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The Value of Constancy.

"The constant drop of water
Wears away the hardest stone;
The constant gnaw of Towser
Masticates the toughest bone;
The constant cooing lover
Carries off the blushing maid;
And the constant advertiser
Is the one who gets the trade."

FARMERS' COLUMN

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FOR SALE—One first class mule. Call on A. A. Culp, at Mrs. Grier's farm on Providence road, or Jno. E. Oates, Ex'r, Charlotte, N. C. dlt wlt

LIQUID VIAVI for catarrh. Sano for piles can't be excelled. No. 310 North Tryon Street. 4 wed sat st wlt

FOR SALE CHEAP—24-in. wheel pneumatic tire boys' bicycle, new for $25. If you want to make your boy happy, give him this bicycle. Call at News office, 55 South Tryon Street, and examine it. d-w

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ARE you going to get married? send to the News & TIMES Printing Office and we will print your wedding invitations in the neatest and most attractive styles at very low prices

Administrator's Notice

Having been appointed administrators cum testamento annexo of the estate of the late Thomas Alfred Kirkpatrick, we hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to us before the first day of December, 1896, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery against us thereon

MORGAN H. KIRKPATRICK,
PARKS KIRKPATRICK,
Administrators c. t. a. of Thomas Alfred Kirkpatrick

November 28th—6t.

Notice of Sale of Mill and Machinery.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Mecklenbury county, made at the October term, of said Court I will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Charlotte, N. C., on Monday, the sixth day of January, 1896, being the first Monday in said month, those certain lots in Dilworth numbered from one to six, both inclusive, in square number 29, as shown on the map or plan of Dilworth and lying and being situated southeast of and near the graded school, together with the mill or factory on said lots and all the machinery, attachments and fixtures therein. The said lots, mill and other property, above described, being occupied by the Southern Cardwaving Company. The order under which this sale is made was entered by the Court in the case of the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, as plaintiff, against Robert W. Waichorn, James Leslie and others as defendants. Terms of sale, cash.

20-tds. JNO. R. PHARR, Commissioner

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, in the case of E. R. Spurrier, administrator of J. W. Spurrier, against J. W. Spurrier and others, I will sell at Public Auction on January 6th, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., at the County Court House Door in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to the highest bidder, all that land in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, in Paw Creek township, adjoining the lands of Spurrier, T. J. Dunn, C. F. Spurrier, the estate of R. A. Bozzle, deceased and containing sixty-five acres.

1/3 cash, balance in one year, from date on deferred payment, secured until purchase money is paid.

F. R. SPURRIER, Com.

dds.

Sale of Paw Creek Academy.

By virtue of the power of a deed of trust made to me by the Paw Creek High School and others on the 21st day of [illegible] 1895, and duly recorded in the Register's office of Mecklenburg county, in Book 206, at page 122, for default made in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in the city of Charlottte, N. C., about 12 o'clock, m., on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1896, all of that valuable property conveyed by said mortgage and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone in the West line of Paw Creek church property and runs with it South 83¾ West 208 feet and nine inches to a stone, thence North 17¾ West [illegible] feet and nine inches to a stone, thence North 83¾ East 208 feet and nine inches to a stone in the line of the church land, thence with said line South 17¾ East 208 feet and nine inches to the beginning, containing one acre, and being the same which was conveyed to the trustees of Paw Creek academy by deed of J. F. [illegible] and wife, dated the 3rd day of [illegible]ber, 1893 and duly recorded in the Register's office for said county.

This the 3d day of December, 1895.

[illegible]EL WITTKOWSKY Trustee.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. G. Watts, deceased, late of Mecklenburg county, N. C., all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present them to me for payment on or before the 1st day of December 1896 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of said W. G. Watts are notified to make immediate payment to me

This Nov. 27th, 1895.

W. L. DAVIS,
Administrator of W. G. Watts, Dec'd.
11-27 6t.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of J. M. Erwin, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified to present them to me for payment on or before the 24th day of December, 1896, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to me.

This Dec. 24th, 1895.

JAS. R. ERWIN,
Administrator with will annexed of the estate of J. M. Erwin, dec'd.

Sale of Valuable Land.

Under and by virtue of the power given me by the will of James Harvey Brown, deceased, I will, on Monday the 6th day of January, 1896, at 12 o'clock m., at the Court house door in Charlotte, N. C., sell to the highest bidder at public auction, all that certain tract of land situated in Sharon township, Mecklenburg county, N. C., adjoining the lands of J. Stewart, M. B. Alexander, W. G. McLaughlin and others, and containing about fifty (50) acres. Said tract of land being the tract purchased by the late Julia Harvey Brown from W. N. Alexander, and is known as a part of the Silas Alexander land, and being a part of the land owned by the said James Harvey Brown dec'd

Terms of sale: Cash.

H. N. PHARR, Administrator.
Will annexed of the estate of James Harvey Brown dec'd.

Dec. 5th, 1895. 5-t

$10,000 FOR THE CONVENTION.

The New York Herald Starts a Fund for Bringing It to New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The New York Herald has made an offer to subscribe $10,000 to the fund to induce the holding of the next Democratic National convention in this city. The remainder of the necessary amount is to be subscribed by the business men of the city.

The Event of the Holidays in Harrison.

For THE NEWS and TIMES.

Mr and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham's "At Home" given in honor of Mr and Mrs. Chas. O. Howard, of Providence, on Friday night last, has well been spoken of as the event of the season. Between fifty and seventy-five invitations had been issued the week previous for the occasion, in response to these at seven o'clock on the appointed evening their sweet little cottage home, "The Wayside," which had been beautifully decorated, was being thronged with merry guests. By eight the guests were assembled in the two front parlors, and from these might be heard the din of happy voices mingled with strains of sweetest music, furnished by Dr. Moore, of Pineville, Miss Annie Howard and Mr. Will Hood, of Providence Bye and bye when the music had died away and we had time to look around we noticed quite a number of visitors among the throng Some of them were, Lawyer Jas A. Bell and Miss Emma Miller, of Charlotte, Miss Lois Harris, of Fort Mill; Miss Estelle Boggs, of Waxhaw; Miss May Armstrong and Mr. D. C. Hood, of Rock Hill; Miss Kittie Squires, of Lenoir; and Master Robert Miller, of Lowell. These were a few, we cannot presume to mention all. Between nine and ten the doors of the dining rooms back of the parlors were thrown open and the jubilant crowd was ushered in to partake of refreshments We had thought the decorations of the hall and parlors beautiful, but those of the dinings far surpassed them. The tables were literally covered with ferns and flowers, not altogether covered either for they were piled high with cakes and fruits of many varieties, from the ladened tables the merry groups were served by Mrs. W. E. Cunningham and Mrs. Jas. P. Ardrey. After all had partaken of their full satisfaction we again repaired to the parlors and spent the remainder of the evening with games and social chat interspersed with lively music.

When the clock on the mantel told us it was time to go it was with reluctance we rose to take our departure, knowing as we did, that it was not on every page of our diary that we could record an evening so pleasantly spent.

To those of the invited party who failed to attend we would say: You know not what you missed and if you are so fortunate as to have an "invite" next time, don't fail to come and then we know you too will cast your vote with us, that Mr and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham are unexcelled as hosts. None ever cross their threshold without the realization of this fact. A PARTICIPANT.

A Zinc Trust

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—All the zinc smelters but four joined the trust agreement. The money involved is two millions and is supplied by New York and Connecticut capitalists.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of McLaughlin & Warlick was dissolved by mutual consent on Nov. 1st, 1895 H. C. Warlick retires from the firm. The business will be continued by C. R McLaughlin at the old stand, who will collect all accounts and pay all debts of said firm. C. R. McLAUGHLIN, H. C. WARLICK.

Matthews, N. C, Jan 1st, 1896.—3t

Notice of Sale.

On Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1896, at the residence of the late Jas. R. Hutchison, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, farming implements, 1 buggy, wagons, mowing machine, 1 Kemp manure distributor, and many other articles useful to farmers.

Terms made known on day of sale.

MARY ANN HUTCHISON,
2—tds. Administratrix.

Aministrators Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jas R. Hutchison, dec'd, this is to notify all persons having claims against said state to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before Nov. 21st, 1896. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

MRS. MARY ANN HUTCHISON
Adm'r. Jas. R. Hutchison, Dec'd.
11 21-6t.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county the undersigned, and commissioner appointed by said Court, will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Charlotte, N C on Monday the 6th day of January 1896, that tract of land in Berryhill township in said county adjoining the lands of Dr. I. W. Herron, J. M Potts and others containing 47 acres, it being the estate lands of the late Martha Tevebaugh This the 4th, day of December 1895. H. A WALKER, Commissioner.

Commissoners Sale of Land.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in the case of H N. Pharr, administrator of Jos. Russell Hudson against Roxanna Caldwell and others, I will sell at Public Auction on January 6th. 1896, at 12 o'clock m, at the county Court House door in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, to the highest bidder, all that land in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, near the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, containing one hundred and eighty-six (186) acres, and known as the "Joseph Russell Hudson, place."

Said lands will be offered for sale in separate tracts.

TERMS:—One-third cash, balance in one year, interest from date on deferred payment. H. N. PHARR, Comm'r.

This November 20th, 1895.
11-20-tds.

THE GOSSIP IN LONDON

THE CRISIS, THEY SAY OVER THERE, IS PASSED.

Pleasure Expressed at the Suggestion of Lincoln, Fuller and Phelps for the Commission—Richmond Mariners, Wrecked Off Hatteras, Picked Up at Sea Reed has a New England Organ to Look After His Boom—Burglars Made a Big Haul of Diamonds and Stocks at the Home of One of New York's 400—The Cashier of the Mint at Philadelphia Resigns—Other News from the Wires.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Sleet, cold, fog and icy winds made the holiday season a hard one for London's homeless population, and dampened somewhat their enjoyment. All who could went out of town. The Queen's celebration at Osborne passed with the customary gayety. The Queen and court will remain at Osborn until the middle of February, before going to Nice. The difficulty with the United States regarding Venezuela is still the leading topic of debate in political and newspaper circles, but interest in the matter has diminished considerably, an from the standpoint of politics, the crisis is regarded as over, while attention centres in the financial aspect. General satisfaction is expressed at the names of Lincoln, Fuller and Phelps in connection with the boundary inquiry It is believed their entire attention will be given to get at the simple facts.

Marriage of Dr. Crowell and Miss Ardrey

The Tryon street Methodist church last night presented a brilliant scene on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. W. H. Crowell and Miss Ida Ardrey. The decorations of the church were simple, but exquisite in their nature, and the lights turned up to their utmost brilliancy, shone upon a large and animated concourse of the friends of the contracting parties. Dr. Bays, pastor of the church, pronounced the bans in an impressive manner. The attendants and ushers were as noted in THE NEWS two days ago. After the ceremony at the church, the bridal party and guests were entertained at the United States Assay building, of which the bride's father Capt. Wm. E. Ardrey is the superintendent, and the reception was of a character of elegance and hospitality seldom, if ever surpassed in Charlotte. The bride is a most charming young lady, a general favorite with all the people of the city, and Dr. Crowell is one of the most thoroughly congratulated grooms that Charlotte has known in years.

The church decorations were arranged by Mr. Chas. P. Wheeler, and Mrs. Robert M. Miller, Jr., was chaperone in charge of the brides maids. Mrs. Ardrey, mother of the bride, was assisted in the arrangements of the tables for the reception, by Mrs. J. W. Miller and Miss Susie Williams, of Charlotte, and Mrs. J W. Ardrey of Fort Mill Capt. Ardrey was assisted by Mr. R. M. Miller, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Crowell have gone to the home of the groom's father, in Steel Creek township.

The Treasury In Distress.

It is something new for the Treasury of the State to be in distress, but it appears to be cleaned out now. The State treasurer has been sending appeals to sheriffs all over the State to send him at least part of their tax collections. Sheriff Smith has received two such appeals. The Pop. Legislature cleaned out things.

The Treasury never got into such a condition under Democratic rule. The sheriffs were never called on to forward their collections in driblets, but always settled in full at some time during the month of January.

Stockholders' New Year Gift.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison, secretary and treasury of the Victor Mills yesterday made the stockholders a New Year's present of $6,000. It was the semi-annual dividend of the Victor Mills, and the checks were mailed to the stockholders yesterday. The sum of $12,000 in dividends for one year's operations of a cotton mill is a pretty good showing, but the Victor thinks nothing of a small thing of that kind. This is mentioned merely as a sample of how the Charlotte cotton mills are paying.

Raid On Moonshiners.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 2.—Deputy United States Marshal Watkins made a raid on moonshiners in Howard county last night, capturing two stills and eight men. Two moonshiners are supposed to have been slain. The stills were found in a lonely gulch. The posse captured the men at work.

To be Hanged.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Albert W. Woodley was hanged at eleven o'clock for the murder of Mrs. Jennie Buchanan, in Allegheny city, on May 9, 1894 He had been engaged to marry the woman. He confessed that he murdered her while drunk.

All Burned in the House.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The residence of J. R. Hibbard was burned today. Hibbard's wife, two small children. Miss Hibbard, her sister, and Miss Lee, of Brownsville, Ohio, were burned to death.

Their Centre of Operations.

HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The insurgents have chosen Juanajay, forty-five miles from Havana, as the centre of operations.

Territorial Board Meets.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 2.—A meeting of the Territorial Board of Equalization is being held here today.

No Bond Issue This Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—It is stated today that there will be no bond issue this week.

THE NEW SILVER PARTY

THREE BRANCHES MELTED INTO ONE.

J. A. Warner Elected President—Southport's Railroad—A Fire in Bennettsville—A Zinc Trust Formed—The Dunraven Investigation—Killed in New York—Other News by Wire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—At a meeting in this city this afternoon of representatives of the American Bimetallic league, the National Bimetallic Union and the National Silver committee, these organizations were consolidated, the new combination being named "The American Bimetallic Union." The new organization stands for bimetallism and will support the party declaring in its favor. In the event of non support by either of the great parties, the union will put forth its own ticket in the next campaign.

But two officers were decided upon today—A. J. Warner for president and E B Light secretary. The general headquarters will be at 134 Monroe street and branch offices will be maintained in Washington and San Francisco and probably in other cities west and south. The united organization will press the campaign of education along their lines with the utmost vigor in all parts of the country, and Secretary Light says that if neither of the big parties takes up their cause, they will have a party of their own.

LAID ON THE TABLE.

The House Bond Bill Comes to Grief in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec 30. — When the Senate met the bond bill passed by the House was laid on the table. It is repudiated by the administration, if the Senate is disposed to pass it, nothing will become of it. Carlisle is doing missionary work among the Senators, but is only able to hold the admistration forces together.

MOR ON A CANDIDATE.

Platt Makes Announcement of the Fact.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Thomas C. Platt announced today that Governor Morton will be a candidate for the Presidency. He said he supposed his canvass will be managed by the committee of the whole.

One of the 400 Skinned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Isaac Townsend Burden, a multi millionaire and one of the leaders of the Four Hundred, and his wife, lament the loss of seventy-five thousand dollars worth of diamonds and uncounted stocks and bonds, easily convertible into cash. The goods were taken from a safe in a private residence at 5 East Twenty Sixth street, about midnight, while the family was awake.

A Judge Kills a Footpad.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Justice Jarvis Blume, of the West Chicago Avenue police station, was passing underneath alley "L" structure, at Thirteenth street early this morning, in company with his daughter. A footpad seized the daughter and another the Justice. The latter made a move as if to help find his pocket book He pulled a revolver and fired without a moment's warning, killing his assailant. The other escaped.

Rally in the South African Market.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Dr. Jameson and his expeditionary force with its six Maxim guns, according to Berlin despatches, have arrived at Johannesburg. The Doctor is friendly with President Kruger, and on the strength of this, the South African market rallied on the business and stock exchange.

Adjourned to Friday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Senate agreed to adjourn from today until Friday. Sherman offered a resolution to maintain the redemption fund of one hundred millions in gold apart from the other funds. The House adjourned until Friday without doing any business.

Wall Street Expectant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Wall street is in a state of expectancy regarding the bond issue. Four millions in gold are engaged for export tomorrow. There have been seen a number in conference with Morgan & Co. since the return of J. Pierpont Morgan, from Washington. It is thought the amount offered will be one hundred million dollars.

Wholesale Perjury Indictment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan 2.—A local paper says that the Government is preparing to prosecute the Conspirators who perjured themselves to aid James Addison Peeralt Reavis in his mythical claim of thirteen million acres of land in New Mexico, worth seventy-five millions of dollars. Nearly every witness who testified in the case will be indicted.

An Extended Earthquake Shock.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—An earthquake shock has been experienced in the districts of Orense, Viana, Pueblade, Tribes, Lugudini and Valdeorras, Province. Several houses collapsed, but no deaths are reported.

Great Loss of Life in a Battle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27—A semi-official despatch from Messina near Adena, states that it is reported there that the Armenians lost 2,500, Turks 250, in the fighting which resulted in the re-capture of Zeitum by the Turks.

Sunk In a Collision.

ALGIERS, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Bellerophon was sunk by a collision with French steamer Smile Selsise, at the entrance of the harbor. Thirty passengers of the Smile Selsise including twenty-five natives were drowned.

TALKING ABOUT RECESS.

WANT TEN DAYS AFTER PASSING BOND AND TARIFF BILLS.

There Was a Great Storm Throughout the North Yesterday—Old Hutch, of Chicago Wheat Pit Fame, Is Very Sick—Severe Earthquakes are Reported from Madrid—Dunraven Has a Valise Full of Evidence—The Gale in New York Was 80 Miles an Hour—To-Day's News by Wire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Several Senators have been discussing the probability of getting a short holiday recess. A proposition in favor of passing a ten days recess resolution after the bond and tariff bills come over from the House has been advanced. The committees of the Senate have not been reorganized, and, as bills remain in the committee some time, there appears to be no reason why a recess should not be taken. The matter is being discussed by both the Senate and House.

REORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE.

Utah Soon to Become a State—Some Republicans Kick Out of Harness—Democrats Favor Prompt Action on the Tariff Bill

For THE NEWS & TIMES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The reorganization of the Senate committees has been all arranged and this week the Republicans will take charge, but it is not certain whether they will elect the officers of the Senate until later. President Cleveland will, on January 4th, issue his proclamation declaring Utah a State, and the Republicans expect its legislature, which will convene on the 6th, to elect two Republican Senators at once. They may wait for the arrival of those two Senators electing the officers of the Senate. They have made a deal with the Populists, but they are still afraid to trust too much to them.

Representative Johnson, of California, is one of the Republican members of the House who openly kicked against the bond and tariff bills forced upon the majority of the House by the will and power of Speaker Reed. Mr. Johnson voted for the tariff bill under protest, but he with forty-six other Republicans refused to vote for the bond bill, which he declared gave the lie to every principle and precept of the Republican party, and in doing so he said: "Against my will, against my protest, I voted for a bill (tariff) which in my judgment was unnecessary, which in my judgment was not a Republican measure, which in my judgment did not meet the case, which in my judgment was not what we were sent here to do. Let us be consistent with our record. Let us stand by the rule which we adopted many years ago, that we will not issue bonds in time of peace."

Senator Voorhees says he doesn't see the need for upsetting the business of the country by a prolonged debate on the tariff bill that has passed the House, and that he will endeavor to get the bill to a vote as soon as possible. The Senate committee on Finance will take up the bill at once, and of its action Senator Voorhees, who was chairman of the committee under the Democratic organization of the Senate, said: "I think the bill will be reported back to the Senate almost immediately. But, then, you can't tell what will happen There are some crumbs lying around, and every protectionist is after all he can get. There is no disposition on the part of Democrats to delay action on the bill. If delay comes it will be from the other side." Senator Voorhees, is of course, strongly opposed in the bill.

It is generally believed that another bond issue will shortly be announced, but Secretary Carlisle will not discuss the matter for publication.

The Bond Issue is Near.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Bankers in this city who are in close touch with the administration express the opinion that the announcement regarding the government bond issue will be made not later than Thursday.

The details of the contract with the syndicate will closely conform to those of the previous issue. The loan is expected to be for $100,000,000 with an option on additional $100,000,000 The arrangements in the present instance do not provide for any guarantee by the syndicate as in the last issue. Formal applications for allotments of the loan are being received today by Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., who announce that no applications will be received after 3 p. m.

Domestic applications alone, it is believed, will aggregate $150,000,000.

From the Land of the Bloody Turk.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1.—According a dispatch from Orfah, Asiatic Turkey, there were fresh outbreaks there Saturday and Sunday. No details have been received in reply to the demand of United States Minister Terrell. The Turkish Government has the Vali of Aleppo to furnish an escort to Miss Shattuck and three native teachers from Orfah to Aintab. Terrell has received information which shows that all the missionaries in Anatolia are in safety. The Turkish Government has given an evasive reply to the offer of the representatives power to Mediate with the Jeitounlis ambassador in the recent stand taken by the Porte, and the Dragomans are urging the Turkish officials to accept the offer. No definite information is obtainable.

Offers to Mediate Accepted.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—The Turkish Government has accepted the offer of the representative powers to mediate between the porte and the insurgents of Zeetoun, who are surrounded by Turkish troops.

COUDERT WILL ACCEPT.

HE ALSO GIVES HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE MATTER.

There Will be an Early Meeting of the Commission, but he Does Not Think They Will Have to go to Venezuela in a Body.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Condert says he will accept the appointment of Venezuelan Commissioner, though he has received no official notice of his appointment. It is believed that there will be an early meeting of the commission and the investigation will be pushed. It is not believed that it will be necessary to go to Venezuela as a body, for they can get nothing there that they could not get from the records here. He thinks there are some records in Spain and Holland which those governments will give access to, but don't believe that England will aid us. It is hard to say what she will do. He don't see why she should not, since the result of our investigation may be the end of the whole matter. Possibly one or two of the commission may have to go abroad, or to South America to look up the records.

Lodo Letter.

For the NEWS and TIMES.

LODO, December 31, 1895.—About the saddest, most forlorn, out of date thing I have noticed this morning, is the old calendar—the calendar for 1895, as it hangs in its place on the wall. It reminds one of that beautiful allegory of the dying year in which Old Father Time has given eleven of his children over to the eternal past. The Old Father looks down this morning on the last of his twelve fair children knowing that the dawning 'morrow will find it in that realm from which there is no return.

No thoughtful man can look on this piece of cardboard this morning without restrospective reminiscences. But enough of this reverie. I have said and I say it again, that 1895 is the best year God ever made. So, let us take courage and be of good cheer.

But I must tell your readers something about Christmas. One of prettiest things of the day was the children's Christmas tree, at Mr. J. W. Rhyne's. The tree was loaded from floor to ceiling with presents—some practical, but all pretty. Perhaps the neatest thing on the tree, was a gold teaspoon, for infant Annie Rhyne, a present from Mrs. Annie Todd, of Charlotte. Engraved on the handle of spoon was the name "Annie." Everybody got a present and every one felt better for having been there.

Mr. T. M. McConnell, gave a dinner to a few invited friends and neighbors. Altogether it was a pleasant day pleasantly spent and may our good friend's shadows never grow less.

Miss Annie Query's school is broken up, for a time at least, on account of measles, and she is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Laura Sloan spent Christmas day at home.

Miss Nannie Rhyne and Miss Minford Marshall, are nearly, if not quite themselves again.

The first quarterly conference, on Charlotte circuit, will be held at Big Springs, the 2nd Saturday in January, Dr. Brooks presiding. B

Pineville Locals.

For THE NEWS and TIMES.

PINEVILLE, Jan 1.—The official members of Flint Hill church are dining today at Rev. Mr. Stough's.

Mrs. W. M. Garrison had a big turkey dinner last Friday, and Mrs. Springs Robison followed on Saturday.

Our young people attended a party last night at the residence of Mr. Robert Harris.

Miss Daisy Chandler, of Bessemer City, who has been visiting Miss Bertie Rhyne, returned to her home today.

Miss Maggie Garrison, of Greensboro, and Miss Mary Atwater, of Winsion, are visiting Mrs. Steve Epps.

Miss Minerie Garrison, gave her little pupils a tea party Tuesday, which was very much enjoyed by the little folks.

Mrs. Dr. Ardrey is having a turkey dinner today.

Our supper for the benefit of the Vance monument was quite a success as was also our "spelling bee," which afforded much amusement.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the NEWS and TIMES and a happy New Year for the readers thereof.

A Speech by the Emperor.

YOKAHOMA, Dec. 28—The Japanese parliament opened today in a speech from the throne by the emperor. He said he was rejoiced at the end of war with China, that order had been established on the Island of Formosa, and that relations between Japan and the foreign powers are more intimate than formerly. He said the Japanese empire already achieved striking progress in civilization but had a long, and arduous task. Measures will be introduced to increase the defences of the country.

Lost Their Heads.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—A despatch from Swatow, in the province of Quang Tong, China, says the ringleaders of the mob which plundered the German Mission at Moilin have been beheaded.

Fatal Theatre Panic in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28. — Twenty-four people were killed and two fatally injured and ten seriously hurt, in a panic caused by a cry of fire in the Old Front Street Theatre last night.

TO VOTE AT 3 O'CLOCK TO-MORROW.

The Bond Bill in the House—What the Cabinet Meeting has Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The House has decided to vote on the bond bill at three o'clock tomorrow. The debate will continue until then.

The Cabinet meeting decided that a bond sale of probably one hundred million will be made to take the form of a popular loan. Books will be open to public subscription for a given period, and any securities remaining unsold will be awarded to a bond syndicate on the same terms as the former loan, at a net rate to the bidder of three per cent interest. A formal announcement will be made soon.

Chairman Dingley has received a letter from Carlisle stating that he will furnish the House all the data needed. He represents that the condition of the treasury is very serious and urges legislation on gold bonds. Dingley has informed the secretary that gold bonds are out of the question and could not be considered.

To Sail for Egypt.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Duke and Duchess of Marlboro sail for Egypt, Saturday.

If You Have

Not Settled With

T. L. Alexander, Son Co,

It's high time
you were about it.
The account is past due
and you
should have paid it
We expect from
each and every delinquent
an early,
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