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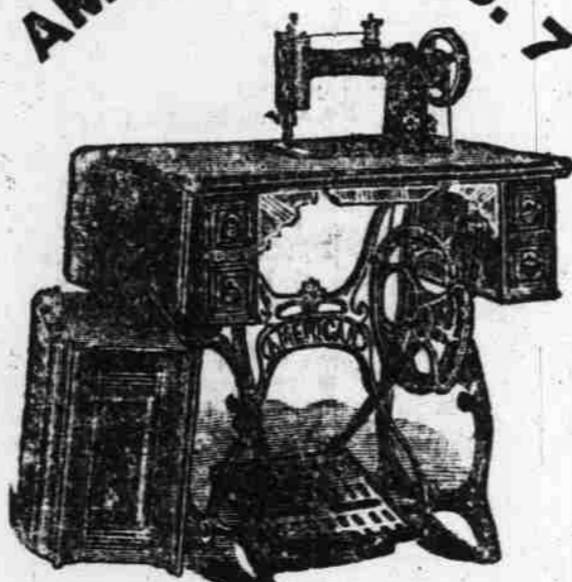
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We have remarked before that the PINE KNOT takes no vacations. Christmas and New Year it still "keeps blazing away." We sometimes feel sorry for our readers, because they don't get any vacation either, but hope they'll be able to pull through.

Atlanta, Ga. has made the liquor license fee \$1,500.—*Exchange.*

That is good, but \$5,000 would be better, supposing the theory that high license will abate rum-selling to be a true one. Of this however we have grave doubts.

Paper window glass is now said to be an assured fact.—*Exchange.*

An assured fact! Well, we should think so. If the writer of the above had visited our office twelve months ago he would have discovered that it was an assured fact here. Likewise old boots and hats.

In spite of repeated contradictions, we see the story still going the rounds that Mrs. J. N. Cushing of Philadelphia, was the commissioned captain of a company in Col. T. W. Higginson's regiment, during the war. There is no truth in the story beyond the fact that the lady in question organized a band of men as a sort of home guard at one of the places where she was stationed at the South in war time.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Don't laugh about good resolutions at the beginning of a new year. Even that uplift of the soul toward better things is worth something. Of course there is no magic in a date. One can not juggle with January first better than any other day of the year, but if it be any help to thee, my weak brother or sister, in Heaven's name take this first day of the year for a stepping stone to a higher life. Sad will it be for you indeed, if the new year find you not taking firmer hold on the righteousness of life, casting off some tatters of your old self, reaching wider and thrusting deeper than ever before. There must be either growth or shrivelling, that's certain. Suppose the resolves are broken, the very making of them tingled the blood into healthier flow for one or two heart beats at least. Say to thyself;—"Here am I, God's express image. Shame on me, if one day at least out of three hundred and sixty-five I do not strive after the great destiny to which I was appointed. Worse shame on him who sneers at such striving." In brief then, and better, far better than un-

melodious words of ours have said it, our exhortation to ourselves should be:—

"Build thee more lofty temples. O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll."

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON MILLS.

We learn from the *Manufacturer's Record* that North and South Carolina are outstripping all the rest of the Southern states in building new cotton mills. In North Carolina alone the following enterprises are reported as having started up during the last eight or nine weeks: At Statesville a \$100,000 company will build a mill; at Gastonia, the Gastonia M'fg Co., \$50,000; at Durham negotiations are in progress for a 15,000 spindle mill; at Salisbury, the Salisbury Cotton Mills \$62,500 and \$38,000; at Haw River, the Granite Cotton Mills have built a weaving mill of 216 looms; the Cleveland Cotton Mills Co., will invest \$60,000 in a new mill; at Ellenboro, the Henrietta Mills Co., have decided to put in 10,000 spindles instead of 5,000 as originally intended; at Rockingham the Roberdel Man'g Co. have increased their capital stock to \$125,000 and are putting in new machinery; the Hope Mills have been enlarged; \$40,000 has been subscribed to re-establish the Rocky River Cotton Mills in Cabarrus County; a new fifty-loom plaid mill is projected at Shelby; a knitting factory has been erected at Wilmington; one cotton mill, perhaps two, will be built at Charlotte; an \$80,000 factory is projected at Mt. Airy. To this list we can add with confidence that a cotton mill will be erected in Moore County during the coming year. This is indeed encouraging. All these new enterprises mean more citizens for our State, more employment for those already here and more money and better times for us all.

NO USE FOR SECTIONALISM.

Away with the "bloody shirt!" There is still too much effort to keep alive sectional hatred in this grand country of ours. There are men and politicians who seem to regard it treasonable for our Southern States to honor those who were leaders during the war, either living or dead. But our friends of the South would not be men if they did not esteem their old leaders. The war is long since past; both sides believed they were right in that conflict; the South was convinced of its error by force of arms, and history does not record an instance in which a conquered people have more cheerfully accepted the arbitrament of war. To-day the United States has really no North, no South, no East, no West, so intimate is the relationship existing between the industry, commerce and agriculture of the various sections. Let us keep our faces to the front and unitedly work together to fulfill the destiny which lies before American citizenship. Let us be good citizens rather than bad politicians.—*Farm & Home*, (Springfield, Mass.)