of our present prohibition laws, and this can be most effectively done by cultivating a popular demand for their enforcement. For the proper enforcement of any law there must be a healthy public sentiment favorable to it.

It seems strange and surprising that more crimes should be committed and more accidents happen during the Christmas holidays than during any other week in the whole year. We might fill every column of this paper with accounts of murders and other crimes committed at a time when is commemorated the birth of the Prince of Peace. Instead of "Peace on earth, good will to men" as proclaimed by the Angelic host to the Shepherds of old, Christmas seems to create crime and cause men to stain their hands with the blood of their fellowmen.

It is a sad commentary on the depravity of our human nature that men should thus debase themselves and disgrace humanity by such desecration of the joyous Christmastide!

The present low price of cotton is as hard on our farmers as it was during Cleveland and McKinley's administrations, when it got down to five cents a pound. Five-cent cotton then would buy as much as seven-cent cotton will buy now, because then everything a farmer bought was much cheaper than it is now. Labor also is much higher now than it was then.

Those prejudiced partisans who blamed Cleveland for the low price of cotton in 1894 are hard up now with all sorts of foolish excuses for the present low price of "Roosevelt" cotton. They realize now, but are too stubborn to admit, that the old law of "supply and demand" regulates the price of almost everything.

The Legislature will meet next Wednesday. Lieut.-Gov. Turner will preside over the Senate until Lieut.-Gov. Winston is sworn in on the 11th.

The Japanese-Russian War.

The Russians still hold Port Arthur and the situation in the interior of Manchuria is practically the same that it has been for several weeks past—re-enforcements steadily coming up, but no determined hostile movements attempted. This, in the main, covers the general situation in the far East so far as can be determined from the news received during the week just past.

The news from Japanese sources to the effect that the Sevastopol, the last Russian warship at Port Arthur, had been disabled is confirmed, the Russians admitting in a general way that the Japanese assertions are correct. The contention is maintained at St. Petersburg, however, that several of the larger vessels and some torpedo boats are yet seaworthy and that if Port Arthur is relieved all can be repaired. A dispatch from the Russian capital speaks of "the coming fight between Admiral Togo's fleet and the Russian second Pacific (Baltic) fleet," thus showing that it is desired that the world believe that the Baltic fleet now en route to the far East really means business. But it is to be doubted if the vessels ever get together, despite the evident preparations now being made by Japan to give the new-comers a welcome befitting the dignity of their station.

The Japanese have evidently changed their minds if, as recently stated, they really meant to starve out Tossel, for most desperate fighting has been going on for some days, and several important points have fallen into their hands. A rumor, attributed to Chinese sources, was sent in to St. Petersburg that the Japanese had lost 203-Metre Hill, but this is not confirmed and really bore on its face a denial of its accuracy. This capture, it appears, was most important, from the fact that it commanded the harbor and led to the destruction or disabling of the remaining Russian war vessels, for it has not, so far, proved a key to the capture of Port Arthur itself—at least, there is no record of anything of the kind being expected of it. The main advantage to be gained from besieging the port, however, viewed from a general standpoint, has already been attained in the disabling of the Russian fleet. This, of course, does not take into consideration the moral effect of the fall of Port Arthur, for when that long-expected event takes place—as it seems certain to do some time soon—Japanese securities and prestige will likely rise and Russian bounds and prospects fall.

Official Vote For President.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The official canvass of the votes cast November 8th for presidential electors was completed today, when the result was announced in Minnesota, North Dakota and Washington. The Associated Press is, therefore, able to present a table giving the official vote of all the 45 States. The total is 13,508,496, against 13,968,574 in 1900, a decrease of 460,108.

The ballots were divided as follows: Roosevelt, Republican, 7,627,682. Parker, Democrat, 5,080,054. Debs, Socialist, 391,687. Swallow, Prohibitionist, 260,303. Watson, People's, 114,637. Corrgan, Socialist Labor, 33,453.

Holcomb, Continental Labor, 830. Roosevelt received, over all, 1,746,768, and over Parker, 2,547,578. In 1900 McKinley had 467,048 more than all the other candidates and 859,984 more than Bryan. The vote for Roosevelt was 409,822 more than for McKinley, while that for Parker was 1,277,772 less than for Bryan.

McKinley polled more votes than Roosevelt in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Roosevelt got more than McKinley in the other 32 States.

Parker received more votes than Bryan in Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina and West Virginia, while Bryan got more than Parker in the remaining 37 States.

The Republicans made gains over their vote of 1900 in 32 States, and the official figures show losses in 13. The total gains of the Republicans were 732,048, and the total losses 312,249, net gain, 419,799. The Democrats polled more votes in eight States than in 1900, but less in 37. Their total gains were 30,792, and the total losses 1,291,491, net loss 1,260,699.

Thomas W. Dewey, the absconding cashier of the New Bern bank that failed over a year ago, has returned and given bond for his appearance at court for trial.

The nine-year old grandson of Mayor Charles McMillan, of Fayetteville, accidentally killed himself, on last Friday, with a flobert rifle.

On last Friday Mr. Pearl Turner, of Davidson county, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen and died in a few minutes.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Dec. 22, 1904.

Congress has adjourned for the Christmas recess having, apparently, accomplished very little during the two weeks ante-holiday session; but actually many preliminaries have been disposed of and a programme for the rest of the session has been mapped out and tentatively agreed upon by the leaders of both houses. Economy is to be the dominant policy of the session and private legislation will stand little chance, while the omnibus appropriation bills popularly called "pork bills," will have a difficult course to sail. These are the Public Building and the River and Harbor bills, both of which usually carry numerous appropriations dear to the hearts of the respective members, and if the leaders carry their plans to a successful issue both will be left stranded on the 4th of March. Private claims and pension bills will also suffer from the narrow margin between Federal receipts and expenses, as the administration leaders are determined neither to increase taxation nor to issue bonds to meet an unnecessary Treasury deficit.

The most important legislation thus far accomplished is the Philippine Public Improvement bill, whereby the Philippine Commission is authorized to guarantee 4 per cent interest, for a term of thirty years, on bonds issued to cover the actual cost of construction of a railway system in the Philippines. This measure has passed the Senate and will be approved without change by the House after the recess. Although the President and Secretary Taft both regard the bill as essential to the development of the Philippines, it came very near failing in the Senate because of the loose manner in which the railway clause was drafted and was only saved from defeat at the eleventh hour by Senator Spooner who is recognized as the best constitutional lawyer in the upper chamber and whose knowledge of railway law enabled him to so re-draft the railway clause as to eliminate the objections of those who saw in the original measure numerous loopholes whereby dishonest railway officials might have seriously defrauded the Philippine government.

There is now on the Senate calendar a Statehood bill which will receive the hearty support of a large majority of the Republicans and which the majority hopes will become a law. Substantially, it provides for the old two State proposition, making Oklahoma and Indian Territory one State and Arizona and New Mexico another, but providing that each may resolve itself into a single State when it attains to a prescribed population. The bill is certain to meet with serious opposition from the Democrats who believe that the area of these territories warrant, their being represented by eight instead of four Senators, and also from Senators Alger, of Michigan, and Bard, of California, Republicans. It is impossible to predict the fate of the measure, but it is certain to consume a large amount of time and that in itself will accomplish the ends of the leaders as it will render less desirable legislation impossible.

Soon after New Years the House will send to the Senate impeachment articles against Judge Chas. Swayne, of Delaware and Florida. This will be the first impeachment case tried by the Senate since that of General W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War, in 1876, and that was never carried to a conclusion, as Secretary Belknap's resignation was accepted by President Grant during the trial. It is roughly estimated that the impeachment case will reach the Senate about January 12 and will not be concluded for four weeks. The present plans are to sit as a court of impeachment from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. each day and take up legislative business at 2 p. m. The case is likely to be attended with intense interest, not only because of its novelty but because one of the counts in the indictment is certain to be the falsification of expense accounts, a practice which is freely charged is not uncommon among Federal judges who are allowed a maximum of \$10 a day for expenses whenever they leave home to hold courts, but who are compelled to swear that their expenses have been "incurred as itemized." If Judge Swayne is found guilty on this count there will doubtless be other Federal jurists who will be compelled to reflect that they stand in slippery places.

An interesting specimen of national business methods was called to the attention of your correspondent today. During the fiscal year ending with last June the Government paid for rented buildings in Washington \$341,236.94. It is estimated that this sum represents not less than ten per cent of the value of the property rented while the Government can borrow all the money it needs at 2 per cent a year. Therefore, if the Government were wise enough to buy land and erect its own buildings, even if compelled to borrow the money to do it, it could procure the same or better accommodations for \$2,412,370 on which the interest at 2 per cent would be \$28,247.40, a saving of \$273,900 a year.

It is said that over 850,000 Christmas trees were sold in New York City last week.

The Christmas accident and homicide record for Louisiana and Mississippi is ten killed in New Orleans, five fatal accidents from fire-works in Louisiana, and four murders or homicides, six murders or homicides in Mississippi, four of the victims being negroes.

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SCHOOL FUND. Report of Receipts and Disbursements of School Fund for Year ending June 30, 1904.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include General State and County Poll Tax, Received General Property School Tax, From Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, etc. Disbursements include Paid teachers of schools for whites, Paid teachers of schools for colored, Paid for school houses and sites, etc.

Disbursements.

Table with columns for Disbursements. Items include Paid teachers of schools for whites, Paid teachers of schools for colored, Paid for school houses and sites, Paid Co. Superintendent, Paid for Treasurer's Commissions, etc.

Total disbursements, \$157,69.58. Balance on hand, July 1st, 1904, 3955.35. Total, \$197,24.93.

*The money was refunded to parents on account of sickness and children being unable to attend school. Vouchers signed by committee and ordered by Board.

To the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N. C.: The foregoing is a true statement of the School Fund received and disbursed by the Treasurer of the County Board of Education for the school year ending June 30, 1904, as required by Section 51 of the School Law.

J. R. MILLIKEN, Treasurer County Board Education Chatham County. R. P. JOHNSON, County Superintendent.

Czar Promises Reforms. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—An imperial ukase issued tonight makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads. It promises a full and equitable enforcement of existing laws; assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self-government and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf; promulgates a scheme of workmen's insurance; extends the liberty of the press, and promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

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COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSES.

Table with columns for Commissioners' Expenses. Items include On account of Commissioner, On account of Bridges, On account of papers and notices, etc.

Total, \$182.30. Total, \$62.50. Total, \$120.80.

W. E. BLOOM, Register of Deeds, and ex-officio Clerk of the Board.

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Important Sale.

As executors of W. B. Gilmore, deceased, we will sell at public auction at his late residence in Siler City, on

Friday, January 27, 1905, all the personal property of said decedent, and two houses and lots in said town of Siler City, one of them now rented to Noah R. Harris and the other occupied by the family of said decedent.

Terms of sale: The personal property all cash, and one-half cash for the real estate and balance in twelve months with interest from sale. Title reserved until paid in full.

Dec. 28, 1904. N. A. GILMORE, JAMES E. GOLDSTON, Executors.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of W. B. Gilmore, deceased, we hereby notify all persons having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to us on or before December 29, 1904.

N. A. GILMORE, JAMES E. GOLDSTON, Executors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the administrator of James Spruill, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 31st day of December, 1904. N. G. YARBOROUGH, Administrator.

LAND SALE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County made in the special proceedings entitled "D. F. Grosse, administrator of Billy Ann Grosse, against C. D. Grosse and others," I will sell for cash at 12 o'clock, on

Saturday, January 7, 1905, at the court house door in this county, the land described in the bill aforesaid, lying on Indian creek in Bear creek township, Chatham county, adjoining the lands of Walter Hart and others, and belonging to the estate of Billy Ann Grosse, and known as the ALVIN GROSSE land.

December 7th, 1904. D. F. GROSSE, Administrator.

LAND SALE

By virtue of an order of the superior court of Chatham county I will sell at public auction at the store of Mr. M. E. Suttan, in New Hope township, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1905, at 11 o'clock of the land belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Logan and Jack S. Sore, situated in New Hope township, and described as follows: Beginning at James J. Sore and Daniel Matthews corner on the east side of Bear creek, and running east with

NOTICE FOR PARDON.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for a pardon for General Ferrington, who was convicted at February term, 1904, of Chatham Superior court, and sentenced to the roads of Union county for two years.

Dec. 7, 1904. MARTHA FEARRINGTON.

For Sale.

On Saturday, the 31st day of December, 1904, I will sell at public auction the lot in the town of Pittsboro formerly belonging to Miss Ann R. Waddell, deceased, and west of the lot of Mrs. H. H. Fike.

This lot contains nearly one acre, and on it are two dwellings. Terms of sale: One-half cash and one-half in six months with interest from sale.

Nov. 30, 1904. H. A. LONDON, Executor.

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Southward.

Table with columns for Southward routes. Items include New York, P. R. R., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, W. S. Ry, Richmond, S. A. L. Ry, etc.

Northward.

Table with columns for Northward routes. Items include New York, N. Y. P. & N., Philadelphia, New York, O. S. S. Co., Baltimore, B. & O., Washington, S. & W. S. B., Portsmouth, S. A. L. Ry, etc.

Central Time Eastern Time

Table with columns for Central Time and Eastern Time. Items include New York, N. Y. P. & N., Philadelphia, New Orleans, I. & N., Mobile, Montgomery, A. & W. P., etc.

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