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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DEC. 28, 1916.

Only 862 days left in which to do your Christmas shopping. De

North Carolina may not have secured one of the Federal Loan Banks, but we'll get the benefit from them just the same.

The national deficit, over which government officials are worrying, has nothing on the deficit that may be found in many a man's pocketbook after the Christmas shopping.

It will be easy sailing for most of the merchants now until the big sales that will be turned loose next month.

Three breweries in St. Lauis have filed petitions of bankruptcy during the last month. It only goes to show that prohibition agitators are brewing trouble for the brewers.

The ladies who had charge of the Christmas tree celebration desire to thank the citizens for their generous aid; but we feel that it is more fitting for the citizens to thank the ladies for the important part they played in making the tree a success.

Of course we don't desire to stir up any trouble, but if Colonel Roosevelt will only let the people hear a little chirp from him once in a while it would make the world a great deal more natural.

OUR INTEREST IN PEACE.

A new angle to the present peace negotiations has been revealed. It is claimed that President Wilson's efforts are being used to bring about peace in order to avoid a break between this country and Germany, of which there is considerable danger.

Mr. Wilson's course in this connection is sure to meet general approval on the part of the people of the United States. His hope is to bring about peace before the United States is dragged into the war. He will use every effort to bring the negotiations to a suecostul close for he knows that if the peace proposals are rejected there will be grave danger of the United States breaking with Ger-

Recent information which has leaked out from the State Department, appears to indicate that relations with Germany are far more critical than the public imagines. For that reason, the administra tion will do everything possible to further peace negotiations.

This does not mean that the United States fears Germany in any way, but officials realize that it would be of much greater advantage to the United States to have an end to the great war than to be drawn into it herself.

THE RED HILL ROAD.

Last summer, a committee canvassed the business men of the city and raised several thousand dollars for the building of a concrete road from Washington to Red Hill, in Chocowinity township. The residents of Chocowinity also raised some money for this purpose and the board of commissiners passed an appropriation to assist in

Aftr practically all of the money was raised, it was decided that it would be too late to do any work on the road as the opening of the tobacco market would take place before the work could be completed. It was therefore decided to postpone any construction until

There is still much work to be done. Of course the majority of those citizens who pledged themselves to contribute to the fund, will probably allow their pledges to stand, but there are some who have moved away and there are others who may not feel able to give as much as they promised. For this reason, it would be wise if the Chamber of Commerce took up the matter at the next meeting and decide upon immediate action.

The need for a good road through the three miles of swamp on the other side of the river will be more urgent next year than this. There will be more tobacco raised in the Chocowinity section and there will also be a greater amount of trade to Washington. It is therefore essential that the road be built as soon as possible.

THE RAILROADS' PROFIT.

More than one billion dollars net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing, accordto information made public recently.

The year is said to be the most successful in history for the rail-

And probably the clothing manufacturers, the commission mercharts and brokers, the factory men and the mill men will be able to make the same statement regarding their prosperity.

It has been a successful year for practically all lines of busin Prices for everything have been high and the consumer has been the only one to suffer.

The report made by the railroads is rather staggering. A few mouths ago they were howling about the rainous effects that the proposed eight-hour law would have upon them; now they are boasting of billion dollar profits. And it has been the same with other lines of business. They have all been complaining about the high cost of labor and material but they are making more money than ever before,

These reports show that there is no justification for the high prices; that the railroads could just as well reduce their freight in their prices. There have been many so-called "investigations" by the government, but nothing has been accomplished. It is doubtful whether anything will be done unless some plan is adopted by the people themselves, similar to the boycott system that was recently dully carried out in New York, Pittsburg and some of the other larger cities.

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The Woman's Tonic

The Town Gossip

Set of the section for the property of the pro I'VE GOT to write this. IN A hurry. TO GET IN THE paper.
AND I'M way late,
AND THIS morning. WHEN I came down TO THE office. I THOUGHT. I'D GET a shave THE FIRST thing. AND I went over. TO THE barbershop. AND WHEN I was. A FEW feet from the door. ANOTHER FELLOW GOT INSIDE AND THERE was ONLY ONE barber ON THE job.
AND THIS other fellow. SAT DOWN in the chair. AND SAID: "Haircut!" AND THE barber. TOLD ME. TO SIT down AND HE'D be through. IN A minute.

'HOW ABOUT a shampoo!

BUT WHEN he finished

HE ASKED the fellow

AND I did. AND IT wasn't long. BEFORE THE fellow. HAD HIS hair cut. AND I took off my collar. AND WAS getting ready. TO TAKE his place. IN THE chair. AND THE barber said:

AND THE fellow said: "BELIEVE | will." AND THEN. THE BARBER asked him. 1F HE wanted a shave. AND HE said. THAT HE did. AND I was getting nervou: AND HE got his shave. AND WHEN he got through I WAS hoping. THAT THE barber. WOULD KEEP quiet

WHETHER HE wanted AND THE guy said:

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This the 15th day of Decem 1916.

Admr. of Charles Taylor, dec's

Hlount land, and on the West by the Slatestone Road. The two tracts of finid above de-scribed being the same conveyed to Blade B. Harrison by Washington Hove. Exchange Company by deed fitted December 13, 1812, and duly seconds.

rorded.
This 38th day of November, 1216
Washington Horse Exchange Co.
Mortgages.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administra

the 7th divisor Decomber, 1913, this noile will be pleaded in but hole recovery. All persons indeb o said estate will please make nediate payment.

This December 7, 1918.

W. H. CAMPBULLS, Admir.