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The Bulletin greets its many thousands of readers with best wishes for a happy, prosperous year, the best year of their lives, the New Year, 1908.

The enrollment for the fall term at the University was 764 an increase of 33 over the previous year. The spring term opens Jan. 2, 1908.

Having just passed through the season of "On earth peace, good will toward men," and with a large stock of New Year resolutions on hand the preachers should be given a few weeks vacation.

Bachelor girls should take heart and strive on yet another year. By universal consent this being a perfect year, they have a perfect right to propose to the objects of their affection. Perhaps one more trial will result in happy wedlock.

An extra session of the legislature is likely to be called soon. The legislature got in a hole on its railroad legislation during the last session and now the Governor proposes to call an extra session so it can pull itself out of the hole while the tax-

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Just before Congress adjourned for the holidays there occurred in the house of Representatives a personal encounter which will be an everlasting disgrace to the lower house of the great American congress. The participants were no less personages than John Sharps Williams of Miss. and Representative De Armond of Mo. As floor leader of the democratic minority, Williams had offended De Armond in a certain committee appointment. The Missourian attacked the Mississippian, first with words, soon the lie was passed and then blows with the fist followed and resulted in a "dog fall" as friends rushed in and parted them before a final conclusion was reached. Such fistieuf exhibitions might be excusable in high school boys, or freshmen in a low grade college, but does not add dignity to the house of Representatives, the American Congress.

This year of grace the Republican party must go before the people upon its record. The party must stand or fall by its record. Since the party assumes control of national affairs some twelve years ago, many great governmental problems have been solved, but there are many others course of solution which could not be worked out without a change in the directing hand, and the present incumbent has nominated himself from a third term, the next best thing is to select a man of presidential size who will come nearest carrying out the Roosevelt policies. It is generally admitted that W. H. Taft, Secretary of War, will fill the bill in every detail. Taft is no experiment. He has already filled positions of honor and trust and has just returned from a mission of peace around the world—bigger and more honored than ever before. Taft is the logical successor of President Roosevelt and we doubt not but he will receive the nomination equivalent to an

Some folks can't get up Christmas spirits without the aid of corn spirits.
 A Michigan prophet has foretold that W. J. Bryan will live to the ripe old age of 91. It should comfort his friends to know that he will survive a third defeat and still be an available candidate for the democratic party for at least ten times more.

No other holiday season has ever been attended by a larger number of tragedies and murders throughout the country than the one just passed. Liquor was the cause in every instance.

The governor of Florida has just appointed William J. Bryan to fill the unexpired term of Senator Mallory, deceased. Although bearing the same name, the Florida Bryan is not the Nebraska Bryan, neither is the Nebraska Bryan the Florida Bryan, but if there's anything in a name the new senator from the flowery state should soon become the "peerless leader" of the upper house of Congress.

Denver is a great resort for those afflicted with consumption and other pulmonary diseases. This may account for Denver's capturing the democratic national convention. If the Colorado city succeeds in cleansing and curing the democratic party, its reputation as a health resort will be forever established.

WHEN THE COUNTRY WILL GET UNDER WAY AGAIN.

New Jersey is not usually regarded as much of a credit to the nation, but it now comes in for the distinction of being the State national banks showed their relative increase of their assets between August 22nd and

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BUSINESS MEN ASSERT THEMSELVES.
 A prominent business man of Concord believes that if the legislature would repeal the passenger rate law the people would applaud it. So far as he could see there was no sentiment in favor of rate reduction; what the people wanted and the country needed was development of the roads so as to enable them to handle the growing business of the state. He recalls the fact that the Southern is taking off every train it can and has stopped double-tracking and all other improvements. But what we want to know is what this business man has got to do with it. He may be an undesirable citizen or a malefactor of great wealth for all we know. We reformers of railroads would like to have it understood that we are not running this thing to meet the views of such as he. He expresses the apprehension that in another year the Southern will be in the hands of a receiver. Man alive! Don't you understand that that is exactly what some of us want to see happen?

In all gravity—and this last question is asked gravely—it is very unfortunate for the state that the sentiments of the business men are so little heeded. It is frequently pointed out that only 18 per cent of the people of North Carolina live in the towns. It is not a few figures that the interests of these and of the 82 per cent who live in the country are antagonistic and the country is directed to what it legislation will please the latter, but thought was never a greater where than to suppose that the business people are in sympathy with war on the railroad.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.
 (From our regular correspondent.)
 As the Thaw trial approaches, interest centers in Martin W. Littleton, the new leading lawyer for the defense. Littleton's life is interesting; only 35 years old, yet he ranks already at the head of the criminal bar in New York City. Born in Tennessee, of poor parents, early moving to Texas, the young man at sixteen was a "track walker" on one of the railroads of that state. When one day he was told by a superior that he might become some day a freight train conductor, he replied, "not I; some day I expect to be a great lawyer in New York" and today only 17 years from that day, his expectations have been realized, and not only is he a great lawyer but the greatest. Without usual educational advantages, he educated himself—read law at odd times and while working for his daily bread, the young man entered a law office in Texas, showed the stuff he was made of, married, came to New York unknown and without means, but with determination that quality best of all qualities.

It was not long before the young Southerner made himself felt. He began to be recognized as a successful barrister and an orator of no mean ability. At a great political meeting in the old Academy of Music in Brooklyn, at which David B. Hill was the chief speaker, Littleton's name appeared as one of the "tail-end" speakers along with some others to be used to fill up the time. The speech was made—it startled, thrilled the gathering—such eloquence had not been expected from any of the speakers, much the least of them. That made Littleton famous in the eyes of John C. Sheehan, the lawyer and politician, was of those who heard the speech, and a little later, when Sheehan was the manager of Judge Parker's candidacy for the nomination for president was looking around for the best to be had to place Parker's name in nomination at the National Convention he turned to Littleton as the man. How well the young orator did the work is a matter of history. His name was on every tongue. Later, Littleton made President of the Borough of Brooklyn (vice mayor) which office he filled with ability, relinquishing it because, as he put it, he could not "make both ends meet". Beginning then, the practice of his profession on the New York side of the river, it was but a brief few months before Littleton's name appeared on one side or the other of every important case.

Thaw searched the United States for the best ability; tried Delmas of California. Now at the second trial, he is to be defended by the yet young Southerner,—he and his friends believing that in Littleton, they will have unquestionably the best talent obtainable. Martin W. Littleton was born in 1872 in a log cabin in Tennessee; was a "track walker" at 16 years of age in Texas, a baker's assistant and farm hand in youth; did chores and went to school one term; studied law and was admitted to the bar at nineteen; outgrew the town of Weatherford and went to Dallas at the age of twenty-one; came to New York at twenty-four, made a speech which nominated Parker for the Presidency in 1904; at 31, was Borough President of Brooklyn, and at 35 is selected as chief counsel in the most noted criminal case of the day.

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No. 8953.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
 Office of Comptroller of the Currency
 Washington, D. C., November 30, 1907.
WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that
 "THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ASHEBORO"
 in the town of Ashboro, in the County of Randolph, and State of North Carolina has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE E. L. William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ASHEBORO," in the town of Ashboro, in the County of Randolph, and State of North Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and the Seal of office this Thirtieth day of November, 1907.

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