

The New Ones.

Since January first we are having new dollar pieces and about two weeks before the new twenty-five cent will appear. Just as we should have new money every once in a while we do not know.

Those who are so blind that they cannot see how we can get them?

Back to the subject. The new half dollar pieces will buy no more.

How We Failed to Connect.

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

Col. Fairbrother believes in the gift-giving at Christmas. It makes a man feel better, he says, whether it's a sack of flour sent to a needy family or a diamond pin to a friend.

Unfortunately we had bought the diamond intending to send it to the judge. After his expressed desire for a sack of flour...

The Armored Cruisers.

On account of the ramming of the battleship Nevada by a smaller named one...

We recall very distinctly when Grover Cleveland first conceived the idea of building a navy that figures showed we had a few float tubs and they were worthless.

The Divine Sarah.

We do not feel that it is at all out of place to announce in this department the fact that the one Sarah Bernhardt is to visit Greensboro.

We Wonder When.

We wonder when newspaper publishers will be able to themselves and refuse to exploit it.

If True.

The stories concerning the murder in Guilford yesterday are true, the chances are that county will have another electrocution.

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 raids on the treasury—and employing the word 'raid' we do so advisedly, have been frightful in the past quarter of a century.

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.

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.

Lots of Wool.

It has been related that in shearing a hog they get lots of squeal and little wool. In this Britt case there has been wool and there has been squeal.

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.

South Carolina Winner.

North Carolina, including Charlotte and Raleigh, lost out on the location of the federal farm loan bank.

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.

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.

One more day and it will all be over—except 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 which he spoke yesterday morning and cast for those large mouthed bass which there abound.

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.

Chicago has been spending freely in all departments of city life and finds that it is something like four million dollars in the hole.

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.

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 talk entuse the farmers—but they will entuse.

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.

If—

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.

But no statesman will arise to do this chore. There will perhaps be additional appropriations 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.

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 business men.

And now they are photographing sound. They say certain words produce vivid lights while others produce the soft glow.

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.

It is our advice to men who have throat trouble or lung trouble to keep away from the desert—no matter where it is.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

But It's Pie

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.

Yes, but the Congressmen, not long ago voted 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.

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.

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 fair election. The Australian ballot has printed on it all the names of all the people running for office.

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 man who puts up 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.

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.

Paderewski in Raleigh.

The Rotary Club will bring Paderewski to Raleigh on January 23. He will come with his wealth of hair and his wonderful genius.

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.