The New Ones.

January first we are having new allar pieces and about two weeks new twenty-five cent will appear. Just should have new money every once e we do not know. The old pieces look good to us-although we do not see en. It was long about the days of the then Mr. Rosenfelt hired an artist to old pieces with the buzzard on. The 's legs were draped in knee breeches senfelt left off the words "In God We and when he did it the first and only panic this country ever knew came, ne without cause. With crops bountiith everybody working full time, a monic came and almost put the country out liness. Scrip was issued; banks would y their depositors only so much a daye moment we got back to our senses and commenced to trust in God-put that back on the money the panic disappear-

e who are so blind that they cannot see may think this a remote suggestion. But ened. When we quit trusting in God we rebuked. Because there never was a like that one, and there is no other ex-

back to the subject. The new half dolces will buy no more. Many people will a few of them for the first thirty days and impair circulation to that extent. They o better than the old faces, and why we ge our money we do not know. Perhaps ets away from counterfeiters-perhaps it better. But we will continue to receive old ones on subscription-we will take for all private and public debts-we will can get theme

How We Failed to Connect.

dge Clark, of the Statesville Landmark, December 22, said:

Col. Fairbrother believes in the gift-givat Christmas. It makes a man feel tter, he says, whether it's a sack of flour nt to a needy family or a diamond pin a friend. The Landmark will accept ith thanks either the pin or the price of sack of flour. The latter will be of more rvice if it's all the same to the Colonel.

nfortunately we had bought the diamond intending to send it to the Judge. After g his expressed desire for a sack of flour read of the pin, we got busy trying to swap pin for the flour. The diamond was worth three hundred dollars a carat, but the was worth so much more that we couldn't the difference. We tried to form a stock pany to get the kale seed, but Christmas g so near upon us, we failed in that project, ordingly we are wearing the pin and hope next Christmas to raise the difference and a sack of flour up Statesville way."

The Armored Cruisers.

account telling of the ramming of the na, the report said the pow of the Sonotruck the battleship above the water line, went through the armor of the battleship hough it were wood. Wonder what's the to spend money for armor plate if it canresist the average nose of a little tender? onder why those in charge do not put on e that is impenetrable above and below the er line. Because below the water line the t might sink-but there should be more reance to all parts of the ship than wood. wever, our navy has always been a big joke; will always be.

le recall very distinctly when Grover eland first conceived the idea of building a that figures showed we had a few floattubs and they were worthless. Since then ons have been expended—and billions more t be expended. Obsolete and worn out are ships built in Cleveland's time. It will not any years until the fleets now the pride of retary Daniels will be in the same condi-But we must have the boats. We do not when we will need a navy-and therethey keep on spending money. Because can't build a battleship before breakfast in the history of nations there comes times n you want to use one before breakfast.

# The Divine Sarah.

e do not feel that it is at all out of place to ince in this department the fact that the Sarah Bernhardt is to visit Greensboro. will do her do in French-but that makes ifference. It will be just as interesting as gh she did it in the North Carolina lan-The greatest actress of the age-now d woman, but they say as young as ever, sboro will doubtless fill the house and rethat it wasn't twice as large,

# We Wonder When.

wonder when newspaper publishers will le to themselves and refuse to exploit at of column the numerous nostrums offered ublic? Great scare headings are read by cople who are ill; they see the stuff in and think it worth a trial. Some of the may be good-but if we continue to run wspaper there will be no top column for exploitation. The publisher knows that you the advertised medicines are worth, but the business office calls for coin and aublicity man takes the top of column and the home merchant with his wares down the sensational stories about the man a perpetual grouch on them. as in the grasp of death and who luckily en bottles of Dr. Hankem-Pankems sky of pills and the next day jumped a bill and a board bill.

# If True.

he stories concerning the murder in Guilresterday are true, the chances are that county will have another electrocution ed to it. The negro accused of murderwife is still at large, but he will finally stured and the trial will develop the facts. story runs it looks like a plain case of but there may be some other eviot yet in.

Not Much Hope.

There is an omnibus bill-a "pork" bill, before Congress in which twenty-eight million dollars are appropriated for public buildings here and there and everywhere. The President has in advance told Congess that if it passes in the present form he will proceed to vote it. . It is not pointed out just where objection lies, but it looks like the open track for public buildings is about closed. Greensboro once dreamed that it would be easy to land a four hundred thousand dollar government building herethat all that was necessary was a bill introduced and a committee to talk nice to a Senator and a Congressman. But we found out it didn't work. Congressman Stedman introduced the bill -he proved his case, i. e., that we needed the building, but we didn't get it and in some fashion we have proceeded. And the chances are that under this democratic administration and perhaps the next administration we will continue to proceed at the old stand, with the same old building.

The raids on the treasury-and employing the word "raid" we do so advisedly, have been frightful in the past quarter of a century. Cities have received public buildings costing millions-more for ornamentation than for usebut that happy day has passed. It will hereafter be necessary to prove beyond all doubting that a building is absolutely needed to transact the business of the government. The days of public appropriations for ornamentation has passed. Business methods are coming on and if Greensboro gets a public building within the next ten years she will do wonders. This in a mood and manner becoming a philosopher who can see through a ladder without his specs, This, not in a spirit of cross tie throwing before the car of progress-but simply a recital of what we see as we look through our large Glass Crystal with which we do our neeromancing act.

A little early to buy straw hats but you might as well be figuring on an investment.

Simply a Reward.

The Morning Newbernian has this editorial paragraph:

A Bible class teacher in Greensboro and a pastor in Wilmington received nice automobiles for Christmas presents, from their friends. Santa Claus was surely good to

In the case of the Bible class teacher in Greensboro the members of the class felt that they had received so much good from the labors of their teacher that they could not give him too much. They didn't know what to give him, but if the Newbernian editor could have seen the enthusiasm over the proposition to make the gift, he would have concluded that Santa Claus didn't do one half of what he wanted to do.

#### Lots of Wool.

It has been related that in shearing a hog they get lots of squeal and but little wool. In this Britt case there has been wool and there has been squeal. The North Carolina newspapers are not agreed on the Britt case. Some think Britt didn't get a square deal-some democratic papers, while others have froth in their mouths proclaiming the election of Weaver. The chances are that fraud was practiced by both sides in Buncombe. The general whisperings are to that effect. The general belief is that there should have been another election or at least all of Buncombe's vote should have been thrown out. However, it is too late now. Britt will never get his seat. Unless the progressives feel he hasn't had a fair show. It is said that neither of the great parties-meaning democratic and republican-will control the house, that the balance of power is in the hands of the independents and progressives. It might occur to some of those fellows with republican leaning to seat Britt. At any rate it is a sorry mess and regrettable that it happened as it has,

# Too Hasty.

That Associated Press story printed in this paper of where a Saint Louis policeman shot a minister by mistake, needs a little attention. It was stated that the minister had been pointed out to the policeman as a robber, and when the policeman commanded the preacher to hold up his hands, and the minister didn't comply, but proceeded to put some change into his pocket, he fired, thinking the minister was going after a gun. That might do to tell the imbecile class of a lunatic asylum-but it wouldn't go if we were on the jury.

In the first place the policeman, with nothing but some hearsay evidence, had no right to tell any man to hold up his hands. In the second place he had no business to shoot until he was sure he saw a gun. This thing of policemen going off the handle on a moment's notice is altogether of too frequent occurrence. Just because the policeman has a gun and thinks he has authority to shoot on sight is no reason that he should be allowed to proceed. It takes a cool headed man to be a policeman, and we feel certain there is not one on the Greensboro police force who would command a respectable looking citizen to hold up his hands, at the point of a gun, merely on hearsay evidence. There should at least be a warrant for such procedure.

# Shoot Him on the Spot.

The Raleigh News and Observer is constrained to say in these joyous Christmas times: "There are some people who just naturally make you tired. They go around with

These people must live alone in Raleigh. In this Christmas week we have failed to see a man with a grouch. Now there are Old Mr. and Mrs. Tightwad. We saw them this week and their faces were wreathed in smiles. There were Mr. and Mrs. Skinflint, they were or shopping and paid the price without a groan. There was Old Mr. Itcan'tbedone-and he even said he thought we would get the new hotel. All of the old boys who usually have a grouch lost it for this season. We had hoped the Christmas spirit had permeated the entire state, but it seems in Raleigh there were a few grouch toters who couldn't shake off their

South Carolina Winner.

North Carolina, including Charlotte and Raleigh, lost out on the location of the federal farm loan bank. Columbia, South Carolina, was the winner. Well, just so it is in Carolina, is about all we care. Raleigh made a big.fight, as Charlotte did also, but as the bank belongs to a district composed of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, perhaps Columbia is a more central point. Whether it is or not, the selection has been made, as recorded in our Associated Press dispatches-therefore all people must be sat-

Many people are in doubt about the farm loan proposition-some claiming that the red tape and securities and other things will not make it a success. However, other people are enthusiastic over it, and believe it will prove of great worth to the man who wants to buy a farm and pay out on it. Naturally a new law will develop defects but these will be overcome, and if the law is not a good one it can be repealed.

#### The Hotel Assured.

There is perhaps no better thing to print than the fact that Greensboro is to really have a new hotel-a three hundred and twenty thousand dollar hotel, and this doesn't include the inside works-the furnishings. The location is well up town; the building will have one hundred and sixty-six rooms besides ball rooms and palm rooms and other kinds of rooms. It will be a beauty. The articles of incorporation will soon be returned from Raleigh; the officers will be elected; ground will be broken and within a year the building will be ready for the man who wants to sign up the register. There is no use perhaps to throw boquets, but it might be said in passing that E. P. Wharton and Eli Oettinger were very live wires in this campaign-and our esteemed contemporary put on pressure in black and white that helped some. Fact is everybody boosted, but those who put up the kale seed after all turned the trick. And as Doc Cook remarked, "there is glory enough for all"-and when the building is completed we will all feel a sort of proprietary interest-while only those who put up will draw dividends.

One more day and it will all be over-ex cept the dinner.

#### He Can Go Now.

Now that Colonel Godbey of the 'steemed News, whose lamentations because we had no hotel exceeded the speed limit of Jeremiah, has accomplished his worthy task—the hotel is assured—he can hike to that pleasant river of cause of bronchitis. We saw there hundreds which he spoke yesterday morning and cast for those large mouthed bass which there abound. It was his regret that this Old Man was also employed with another chore and could not join the anglers. Godbey 'can go now, and take a well earned rest-while we remain at home and perform our duty as Chairman of the Cussin' Committee on the erection of the

more publicity he will go to Washington and occupy the front page for a few days. In the meantime he will set his rabbit gums for another clean-up. We all know Tom.

# Weaver's Knowledge.

The Asheville Citizen quotes Congressman Weaver as saying that if Britt carries the contest to the House he will disclose all he knows about the fraud and corruption in Buncombe county. Then The Citizen reminds Weaver that the press of Asheville insisted all information should be forthcoming and that the district attorney called for those possessing knowledge of fraud to come into court and let him know about it-and Weaver held his peace. The Citizen thinks that it is Weaver's duty to tell all he knows, no matter about whether Britt goes to the House with the case or not. For a good strong democratic paper to thus turn a point so neatly, causes us to wonder what kind of a box Weaver finds himself occupying. Looks like it is now up to him to come into court and name the men. In fact to do otherwise would be the admission of a bluff.

Chicago has been spending freely in all departments of city life and finds that it is something like four million dollars in the hole. A general reduction in expenditures is planned. A twenty per cent. reduction in lights alone suggests that the electric companies have been liberally patronized.

# The Next Move.

The next move is for a new court house. There is still plenty of space on that Wright property for a court house; there are a dozen sites available-and what our good people must do is to commence agitation. The people of the county may not want a new court house-but a campaign will show them. Durham didn't particularly want a new court house, but now that it has a splendid building all the folk in Durham county are glad of it and proud of it. Wake county broke away and built a most magnificent building-the pride of every live man down that way.

It may take a campaign of education. A campaign where live men may be obliged to go into the country and by heart to heart talks enthuse the farmers-but they will enthuse. They are not blind and they have good sense. Once started they will fall into line.

The old court house is inadequate. It is an eye sore. It is a back number. Let the live ones, now that the hotel is assured, get behind the court house project. Dismiss matter of location and go to the main facts. It can be put over and put over in this year.

# All About Peace.

The foreign news these days is all about peace. Therefore it seems that Wilson's peace note is being taken seriously, and but little doubt remains. All the warring countries want peace, the only thing to do is to find out how to get it. Like trading horses, there may be some dickering, but peace is no doubt assured. Wilson put in not only an entering wedge, but a wedge that looks like it will split the war wide open. .

If some legislator this winter, some man who didn't care which way the fur was rubbed, would introduce a bill in the legislature to abolish the office of Commissioner of Labor and Printing, a wholly useless and unnecessary existence, he would do his state some good, and more than earn his salary.

If some legislator who doesn't care anything at all about what "the party" or "the people" think, if he knows he is right, would get a bill to stop the waste of white paper in reports from many of the departments, and much of the dope coming from the State Board of Health, he would be a hero. He would have served his state well and at the same time saved the tax payers many thousands of dollars. But no statesman will arise to do this chore. There will perhaps be additional appropria-

tions for additional waste of time and money. They talk about a commission form of government to run a city; they say the city manager is best of all-and if it is, why not have a State form of government and knock about one half of the needless positions? Why? Because the pie is found in these places. It takes enthusiasm to run a party and it takes money to make the mare go. Cut out the pie and the party wouldn't have a corporal's guard. Men who enthuse, ninety-nine out of the hundred are patriots who see directly or remotely a job in the waiting-either for themselves or their friends.

We venture to say that the State of North Carolina annually squanders, needlessly, thousands and thousands of dollars. But it will continue to be the same as long as business is run by politicians instead of bustness men.

And now they are photographing sound. They say certain words produce vivid lights while others produce the soft glow. Wonder if there is any difference between the North Carolina language and cussin'.

#### Again: Some Advice.

We were talking recently with a citizen of this town, a man well known, who for a couple of years has been suffering with a severe case of bronchitis. He has been advised to change climate, and he came to us to ask us about Arizona, that place having been suggested.

It is our advice to men who have throat trouble or lung trouble to keep away from the desert-no matter where it is. In the desert country the middle of the day is very warm. The nights are very cold. We know men who had no catarrh who contracted it there. We know men whowere never troubled with their throats who went there and came back sufferers beof men who were disappointed and disheartened and who disappeared-died we were told.

We have been pretty well over the United States. There is no state in the Union in which we have not lived and in most of them we have passed the four seasons. We boldly say for the well man or the invalid there is no country better than this Piedmont Section. And we are glad to say that most all doctors are now insisting that climate has very little to do with throat troubles and lung troubles. The man who is afflicted must underständ that ceftain rules for living must be strictly adhered to, and it is easier to observe them at home among friends than in a distant state, among strangers. If you are ill get a doctor and do what he tells you to do as to rest and quiet and habits and food-and you will stand as much chance for recovery right here in this section as any place on earth. Distance may lend enchantment to the view; you may think that to get away you will escape the disease-but remember, if you are diseased, you carry the disease with you, and homesickness and worry only aggravate it. This is advice given in the spirit of brotherly love. We have tested the proposition and dearly paid for the information we are here imparting.

# More Trouble.

It is given out from New York that the strike situation is very acute-that it is just about as grave a situation as it was in September when we all expected a universal tie-up. The railroad people have said they would wait for the decision of the Supreme Court before recognizing the Adamson law-and the brotherhoods have intimated that if they didn't recognize it there might be something doing. It is also said that President Wilson has said if the Adamson law is unconstitutional another law will be passed-so it would seem the strike question is still open.

The chances are that Congress will not be in a hurry this time. It will perhaps pass the law requiring arbitration, and if it does, this will prevent a tie-up. That bill proposed will make it lawful for the President to call all trains into service under the pretext of military duty and draft men to run them. This would settle forever the fear of a general tie-up of commerce. In the meantime January first is about here and we will then know more about what the railways and brotherhoods will really

# An Acute Stage.

Congressman Wood is up in the air. Democratic leaders refuse to assist him in his demand for an investigation of the leak on the peace note. Tom Lawson fires him in a telegram which is most disconcerting. Tom says he will answer all questions and when he gets through there will be some knowledge imparted which will be interesting. Tom says if it was really believed that there would be an investigation there wouldn't be a quorum in either Senate or House. He intimates that all the representatives have been gambling and profiting by inside information.

Of course we all know how to take Tom. Most of us have read his Frenzied Finance and other weird and spectacular books written by him, and just now he is happy—playing on the front page. Congressman Wood, however, is dismayed. He swears by all the fabled gods of war that he will insist on his resolution calling for a complete investigation; that he will go to the floor of the House and demand its adoption-and if the scenery isn't artificial there is going to be something doing about the third and fourth days of the Glad New Year. Let it come-we need something like that to add a little spice to the after the ball feeling produced by the holidays.

But It's Pie atal the osaerion The Statesville Landmark has the nerve to speak out in meeting. With the government facing a four million dollar deficit and the salary raising going on all the time, the Landmark says:

Bob Page handed it to em straight about that government salary increase. Some of the government employes may not be paid any too much, but so long as there are numerous folks willing and anxious to take the jobs for the amount paid, the increase of salary is not warranted. And the worst of it is, there are almost two, or three employes of Congress attached to the payroll for every one that is really

Yes, but the Congressmen, not long age vot-ed themselves an increase of two thousand five hundred a year. Generally the employe who gets a raise of three hundred a year thinks he has done well, but at a single bound the Congressmen allowed they should take twenty-five hundred more, and of course they took it. And naturally, as it costs them nothing, they vote to increase the salaries of all people-making an expense of millions in a few years, absolutely unnecessary, for, as the Landmark well says, there were plenty of people eager and anxious for jobs at the old salaries.

But the men in power are not voting away their own money. They are playing their favorites often, they 'attach to themselves a crowd of useless hangers-on and let the people pay the freight, pay the freight.

The government employe was already an eight hour a day; he was better paid than most people. And yet the poor old women who scrub the floors, who are down on their hands and knees all day, they are government employes and are but half paid. The fancy clerk; the useless vermiform appendix of the Congressman - sometimes inanimate - gets his hand in, and has a good time. However, it is the world's way-and democracy which was once the great party of reform has acted like all: other parties in power.

#### Will Not Happen.

Now and then a voice is raised in this state for the Australian ballot. But it will never come. Why? Because the Australian ballot insures an honest and a fair election. The Australian ballot has printed on it all the names of all the people running for office. All on one ticket. The voter takes that ticket and goes in a booth, and there alone with his God and his lead pencil he marks off, by a check, the names of those for whom he wishes to vote. If he wants to vote for a republican for Governor and a democrat for Attorney General, of vice versa, he does so, and no living man knows what he did. In other words, without coercianon, without intimidation, implied or expressed, without knowledge of the rooter or booster, he expresses himself just as he feels: That is an honest way to secure the verdict of the people. That is popular representative government—the thing of which we boast and ne thing we have never had ---- " " iningua ...

There will be no Australia ballot law his North Carolina. It wouldn't do.

# Best Thing to Do.

While the banks of our city advertise for members for the Christmas Saving Clubs-and while in a measure it is a private commercial proposition, it becomes broader and is of community interest. The fact that Greensboro people had saved something over a hundred thousand dollars and therefore had money to spend on Christmas Day which otherwise they would not have had, causes us to feel that every citizen should make it his duty to exploit the savings plan, and help, not only the banks,

but the individuals of the entire community.

The man who put up but fifty cents a week doesn't miss it. He gets the savings habit. He knows what he is doing because he has perhaps tried it once. We happen to know a deserving colored man in this town who was spending all his money. We told him about the Christmas saving plan and this year he has to his credit \$50 and will keep on-saving. For a long life he had given up every penny he made. He is proud of his savings he feels that when he gets his money in the bank it is sacred, and some day he will have enough to do something with. There is not a better thing going than the Christmas savings plan, and we are glad there are bankers in Greensboro who push it.

# A Christmas Tree.

The Statesville Landmark regrets that Statesville didn't have a Community Christmas tree this year, and wants to have one next year. It is the thing. Greensboro has had the Community Christmas tree for several years and it has always proved a great success and Statesville will make no mistake in introducing it to her people.

# Paderewiski in Raleigh.

The Rotary Club will bring Paderewiski to Raleigh on January 23. He will come with his wealth of hair and his wonderful genius. He will doubtless have a full house, because in all the world there is but one of him. He can certainly get the music out of anything he touches-music such as the angels made in heaven. The greatest artist in his line this world has known-and Raleigh is to be congratulated on his coming.

# The Season Fads.

The average merchant finds himself in a pickle after the season's rush is over. He has toys left on hand; he has goods that must be disposed of, and therefore he gets busy. He must have a clearance sale-and he goes to it with a will. In the dry goods line he understands that something in this style this year? won't be in style a little later on, and when he concludes it is better to get less than cost out? of what he has than to lose it all, and advertises accordingly many people think it strange that an article costing ten dollars last week should be offered for five this week. There is nothing strange about it. The merchant is simply getting something while he can for it he waits too long he loses all of it.