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THE WAY

Of the transgressor is hard, but the way to reach the PINNACLE of SUCCESS IN BUSINESS, oh, ye merchants of little faith, is to advertise.—Advertise persistently, advertisely liberally, advertise in the GOLD LEAF

AN OUNCE

Of PRINTERS' INK, judiciously used, will be the means of selling tons of groceries, dry goods, and other necessaries of life. Try it—keep at it and success will surely come. The best advertising medium is the GOLD LEAF

CHRISTMAS ODE.

Peace, peace on earth!
Good-will to men!
And thus this holy day found heavenly birth.
On earth peace, good-will to men!
O blessed Child—O Babe of Bethlehem.

Ye children dear, draw near, draw near,
And list the tidings doubly dear;
Greet, greet with gladness this glad morn,
For the Babe of Bethlehem is born!
The Christ, your Christ, is living near.

Good news, good news, let all the earth rejoice,
Let all that breathe shout with a merry voice,
Let all join in our Christmas lay;
The King of Glory lives to-day,
Christ is the King of Glory; He
Hath made immortal our mortality

Good news, good news! O children sweet
Draw near and bow before His feet.
He guards you with a brother's care,
So gentle He, so fond, so fair,
Give thanks, give thanks, ye children dear,
That Christ, your brother-friend, is near;
Rejoice, rejoice; be glad and sing—
Make all the Christmas welkin ring
On this dear day when Christ was born—
Make wild with joy the blessed morn.

O, children dear, draw near, draw near,
And lift your eyes on high,
Your beaming eyes and bright!
Behold the raptured sight!
Draw near with mournful cry—
Behold the awful sight!
Behold Him on the cross of pain,
Dying that ye might live again!
Your sins He bore, He freely died,
Bleeding and broken, crucified!
He died that ye might live again!
He bore your sins, He bore your shame,
In utter agony and pain,
He died that ye might live again;
He died for you, for me, for men,
This Star of Bethlehem.

But from the tomb He rose to save!
He conquered Death, defied the Grave!
He bade adieu to clayey portals,
And gave immortal life to mortals!
And now, within His home above,
He asks each child to share His love;
For He is risen—He is risen—
Ascended from the rocky prison;
No reel is broke, no bolt is riven;
Death could not have Him for its own;
And now, upon the great white throne,
He reigns in majesty in Heaven.
Bow low, ye children, at His feet;
Your friend He is, and oh, how sweet!

Two thousand years ago this morn
The Babe of Bethlehem was born.
He lived, He suffered, and he died—
He cruelly was crucified;
Before the cross your sins he bore—
The bloody sweat stained every pore;
His sides they pierced; His legs they break—
He suffered all for your dear sake!

O, children, let your hearts ascend
This Xmas morn, to Christ, your friend;
He is your very help in need;
He is your friend—He is indeed!—
Your friend, your savior, and your guide—
Your sinless brother deified!

About Christmas.

Said Christ to doubting Thomas: "Blessed are they who having not seen, yet have believed." For over eighteen centuries this benediction on faith in the unseen has fallen on the world; and the few hundreds, whose eyes beheld the founder of Christianity, have grown to as many millions of those of every nation, kindred and clime on the earth who have found in the vision of faith as strong a solace as the disciples found in the vision of fact. December 25th is the time agreed on among men to attend and celebrate the birth of Him who raised this principle of trust to the keystone position in the arch of His spiritual system. The spectacle that the globe furnishes to-day is proof of the power of that principle

So let the bells ring out; let the chimes resound; let the organ lead and answer the melody of pious hearts. From the altar of church and the shrine of home, and the holies in every soul, let the raising influence of reverence and rapture proceed. Let the children make holiday and sing roundelays. Let the rich and the poor meet together to hail the Lord who is the Maker of them all. On earth good will, to men peace, was the song of the angels to the shepherds. That song is the music of the spheres. It was started when the morning stars sang together and when all the sons of God shouted for joy, as the earth sprang from nothing into beauty. It is now the song of the Christmas time, and its strains should find echo alike in the love and in the laughter of us all.

THE WORK OF THE ALLIANCE.

The *Chronicle* has never believed the organization of the Farmers' Alliance would do other than promote the best interests of the people of the State. It is composed of the most conservative class of our citizens—men of patriotism and devotion to the education of the people. Early in the campaign fears were expressed on every side that there would be a conflict between the Alliancemen and those outside the Alliance which would rend the party in pieces. Extreme and radical men in the Alliance and outside the order acted in such way as to endanger Democratic success but as the *Chronicle* predicted, the sober judgment—the second thought of the people asserted itself and all differences of opinions were harmonized, and men of all shades of thought came together and fought side by side for Democratic success.

The fear that the Alliance would injure the Democratic party was groundless. So far from doing so, the activity of the Alliance has largely enabled the Democratic party in North Carolina to poll the largest vote known in its history in an "off year." Nowhere, so far as our information goes, has the Democratic majority, and in almost every county the members have helped greatly to increase the Democratic majority.—*State Chronicle*

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

ONLY THE BEST.

We keep a large and well selected stock of FINE FAMILY GROCERIES, Canned Goods, etc., and are making special prices for

The Holiday Season.

You will find this department stocked with only the best and choicest goods. A barrel of our flour will certainly please you. Give us a call.
COOPER & MITCHELL.

Handsome Holiday Presents.

You want something useful as well as ornamental for Christmas Presents. We have all the latest styles in Ratan and Wicker Chairs, Parlor and Chamber Suits, Writing Desks, Bookcases, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Marble and fancy wood top Tables, Rugs, Druggits, Moquets, Velvet, Brussels, Tapestry and Ingrain Carpets, &c. Special bargains in these goods for the next 15 days.

Clothing and Overcoats.

If you want a good SUIT OF CLOTHING or a SPLENDID OVERCOAT for little money, come to see us. For the Holidays we are offering special bargains in Clothing, Hats, Shoes, and Gents' Furnishings. The largest and best line of these goods in town.

THE LADIES

Will find something to interest and please them during the Holiday season in our DRESS GOODS and MILLINERY department. We have a large and varied assortment of goods suitable to their wants--Wraps, Cloaks, Hats, Ribbons, Shoes, &c.

See our line of table linen, towels, blankets, &c. We are offering SPECIAL BARGAINS in these goods now.

Hardware Department.

Here you will find a large variety of articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, or something for use in your own home.

Pocket and Table Cutlery, Carving Knives and Forks, Fancy Decorated China, Crockery and Glassware, Cooking and Heating Stoves and Ranges.
S. & C. WATKINS.

Toilet and Fancy Articles.

Moustache Cups,
Shaving Mugs,
Toilet Articles Generally
Can be purchased cheaply at
PARKER'S DRUG STORE,
O'Neil Block.

REMOVAL!

I will remove my stock of goods to the store one door North of J. W Anderson's hardware store, formerly occupied by J. A. Stallings

On January 1, 1891,

where I will carry a good stock of gen'l merchandise for sale at bottom prices. Old and new customers cordially welcomed.
JOHN W. PUREFOY.

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

We have many pretty things suitable for Christmas presents. China dinner and tea sets, water sets, decorated chamber sets, elegant glassware, cups and saucers, bisque figures, vases, lamps, &c. Also a superb line of

LADIES' GOODS,

Dress cloths, silks, wraps, cloaks, trimmings, millinery, &c. Everything will be sold at special low prices during the holidays. Give us a call.
DAVIS & ROSE.

YOU WILL FIND

An immense stock of Holiday goods of all kinds at the

HENDERSON BOOKSTORE.

Everything in the line of fancy Chinaware, bisque ware, dolls, rocking horses, sleds, bicycles, toys of all kinds, lamps, story and picture books, poems, novels, writing materials, fancy goods of every description, and one hunred other articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for old and young.
EDWIN STEPHENS.

IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE OUR PART

Toward making this glad Holiday season one of great rejoicing to our numerous customers, we are now making SPECIAL LOW PRICES on

Clothing and Overcoats,

SHOES, HATS, NECKWEAR, &c. Do not fail to pay us a visit.
BARNES, STAINBACK & CO.

Specialties for Christmas.

We all try to make the Christmas season the happiest of the year. For the Holidays we have a nice line of

CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES,

Canned goods, syrups, cheese, butter, cakes, crackers, teas, coffees, spices, &c., which we are selling very low just now. Try a barrel of our FLOUR; none better for making up your Christmas cakes and breads.

We have also a large stock of General Merchandise, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, &c., on which we offer special bargains just now.
ROWLAND & POWELL.

MERRY XMAS!

Old Santa Claus has again made arrangements with us to supply the people of this section with

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have a large stock of Plush Goods, Albums, Toilet and Manicure Sets in Oxidized Silver, Celluloid, etc.; fancy China and Glassware, Toys, Picture and Story Books, Standard Authors, etc.
MELVILLE DORSEY.

YOU CANNOT GET WINES - AND - LIQUORS For the holidays cheaper or purer than can be found at

DAVE'S PLACE.

My supply of corn and rye whiskies, apple and peach brandies, gins, wines, etc., can't be beat. Xmas orders solicited.
D. C. LOUGHLIN.

Fine Liquors for Holiday Use.

I have the choicest foreign and domestic wines for family and cooking purposes. Also pure brandies, whiskies, porter, ale, beer, etc. Brandy for mince meat. Pure Holland gin and Irish whiskey for eggnog. Quality the best and prices the lowest. Pure North Carolina corn whiskey a specialty. Also choice cigars, tobacco, etc. Call and see me.
E. N. JACKSON.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

BUY NOW.

We have two car loads of fancy White and Yellow

WINTER - OATS

For Spring sowing on hand. Buy now or you may not be able to find good seed stock when you want it.
W. S. PARKER & CO.

WE DO NOT CLAIM

To have the biggest stock of holiday goods in town, but you will find many pretty and useful articles for Christmas presents at

CHEATHAM'S ∴ DRUG ∴ STORE.

A beatiful line of fancy decorated China and Glassware, Bisque Figures, Vases, Plush Goods, Dressing Cases, Photograph Albums, Etc.
W. T CHEATHAM, JR.

Farrar's is Headquarters for Holiday Goods

We have the pleasure of announcing that Old Santa Claus has made his headquarters at

FARRAR'S BOOK STORE,

Where can be found the biggest stock of toys and confectioneries in the Henderson. Wheel goods, games, dolls, horns, whistles, and everything to please the little folks, as well as the prettiest line of

Plush Goods and Fancy Articles

Ever seen in this section of the State. All new shapes and novel designs. Everything marked at reasonable prices.
ASA FARRAR.

DO NOT PURCHASE YOUR XMAS GROCERIES

And other goodies without first calling at our store. We have a large and well selected stock of canned goods, preserves, jellies, pickles, nuts of all kind, oranges, lemons, apples, dates, figs, raisins; etc. Choice candies, cakes, butter, eggs—everything to make a table inviting.
W. H. WESTER.

S. F. TEISER.

AN APPROPRIATE AND SENSIBLE

Christmas Present

FOR YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE

A ∴ Life ∴ Insurance ∴ Policy

In a responsible company represented by
J. R. YOUNG, Insurance Agent.

Useful and Desirable.

While the giving of pretty and ornamental articles as Christmas gifts is to be encouraged, the useful and desirable receives the highest appreciation. At

O'Neil's ∴ Hardware ∴ Store

you will find fine table cutlery, breech loading guns, pistols, glass and crockery ware, stoves, etc., etc.

Special Low Prices for Xmas.

We have made extra provision for the Holiday trade, and respectfully invite your attention to our stock of

-FINE ∴ FAMILY ∴ GROCERIES-

And General Merchandise, on all of which we can save you money. Let us send around a barrel of our Best Flour for Christmas. As an inducement to secure your trade we are making prices very low this week.
H. THOMASON.

IF YOU WANT

Pure Wines and Liquors

For Christmas and general use, call on

S. S. WHITTEN, Main Street.

He has the largest and most carefully selected stock in town. The holiday trade respectfully solicited.

FOR THE

Christmas Trade.

Ladies' and Children's Hats, Ribbons, Fancy Goods, Shoes, &c., at

Special Low Prices.

E. W. ELLIS.

FARMERS!

If you would get highest prices and best averages for your

-TOBACCO-

During the coming year, 1891, sell at

HARRIS' WAREHOUSE.

We shall spare neither efforts nor money to make it to your interest to favor us with your patronage.
HARRIS, GOOCH & CO.

FAMILIES

Can be supplied with fine fancy groceries, coffee, tea, spices, flour, cheese, cakes, crackers, etc., etc., for the Holidays at

Hardee's Store.

I would also announce that I have put an Improved Farquhar Fan in my mill and will be prepared in future to give my patrons a better grade of meal and flour than ever.
D. W. HARDEE.

Good Things for Christmas.

An invitation is extended to you to visit

-THE - HENDERSON - BAKERY,-

Where you will find the largest stock of Xmas and New Year sweetmeats in town. Pure Candies, Cakes, Pies, Bread and Crackers made every day. Also Roynter's Candies, Foreign & Domestic Fruits, Oranges, Apples, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Raisins, Currants, Mince Meat, Nuts of all kinds, Apples, etc. Our Fruit Cakes are the best. Special attention to filling Christmas orders.
J. L. WHITMORE.

PRESENTS.

Before making selections for Holiday gifts inspect the elegant display of Ladies' and Gents' gold and silver watches and jewelry, chains, finger rings, earrings, charms, etc., at

Hight's Jewelry Store

Also a beautiful line of silverware, clocks, &c. Our prices are the lowest and goods the choicest. See them before you buy.
E. E. HIGHT.

A HAPPY NEW YE

"The Old Reliable"

Still maintains its enviable position as THE LEADER in number of sold, and amount of money paid for same, Proud of our past record we sh New Year, 1891, one of still greater prosperity to those who sell their to With the season's compliments. Very Truly Your Friend

Santa Claus the Christmas King.

He reigns the round world o'er
This good and Jolly King,
'Neath austral sun's downpour
They give him welcoming.

And in the frozen north
The seeker of the whale
Brims cup and sendeth forth
To Santa Claus a hail.

The dusky cotter, too,
The man who plenty has—
All share the common view,
"God bless St. Nicholas."

History of Santa Claus.

The history of Santa Claus—a curious mixture of truth and fable—goes far back into the ancient time. Centuries ago a child was born in Asia Minor who received the name of Nicholas. His parents were wealthy and of high rank, and desiring to express their gratitude to God for the birth of their little son, they resolved to educate him for the Christian priesthood. The child was sober and thoughtful, and while yet young both his parents died and he inherited their great wealth. He considered the riches a sacred trust, he fed the hungry, he clothed the destitute, and performed all kinds of good deeds as secretly as possible. As a priest he was greatly beloved; as a bishop he continued his benevolence. After his death the church canonized him and he became one of the greatest patron saints, being revered as the help of the poor, the protector of the weak, and as the especial patron saint of little children, who were taught to believe that their good gifts came from him. St. Nicholas was the name given him by the monks and this was familiarly changed to Saint Nic'laus, and finally clipped down to Santa Claus, who is still represented as retaining his old habits of secret benevolence and coming down the chimney at night lad[illegible] Christmas presents for childr[illegible] pleasant fiction it is to them, u[illegible] cover of which that charming secre[illegible] ncerning the donors of gifts is kept up, though little eyes and ears and minds are keen, and Santa Claus is usually very well known to them as a much more modern personage than old St. Nicholas. But the children enjoy the harmless pretence, the mysterious filling of stockings and the heavily laden Christmas tree.

Just As I Am.

[Durham Globe.]

The *Globe*, as an earnest and enthusiastic advocate of all that is pious and moral, urges its readers to go to church to-morrow. There are six days in which to work, and a day of rest is a physical and righteous necessity.

It was many and many a year ago, in a kingdom by the sea, that there lived a youth who had a penchant for fishing excursions on the Sabbath. He would organize himself into an excursion for piscatorial luxuries rather than attend divine services. But he was very young. The minister was old and wheezing, and droning, and his sermons were intolerably long, and the boy would go to sleep. And there were old ladies who sat behind him, and they nudged, punched and lectured him until his soul grew weary, and he never returned to the church, but from fishing went from bad to worse.

But last Sunday that same truant, now, alas! in manhood's years, roamed aimlessly to the vestibule of a [illegible] this city and heard the [illegible] The hymn opened wi[illegible]

"Just as I Am."

And the pilgrim [illegible] leaned upon the wa[illegible]

"Just as I Am."

And he said: "Wh[illegible] are furrows on my [illegible] has lost its quickne[illegible] and heavy; the[illegible] tered; the [illegible] for one ho[illegible] for the s[illegible] for the [illegible] see [illegible]