

THE OLD YEAR.

The old year will have gone before THE RECORD again greets its readers. It is never pleasant to part with an old friend and bid him farewell, and hence those persons to whom the past year has been a friend will regretfully see it go.

With many persons it has been the best year of their lives. Never before has mankind generally been so blessed with all the material comforts that tend to human happiness. People generally are now better provided with the comforts of life than ever before. Man's inventions and ingenuity supply the people of ordinary means with comforts and appliances that, years ago, could not be bought or obtained by the richest. In all the world's history never has mankind been so blessed in every way as now.

While the world generally is now so greatly blessed, the people of our good old State are especially blessed. Never since Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists landed at Roanoke Island have the people of North Carolina been so blessed as they are now. For them the past year has been peculiarly friendly. Never in any previous year has our State made so great an advance in everything that tends to promote human happiness and comfort. This advance in many things has been almost marvelous. To illustrate, we will cite the facts, that now North Carolina has a larger number of cotton mills than any other state, manufactures more tobacco than any other state, is only the second in her production of leaf tobacco, and during the past year has, of all the States in the Union, made the greatest advance in agriculture, education and industrial development.

During the past year no pestilence or unusual calamity has afflicted our people. The earth has yielded abundant crops, which have been sold at profitable prices. The wages of laborers have been remunerative and all, who were willing to work, have had employment that paid them better than ever before. Never has there been a more kindly feeling between the white and colored races. Indeed, there has never been a more kindly and neighborly feeling between all our people. Every person feels safe and secure in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property.

It is natural therefore that all of us will reluctantly bid farewell to a year that has done so much for us. But, while the past year has been so good a friend, yet we will all warmly welcome the new year, which may be even a better friend. It certainly will be if we adhere to and carry out all the good resolutions with which people generally begin the new year. Let us all strive during the coming year to profit by the experience of the past year.

In bidding farewell to the old year THE RECORD extends its best wishes to all its readers for the new year, and hopes it may be the happiest of their lives!

MORE crimes are committed and more casualties occur during Christmas week than during any other week of the year. It certainly seems strange and surprising that, at the season when we are commemorating the day when the Angels proclaimed "Peace, Good-will to Man," so many crimes could be committed. Instead of bloodshed and murders there should be good-will and kindly feeling. No paper could hardly be large enough to publish all the crimes committed in the United States since last Saturday. And the cause of nearly all these crimes is whiskey!

THE value of newspapers is appreciated more this week than at any other time, because so many of them suspend at Christmas and their welcome visits are then so much missed. Persons do not usually fully appreciate anything until they are deprived of it, and hence they do not really know how much they enjoy their paper until they fail to get it. Did you ever think how they would be missed if all newspapers suspended for a month or more?

Washington Letter.

There is going to be a fight on the Panama Canal as soon as Congress gets to work after the holidays. The trouble has come from the President's determination to retain J. B. Bishop, the much discussed "press agent," not in the service of the Commission, but as a member of that body. Worse even than his appointment on the commission in place of the late and unlamented engineer Wallace, is the fact that his salary is to be \$7,500 as a commissioner and that he will have an extra \$2,500 for some special secretarial work, thus making his salary \$10,000, just what he was getting as "press agent." There is going to be a warm fight on this nomination and several of the Senators prophesy that it is going to be defeated.

The scheme for federal control of insurance which was going forward with such a vim in Congress has been brought to a sudden halt by some of the older members who became suspicious of the alacrity with which the insurance companies themselves have been agreeing to the plan. It is said that they would not be so willing to be controlled if they did not see some distinct advantages in it for themselves. The Senators and Representatives who recently were foremost in advancing the plan, are now stopping to take another look at it. It is pointed out that federal control would put the companies much in the same relation to the government as the national banks and while the banks are supposed to be under the strictest governmental supervision, it does not prevent their failing for large sums with almost frequency. Federal control would certainly be an advantage to the companies in their interstate business and it would give them a national standing very beneficial abroad, which they do not now have, though they really almost control the life insurance business both in Great Britain and in Germany. Federal control is likely to come in the end. Some sort of control is very necessary in the light of the recent disclosures in New York. But it is a safe guess that any bill to this end will be carefully scanned before it passes Congress to see that there is not a joker concealed in it some where that will play into the hands of the insurance managers.

The Secretary of the Navy says that he can control the hazing and fighting tendencies of the Naval Academy if he is given the power of summary dismissal over the cadets which according to strict interpretation of the law he does not now have. Cadets are rated as lieutenants of the Navy and as such they cannot be dismissed except by court martial. But Secretary Bonaparte is a rude person with little respect for "brass clothes" and none whatever for the "code of honor" that has been unearthed in the Academy. Lieutenants are itching to get hold of a cadet who dares defy the power of the authorities and if he does, with the authority to carry out his wishes, Secretary Bonaparte will in all probability make such an example of him as will materially discourage the ambitious young men who are now living up to the sacred traditions of black eyes and missing teeth inculcated at the naval school. The Foss bill, if it is passed, will give the Secretary such power, and it looks now as though the bill would be passing, the disciplining of cadets left to the Secretary instead of turning the purging of the Academy over to a Congressional investigating committee.

The American residents of the Isle of Pines have been severely criticised by one of their number now in Washington for their attempt to organize a territorial government and to send a delegate to Congress. The critic is Col. T. J. Keenan, president of the American Society of the Isle of Pines, says that while he is in general sympathy with the residents in their distaste for Cuban rule, he thinks they have acted very unwisely to the way they have forced the issue and run the risk of embroiling this government with Cuba without any ultimate good to themselves.

There are indications that Congress, through the Senate is disposed to practice canal building itself for a little while and take the matter out of the hands of the President. The literary secretary, or press-agent of the canal as Mr. Bishop has been called, appear to have been the straw that has tipped the scale and changed the canal status. Mr. Bishop, it will be remembered, as a journalist, was on the editorial staff of a Republican paper, had given the canal question much study, had written much about it, and was considered by the President mainly on account of his thorough acquaintance with the canal enterprise. His salary was \$10,000, much more than that of any Senator or member of Congress, but not more than Mr. Bishop had been getting in New York. Doubtless a number of Senators are more or less angry with the President for reasons or prejudices quite unrelated to the canal, as for example Railroad rate legislation, and for various requests and favors never granted.

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5,000 Reported Killed.

London, Dec. 25.—The correspondent of the Daily Press at St. Petersburg, in a dispatch dated 6:45 p. m. December 25, says:

"At an early hour this morning the casualties at Moscow were estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding. The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after 7 o'clock in the evening. It is impossible to move about the city in consequence of stray bullets. Many innocent persons have been accidentally killed. The scarcity of provisions is threatened." The same correspondent, telegraphing at 10:40 p. m., says: "Your Moscow correspondent's telegrams have not been accepted because all private messages are refused this afternoon. It is learned, however, that cannon firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city where tonight very near the railroad stations the barricades erected by the revolutionists are being desperately defended. The Kursk terminus at Moscow is being pillaged and many wagons loaded with provisions are being looted. The Emperor is engaged daily in reviewing at Tsarskoe-Selo the regiments of the St. Petersburg district. The spirit of the troops is decidedly loyal." "For every barricade destroyed Sunday two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revolutionists to shoot only when there was good hope of bringing down a man, but otherwise to tire out the troops until they lost patience. An intelligent group of St. Petersburg revolutionists declared to me that in the event of the failure of their cause they would have recourse to terrorism, choosing their victims from all classes of society."

Butchery At Moscow. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Direct telegraphic communication with Moscow was severed last night, but the government succeeded in restoring communication by a round-about route this morning. All reports agree that the fighting yesterday, which continued until midnight, assumed the nature of a butchery by the machine guns of the artillery, grape and canister being employed mercilessly against the ill-armed insurgents.

Atrocious deeds are told of the Cossacks, who plied with vodka until drunk, fired down the streets, some times charging with lances. The insurgents displayed great stubbornness in holding their barricades, when advancing in a mass to the slaughter. At the same time bombs were thrown from the windows of houses near the barricades occupied by the revolutionaries. The artillery was summoned and battered the houses to pieces. The plan of the insurgents, it is stated, is to hold the outskirts and gradually enclose the troops on the centre of the city. Leaders announce that an army of 30,000 is concentrating at Orechoff-sneff, north-east of Moscow, and will soon be ready to march to the city's assistance. The latest report is that both sides were exhausted at midnight, when firing practically ceased. The streets were in absolute darkness, save for searchlights in the towers of bivouacs behind barricades.

Shot The Wrong Man. Correspondence of The Charlotte Observer. Concord, Dec. 25.—This evening at 5 o'clock two white men, Victor Widenhouse and Eudy, got into a fight near the Gibson Mill. Policeman Braswell and two special policemen arrested them and were taking them away. A crowd followed, overpowered Braswell, took his billy and released the parties arrested. Geo. Widenhouse then was coming on Braswell with an open knife. Braswell called for help and thinking the crowd would kill him he opened fire.

The second shot hit George Nolen in the breast and seriously injured him. Braswell surrendered to the officers and is now in custody. George and Victor Widenhouse were arrested for resisting officers and were put under bonds of \$100 and \$200 for their appearance at court. The trial of Braswell comes off to-morrow. Nolen, who was shot, worked in a mill here and has a family in Charlotte. The young man is 23 years of age. Braswell was shooting at Widenhouse and hit the wrong man. Nolen died at 10:30 o'clock from the effects of his wounds.

Killed In Auto Accident. New York, Dec. 24.—James E. Martin, prominent in New York society, a member of the New Yacht Club, the Metropolitan Club and the Country Club, was instantly killed near Flushing, L. I., when his automobile plunged into a strip of loose dirt inside of the road and completely turned over. Stacey Clark, who was in car, was severely injured. Mr. Martin's skull was fractured.

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No Passes, No Favors.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Pennsylvania legislators, incensed because their annual passes will be lifted after January 1st and because their free-pass privilege has been curtailed by all railroads, propose to introduce retaliatory measures during the special session to be held next month. They expect to push a bill that will make it a misdemeanor for any railroad to charge for more mileage than actually exists. This would aim at the Pennsylvania Company, which has been reducing its schedule between Chicago and Pittsburg, Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and Philadelphia and New York during the last 20 years, reducing the number of miles approximately 50, yet charging the old schedule rates. A ticket between Pittsburg and Philadelphia at 3 cents a mile for 354 miles costs \$10.62. It is known that the distance has been reduced 46 miles by change of routes, cut-outs in the mountains and other track improvements.

Two Men Killed In Collision. Meridian, Miss., Dec. 25.—In a rear end collision on the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad at Chunkey tonight two men were killed, three others seriously injured, and a train load of passengers badly shaken up. The accident happened at Chunkey, 15 miles west of the city. The passenger train had stopped to unload baggage when a freight train, running close behind, crashed into the rear coach. Engineer Tucker, of the freight train, and his fireman jumped, both being badly injured. Engineer Coker, of the passenger train, while on his engine was buried under an avalanche of coal. Beyond being badly shaken up none of the passengers were severely injured. Peter Kenosky, who gave his residence as Bay City, Mich., and said to be a tramp, was caught in the crash and terribly mangled.

Over Three Bales Per Acre. From The Smithfield Herald. Mr. Wm. D. Avera, one of the leading farmers of this township, has received a check for \$15.00 from the North Carolina Agricultural Society for second largest yield of cotton per acre. At the time the premium was awarded—Fair week—Mr. Avera had picked 2750 pounds seed cotton from one and a quarter acres land. Since that time he has gathered the entire crop, the total being 1609 pounds of lint from the land mentioned above. This is at rate of over three bales per acre. This is the largest yield of cotton per acre ever made in this county so far as we are aware.

Fatal Mine Accident. Ironwood, Mich., Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed today by a fall of 1,000 tons of iron ore from a slip on the 1,300 foot level of the New sort Mine in Ironwood. On account of the great danger from drifting ore and broken timbers, several days will probably elapse before all the bodies are recovered.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY IMPROVED PASSENGER SERVICE. Effective Sunday, October 8th, the SEABOARD extended the Portsmouth-Atlanta Sleeper operated on-trains No. 38 and No. 41, through to Birmingham. This gives double daily service from points on Seaboard to and from Birmingham, making connections with Frisco from Memphis and points West, also for points in Alabama and Mississippi. For further information, address C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

WANTED--FURS. 5000 Minks Wanted by January 1st. Minks, small, No. 1, \$3; Medium No. 1, \$3.50; Large, No. 1, \$4. I don't sort according to color. Just so they are No. 1. Send small lots by mail, large lots by express. Watch this ad for change of prices. J. D. PAYNE, Burlington, N. C.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as administrator of J. J. Morris, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before the 28th of December, 1905. M. F. MORRIS, Administrator, Bear Creek, N. C.

Annual Statement.

OFFICE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, December 1st, 1905.

In accordance with Section 752 of the Code, I herewith submit the following statement of the finances of Chatham County for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1905, together with the names of all persons who received county orders, the amount of each, and on what account.

W. E. BROOKS, Register of Deeds and ex-officio Clerk of Board Commissioners. [Continued from last week.] ON ACCOUNT OF BRIDGES.

Table listing names and amounts for bridges: Gunter & Dismukes \$24.78, A J Gunter 25.95, D A Bives 1.95, B A Buckner 47.51, Geo. E Moore 6, R E Harris 262.83, J W Taylor 10, F E Strowd 186.05, W H Hearne 9.54, W L London 51.04, E H Petty 11.87, R L Ward 38.58, L F Williams 13.59, W F Knight 4.60, R W Bland 6, Hill and Exline 107, Spence Taylor 16.19, J A Gunter 12, J W Buchanan 233.07, Lambeth Bros 253.65, J O Lewter 11.20, J A Thomas 88.33, S H Horton 12, A F Harrington 1, W D Bright 10, C M Duncan 15.49, L F Thraillkill 10, A B Rorrer 8.81, C D Moore 5.50, Thos. R. Green 6.10, W D Beckwith 17.33, S B Farrill 8, S W Harrington 2.

Total, \$1566.67. INSOLVENT FEES. J R Marley \$1.20, R B Hamlet 60, J T Wright 1.60, F S Tally 1.90, J T Wright 4.08, C M Covert 7.35, L D Robinson 24, R R Hamlet 1.65, R M Perry 1.85, Joe Bray 4.35, E W Atwater 65, W H Gilmore 2.52, G W Walls 3.30, D M Bridges 1.40, W B Gilmore 5.50, L A Craven 2.45, H M London 98, G W Kirgshbee 1.98, J M Bray 3.25, E A Dollar 1.03, Jas. L. Griffin 88.17, R H Dixon 6.50, J T Davis 3.30, J R Milliken 8.30, C W Latte!oh 1.45, R J Yates 1, M J Mann 2.65, F P Mann 80, J C Cotten 2.25, O D McIver 90, Lee D Robinson 24.50, J R Milliken 4.85, W M Scott 1.86, C B Hammon 1.20, T A Yarbrough 1.90, F S Kissell 3.20, Rufus Gardner 50, G M Cheek 2.

Total, \$219.29. MISCELLANEOUS. Dr. T A Kirkman \$364.50, J E Morgan 2, The Enterprise 4, J L Griffin 7.30, W E Brooks 570.48, Geo. Womack 65, Cad Farrell 1.85, Joe Bland 1.50, H C Stout 50, Matthew Cotten 7.50, J E Morgan 10, Edwards & Broughton 55.05, Chatham Record 56.15, Cole Printing Co. 57.83, A T Ward 1.80, B A Phillips 24.19, W L London & Son 52.78, Gas Johnson 4, R H Hayes 345.45, Luther Boon 75, Will White 75, O E Hatley 1.05, Dr. J N Taylor 173.30, Geo. Headen 6, H A London 18.50, R W Bland 2, David Moore 6.50, S W Brown 14.50, S W Harrington 6, Daniel Reid and Strowd 17.15, B M Poe 3.30, State Hospital 15.17, Jack Smith 50, J R Milliken 9.60, State Hospital, Goldsboro, Walker Evans & Cogswell Company 34.15, A Gast 1.50, F M Fallon & Co. 27.50, J W Boon 1.75, Bank of Pittsboro 1500.00, Dr. H T Chaptin 10, Lysander Johnson 2.00, Poe-Atwater Mer. Co. 10, S B Farrell 1, T M Bynum 2.60, The Grit 3.

Total, \$3551.30.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County in the case entitled "H. B. Jones, Administrator of H. M. Jones vs. J. B. Jones et al.," I will on the 6th day of January, 1906, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder a tract of land lying and being in the county of Chatham, entire township, North Carolina, beginning at a rock on the north bank of Rocky River, Peoples' corner, and running north with Peoples' line 2-2 poles to the north west corner of the 200 acres granted to John Rowe, thence east with the said line 154 poles to a stake in Henry C. Burns' line, thence south with the said line to the Pittsboro road, thence along said road to the ford of said river, thence up said river to the beginning, containing 235 acres more or less. Terms of sale—One-half cash, balance in six months, deferred payment to bear interest from day of sale until it is received full purchase money is paid. This December 1, 1905. R. H. HAYES, Commissioner.

MORTGAGE SALE--PURSUANT to the provision contained in a mortgage deed executed by W. T. Mann and wife, Turle Mann, to Sallie Ann Williams, dated December 27, 1896, the undersigned mortgagee, will on the 23rd day of December, 1905, at the court house door in Pittsboro, sell for cash at 12 o'clock a lot of land in New Hope township, adjoining the lands of J. B. Thomas, W. B. Lusater and Rufus Holt, on the west side of the home tract of W. T. Mann, being twenty acres. Sold to satisfy the principal and interest set forth in the said mortgage. This 23rd day of November, 1905. SALLIE ANN WILLIAMS, Mortgagee.

Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Sewers P. Taylor, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before November 30th, 1905. W. HARLOWE TAYLOR, N. v. 30 1905.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Schedule in effect Nov. 5, 1905.

Table with columns: No. Daily, 6 Daily, 18 Daily, 12 Daily, 10 Daily, 11 Daily, 17 Daily, Lv, Eastern Time, Ar. Trains listed include GOLDSBORO, GREENSBORO, WILKESBORO, etc.

Blind Headache. "About a year ago," writes Mrs. Mattie Allen, of 1123 Broadway, Augusta, Ga., "I suffered with blind, sick headaches and backaches, and could get no relief until I tried WINE OF CARDUI Woman's Relief. I immediately commenced to improve, and now I feel like a new woman, and wish to recommend it to all sick women, for I know it will cure them, as it did me." Cardui is pure, medicinal extract of vegetable herbs, which relieves female pains, regulates female functions, tones up the organs to a proper state of health. Try it for your trouble. Every drugstore sells it in \$1.00 bottles. WRITE US FREELY and frankly, describing your symptoms. We will consider your case and give you free advice (in plain sealed envelope). Don't hesitate, but write today. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.