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BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT. The present year will pass into history tonight at midnight and its problems and its sunshine and shadows will begin.

To be cleanly in person and neat and tidy in the matter of apparel. To be clean in speech and pure in thought.

To be charitable and broad-minded toward those with whom you do not agree and even toward those who would injure you.

To remember that every other person has the same civic and other rights that you have.

To be a real citizen of your community. If you are a voter and a taxpayer assume the responsibilities of citizenship and take your part in the discussions and the movements that are calculated to improve the conditions about you and your neighbors.

To be honest with yourself and with others. Be firm for justice and law and right and take a man's stand against that which is wrong.

To do yourself justice by keeping your better self in the ascendency, remembering that character is greater than wealth.

LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS. The approaching meeting of the State Legislature will have some very important subjects to consider.

SAVINGS CLUB. The modern habit of forming clubs to stimulate interest in a special subject seems admirable.

The music-loving public of Charlotte and this section will have the opportunity tonight of hearing the greatest violinist who has ever pulled a bow across the strings of a delicately attuned instrument in Charlotte.

The next two months will be the hardest of the winter. The Associated Charities will have more calls upon it for relief than during six months or more in the summer season.

Have you formulated your New Year's resolutions yet?

REDUCING THE TAX RATE. In Kansas City, Kan., a city hardly twice the size of Charlotte, the commission form of government has resulted in such a degree of efficiency in the several departments of the city that the tax rate has been reduced to 67 cents, this notwithstanding the fact that more than a million dollars was spent in municipal improvements and the further fact that the public service is much better than before.

The Piedmont and Northern Lines are located and in course of construction between Charlotte and Greenwood, S. C. When the gaps are filled and the lines in full operation between these points, extensions will be sure to come.

Relieved of the unjust discrimination of the railroads in favor of concerns doing business in Virginia and in the North, the North Carolina furniture dealers will now truly come into their own.

Says The Columbia State: "A fellow doesn't have to be a Sherlock to decide that the Philadelphia newspaper which speaks of a grievous mistake, has a North Carolina compositor in its employ."

Governor-elect Locke Craig has been the teacher of a Baraca Sunday school class at Asheville. More and more it is to be noticed that the best and largest men among us are not too big or important or selfish to give some of their time to the training and advising of our youth, upon whom the future of our State rests.

The best resolution the man of family who is now paying rent can make for the New Year is to quit paying rent and buy a home, utilizing the agency of the building and loan.

Castro and the King of England's libeler are mighty good men to keep out of this country. The United States is "the home of the free and the land of the brave" all right, but it is no harbor of refuge for unprincipled traducers of character, wholesale assassins and trouble makers.

The Charlottean who does not thrill at the thought and the realization of the good things in store for Charlotte during the coming year is sadly in need of a course of training under the officers of the Greater Charlotte Club.

"And many a man who wants to kiss a girl against her will wouldn't want to if she was willing," remarks some paragrapher. Which is all wrong if the girl is good looking and the man normal.

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BY-THE-WAY TALK. Things Seen, Heard and Thought. It is regrettable that so sharp a division has arisen over the matter of draining the streams of the county and that conditions have arisen to confound the work that has been mapped out for the future.

That there is some reason for the contention of the farming interests is necessarily admitted. The law under which the drainage work is being carried on in the county is manifestly defective in some essentials and yet in this respect it does not differ so materially from many other measures.

Drainage work has two distinct and separate benefits. The one is to the property immediately connected and the other is general, a health benefit to all the people.

Give the Pine a Chance. (Hoke County Journal.) One hog to every 18 acres. That is the average number of hogs there are throughout the open range counties of eastern North Carolina.

Developing Suburbs. (Newbern Sun.) Every rent payer and every person who has a desire to ever own a home of his own should be glad to see the development of the suburbs of this city.

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Some plan by which the burden of the assessment can be shared by those receiving the direct and those receiving the indirect advantages from the improvement must be the basis upon which the drainage activities are continued.

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AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA. Daily Incidents, Facts and Comment Gathered From The Newspapers Of The State.

AN INNOVATION. City of Wilmington as Matter of Convenience Wants to Collect Taxes Semi-Annually. (Wilmington Star.)

The slow progress made in the collection of city taxes for the present fiscal year has caused members of council to give no little consideration to the suggestion of one of its members that taxes should be collected semi-annually instead of annually, say in July and January of each year, and it was learned last night that this county's Representatives in the next General Assembly will be asked to have a bill passed giving the council the authority to put the proposed plan into effect.

It would not apply to poll tax, which would be due and payable annually as at present. It would affect the tax on personal property and real estate. The proposed plan has many advantages, it is claimed. First of all, it would enable the municipality to get along without having to run to the banks every Summer to borrow money to tide over until the tax money begins to come in.

Mebane. (Greensboro News.) To Mebane, one of the most prosperous and hustling towns of the State, the year 1912 will leave a record of marked development in commercial, industrial and farm lines of endeavor.

Importance of Legislative Votes. (Asheville Gazette-News.) The legislators are not paid very magnificent salaries, and yet the position becomes a very important one at times.

The Seizure and Search Law. (Durham Herald.) There are blind tigers all over this State and the police and everybody else know them as such, yet it is a hard matter to round them up under the present laws.

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Conventions For Charleston. (Charleston Post.) We are going to have good company during the coming year, in the way of desirable gatherings.

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TO BRING COLONISTS. Greater Western North Carolina Association Will Run Colonists' Excursions For Permanent Settlers. (Asheville Citizen.)

If plans which have been made for some time to materialize, the Greater Western North Carolina Association will launch a movement which will mean more to this section of the State than any efforts, probably, which have been made since the war. The plan has been begun between the counties west of the Blue Ridge. It is planned to run colonists' excursions to western North Carolina from all parts of the country during the coming Spring and Summer.

The first excursion will probably be brought on from those sections which have been covered the most thoroughly with the advertising. Later, efforts will be centralized upon other parts of the country and a system of campaigns will be carried on in this way.

Newspapers of State. Circulation of Those Reporting Given for 1912. Total Number is 369. With Eight Morning and Twenty-Three Afternoon Dailies. (Raleigh News and Observer.)

As to politics, denomination and purposes, the divisions are: Democratic, 129; Independent-Republican, 17; Independent, 25; Baptist, 6; Methodist, 5; Christian, 2; Protestant Episcopal, 1; Presbyterian, 6; Primitive Baptist, 1; Free-will Baptist, 2; Religious, 6; Fraternal, 2; Textile, 1; W. C. T. U., 1; Postory, 1; Trade, 2; Trade and Industrial, 1; Streets and Highways, 1; Masonic and Family, 1; Progressive, 1; Educational and Religious, 1; Democratic and Agricultural, 1; Home, 1; Educational, 18; Literary, 17; Medical, 1; Agricultural, 6; Athletic, 1; Almanac, 2; Lutheran, 4; Pythian, 1; A. M. E. Zion, 2; Local, 15; Public Health, 2; Friends, 1; Historical, 1; Directors, 1; Episcopal, 1.

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Healthy Baby is Precious Blessing

To Make It Healthy and Keep It Healthy Use a Reliable Baby Laxative.

In spite of the greatest personal personal care and the most intelligent attention to diet babies and children will become constipated, and it is a fact that constipation and indigestion have wrecked many a young life. To start with a good digestive apparatus is to start life without handicap.

But as we cannot all have perfect working bowels we must do the next best thing and acquire them, or train them to become healthy. This can be done by the use of a laxative- tonic very highly recommended by a great many mothers. The remedy is called Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and has been on the market for two generations. It can be bought conveniently at any drug store for fifty cents or one dollar a bottle, and those who are already convinced of its merits buy the dollar size.

Its mildness makes it the ideal medicine for children, and it is also very pleasant to the taste. It does not hide behind the name of a fruit or a vegetable and yet it is genuine- ly harmless. Very little of it is required and its frequent use does not cause it to lose its effect, as is the case with so many other remedies. Thousands can testify to its merits in constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headaches, etc., among their reliable people like Mrs. Clara Lewis, the mother of Baby Lewis, Beck's Store, Ky., and Mrs. Della Lattimore, Edgewood, Ga. They keep it constantly in the house, for every member of the family can use it from infancy to old age. The users of Syrup Pepsin have learned to avoid cathartics, salt waters, pills and other harsh remedies, for they do but temporary good and are a shock to any delicate system.



Admiral Dewey says that he attributes his good health to the fact that he has kept away from banquets. Must have made him sick in former days to hear his best story told.

PICAYUNES. (New Orleans Picayune.) Better begin practicing writing now. A narrow man is not likely to become widely known. Feather your own nest, but don't rob the other birds. Life is short. We sympathize with life. We are short, too. Many a boy who can't paddle his own canoe can run his own motor-boat. It is generally the people who live in clover who can afford to have hay fever.

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