

HOOD & THOMAS. COAL & WOOD. ANYTHING YOU WANT... THAT'S GOOD...

TALK OF THE TOWN. For Low Prices. On Lime, Laths, Shingles, Doors and Windows, call on JOHN B. WATKINS.

The winter is strictly in the soup these days, but it is hard to find the time.

The holiday work is over and things are settling down to their normal condition again.

The season of new calendars is at hand and some very pretty ones are being sent out.

Whether you realized everything you expected Christmas or not you have much to be thankful for.

The GOLD LEAF will greet its friends again next week as usual, when another century will have dawned.

Notice is given that application will be made to the Legislature to change the charter of the town of Kirtland.

This is the last Christmas and the last issue of the GOLD LEAF in the nineteenth century. Two significant events, eh?

The clerks have been hard-worked for the past two weeks and they will doubtless be glad when the Christmas truce is over.

In these bustling times of close prices and sharp competition, the advertising merchant is the merchant who does the bulk of the business.

To its patrons and readers, one and all, the GOLD LEAF extends compliments of the season with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In view of the time we go to press on the date of the paper we hardly expect whether it is proper to say we hope you will enjoy Christmas or we hope you will not.

L. W. Barnes, trustee, will sell certain real estate in the town of Henderson at public auction next Monday, Dec. 27th. See advertisement for further particulars.

"Sandy Claws" is the way one of our exchanges puts it. Well, the old fellow must have sand on his feet or he is in a race to stand up to the rack as manfully as he does.

Read the advertisement of Nutrizio's One Price Shoe Store and see the bargains there offered in up-to-date stylish footwear. Look for the sign of the Big Shoe next to the O'Neel Block.

The friends of Mr. Brooks Parham are glad to see him and again after a few weeks' season of sickness. He is not looking much the worse for his experience, we are pleased to note.

Our merchants have enjoyed a good Christmas trade. And those who do not handle holiday goods proper, found business good in their line, also. All of which the GOLD LEAF is especially gratified at.

We have but one time to pass through this world, and we should improve the opportunity, and do all the good we can. Now is a good time to be making glad the hearts of the poor about us.

The GOLD LEAF this week greets its readers a little ahead of time being printed Monday night. We do this that editor and printers may have a few days off on account of Christmas and yet not miss an issue of the paper.

Rev. William Black, Synodical Evangelist, will assist Rev. A. R. Shaw in a protracted meeting in Henderson, Ky., to spread Christmas with the "old folks at home" in this country. Having lived in Henderson for some time previous to going to Georgia, Dress has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

A rare opportunity to rent for next year a store and cotton mill at Laurel, Franklin county, is offered by J. F. Jones, Superintendent and trained hands can be employed on the grounds. See advertisement in this paper, and for terms, etc., write to Mr. Jones.

The man who does not advertise complains of dull times. That he cannot afford to advertise. He hesitates to take the only sure cure for his trouble. He must invest a little money in newspaper space if he would get good returns. It is an investment that pays. Exchange.

A good way to start the twentieth century is to pay the printer what you owe him. That is if you owe him anything. If you do not then you might subscribe for the paper and have it sent to a friend. It would be a timely reminder of your thoughtfulness all the year round.

The first snow of the season fell on Saturday morning. For most part during the forenoon the heavy snow continued to fall until the ground was pretty white. But for the fact that it had rained previously raising the snow to melt more rapidly it would have been much deeper.

With the compliments of our young friend Mr. E. G. Mitchell, we have received a handsome wall calendar. Messrs. Speed by E. H. & J. A. Messinger, of Gladstone, N. C., manufacturers of "Gold Leaf" brand calendars and other brands. Like the Golds manufactured by this firm the calendar is one of the best of its kind and "always reliable."

Hats and Caps, all grades and styles—something new—WATKINS.

**The Orthodox Santa Claus or None.** Old Santa Claus is now some times represented as traveling in an automobile. But you cannot make the children take any stock in the horseless carriage myth. With them it is the sled and the eight tiny reindeer that speed silently over the snow and up on the housetops, or nothing. And it is cruel to undertake to thus disguise their little minds. Let them cling to their patron saint as their idea have originally pictured him until with maturer years they learn better.

Sterling Silver Button Hooks, Nail Files, Shoe Horns, Match Boxes, Hair Curlers, Brushes, Combs, etc. at WATKINS.

Cravats, Shirts, Underwear of all kinds, Umbrellas, etc. Latest productions just in, at WATKINS.

**A Friend in a Family.** In the olden times when the patronage of a potentate was desired, a friend at court was of the utmost necessity to the aspirant. In these days when the patronage of the public is desired by the merchant, a friend in the home is indispensable. That friend is the advertisement. It is a priceless advocate whose arguments are irresistible, and the success of whose pleading is assured.—Philadelphia Record.

**STOP THE COUGH** AND work off the cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. 25c.

Elegant Oak and Mahogany Bed-room Suites—Felt Mattresses—Spring Beds, Blankets. New lot received this week, at WATKINS.

**The Plan With a Smile.** There are a good many things to add happiness and sunshine to a man's life as he travels through this benighted age of politics and economic chaos, but there is nothing that sooths a man's system so full of ethereal calm and benignity as the smile of the man who always looks on the bright side of everything. When the chronic grumbler dies, humanity feels as though it has not a good joke on the devil, but when the man of perennial sunshine passes away, the selfish world stops for a moment and drops a tear on his grave.—Durham Sun.

New Rugs and Carpets—desirable and pretty for holiday gifts—WATKINS.

Excelsior and Gairland Cook Stoves and Ranges—the best stoves made. For sale only by WATKINS HARDWARE CO.

**Mr. Cuningzimp Goes to Durham.** Rev. W. L. Cuningzimp, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Henderson, goes to Durham, The Fayetteville Observer, where Mr. Cuningzimp has been stationed since serving the Wilmington church for four years, says this of him:

It is needless to say that this community regrets to part with Mr. Cuningzimp, for he has won the affections of his own people, and the esteem of all, as few are capable of doing. He will prove a most valuable acquisition to the moral and religious forces of our city, and our sister city of Durham may consider herself fortunate indeed in having secured him as one of her ministers.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, diarrhoea, constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale at Melville Dorsey's Drug Store.

**With the Henderson People.** Dr. Morton thus writes in last week's "Fayetteville Standard" of his visit to Henderson and the aid given him for the Presbyterian church in Louisiana:

While the pastor of this congregation, Rev. A. R. Shaw, was filling an engagement at Chapel Hill, I received a letter from the pastor of the church among these beloved people and to lay the interests of the Louisiana church before them. It gave me enthusiasm and joy to see their beautiful auditorium filled with my old friends and former parishioners. They gave fine attention and aided the services with a choir whose sweet music was well followed by the congregation.

They also gave our little struggling church at Henderson \$130.00. The little Brookline Chapel indeed has so that the people are greatly cheered. Before this they had given fifty dollars to the same cause.

**Christmas Shows—Ziegler's for Ladies and children—best in the world—tried and true—hold their shape and wear to ribbon—selling the Ziegler make of shoes for 23 years. S. WATKINS.**

**The Philadelphia Record Almanac.** As is customary with it the Philadelphia Record has issued its annual almanac, a copy of 1901 edition having just reached our table. Like all its predecessors it is replete with valuable information carefully and scrupulously following the lines of completeness and perfection which have made the paper itself so remarkably popular and so marvelously successful. Indeed, the twentieth century edition if anything is an improvement upon former ones. It might well be called the *almanac in parvo* of publications of its kind. Its principal features are a complete almanac; post-office rules and regulations; party platforms of 1900; history and electoral college; the war in the Philippines; the Boxer uprising in China; list of cities, county, State and National officers; complete turf records; the fastest railroad records; bicycle records; the baseball championship, with all the records of the players, together with other interesting events in the athletic world; valuable household recipes; home hygienics, and a vast fund of other valuable and interesting information which go to make it a most useful publication worthy of possession and preservation.

**E. W. Groves** This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

**WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY.**

**Marriage of Miss Maggie Amos and Mr. James H. Parham.**

At the home of Mr. James Amos, the bride's father, in this county, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, a number of friends gathered to witness the nuptial rites solemnized between Miss Maggie Amos and Mr. James H. Parham. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Williams, of the Methodist Protestant church.

After the marriage the company sat down to an elegant dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The menu was varied, the viands tempting, the manner of its preparation and service reflecting the highest credit upon Mrs. Amos and the ladies assisting her.

The bride is a young lady of lovely character and most estimable worth. She is a daughter of Mr. James Amos, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and like her father counts her friends among all who know her.

The groom is a popular and highly esteemed young gentleman, who holds the position of agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Watkins, where they will make their home in future.

Both are well known in Henderson and their friends who wish them much happiness and prosperity through life.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY** Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c.

Watkins keeps the best, and sells them low. Will match quality and price with anybody. It pays you to trade at WATKINS.

The best patented straight FLOORS at H. THOMASONS.

**Will Make Henderson Their Home.** Capt. John H. Pruden, the popular conductor of the R. & T. Railroad, is soon to wed one of Portsmouth's fair daughters. The Times editor has been honored with the following invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Woodard request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Luey, to Capt. J. H. Pruden, Wednesday, December twenty-sixth, at ten o'clock, at five o'clock p. m., No. 207 Washington Street, Portsmouth, Virginia."

They will be "at home," Henderson, N. C., after January 5th. Capt. Pruden having accepted a position as conductor on the day passenger train on the S. A. L. between Henderson, N. C., and Richmond, Va., he will be absent from Henderson for some time ago but declined as the position offered him at that time would keep him from home a month at a time. He is leaving the service of the R. & T. Railroad and is sincerely regretted by a host of friends and the public generally.

The above is taken from the Rich Square *Boonville-Glenn* Times. The advance of their coming, the GOLD LEAF, on behalf of the people of our town, extends a cordial welcome to Capt. and Mrs. Pruden. We bid them come and be "at home," with assurances that such will meet with a cordial reception.

Full supply of ammunition—powder, shot and shells—at H. THOMASONS.

Cloaks and jackets, tailor-made—new and stylish at reduced prices. Will be sold—will save you money, at WATKINS.

**HENDERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY.** Greatly Enlarged Service Now Offered to Patrons.

While the same matter was substantially covered by the GOLD LEAF's article on the subject last week, we print the following circular letter sent to patrons of the Henderson Telephone Company and others by General Superintendent Toey on December 22nd:

We take this opportunity to acquaint you of the fact that by the completion of a number of new metallic circuits, you can now reach direct from your own telephone over 4,000 subscribers, and by messenger or appointment 250,000 non-subscribers in all cities and towns in North Carolina and Virginia.

Enclosed herewith you will find a list of the principal cities and towns, the day rate of many of which has been markedly reduced, and on and after January 1st, 1901, between the hours of 7:00 p. m. and 8:00 a. m., there will be put into effect a night message rate, to points within the day rate, now 20c, and upwards, with a minimum night rate of 15c.

All the new circuits, through the medium of which we place over a quarter of a million of people in touch, will be at the same time reduce the rates on full metallic, of copper wire and of the highest type of construction and equipment, insuring a clear and perfect service.

Allow us at this time to thank you very kindly for your past patronage, and suggest one Twentieth Century resolution. "Save time and make money by telephoning and not traveling."

Soliciting a further and increased use of our service, and wishing you a merry Christmas and a very prosperous and happy new year, I am, Very respectfully, F. C. TOEY, General Superintendent.

Nice Christmas presents—beautiful new Sideboards and Wardrobes—Quarter Sawn Golden Oak, at WATKINS.

Navy beans, oat meal, dried apples and peaches, at H. THOMASONS.

**Original Observations.** The Christmas "greens" mostly in demand are greenbacks.

Oh, the bills, the Christmas bills, they bring only painful thrills.

Yes, the sweet buy and buy is here, the dearest time of all the year.

Kind words are the golden coins from the mint of a loving heart.

If Santa Claus don't come, you can get your foot in your stocking, anyhow.

The smile of love is the sweetest sunbeam that emanates from the soul.

Love is the electricity of the soul, which flashes by wireless telegraphy from heart to heart.

If all the year were a Christmas day, how happy the world would roll on its way.

Let us all go back to childhood's happy hour, and feel again the wondrous Christmas power.

How curious it is to think that we were all once satisfied with the evanescent happiness caused by some little thing.

It takes consummate courage to face a world which is ever frowning and snatch success from the jaws of failure.

Woman, thou art said to be uncertain, coy and hard to please, and yet men plead for thy love upon thy bended knees.—Orange (Va.) Observer.

Hannan & Piet Shoes, Viol and Patent Viol for girls and boys, will be on hand in the market, at WATKINS.

New Fall and Winter Goods just received at H. THOMASONS.

**THE GOLD LEAF.**

**Some Pleasant Things Said of It by Too Partial Friends Upon Celebrating its Nineteenth Birthday.**

The Henderson GOLD LEAF, one of the most attractive and best of our weekly exchanges, entered on its twentieth year on the 13th. There is no better, or better managed weekly in the State.—Wilmington Star.

The Henderson GOLD LEAF is 19 years old. It is a well developed, delightful, charming, intelligent paper, as much so as a most lovely, refined lady of that age. Brother Manning has our congratulations and very best wishes for the GOLD LEAF is one of our State's best weeklies and is a prime favorite in this office. Long life and great prosperity to you, Brother Manning, and the GOLD LEAF.—Warrenton Record.

**PASSING OUT OF ITS "TEENS."** The Henderson GOLD LEAF has entered upon its twentieth volume. It is one of the most attractive weeklies in the State. Editor Manning gives his readers a most excellent paper and a most interesting and profitable life. If one is to judge from his advertising columns.

As the GOLD LEAF passes from its teens into the higher numbers may be useful and profitable growth, and with its long history, and the fact that it will live long to do good in the new century.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

**NO YOUNGSTER.** Nineteen years is above the average life of a newspaper. Most of the papers of today are veritable youngsters when compared with the GOLD LEAF, which we congratulate upon its survival for nearly two decades. It has all the while been one of the most faithful in its service to its town, section and State and their interests, and will fully merit the many years of prosperity which its high standard of purity and honor is sure to achieve.

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**BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR.** Fairbank's Fairy Calendar, a Copy of Which May Be Had Free.

By far the most beautiful and artistic thing of the kind that we have seen is Fairbank's Fairy Calendar for 1901, a copy of which we have just received with the compliments of the N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, Ill. It consists of five designs, one on a sheet, size 10x12 inches, elegantly lithographed in beautiful colors and gold, on extra heavy plate stock. The designs, by the celebrated artist, W. H. McEtee, represent handsomely decorated Dresden china plaques, on rich plush backgrounds, no two alike. The artist has used the calendar proper, as it contains the entire twelve months' calendar dates grouped within the plaque, with a background of royal purple. The other four designs contain figures typifying "Morning," "Noon," "Evening," and "Night," modeled in colors appropriate to the time of day represented, and based on relief plaques, set against rich plush mats of silvery blue, bright apple green, rich peacock blue and deep crimson.

Four plaques have no lettering whatever, but the artist has so framed, to decorate your home in an almost endless variety of ways which your ingenuity and artistic taste will suggest. It is impossible to describe the rich coloring, exquisite beauty and superb decorative effect of any one of the designs, but they are all so framed, to decorate your home in an almost endless variety of ways which your ingenuity and artistic taste will suggest. It is impossible to describe the rich coloring, exquisite beauty and superb decorative effect of any one of the designs, but they are all so framed, to decorate your home in an almost endless variety of ways which your ingenuity and artistic taste will suggest.

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**BISHOP CHESHIRE'S MEMORIAL SERMON.**

**"An Entertaining, Impressive, Well Written Production."**

The Wilmington Messenger thus refers to the sermon of Bishop Cheshire on the life and character of Rev. William S. Pettigrew, as printed in the GOLD LEAF Nov. 29th:

The sermon preached at Henderson on the 18th of last month, on Rev. William Shepard Pettigrew, by Bishop Cheshire, is a memorable one. It is in the first place concerning a much lamented minister of most excellent worth and exalted character, and a man of high type, of singular purity and sweetness of life and "full of the milk of human kindness." In second place, the sermon is an entertaining, impressive, well written production, and evidently by a minister of ability and study. It is well marked with sober reflection, breadth of view, and sagacity of understanding, it reproduces with felicity of touch and a certain human charm something of the past—the plain, heroic times that produced genuine men of the staunch, noble type—and presents a fine study of a devout and most useful, and well-beloved servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, who was antique of the past, independent, of real moderation, the very soul of honor and sympathy, and goodness, well worthy to have written in application to himself what About Ben Adhem said in reply to the angel—

"I pray thee then, Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."

We knew for well nigh thirty years this "servant of God." We have known him in the days of his youth, who lived such gracious, beautiful, consecrated lives, and who were in themselves such admirable representatives of the highest manhood, such delightful expressions of regenerated fallen humanity. He lived for God and for his fellow-men, and when he was called to cease his earthly career, he did not die, but passing out of the perishing tabernacle of flesh he was so transfigured, that he no