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The News wishes you a happy New Year; may it bring, one and all, health, good cheer and boundless prosperity.

TIME TO ACT.

The business men of North Carolina should be interested in the efforts of Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro to devise ways and means to remedy the discrimination in freight rates against the towns of this State. This increase has been steadily going on and is greater than most persons suppose. In a communication to the Raleigh News and Observer, Mr. J. W. Hanes, president of the Winston-Salem chamber of commerce explains the existing situation:

"As you are probably aware, the various roads have what they call basing points. Freight to these points are delivered at a very low rate. Beyond these points, it goes as local freight. North Carolina has a circle of basing points almost entirely around it, but not a single one in the State. For instance, goods may be shipped to Roanoke or Lynchburg at a very low rate from the North or West. From these points to Raleigh you pay purely a local rate. In other words Lynchburg jobbers can bring their freight to Lynchburg in bulk, there break and ship in single packages to within five miles of your place for less freight than your jobbers can deliver at the same place. This is only one of the many discriminations that will be brought before the meeting."

Charlotte has had an inuring before the Interstate Commerce Commission and the local merchants are patiently awaiting results. There is no sound reason for an increase: it is simply one result of the criminal conspiracy of the railroads, which exists in defiance of the law of the land and it does seem that there should be a way to reach the conspirators.

An interesting case was begun in the Chancery Court at Norfolk yesterday, which involves the constitutionality of the compulsory pilotage laws of Virginia. The Virginia Pilot Association is the plaintiff and masters of several vessels are the defendants. Compulsory pilotage may not be unconstitutional from the standpoint of law, but in the viewpoint of equity, it is as unjust as the law which brought about the revolt of the American Colonies. No one thing has operated so adversely against the ports of the Southern States.

Sufferers from the common but exceedingly disagreeable ailment—astigmatism, will learn with interest of the announcement from Paris of an American oculist, Dr. Bull, now pursuing his studies at the French capital, of a new cure for the disease. Dr. Bull's remedy is a surgical operation, which is said to be light and painless. Sufferers from the disease hope to witness the entire success of the discovery as most if not all of them will prefer a surgical operation to wearing glasses a lifetime.

In the language of the News and Observer, North Carolina is always "it." It is now discovered that the author of "Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch" is a native of Mecklenburg county and a granddaughter of Dr. Pinckney Caldwell. We are not surprised a bit. When we read the book we thought it had the North Carolina flavor.

The prosperity of Charlotte's banking institutions is a reflex of the prosperity of this growing city. The directors of four local banks met yesterday and declared dividends. The stockholders of one institution will receive a six per cent dividend and the stockholders of the other three, five per cent. These are semi-annual dividends.

The year which passes into history at midnight has been the most prosperous in the history of this glorious country. Let us not forget the Heavenly Father at whose hands these countless blessings and mercies have been received.

One might imagine, from reading the dispatches from Venezuela, that the various brands of cigars had gone to war with one another.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Let us all make good resolutions and above all let us resolve to keep them.
Ring out the old, ring in the new!

Nearly Gone

By Rev. A. C. Hamby

In a few short hours from the time this is put in print a tragic death will occur. Tragic, because along with it will perish many cherished hopes and plans; many fond wishes unrealized and many solemn pledges unkept.

The Old Year is dying! Others will write its epitaph, will chronicle the deeds of glory done and all worthy achievements. I want only a little heart-to-heart talk.

I have been thinking today of the many impressions of good and evil I have made in the last 365 days. I have thought of the myriad deeds of good and evil done by a world of people in this short space of time. Taking it as a whole, right and law have prevailed. Let us see how matters stand with us as individuals.

The year 1902 has been a great year to many of us—a year of blessing. Some have been girt with opportunities and have used them; some have prospered in business, have made money and have made it a blessing to the race; others have failed with both opportunities and money in doing good, in adding to the alleviation of the whole human need. What a privilege this has been, what a blessing to live well. An eminent English author was once asked: "What, in your opinion, is your greatest work?" "Sir, it has never been written," was his instant reply. Likewise, let us say: "My best work has not yet been done." God expects greater things, men expect greater things of us than we have ever done. Let us not disappoint them. He that is satisfied with past or present attainments has ceased to grow. And as growth is evidence of life, non-growth is evidence of decay. The satisfied man is the waning man. Let none of us flatter ourselves and be less and do less in 1903 than in 1902. Let no one give his place to another but instead enlarge it. There is room and a place for all. Let no one give his time to another. Each one has time enough and more than he uses; and then the chasm might not be bridged by another and the sin laid at your door. This year you may be a part of your living. It may be in 1903 you can give like the widow all your living. That might be less in bulk but far greater in weight. The year 1902 has seen much of evil along with the good. We have seen, we know. So let us profit by this knowledge and not let the same faults overtake us in 1903.

A PSALM FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A friend stands at the door;
In either tight closed hand
Hiding rich gifts, three hundred and three score;
Waiting to strew them daily o'er the land.
Even as seed the sower.
Each drop he treads it in and passes by;
It cannot be fruitful till it die.

Oh, good New Year, we clasp
This warm, shut hand of thine!
Loosing forever with half sigh, half grasp,
The which from ours falls like dead fingers' twine:
Ay, whether fierce its grasp
Has been or gentle, having been, we know
That it was blessed; let the old year go.

Oh, New Year, teach us faith!
The road of life is hard:
When our feet bleed and scourging
winds us scathe,
Point thou to Him whose visage was more marred
Than any man's; who saith:
"Make straight paths for your feet"
—and to the opprest;
"Come ye to me, and I will give you rest."

Yet hang some lamplike hope
Above this unknown way,
Kind year, to give our spirits freer scope
And our hands strength to work
while it is day,
But if that way must slope
Tombward, oh, bring before our fading eyes
The lamp of life, the hope that never dies.

Comfort our souls with love—
Love of all human kind;
Love, special, close—in which like sheltered dove
Each weary heart its own safe nest may find;
And love that turns above
Adorning, contented to resign
All loves, if need be, for the Love Divine.

Friend, come thou like a friend,
And whether bright thy face
Or dim with clouds we cannot comprehend,
We'll hold our patient hands, each in his place,
And trust thee to the end;
Knowing thou ledest onward to those spheres
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—D. M. MULOCK.

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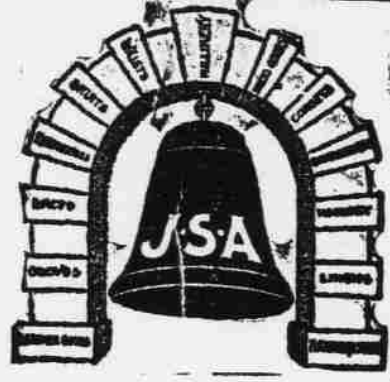
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WHAT, WE INSTINCTIVELY WONDER, HAS THE NEW YEAR IN STORE FOR EACH ONE OF US? WILL IT DEAL GENTLY OR HARSHLY WITH US? WHAT A MERCIFUL DISPENSATION THAT WE DO NOT AND CANNOT KNOW! IN ANY EVENT, LET US BE UP AND DOING, EARNESTLY RESOLVING TO EMPLOY THE FLEETING MOMENTS TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE.

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