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Law Enforcement.

Is the law being enforced in Marion and McDowell county? Our attention has been called to this quite a good many times lately by good citizens. Many think that our city government is lax and loose and that our county government is not what it should be. The argument is often advanced that officials cannot enforce the law without the evidence. This is true, but it is not the disposition of any private citizen to volunteer his testimony or swear out a warrant, when the violation is none of his business except his interest in good government and decency. Officials are elected or appointed to protect the interests of the commonwealth and when they fail they are unworthy of the trust.

If the law is not being enforced the officers know it as well or better than any private citizen and therefore their line of duty is now plainly marked. We do not need more law but officials who will enforce the laws we have without regard for the violators' social, financial or political standing. Mr. Citizen, will you stop, look and listen; meditate, observe.

The best man we have in our town for the general good of the town is the one who you will always see on the front seat in the progressive "band wagon." He is the first one to extend an open and warm hand to greet the stranger and welcome him to the best town in the state. He will resent an insult to our town as quickly as he would a slur at a member of his family. He very politely invites the chronic croaker to "move on." He is ever ready to give his just proportion to every public enterprise. He talks up our town at home and abroad and believes it the best place upon God's green earth in which to live and desires to be buried here when he dies. Let us all try to be like this man for one year and our little city will take on new life and improve as never before in its history.

This is the season for new resolutions and we have no doubt that the majority of McDowell county citizens have resolved to not only be better citizens but to be better toward themselves and their fellow man in their chosen professions or work. Resolutions are easily made but sometimes hard to keep, and our hope is that every man, woman and child may keep every good resolution made. May the year 1912 bring much pleasure and prosperity to each of our readers, and may our county go forward and develop and more nearly approach our maximum—the greatest county in Western North Carolina.

Irving, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hayes, died very suddenly on Monday morning after a short illness of bronchial trouble. Services were conducted at their home by Rev. Edward Long and the little one laid at rest in Oak Grove cemetery.

Compliment to McDowell Boy.

In our last week's issue we carried an article, which reported the distribution of the prizes of the Boys' Corn Club for North Carolina. We reported the prizes for the 10th District. This was an error, because McDowell County is in the 8th District; and we are not only glad to correct the write-up of last week, but also very much pleased to report that Clarence Pool won the third prize in the 8th District. This is not only a compliment to Clarence but to McDowell County, and his friends will be delighted to know that he stood third in his district. For the 8th District the following are prize winners:

First prize, Tom A. Finley, Wilks County, 126 bushels; Second prize, Gates Linney, Alexander County, 112 bushels; third prize, Clarence Pool, McDowell County, 85 bushels; fourth prize, Arthur Fox, Alexander County, 83 bushels; fifth prize, L. F. Dimmette, Wilkes County, 82 bushels.

Don't forget that a Boys' Corn Club for McDowell County will be organized on the second Saturday in January, at two o'clock in the Court-house.

"Drinking In Prohibition States And Elsewhere."

Under this heading the "Northwestern Christian Advocate" riddles the strongest argument against prohibition in the following fashion:

"When the Interstate Commerce Commission let it be known that 20,000,000 gallons of liquor are shipped annually into the nine prohibition States, prohibition as a principle that fails to work began to receive more or less sympathetic attention from the newspapers. The figures are there, and can't be denied.

"But two facts should be faced before starting the chorus, 'Prohibition doesn't prohibit.' These 20,000,000 gallons were sent into 'dry' territory against the wishes of the great majority of the people, and, in most cases, in defiance of the State law. The minority, which will have its liquor by fair means or foul, is as yet able to satisfy its appetite because the nation does not help the State, as it should, in the struggle against strong drink. That's one important feature of the case. The other is the fact that the prohibition States drinking 20,000,000 gallons a year, consume less than a gallon and a quart per capital, while the per capital consumption for the rest of the country is twenty-five gallons. The city of Chicago alone, with 2,000,000 people, consume in thirty days as much intoxicating liquor as the 15,000,000 people in prohibition States drink in a year."—Exchange.

How to Begin the New Year.

Mr. Clarence Poe, who went to China last year, found out that the Chinaman has a rule to settle every debt at the New Year, and it doesn't matter what sacrifices he must make he gets square with the world and starts the new twelvemonth with a clean sheet, a clear conscience and a smile—even if he has only rice enough left to last the family a week and mighty little clothing except his pig-tail.

We have a notion that the Chinese are heathen and ignorant, but the more we learn about them the more we find that there is much we can learn from the Chinese. It is a bad habit for one people to think they know it all. The Grecians called all the world outside Greece "the barbarians," and later the Romans did likewise. We need to learn that there is much China can teach America, and if we can learn and practice its custom of paying

To Our Friends and Customers:

In closing the year 1911, we wish to thank our friends for their staunch confidence and liberal patronage. That we are gratified with this year's results and extremely proud of your support.

We are sure you have profited by all your business relations with us, and venture the prophecy that even greater advantages will occur during the year 1912.

We sincerely trust that the new year unfolding itself to you will be the happiest and most prosperous of all, adding more wealth and pleasure as the years roll on.

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up everything and starting the New Year with a clean sheet it will be one of the most valuable lessons that can be imparted. If put into practice it would make the wheels of commerce revolve with more ease and be a blessing all around. Indifference to obligations and delay in paying bills are among the most annoying things that trouble business men.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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Again thanking you and wishing that the year 1912 will be a happy and prosperous year for all.

Respectfully,

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