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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1912.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT. The present year will pass into history tonight at midnight and a new year, with its hopes and its problems and its sunshine and shadows will begin. A new leaf, clean and white, will receive the records for the coming days and weeks and months. The Chronicle does not set any great store by New Year's resolutions, but the beginning of a new lap in the century is no doubt a good time to begin being a little broader and better, a good time to forgive and forget and to begin improving one's self. Young men and young women especially should take stock of themselves and get a grip upon themselves. Much depends upon the young people. In their hands rests the destiny of the city, the State and the Nation.

Among the determinations and resclutions for the New Year include

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

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. Among others, there should be some definite plan of co-operation between the State and counties, and even the townships, on the subject of roads. The State should do something to encourage road building wherever a township or county is willing to do their part. Another very important subject is the equalization of taxation over the State, and the elimination of pauper counties. Another subject is the proper division of taxation between the growing cities of the State and the counties in which they are situated.

SAVINGS CLUB.

The modern habit of forming clubs to stimulate interest in a special sub ject seems admirable. The Boys' Corn Clubs and the Girls' Tomato Clubs and many others have undoubt, edly done good work in the advancement of practical economic education. Apparently the newest club is the Christmas Savings Club. This is for the purpose of accumulating a fund to be spent in Christmas cheer and hospitality. The purpose is a good one and the means of carrying it out, if well developed, would be excellent. In England there are many vacation clubs which accumulate a fund to be spent for holiday cheer and recrea-

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 Char- rent money pay for a home. otte. The concert to be given at the Charlotte Auditorium by Ysaye, assisted by Mme. Olizka, the well-known Russian contralto, will be one of the outstanding musical events of the season here and indeed one of the most notable musical events the city has ever had the privilege of enjoying. To the credit of Charlotte and the nearby cities and towns it may be said that the sale of seats for the performance has been very satisfactory.

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. If you can spare anything for those who really need you can give it through the Associated Charities knowing that every cent will be made

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. Chardollars a year in the duplication of work and through the lack of co-operation, to say nothing of the exceedingly low efficiency of the street department and some other departments of the city government. The tax-payers of the city lack 25 per cent or more of getting their money's worth under the present system of government, not through the carelessness or lack of ability in any public official possibly, but through the an-

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 early extensions will be one from Greenwood, S. C., to Augusta, Ga This could be done by way of Saluda, Edgefield and the Horse Creek valley. which would connect the spinning and weaving district of the Horse Creek valley and the Piedmont region, and conduce much to the social and commercial intercourse of the textile operatives of the two sections.

cient and crude system of govern-

mental machinery we use.

Relieved of the unjust discrimina tion 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. In spite of the unjust discrimination which has limited their market to a very large degree, they have prospered wonderfuly and built up a great industy in the State. With the discrimination removed they will spread their markets, enlarge their sales and become an even more mportant factor in the developmen and prosperity of the State.

Says The Columbia State: "A feldecide that the Philadelphia newspaper which speaks of 'a grievious mistake,' has a North Carolina compositor in its employ."

And a fellow wouldn't have to be any sort of a detective to decide that the linotype has never invaded Columbia, The State paper still depending upon compositors, of whom there are few in real newspaper offices.

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. If you haven't enough money saved to make a start toward building begin a strenuous savings campaign.

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

"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.

President-elect Wilson may have a time of it with home-comings. He is claimed by New Jersey, Connecticut, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, he having lived in all of these States.

There are families in Charlotte who have paid enough rent to buy half a dozen houses of the kind they occupy. It's much wiser to make that

The city of Asheville has installed first-aid-to-the-injured equipment in its police station. That is something the need for which in Charlotte has been commented upon many times.

Girls, today is your last chance to take the initiative. After today it will be the referendum for yours.

SPARKLERS

SILENCE UNREWARDED (Washington Star.) The oyster in the stewpan stirred
Attended strictly to his big
And never said a single word— And yet see what his finish is!

(Houston Post.) "Would you marry him if you were me?" "I'd marry any one that asked me, if I were you."

"Str. are you opposed to votes for omen?" "Certainly not, but if women

BY-THE-WAY TALK

Things Seen, Heard and Thought

It is regrettable that so sharp a diision has arisen over the matter of draining the streams of the county and that conditions have arisen to cenfound the work that has been lotte is wasting many thousands of mapped out for the future. That the progressive spirit of the county will be exercised to such an extent that the work will continue to be prosecuted is hardly questioned, but it will be done under a different method and upon a changed basis. The farmers, but that they are human enough to want everybody else to do. the same thing, are protesting against the measure, not for the reason that they are opposed to it as a general proposition or want the improvement stopped; but because they claim they are not being necessary assessments.

contention of the farming interests is necessarily admitted. The law unbe sure to come. Probably among the |der which the drainage work is being carried on in the county is manifestly come in. Under the present system defective in some essentials and yet in this respect it does not differ so materially from many other measures. While the whole proposition of law and government is intended to fall equally upon every citizen, out of the very nature of things, there are some sharp inequalities. Those who framed the present act labored as all labor who start an initiative measure. They had nothing to base their calculations upon except their own judgment as to what would be fair and equitable. Trying to arrive at a fair basis of taxation, they created an improvement territory, making the burden of the levy for the drainage improvement fall upon the owners of contiguous property. The property nearest the point of improvement was assessed at a higher rate than that further away, all the properties being divided into five classes and the classes being designated upon a basis of their distance from the immediate improvement. This seemed to the framers of the act to be wise and judicious and not to be discriminatory. But low doesn't have to be a Sherlock to this does not appear to be the general verdict. The people have been thinking over the project and are not satisfied with the method of taxation. They have found the cardinal vice of the bill which lies in the fact that the drainage act does not create a general tax fund that will fall upon the county as a whole; rather is it lopsided to that extent that it is predicated upon the supposition that there is only one benefit to be derived from the improvement-the benefit to the owners of contiguous property. This is not the fact in this instance.

> 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. The beneficial results upon the health of a community are perhaps in extens of the material advantage and enhancement which accrues to the proper's pagetra ed. If this is the situation, there ought to he two separate bases of taxation. Those owning the land through which the Gredged stream flows should be made to pay a reasonable part of the cost of the improvement themselves. And then the people of the entire cleared creeks should bear a general it. turden of taxation for the benefity they derive from the improvement. b'er ir stance, allow the owners of certain properties cost: ruous to bear one-half of the cost and the people of the county at large bear the other half. It would not be necessary to of this city. It will make rent abrogate entirely the present act, creating improvement territories, for it might yet be necessary to have various tracts of property lying near the streams taxed by reason of the direct benefits accrued, but the protest now being made is based upon the fact that there are people in the county, receiving the benefits of the drainage, who are not sharing in the cost of

> 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 con- issue dividends amounting to huntinued. The point has been made and is reasonable that for the work done so far, some of the poorer people of clared and that will be declared show the city, under the present act, are the prosperous condition of the mills made to pay for the cost of the work of Greenville. by reason of their adjacency to the streams, whereas others, more able to pay and receiving benefits from aggregating \$40,000. the improvement, too, have not been The Brandon Mill will pay a divitaxed a penny and are not taxable dend of 3 per cent on \$1.000.000. under the half-mile improvement lim-This work is very essential to the county. It is more essential to the health of the people than to the lands of the people, for we can get along without the lands, but, not without health. For this reason, the health benefits are shareable by all the people and all the people should be willing to pay for any agency that brings into their lives and into their homes further degrees of efficiency that come through better health. The farmers are willing to bear their proportionate part of the cost, but are unwilling to pay for the entire cost, when, as a matter of fact, they, as a class, are only a segment of the people who are reaping the actual and undisputed benefits of the improve-

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) "The postmaster at Plunkville says that if he doesn't handle more mail they'll close the office. "Tell him to put an ad in the local paper stating rich widow wants humband."

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 Coffect Taxes Semi-Annually. (Wilmington Star.)

The slow progress made in the col-

lection of city taxes for the present

fiscal year has caused members of

council to give no little considerawho say they never mind paying for tion to the suggestion of one of its what they get for themselves, 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 anequitably treated in the matter of the nually as at present. It would atfect the tax on personal property and real estate. The proposed plan has many advantages, it is claimed. That there is some reason for the 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, of collecting the taxes once a year, the city is forced every Summer to borrow a considerable amount on which it has to pay interest. By dividing the payments of the taxes and collecting every cent when it is due members of council believe that the necessity for borrowing money will be removed. Besides, they think that it will be much easier to co:lect the taxes, as the individuals, firms and corporations will not have to pay out so much at one time. This year the city has had to borrow several thousand dollars to run the government on until the tax money could be collected. Very little tax money, comparatively speaking, has as yet been collected, but it is understood that the financial department is "going after 'em" now that the holidays are over-going after the fellows who owe large amounts so that the money due the banks can be paid and the city have enough left in the treasury to meet

current expenses.

Mebane. (Greensboro News.) perous and hustling towns of the State, the year 1912 will leave a record of marked development in commercial, industrial and farm lines of endeavor. Better still. Mebane looks forward to an even greater expansion of its varied industries during the year 1918, addition of two manufacturing plants to the already long list being assured. Writing of Mebane's development during the past year W. E. White, one of the leading manufacturers of that place and a pioneer in its development as a furniture center, calls attention to some of the reasons why the town has a right to feel good over the record of the year 1912. Mr. White refers to the larger propositions which have been successfully engineered, but it is really in the number of handsome residences and street improvement work which, to the visitor, has best demonstrated the belief that in Mebane is a citizenship of prosperous and contented 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. And yet these scattered hogs have succeeded in preventing the reproduction of long-leaf pine all over this region. One hog in those counties is worth about \$2.50, while 18 acres of pine should yield at least an average of \$18 a year. Try 18 hogs to one acre and let the long leaf pine come up on the unenclosed lands. Cholera, bears or thieves may take your hog, but a forest will stay coupty whose health is advantaged by where it is and grow until you need

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, cheaper and will make the price of city lots more reasonable. present price of city lots in Newbern are such that a man of moderate means would remain a renter for-

If plans which have been made for ome time materialize the Greater Western Carolina Association wil: aunch a movement which will mean more to this section of the State than efforts, probably, which have been made since co-operative work has been begun between the counwest 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. purpose of these excursions is to bring men here who will be interested in making their homes in the Land of the Sky.

TO BRING COLONISTS.

sociation Will Run Colonists' Ex-

cursions For Permanent Settlers.

(Asheville Citizen.)

Manager Sanford H. Cohen has been sending out letters to real estate dealers and timber land owners in parts of the western counties making a request for information as homeseekers. This information, when it is all received, will be compiled for advertising this section in booklets and in papers throughout the East and West.

The first excursion will probably be brought here 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 systematic campaign will be carried out in this way.

In the letters which have been mailed it is pointed out that emphasis will be laid on bringing permanent settlers to western North Carolina as well as transient visitors who spend only a small part of their time in the mountains. Announcement of the definite plans of the association as to starting the excursions will probably be made after the meeting tomorrow night.

NEWSPAPERS OF STATE.

Circulation of Those Reporting Given as 1,330,140-Total Number is 302, With Eight Morning and Twenty-Three Afternoon Dailies.

(Raleigh News and Observer.) The forthcoming report of Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman in its section devoted to the newspapers of the State gives a total of 302 with a circulation of 1,330,140.

list shows eight morning dailies with a circulation of 60,832, and 21 evening dailies with a circulation of 56,011, the other figures Weeklies, 176, circulation, semi-weeklies, 24, circulation 54,802; monthlies, 50, circulation 214,830; semi-monthlies, 11, circulation, 277,450; quarterlies, 9, circulation, 8,525; annuals, 3, circulation 115,000; circulation not given: evening daily, 2; weekly, 6; semiweekly, 8; monthly, 2; annually, 1; quarterly, 1.

As to politics, denomination and ourposes, the divisions are: Democratic, 129; Independent-Democratic, 18; Republican, 17; Independent-Republican, 2; pendent, 25; Baptist, 6; Methodist, Christian, 2: Protestant Episcopal Presbyterian, 6; Primitive Baptist. Free-will Baptist, 2; Religious, 6; Fraternal, 2; Textile, 1; W. C. T. U. 1; Poultry, 1; Trade, 2; Trade and Industrial, 1; Streets and Highways, 1: Masonic and Family, 1; Progres sive, 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; His-

orical, 1; Directory, 1; Episcopal,1. Importance of Legislative Votes. (Asheville Gazette-News.) The legislators are not paid very

nagnificent salaries, and yet the position becomes a very important one at times. For instance, it is asserted and not denied that we know of, that the votes of eight Senators, of them railroad attorneys, in the General Assembly of 1907 have cost the State at least \$60,000,000. And they were negative votes at that.

The Seizure and Search Law. (Durham Herald.)

There are blind tigers all over this town and the police and everybody else know them as such, yet it is a hard matter to round them up under the present laws. If we had the seizure and search act and a law holding the proprietor of a place responsible for the sales made in it it would help wonderfully.

PALMETTO NEWS Cotton Mills of Greenville Will Pay

Out Thousands in Dividends.

(Greenville News. On the first day of the new year the banks and mills in and about Greenville will pay their dividends and many stockholders in Greenville County will receive a nest sum on that day. The mills and banks will dreds of thousands of dollars. The dividends that have already been de-

The Pelzer Mills will pay a 4 per cent dividend on \$1,000,000 stock,

amounting to \$30,000. The Carolina Mill will pay a divi-

dend of 8 per cent on \$150,000 stock, aggregating \$3,500. The Poe Manufacturing Company has declared a dividend of 4 per cent on \$1,000,000, amounting to \$40,000. The American Spinning Company has declared a dividend of 3 1-2 per

cent on \$250,000 preferred stock, amounting to \$8,750, and 4 per cent on \$350,000 common stock, amounting to \$1,300.
The Mills Manufacturing Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent on \$452,400 stock, the whole amounting to \$10,-The Conastee Mill declared a divi-

dend of 3 per cent on \$200,000, aggregating \$6,000. Several mills in the county are closed corporations and hence do not pay dividends, among these being the Pelham, Batesville and Camperdown Mills.

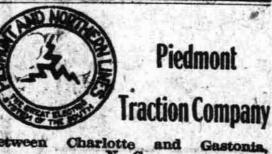
The directors of the Parker Cotton Mills held a meeting Friday afternoon and declared a dividend. The noon and declared a dividend. The company will pay a quarterly dend of 1 3-4 per cent on \$2,000,000 Tickets on sale at Independence Terminal and Mint Street Station.

1 1-2 per cent on \$6,500,000 pre- E. THOMASON. C. V. PALMER.

ferred stock, the total dividence amounting to \$132,000.

Conventions For Charleston. (Charleston Post.)

We are going to have good company during the coming year, in the way of desirable gatherings. Conventions of important bodies are being booked for Charleston right regularly, and some rather notable meetings will be held in this city in 1918. Last week two were signed The Attorneys General of the various States of the Union determined to meet at Charleston next July, and the Southern Textile Association voted to meet in Charleston in November. These are only two of a number already on the list for Charleston during the coming year, but, as they are booked in a single week and are important organizatheir engagement serves to emphasize the possibilities of the convention business as a community



Trains Leave Charlotte-Effective Sunday, November 10, 1912 Independence Ar. Mint Ar. Mint Street Station. No. 2— 7:55 a. m. 1-7:00 a. m.

6-10:23 a. m. 8-11:25 a. m. 3-8:15 a. m. 5- 9:15 a. m. -10:25 a. m. 9-11:50 a, m. 10-12:50 a, m. 13- 3:80 p. m. 11- 1:80 p. m. 15- 3:20 p. m. 16- 4:2(p. m. 17— 4:25 p. m. 19— 5:35 p. m. 18-5:35 p. m. 20-6:30 p. m. 22-7:40 p. m. 1- 6:30 p. m. 23- 8:45 p. m. 24- 9:45 p. m. 25-10:55 p. m. 28-11:55 p. m.

Healthy Baby is Precious Blessing

To Make It Healthy and Keep It Healthy Use a Reliable Baby Greater Western North Carolina As-

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 laxativetonic 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 conversiently 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 re-

quired and its frequent use does not other harsh remedies, for they do cause it to lose its effect, as is the but temporary good and are a shock case with so many other remedies. Thousands can testify to its merits constipation, indigestion, bilious- ever used Syrup Pepsin and ness, sick headaches, etc., among them reliable people like Mrs. Clara of it before buying it in the regular Lewis, the mother of Baby Lewis, way of a druggist, send your ad-Becks Store, Ky., and Mrs. Della dress—a postal will do—to Dr. W. B. Lattimore, Edgewood, Ga. They Caldwell, 414 Washington St. Monkeep it constantly in the house, for ticello, Ill., and a free sample bottle every member of the family can use will be mailed you. Results are alit from infancy to old age. The users ways guaranteed or money will be of Syrup Pepsin have learned to refunded.



BABY LEWIS

to any delicate system. If no member of your family has would like to make a personal trial

avoid cathartics, salt waters, pills and

PICAYUNES

(New Orleans Picayune.)

Better begin practicing writing

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-

It is generally the people who live told.

in clover who can afford to have hay fever.

An egotistical man honors his father and mother because they are the parents of so great a man as

Johns Hopkins surgeons have discovered that orange blossoms may be used as an anaesthetic. This should make the ceremony less pain-

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

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