

THE GOLD LEAF.

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We desire a live agent and correspondent at every postoffice in Vance and adjoining counties. Correspondence on all subjects of local and general interest, and opinions upon matters of public concern, are invited.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899. LET US RETURN TO THE OLD WAYS.

The GOLD LEAF is not among those who live only in the past but some times it is well to cling to the old ways. And in no way can we profit more than to do as our fathers did in many things.

Can there be a prosperous condition of affairs existing among the farming classes under such a regime as this? The GOLD LEAF frankly and emphatically says no.

Commercial fertilizers are going to be higher next year indeed, prices have already advanced—and it behooves our farmer friends to rely more upon other methods of enriching the soil and growing their crops.

The paper trust prices will force publishers out of the paper trust practice—that is sending the paper an indefinite time and trusting for their pay.

CONGRESSMAN Bellamy has introduced a bill to put paper, wood pulp and materials for paper making on the free list.

GEN. Lawton, one of the bravest and most capable men fighting in the Philippines, has been killed.

The GOLD LEAF gets into the hands of the people of the community, hence the advertisers get into the GOLD LEAF. See who they are, go and see what they have and the bargains they offer and you will find it to your interest to trade with them.

The Raleigh Post did itself proud in the issue of a special Christmas number Sunday morning. It was 24 pages with illuminated cover in green and red, filled with choice reading matter and appropriately illustrated. It was a splendid achievement creditable to the publishers and to the State.

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Barrist troops continue to meet with reverses and heavy loss at the hands of the Boers. Gen. Buller has shared the fate of Gen. Methuen being repulsed and driven back with heavy loss of life and a part of his artillery. That England will finally come out conqueror in the Transvaal fight is not to be questioned but victory will be purchased at a fearful cost in men and money.

The Greenville Daily Reflector has reached its fifth year. And it has not only lived but prospered. There is no more hardworking, conscientious editor than D. J. Whichard and he has served his people faithfully and well. That they appreciate his work is shown by the number and amount of advertisements of its business men carried and the circulation it enjoys. May favoring winds continue to fill Brother Whichard's journalistic sails and the coming years deal still more kindly with him.

"Experience is the best teacher." Every testimonial in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla is the voice of experience to you, and you may take this medicine with perfect confidence that it will do for you what it has done for others.

INFORMATION from the Philippines indicates that the war is on its last legs. The backbone of the insurrection is broken. Aguinaldo has been practically deserted and our troops are only engaged in a skirmish now and then in a sort of guerrilla warfare with detached bands of Insurgents. At least that is what the cable dispatches say. As to the true condition of things there is still doubt in the public mind, however.

Is the death of Mr. S. L. ("Manse") Hart, at his home near Rocky Mount on the 18th inst., Edgecombe county and the State have lost a valuable and useful citizen. He was a large and successful farmer and a man of good judgment and discretion in business and public affairs.

It was mainly due to his efforts that the State Guard received the large appropriation from the Legislature for its support. He was also a member of the committee appointed by the Legislature to select plans for the Vance monument and to choose a place for its location.

DEATH OF LIEUT. BRUMBY. Lieut. Thomas M. Brumby, Admiral Dewey's trusted flag lieutenant in the Manila campaign, is dead. Announcement had been made of his critical sickness of typhoid fever in Washington and the end came Sunday afternoon. Of him the Atlanta Constitution says:

It is but a few weeks since that the gallant naval officer stood in the capitol of our State to receive a sword of honor, which was presented to him as an evidence of the appreciation of his fellow citizens. Now, almost before the applause of that occasion has passed away, the principal in the scene is removed from the midst of men and we have but his memory left.

The career of Lieutenant Brumby was a distinguished one. Coming of an almost noble family, he inherited the warlike instinct, and yet he was singularly modest and shrinking. He was among the first of young Southern men in the era of restored fraternal relations to buckle on the armor of his reunited country and almost before the applause of that occasion has passed away, the principal in the scene is removed from the midst of men and we have but his memory left.

A great many of us have believed that of the two senators which our old State has at the national capitol, the four square Republican was the better. While this one has been looked upon in no worse a light than an extreme partisan, the other has been universally regarded as a renegade.

Whatsoever we are our circumstances we can easily find some hook upon which to hang our grateful recognition of God's mercies and favors if we will only brush aside the cobwebs of morbid selfishness, which interfere with our clearer visions. One reason why we are oftentimes so blind to our blessings is because we selfishly lavish our thoughts upon ourselves when we ought rather to lavish them upon others.

When we take this journey into the world around us life will immediately begin to brighten and we will begin to realize that we are blessed with more beatitudes than we can number.

REASONS. That section 50 of the proposed amendment is in contravention of the spirit of the constitution of the United States, and that any State that adopts said provision as a part of its organic law does not possess a Republican form of government as contemplated by the constitution of the United States.

SUPPLEMENT. The time and influence of the senate of the United States just now bearing as large a burden as it is capable in the weighty business of the nation, not only to miserable partisan ends, but as a means of stabbing his own State and people in a manner as mean as that of the assassin who aimed the dagger in the back, because in the senate he has great influence and the people of North Carolina have none. By this action Senator Pritchard places himself upon the level of his colleague.

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LET US TAKE STOCK.

Things for which We Have Cause to be Thankful.

THIS BLESS-Ed Christmas time when every heart should echo the refrain of "peace on earth, good will to men," it is meet to reflect upon the past and take stock of the blessings which we have and enjoyed during the old year now nearly run its course. The sands of time are fast running out and this Christmas finds us that much nearer our meeting with the pale rider on the dark horse. Are we better prepared for it than we were one year ago? Have we improved our opportunities as we should? Have the good deeds and kindly acts outweighed the bad? Is the world better for our living in it? Let us take a reckoning with ourselves and see.

However far we may have fallen short, and however unprofitable our lives may have been, as a people and as individuals we have much to be thankful for. The world has dealt kindly with us and God has been good to us beyond our deserts. Let us then at this season take stock of the blessings which Heaven has bestowed upon us, and make an inventory of our own unworthiness and lack of appreciation.

Things may not have moved as smoothly with us during the past year as we could have wished and troubles have one kind or another may have fretted us out of our stock of good nature; but if we will carefully adjust our spectacles and investigate our lots we will find that we have no reason to be sour or disgruntled whatever our vexations and worries may be. If we have failed in our business ventures we have health and strength left with which we can make another start in that direction.

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SOME SEASONABLE REFLECTIONS.

Suggested by the Spirit of Gratitude, Which All Mankind Should Feel Toward the Gift of All Good.

"The world owes me a living," says the shiftless man. Never was a more insolent or a more ungrateful saying invented. The first man sinned and was driven from Paradise with the curse upon him that he should earn his living by the sweat of his brow. In his act of disobedience he forfeited every claim that he had upon the bounty of Providence and neither the Lord God nor the world which He created are under obligations to sinful man. It is only by the grace of God's kindness and His liberality that the earth yields this increase in response to man's endeavors. Yet God is gracious and has not only provided bountifully for the necessities of the flesh, but for our mental and spiritual demand as well.

But this is also the age of mental fasting. Never a time when printing was so cheap, when literature was so abundant, when publications of every description were so attractive in matter and illustration. From the penny newspaper with its pictures of daily life to the great works of Shakespeare, throughout the whole realm of literature there is such an abundance of reading matter that the mind fairly tires in its contemplation. No excuse for ignorance in these days. The public schools are open to all and any boy who desires an education may have it. Never a time when the religious world was more attractive. Our beautiful churches are not only comfortable, but inviting in appearance, the songs of Zion are sung by artists in music, and the Gospel is preached by devout men who have been educated in the profound mysteries of theology and in the grades of oratory.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A child was born to her on the 17th of every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes: "I am now healthy and happy. My child is a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless power of this grand remedy for curing all chest troubles. Only 50c per bottle, and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at the Dorsey Drug Co's."

When Christmas comes, Let us remember, generously, the poor of earth where'er they be. And share with them our Christmas cheer, As Christ would do, if He were here. And what we do for His dear sake Love will a fitting tribute make. To Him who came to earth in love, So may each heart its fully prove. When Christmas comes.

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

In the Midst of the Blessings, Which We Enjoy let us Consider How We May Give Happiness to Others.



THE COMING OF Christmas, the season of "peace on earth and good will toward men," is well to give thought to the blessings which we enjoy and to consider how we may give pleasure to others. Indeed, it is better at all times to allow our thoughts to dwell upon the blessings rather than the adversities of life.

And while we are enjoying the good things incident to the season, let us not forget those less fortunately circumstanced. To quote the language of Goldsboro Herald, "As we enjoy our family re-unions, made more delightful by dinner tables, decorated with chrysanthemums and roasted turkeys, and all thoughts of material comforts which make glad the heart of man and his countenance cheerful, let us do so with some thought for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity."

Story of a Slave. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chain of disease is the worst of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free.

The question comes on each Christmas morn'g To interrupt men's gentler mirth; "How can the blowing of a horn Assist in bringing peace to earth?" —Washington Star.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR.

Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS ISSUE. The Sunny South, Changed From a Weekly to a Monthly, Gets Out a Splendid Initial Number. Heretofore the field for magazines has been usurped by Northern publishers.

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GO ONCE AND YOU WILL GO AGAIN.

That is to Say if You Travel via the Old Bay Line, "The People's Popular Route," Between Baltimore, Old Point, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The routes of the Old Bay Line offer a delightful variety to the traveler for business or pleasure. They are replete with historic interest throughout, and the ever varying marine picture presented by that great inland sea—Chesapeake Bay—makes the trips, via the Baltimore Steam Line, one of the most interesting in every sense of the word.

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GOLD DUST

The Best Washing Powder. Cleans Everything from Cellar to Garret.

Good Things to Eat For Christmas!

Have just received a nice fresh line of Seeded Raisins, Cleaned Currants, Citron, Nuts, etc., for Fruit Cakes, Also Apples, Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Layer Raisins, Figs, Dates, &c. In fact, we have most anything you want that is GOOD TO EAT.

COAL Mrs. Cora Gregory & Co.

WOOD. See R. H. HOOD.

SOMETHING USEFUL AND TASTY SUITABLE FOR Christmas and Bridal Gifts

A. T. BARNES' Big Furniture House.

LEWIS W. BARNES HAS PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF HIS Fall Stock of Clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods.

A Superb Line Which Needs Only to be Seen to be Admired.

All the Latest Novelties out this season. BARNES' CLOTHING STORE is the place to buy your Suit and Overcoat. You will certainly get up to date goods as Lewis knows what to buy and how to get them at the right prices.

CASTOR OIL

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of CHARL. H. KETCHER. In Use For Over 30 Years.

COAL? Full stock on hand, Egg, Nut and broken Virginia Split, Tennessee Split and all best grades of Domestic and Steam Coals. DR. H. E. GREEN'S SONS, Box K, Atlanta, Ga.

DROPSY CURED with vegetable Remedies. HENDERSON, N. C. "Office over E. G. Davis' store, Main Street.