

"Though the long, frosty nights of winter are here, This month is the dawn of a happy new year. The old year has vanished—has faded and died; Yet onward and forward on life's flowing tide The new one will bear us with laughter and joy, With music and sunshine for each girl and boy; And may you all live to see many more years, Free from sorrows and troubles and worries and tears."

HAIR AND FAREWELL!

1896 has bowed itself out from us, and left us the sweet and bitter memories of its past history, as a lamp to guide our feet. It has been a history, in great part, of pecuniary hardship to nearly all of us, and of pecuniary failure to many. The grave has had its share of victims, and torn loving hearts in twain. The great and the humble, the young and the aged, manhood in its strength and beauty in its flower, have all fallen before the scythe of the relentless reaper.

It likewise leaves us sweet and blessed memories. The palm of charity has never been more open or more liberal. Peace has spread its angel wings over the world, while the rumbling thunders of war have been audible, ominous and imminent. Great enterprises have been accomplished and great inventions made. We have been brought nearer to the infinite and in many cases the occult has become the patent. God grant us grace to read all its lessons aright.

1897 comes to us with sturdy stride to take up the role of history toward the closing years of the 19th century, confessedly the most brilliant and eventful in the world's long roll! Its history is veiled to us, and he who reads it clearly has the vision of a saint and the wisdom of a prophet. He who reads it best is he who reads it with the calm eye of faith and the humility of dependence upon Him who rules the affairs of men.

HOW GOES CUBA.

The native Cubans in Cuba, keep up the fight, and from all we can see have the advantage of the Spanish troops. Both parties are pursuing a sort of guerrilla warfare, and each one is trying to destroy every thing on the island that can contribute to the support of the other party. So between the "upper and the nether millstone," the fairest, most fertile, and most beautiful land on the planet, will become a horrid waste and desolation, unfit for the habitation of man.

The war still rages. Maceo is dead, or if alive, incog. Dead or alive, he was a negro hero, if a negro. If not dead, then his arm is raised in defence of his native hearth and home. If dead his martyred body is a rebellion seed, and illustrates the theory that the "blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." If not a negro, he is of Spanish lineage of hybrid admixture, and his Latin descent goes back to the fifteenth century, to the days of Ferdinand and Isabella, when Spain was a terror to her enemies and a protection to her allies. Negro or Spaniard, he a Cuban, dead or alive, a hero, and he lives in the hearts of his countrymen in arms.

About the middle of December inst. the little filibuster steamer, Three Friends, laden with ammunition and supplies for the Cuban insurgents, when some twenty miles from the Florida coast off the mouth of the San Juan River was attacked by two Spanish gunboats. The Cubans on board the "Three Friends" blanched with fear, but there were American sympathizers with Cuba on board, who had been accustomed to the smell of gunpowder, and they prepared for fight with a Hotchkiss cannon and armed the men on board with rifles of the best pattern, and prepared for action. The Spanish gunboats fired on the little filibuster steamer, and she returned the fire with interest. It was a lively little "brush" which ended with the Spanish gunboats drawing off from the fight, when the Three Friends proceeded on her voyage and safely landed her cargo on the Island of Cuba. The Cuban matter is now at

tracting much attention in our Congress. Senator Morgan of Alabama, one of the ablest members in the Senate, is the foremost champion of the Cuban cause and favors the recognition of the independence of Cuba, even if it brings on war between Spain and the United States, and he has introduced resolutions in the Senate favoring that result. President Cleveland and Secretary of State Olney are of opinion that the time has not yet come for the United States to intervene in Cuban affairs. The People of the United States are by a large majority, if not unanimously, apparently with Senator Morgan, and the probability is that in a few weeks the sentiment of Congress will assume material form.

Meanwhile Spain is not an indifferent spectator of the events in prospect on the National canvass. Without the aid of European powers, she would be utterly powerless in a contest with the United States. Therefore Senor Canovas del Costello, the prime minister of Spain, is diplomatically feeling the pulse of the European powers in order to diagnose their sentiments in relation to Cuba, and its bearings upon the United States, and it is said that he has had assurances of sympathy with Spain, from France, Austria, Germany and Great Britain, who are of opinion that the Congress of the United States cannot overstep President Cleveland's message to Congress favoring non-intervention in the affairs of Cuba. At present Spain indicates a disposition to conciliate and compromise the trouble with Cuba, which is wise for Spain, and may be wise for Cuba and the United States. But "bluff" is a favorite land of deception among nations as well as men.

As to the question of the annexation of Cuba to the United States opinions and the sentiment of annexation is not so unanimous as the sentiment of freedom for Cuba. There is much to be said on both sides. Annexation would give us control of the Gulf, and put an end to all controversy over foreign governments on the American continent. But annexation means the franchise and assimilation, and experience, the best teacher, teaches us that our extension of the franchise has already put in peril the purity of our ballot system, and another straw of that kind might break our camel's back.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES.

CURRITUCK. Miss Maggie Wright and sister of the Ryland Institute, Berkley, Va., are spending Christmas with their parents near Indian Town, Camden county.

Dr. S. W. Gregory, of Goldsboro, N. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. R. Gregory, of Camden county. Miss Mattie Whitehurst and sister of Elizabeth City, returned home last Saturday after spending Christmas with their sister Mrs. W. G. Ferebee of Camden county.

A valuable horse belonging to R. A. Peck and White, some two months since was attacked by a genuine case of lock-jaw. He was placed under treatment of Wm. H. Morris, a veterinary surgeon of this town, who gave him the most assiduous treatment and finally discharged his patient cured and good as ever before.

The feat is one heretofore unknown in this territory, and the success of Mr. Morris in this instance has marked him as a master in the profession.

Mr. Morris has been engaged in this practice only about a year, but he has been remarkably successful and is often consulted by parties from several adjoining counties. He fills a long felt want in this town and community and we gladly call the attention of the public to him as a veterinary surgeon.

Two sizes, 50 cts. and \$1.00. All druggists. If you will ask for it we will send you a book telling you all about Scott's Emulsion. Free. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

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The greatest Dry Goods selling ever known in Elizabeth City. 12 Clerks busy from morn till eve, distributing the various bargains to be had. More goods to select from than any other two stores in Eliz. City.

BARCAINS IN DRESS GOODS.

All wool Serges and Henriettas, the 30 cts. kind, 20 cts. 38-inch Boucle cloth, all shades, usual price 50 cts., our price 35 cts.

Decidedly the best line of black goods and Velvets, at prices that will surprise the closest buyers.

200 prs. Ladies' Kid g' ves, 48 cts. and up

Blankets, the Genuine California kind, at your own price.

Children's Muff and Boa, \$3.00 kind at \$2.00.

Children's Muff and Boa, \$2.00 kind at \$1.30.

CLOAKS and CAPES reduced 20 percent. All handsome and stylish. This year's goods. No old moss grown stuff.

LACE CURTAINS, 100 prs. 60 cts. to \$2 00 the pair.

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MY LOVE.

Not as all other women are I see that to my soul is dear; Her glorious fancies come from far, Beneath the silver evening star, And yet her heart is ever near.

Great feelings hath she of her own; Which lesser souls may never know; God giveth them to her alone, And sweet they are as any tone, Wherewith the wind may close to blow.

Yet in herself she dwelleth not; Although no home were half so fair; No simplest duty is forgot; Life hath no dim and lowly spot, That doth not in her sunshine share.

She doeth little kindnesses, Which most have undone or despise; For naught that saith one heart at ease And gives happiness or peace Is low esteemed in her eyes.

She hath no scorn of common things; And though she seem of other birth, Round us her heart entwines and clings, And patiently she folds her wings To tread the humble paths of earth.

Blessing she is; God made her so, And deeds of week-day holiness Fall from her not as from the snow; Nor hath she ever changed to know That aught were easier than to bless.

She is most fair, and thereunto Her life doth rightly harmonize; Feeling or thought that was not true Nor made less beautiful the blue, Unclouded heaven of her eyes.

She is a woman—none in whom The springtime of her childish years Hath never lost its fresh perfume, Though knowing well that life's bath room For many blights and many tears. —James Russell Lowell.

Natural Wadding.

A Penobscot county man tells an amusing boyish experience in the Lewiston Journal. "He and a young friend went gunning one fine fall day. They had old fashioned, muzzle loading guns, and wadding was a necessary part of the outfit. We came across a big hornets' nest in a tree, says the narrator and, boylike, climbed up and pulled it down for wadding. We talked about the merits of different kinds of wadding and decided that hornets' nest, a material provided by nature, was the best. We concluded to lay in a good stock of it and began to break it up. From the inside of the nest we shook out a quantity of the biggest hornets I ever saw—the ferocious kind that have black bands around a long brown body—but they were stiff, as if frozen, and we didn't mind them at all. We turned them all out and sat down to rest and make our new wadding into nice little rolls. We sat talking in merry good humor for awhile, when all of a sudden Fred screamed like a wild Indian and jumped as much as three feet from the ground. He gave another yell and, striking to right and left on his thighs, started on a wild run for home. It was the hornets. He had chanced to sit down where a number of them fell, and they, warmed up from contact with his body, and he, it seems, warmed up from contact with theirs. Wadding was a sore subject with him for a long time."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK Elizabeth City, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, DEC. 17th, 1896.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Resources like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, and Liabilities like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, and National Bank notes outstanding.

The following benefits were all enjoyed: Sarah Acklin, Betsey Robertson, W.P. Miller and children, Jos King, Wiley Gregory, Sarah Vanraiper, Deed Miller, Ann M White, Loucilia Waterfield, Huldia Beasley, Stewart Waterfield, Jasper Toler, Malachi Robinson and wife, Frank Rogers, Honor Taylor, Frank Mann, Nibby Duncan, Mary Barnes, W.H. Sattou, Patrick Owens, J.B. Sawyer, Briston Whitehall, Peggy Cason, Polly Owens, Wm. DeLoach, Mary Lindsey, Adam Forbes, Jas McCleese, Wm Cason, Edmund Mercer.

Upon motion the Board adjourned, this 8th day of Dec. 1896 to meet the 1st Monday in Jan. 1897. Wm. H. BRAY, Wm. H. Bray, Ck. Coma. Cur. Co.

Correct—Attest: E. F. LAMB, CHAS. H. ROBINSON, J. B. FLECK, Directors. M. R. GRIFFIN, Notary Public.

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UMBRELLAS.

Ladies and Gents' Twill Silk Umbrellas, steel handles, paragon frames, the \$2.00 kind at \$1.25. Just the thing for holiday present.

HANDKERCHIEFS. 250 doz. Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs. Price from 3 cts to 35 cts.

Ladies Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2 cts to 25 cts. Gents' Silk and Cotton mixed Initial Handkerchiefs, 20 cts; 3 for 50c. Cheap at 25c.

ONE WHOLE FLOOR 22 feet by 85 feet devoted to the CLOTHING TRADE. Our business has increased ten fold in the past 5 years.

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ELIZABETH CITY, DISTRICT

First Round. Andrew P. Tyler, P. E.

Pasquotank et. Hall's Creek, Jan. 2, 3. Elizabeth City Sta. Jan. 3, 4. Camden et. Trinity, "6. Chowan et. Center Hill Jan. 9, 10. Hertford Sta. Jan. 8, 10.

Edenton Sta. (at night), Jan. 11. Currituck et. Asbury, Jan. 16, 17. South Camden et. Wesley Chapel Jan. 20. Gates et. Harrells, Jan. 23, 24. North Gates et. Kittrell, Jan. 24, 25. Plymouth Sta. Jan. 30, 31. Roper Sta. Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Pantego et. Pantego, Feb. 2. Columbia at Columbia, Feb. 6, 7. Roanoke Island, Feb. 13, 14. Dare et. Croatan Feb. 14, 15. Kitty Hawk et. Kitty Hawk, Feb. 13, 14. Kinnekeet et. Feb. 13, 14. Hatteras et. Feb. 13, 14.

Advised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Elizabeth City P. O. for the week ending Jan. 1, 1897. Persons calling for them will please say advised.

MEX-G S. Boomer, Tossell Buffins, Jason I Brown, Jackson Battle, Norman Fisher, Albert Grun, George Sorenson, William Lee, C. Lane, C. M. Murden, Burwell Riddick, Zebadiah Skinner, Ammon Sawyer, Henry Torkey, Monroe Truitt, Jr., James Wilson, Geo. Wood, A. W. White, Hardy Whitfield, John Whittier.

WOMEN—Miss Emma Brown, Miss Arpey Brumsey, Miss Bessie Berry, Miss Laura Brickhouse, Mrs. Ashesh Brothers Mrs. Geo. Bailey, E. F. Ballance, Mrs. Easter Costard, Narcis Charles, Mrs. L. A. Fellton, Mrs. Ed. Freeman, Mrs. Lizzie Gordon, Miss Mary Gullors, Mrs. Etta Horton, Mrs. Georgia Gordon, Miss Mary Essinger, Miss Erusy T. Perry, Miss Genette Palfin, Mrs. Susan Jones, Miss Vandellia Johnson, Miss Currier Jims, Miss Lydia Wilson, Mrs. Lucinda Winslow, Mary L. Wilson, Mrs. Courtney Williams.

E. F. LAMB, Postmaster.

NOTICE.

1ST NATIONAL BANK, Elizabeth City, N. C.

The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of this bank, for election of Directors will be held at their banking house, Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 2 o'clock. Wm. T. Old, Cashier.

Legislative Notice.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made during the coming session of the North Carolina Legislature to charter the "Roanoke Institute of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association." J. A. FARLEK, Z. H. BERRY and others.

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills. A Strong Fortification. Fortify the body against disease by Tutt's Liver Pills, an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, jaundice, biliousness and all kindred troubles. "The Fly-Wheel of Life" Dr. Tutt; Your Liver Pills are the fly-wheel of life. I shall ever be grateful for the accident that brought them to my notice. I feel as if I had a new lease of life. J. Fairleigh, Platte Cannon, Col. Tutt's Liver Pills

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The Ar-tous place near the ark. Two houses and nine acres of land. Terms very moderate. E. F. LAMB, Real Estate Agt.

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FOR SALE

4 dwellings on Fearing street. Prices very low, terms easy, and no small payments.

A fine wharf property on Camden side of river.

A valuable fishery.

Three small farms near the city.

A large body of farming lands no the river.

A Cypress swamp.

Wharf property in town.

The Albemarle Hotel.

A saw Mill of 35 horse power Engine 45 horse power Boiler, Lathe Mill, planer, line of Shafting, rip and cut off saws, all necessary tracks in good running order.

The above property is near the Norfolk & Southern R. R. The mill is on the water, with a good supply of timber accessible.

Terms are very low and easy payments will be accepted, or will exchange for property in Elizabeth City, N. C., or vicinity.

FOR RENT.

Oyster and Fish Depot on Porters Creek. One of the best places in the town for the bus. \$5.

Tenant houses near Cotton Factory

Small tenant houses in Pennsylvania

E. F. LAMB, Real Estate Agent.

WANTED!

A tract of 40 or 50 acres of desirable trucking land near town. Good land and good water. Would prefer a place on the river with good hard sandy shore. June 12th 1896.

E. F. LAMB, Real Estate Agt.

New Goods

ARRIVING EVERY DAY

Clothing.

Latest styles in collars and cuffs. Newest and nobbiest neckwear in the city.

Right you are! as the other glove said to his mate when Moses Weisel open his stock-comes here for gloves.

Ladies' Scotch and Embroidered linen handkerchiefs for 17cts North 25cts at Sawyer & Jones.

Lady's Mackintoshes at Sawyer & Jones for 50cts.

Just received a large lot of rugs at Sawyer & Jones.

Lost! Lost a black stone with initials in monogram with the initials of S. W. B. son of. The finder will please return name to this office.

Gold & Hepler have a large stock of overcoats, and ladies cloaks and capes more than they have room for and close them out in the next few days with greatly reduced prices.

Good Gum Boot, and Oil chubing with Fowler & Co. bottom prices.

Nice line of gloves, at the very lowest prices, at The Fair.

Goods bought of reliable jewelers give the best satisfaction.

Men's all wool sweaters 75c at Fowler & Co's.

Zoller is turning out Photographs equal to the best give him a call for Xmas gifts. 12 1/2 cts.

If other dealers paid a much for their white shirts—and did them as "close" as we do by night, they've gone a \$1.75 for 50 cts. as ours—but they mostly don't! Moses Weisel.

C. W. Stevens & Co has constantly on hand FINE SMOKING TOBACCO and PIPES of the finest quality. BOB WHITE and YALE MIXTURES.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for their \$1.50 price office list of two hundred inventions wanted.

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