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Boy suits, \$1.50, at the White Front.

Fresh Momaja coffee at Latta & Beard's.

Call on us in Elliott's Opera House.

Send to Royster & Martin for overcoats.

"Happy New Year!" White Front Clothing Emporium.

The gift-enterprise cases have all been dismissed. *Sic semper.*

Services in the Reformed Church Sunday morning by the pastor.

Photographs of Jeff. Davis on sale at the Book Store, only 25cts each. *

All the new styles in clothing at Royster & Martin's, Hickory, N. C.

A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the capture of the absconding cashier, Silcott.

Christmas, there will be services at the Lutheran Seminary, at eleven o'clock. All are invited.

The Ladies' Guild cleared about \$60 on their delightful entertainment last Thursday night.

Although this paper is dated Thursday it is issued Tuesday night in order to have holiday Christmas day.

Dr. Ingold will continue to preach in the Reformed Church twice a month, as he has during the past year.

Mr. Worth Elliott, of the copartnership of Elliott & Elliott, is now engaged in a building contract in Danville, Va.

J. B. Little, of Cline's township, killed the largest hog of this season. It weighed 750 lbs. net. Can anybody beat that?

The Wilmington Messenger registers about fifty new subscribers every week. The people know a good thing when they see it.

Send us a club or at least one new subscriber as a New Year's gift. It will cost you only a word and we will appreciate it very much.

The East India Catarrh Root is for sale at the Chandler Hotel, Statesville, N. C., all orders by mail promptly filled. S. A. CHANDLER.

Elliott's Opera House is now rented from top to bottom. The Hickory Printing Co. is the first occupant. Call around and see us.

The Boston Quintette Club is the finest musical organization in this country. They will open the Elliott Opera House on Tuesday evening January 14th.

Col. W. W. Lenoir was in town last week and renewed his subscription to January, '91. We would there were more such men as Col. Lenoir in this country.

Have you a friend far away or near by, to whom you would make a New Year's gift? Send him the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN for a year. It will keep him reminded of you the whole year through.

On account of the fact that we were pushed with work and could not spare the time to make all our cuts for the trade edition we have postponed its appearance till the 9th of January, when it will come out.

If we have failed to mention anything in this issue that should have been mentioned we hope and pray for forgiveness and excuse ourselves on the ground that it is very hard to move a printing office and write copy at the same time.

Farewell to the Old Year.

Another year with its pleasures and disappointments is at an end. It is with feelings conflicting that we think of this. We mourn for the pleasures that have fled, we have an anxious and pleasurable anticipation of what the coming year will bring fourth. Much good work has been accomplished in the past and we hope more will be accomplished during the coming year.

This is our last issue this year. Instead of skipping the last issue of this year—as is usually done—on account of moving and in order to give the boys a rest, we will not issue any paper the first week in January. On the 9th of January we will greet you with our first issue of the new year in the shape of a sixteen-page illustrated trade issue. Until that date, farewell! Let us all enter upon the new year with these resolutions:

To "do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

To pay all our debts—especially our subscriptions to the different papers we take.

To subscribe immediately for the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.

And above all—let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and do all we can for the progress and prosperity of Hickory.

His Death Sentence Commuted.

Gov. Fowle yesterday commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of William Alexander, convicted in Mecklenburg county of burglary and sentenced to be hanged December 5th. He had been reprieved till January 3rd. The Governor thinks from the facts that the convicted man is not the burglar who would take life if necessary to his escape, whom the law means to punish with death, but that he is a sneak thief in the night time, and upon the petition of some of the very best citizens of Charlotte, he commutes the sentence to imprisonment for life.

To go to Hickory.

The manager of the new opera house of Hickory, N. C., which is now nearly completed, has invited the Salisbury Knickerbocker Company to present "The Little Tycoon" there about the 15th of next January, as a christening of the new opera house. The company has consented to go.—[Chronicle.]

The Boston Quintette Club will "christen" the opera house.

Taking the census is a matter of vast importance to the country, and yet there are some embarrassments about it; just think of the old maids who will have to tell their ages during the next twelve months and answer the question: "Are you single or married?" What a horrid man the census taker will be.

The capturers of Jeff. Davis bid fair to outnumber the body-servants of George Washington if they are only given time enough. Another one has just turned up in Chicago and received \$293 as his share of the \$100,000 reward offered by the government.—[Detroit Free Press.]

Is this a "Gift Enterprise?"

Which do you prefer—to pay your subscription before Jan. 1st, and get the worth of garden seeds or a good book free, or to pay later and get no premium.—[Gastonia Gazette.]

The Statesville Landmark says: The Richmond & Danville railroad now requires conductors to receipt passengers for money paid for fare when they get on at stations where there is no agent.

Henry W. Grady is Dying.

ATLANTA, December 22.—Henry W. Grady is lingering on the portals of eternity. His mother arrived in answer to telegraphic summons, while his other relatives and friends are gathered in and around the house. The doctors, struggling against hope, are taking heroic measures. Said Dr. King to your correspondent: "Ever since Thursday I have looked upon Mr. Grady's case as desperate, and if he lives it will be a miracle."

The people of Atlanta were not aware of the grave nature of Mr. Grady's case until the preachers in the various churches at noon to-day asked their prayers for his recovery. They had just been notified that the doctors looked more to Providence than to medicine, and Mr. Grady himself sent word to them that he trusted to their prayers. All the afternoon people flocked to the residence of the sick man with anxious inquiries.

LATER.

ATLANTA Ga., Dec. 23.—Henry W. Grady is dead.

Death came at 3:40 this morning. Its coming had been feared by those who had watched the case closely, but nobody expected it so soon.

The scene at his home during the last hours were most pathetic. It was shortly after 11 o'clock that Dr. Everett announced that Mr. Grady was sinking rapidly, and that the end was near. Then it was that all the members of the family and relations gathered about the sick bed, hoping against hope, yet praying that the cup might be taken from them. Friends who had at the Doctor's suggestion left the house a few hours previously, were hastily summoned. The same question, brought the same answer: "No hope. No—No!"

Instantly Killed.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 21.—This morning shortly after daybreak the gasometer of the city gas works exploded with fatal effect. Last night owing to some defect in the works the gas was cut off and the men were engaged all through the night making repairs. The water was drawn from the gasometer so that a man might get inside to stop the leak. While so doing with a lantern the gas was ignited and an explosion followed, instantly killing William Gates and Lewis Guthrie and slightly wounding two others. The bodies of the men killed were thrown some distance, and badly mutilated. The gasometer was totally destroyed and other parts of the work badly injured. The explosion was heard all over the city. The fire alarm was sounded and the fire companies were quickly on the spot. Steps were at once taken to repair the damages but it will be some days before the supply of gas will be renewed.

The Boston Quintette Club has a national reputation as being the finest musical club in the Union. It is simply grand. They will christen the Elliott Opera House on the night of the 14th of January. The management deserves much for getting such a company to visit us. Everybody should go.

A correspondent who has been reading Stanley's letters asks how to pronounce Mpwapwa. Take a mouthful of hot coffee and try to say "papa" without swallowing it.—[Quincy Whig.]

Ingold's sweet potatoes in stock all the time at Bost & Co's 52 4t

Goodbye, Old Year, Goodbye!

Thy wings beat slowly, floating thee back among the countless comrades of the past; are they heavy—those dark wings—with the weight of our sin and our despair, that they linger so, or do they wait to catch from the splendid pinions of the strong young year some radiance telling of our near repentance and our hope?

What is done, is done, thy record of good cannot be changed, but may be bettered; as for what evil thou hast marked in us, may the memory of it pass as thou goest to greet that band of hoary kindred who marked Time's flight before the days of Noah, but may thy recollections of our kindlier acts and thoughts brighten age after age, to greet us, shadowless, before the throne!

Stop a Foolish and Costly Practice.

The flag was not half-masted over, nor was the War Department draped in black because of the death of Jefferson Davis, a former Secretary of War. In not doing this the Government saved from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

This is a good time to put a stop, forever, to the foolish business, Ex-officials are entitled to no more recognition at the hands of the Government when they die than other citizens are. Let some member of Congress, fresh from the people, who has not yet fallen into the belief that there is an element of royalty in official position, introduce a measure that will put an end to the continuance of such foolishness at the expense of the Government.

He was Re-courting Her.

A young man from Caldwell and a young lady from Lincoln went up to Lenoir last Saturday night with intention to get married. She cautioned him of the danger of her changing her mind if she found out that he drank. With reckless disregard of these words on Sunday he got fool drunk and she saw it. On Monday morning she took the train for home and he went along trying to persuade her to reconsider. He was re-courting, but with what luck we have not heard.

Must Not Run a "Gift Enterprise."

We proposed to give one of "Rome" Cline's books on farming to all new subscribers and to old ones who paid all arrears and a year in advance, but that has been adjudged a "gift enterprise," and subject to a tax no newspaper man can pay, and we now propose to sell said books for one cent to the parties named.

Mr. J. O. H. Nutall, or Rev. Mr. Dale as he persists in calling himself has been released from jail at Dalton, Ga., four members of his Atlanta congregation going on his bond. He says he will prove that he is Mr. Dale, and will show that the real Nutall committed suicide in Atlanta in 1884.

A little three-year old child of Mr. Bow Clontz was burned to death last Sunday, making the third accident of this terrible nature that has happened in Burke county in the last thirty days.—[Morganton Herald.]

The Australian system of voting will be in general use in the United States at the next Presidential election. Nine States are now using it in its original and two in a modified form. Ticket-peddlers and vote-persuaders will do well to hunt some other business; they will soon be banished from the polls.—[New York Morning Journal.]

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. F. Murrill left Monday for Lexington, Ky., to visit his daughter.

Miss Beulah Greer, the Tennessee belle, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Lawrence.

Mrs. L. G. Hay and her daughter, Errol, left last Friday evening for Raleigh.

Miss Hortense Ingold, of Randleman, N. C., is visiting Mrs. J. F. Murrill.

Mrs. W. S. Ramsour and Mrs. W. P. Reinhardt are visiting friends in Iredell county.

Mr. Will. Dickson returned last week from a long trip in the interests of the Piedmont Wagon Co.

Miss Julia Wheeler, the highly accomplished bookkeeper at the Bank of Hickory, is visiting in Washington City.

The School Teacher.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The school teacher is one who is chosen to have influence over another, therefore, he should carefully and properly prepare himself for this great duty. How diligently a man who is to speak on the stage prepares himself. He will obtain special instruction for the purpose, and in the same way it must be with the teacher. While the teacher is sent forth to govern others, he should be possessed of all true character of self-government. For instance, a teacher who steps heavily, shuts the doors and desks noisily, or speaks with a loud and harsh voice, will have a noisy school. And we can readily see that the teacher who has not learned to control his temper, even when tired and ill, cannot control others. If a pupil should do something impertinent the teacher should dare not to lose his self control. I really believe that the moral force of the teacher is magnified a thousand times by his perfect self-control under exciting circumstances. No rules, no maxims will serve in an emergency like the ordering of a sound judgment.

To teach readily, quickly, naturally and attractively, is a power every teacher should strive to possess and enlarge. The teacher must study to be a good teacher; the art of school management in its best sense turns upon that. The pupils, as well as the teacher, like to see the school in perfect order. The teacher should endeavor to bring about good government. It is like sunshine; it develops manhood and womanhood in the pupils; as one has said, "the power to govern is the power to do good." It seems that some teachers go on with badly managed schools, just because they have never seen any better. He should endeavor to so organize and manage the school as if he possessed the skill similar to that of a painter or sculptor. W. S. POLLARD
Peneiope, Dec. 18.

Coal has been discovered on the lands of Mr. Daniel Brown, near Bridgewater, and there is an iron mine on the property, the ore of which yields 53 per cent. of iron. Mr. Brown will have his mineral interests examined by experts, and developed if the investigations are encouraging.—[Morganton Herald.]

Col. Polk has tendered his resignation as Secretary of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, to take effect January 4, 1890. He says he will retain his membership in Oak Ridge Alliance, No. 24, his relation as editor of the Alliance organ, and his citizenship as a North Carolinian.—[Ral. Call.]