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Homer McKee's Prayer

Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces make one pound, and one hundred cents make one dollar.

Relieve me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and haunted by the faces of those to whom I have done wrong.

Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the same, and in doing thereof that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me mine own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And then when comes the smell of flowers, and the tread of soft steps, and the crushing of the horse's wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "HERE LIES A MAN."

Mr. H. J. Bailey and wife, and Mr. Dewey Bailey of Apex, are the guests of Mr. R. A. Walker and family.

Prominent Citizen of Yanceyville Gone to Reward

Yanceyville.—Julius Johnson died at his home in Yanceyville Monday night at 10:30 o'clock in his 58th year. His illness was of brief duration, being in the nature of a sudden attack of acute indigestion, consequently came as a great shock to his family and host of friends.

Mr. Johnson was one of the most prominent lawyers and widely known men in the state of North Carolina. In his chosen profession he made for himself a state-wide reputation by his identification with a large number of important cases before the courts and his services were sought by all classes of people throughout the state who needed legal advice and counsel. He was a man of strong personality, cultured intellect and sterling character. He possessed those qualities of disposition and congeniality of spirit which made him a man greatly beloved by all who knew him. He was a lifelong Democrat and took a patriotic interest in all that concerned the welfare of his state and community. For a number of years he was a member of the house of representatives and made the force of his powers greatly felt for good in this body.

He is survived by his wife and 10 living children.

Read the 'Trey O' Hearts' this week.

WHY BUY AT HOME

Because my interests are here. Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.

Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.

Because I want to see the goods I am buying.

Because I want to get what I buy when I pay for it.

Because my home merchant will take care of me when I run short of cash.

Because some part of every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps work for the welfare of the town and the county.

Because the home merchant I buy from stands back of his goods, thus always giving value received.

Because the merchant I buy from pays his share of the county and town taxes.

Because the merchant I buy from helps support our poor and needy, our schools, our churches, our lodges and homes.

Because if ill luck, misfortune or bereavement comes, the merchant I buy from is here with his kindly expression of greeting, his word of cheer, and, if needed, his pocket book.

Let us make this town a good place in which to work and live. It's easy and certain if everyone will do his share.

The dollar sent away seldom returns, while the money spent at home is apt to leave a scrapling at your door.

A Good Man Passes Over.

On Saturday, December 19th at 2 o'clock, at his home near Mt. Tabor, Mr. J. R. Reade breathed his last. He was 63 years old and was born and raised in the community. About eighteen months ago he began to decline and gradually grew worse. He leaves a wife, four girls and three boys. On Sunday he was buried at the old home place, the burying place of this family, services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. J. Boone.

Mr. Reade was a splendid man, a worthy son of worthy forefathers. We doubt if there has been a family in this County who have been more illustrious or made more history than the Reade family, and in the death of Mr. J. R. Reade his community will sadly miss him.

Tuesday January 5th.

Dr. N. Rosenstein the eye specialist of Durham will make his regular call to Roxboro next Tuesday Jan. 5th for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Don't forget his good service for the last 10 years he has given to the people in this County, and his prices are the lowest possible for the high grade service.

Christmas Tree.

The Baptist Sunday School gave a Christmas Tree to the scholars last Thursday evening, and it is needless to say that the little tots were delighted. The addition to the Baptist church for Sunday School purposes, is almost completed and will soon be occupied by the school.

A Happy New Year.

Dr. N. Rosenstein extends his best wishes to all of his patients and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and he also wishes to say that in the past as in the future he will make his regular First Tuesday calls to Roxboro every month, stopping at the Jones hotel. Dr. Rosenstein, will be at Roxboro next Tuesday Jan. 5th 1915, for the purpose of Examining eyes and fitting glasses. If your eyes need the service of an Eye-Specialist don't fail to see him at the Jones hotel, Tuesday Jan. 5th.

Are you reading "Trey O' Hearts"?

Sensibly Progressive.

The letter of recommendations of the state tax commission for revision of the tax laws by the general assembly is a document that will disappoint only those who were expecting less of the commission than a comprehensive plan of genuine reform in our tax methods.

The commission did not make the mistake of interpreting the defeat of the tax amendment as an expression of complete satisfaction with existing administration of the tax laws, but on the contrary it insisted that the principle of uniform and equal taxation, which retains its place in the constitution by the recent vote of the people, should be carried out in fact as well as in theory. The recommendations made by the commission for effectuating this purpose are, in our opinion, such as will commend themselves to the good judgment of the general assembly. They may be briefly summarized:

Valuation of all property for taxation at its true value.

(1) By levying the gross amount of revenue to be raised, instead of the rate of tax to apply, and leaving the rate to be automatically adjusted after the valuations are made, and the total amount of tax valuations are made, and the total amount of tax valuations have been ascertained, Assessments at full value have been impossible formerly as the commission points out, by the fixing of the tax rate in advance, and based upon under valuations.

(2) By a thorough investigation of the relation of actual values in every county by ascertaining in each county the relation of sales value to assessed value of all real estate sold in such county for a period of twelve months. This would furnish an index, based on facts, to the percentage of undervaluation in each county, which would be of value to the assessing officers in making their assessments, and to the state commission in making an equalization as between counties.

(3) The creation of the permanent office of county assessor and auditor in every county, and having all real estate assessments made by him, or under his direct supervision, so that all the real estate of a county will be assessed from the standpoint of one conception of values, instead of by a different standard in each township.

(4) Publication of assessments by furnishing every tax payer a printed list of all assessments in his township.

(5) Genuine equalization of assessments by a township board for the township, by a county board for the county, and the state tax commission for the state.

(6) The recommendation that such an assessment be not made hurriedly, but that ample time be given, both from preparation and organization and for the work itself.

(7) More stringent methods to secure listing of intangible personal property, the present injustice in taxing this class of property being removed by assessing tangible property at actual value and at a proportionately reduced tax rate. —Raleigh Times.

Mr. J. Ivey Wade

And Bride In Town.

Mr. J. Ivey Wade and Miss Florence Howard were married in South Boston on last Wednesday evening and have been spending several days here visiting Mr. Wade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wade. They returned to their home in South Boston, last night.

Government to Issue Commercial Daily Paper

Washington, D. C.—To promote the foreign commerce of the United States the government will go into the newspaper business January 2, next, when the first number of "The Daily Commercial Report" will be issued by the Department of Commerce. In it will be carried all important commercial cablegrams received from the attaches at the various embassies abroad and from consular offices throughout the world. It also will contain brief abstracts of the findings of investigators of the department in many lines of American enterprise, and will present to the business world each day the gist of the business of the Department of Commerce for the preceding day.

The plan for a commercial daily was worked out by Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The new publication will take the place of the daily consular reports now issued.

E. A. Brand, assistant chief of the bureau, who returned today from an extended tour of inspection of the eight new branch offices of the bureau, reported that the branches were meeting with a cordial reception from business houses and were working to full capacity in co-operation with merchants and manufacturers.

Mr. W. D. Lewis, of Rocky Mount spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis. He returned to Rocky Mount Monday morning.

CHANGES ARE FEW AT BATTLE FRONT

Fighting in Belgium On Christmas Day Was Fiercest of Month.

London—The battle lines in the east and west have undergone few changes in the past day. French and German reports agree that the Germans have captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line, to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in the Lens region, farther east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

Fierce Fighting in Belgium.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say the Belgians, as a result of five days sapping, captured nearly 3,000 Germans with only small losses to themselves.

According to Russian reports, German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are making progress along the great front.

French Newspapers Enthusiastic

French newspapers are enthusiastic over the raid by British cruisers and sea planes on Cuxhaven. They consider improbable the German

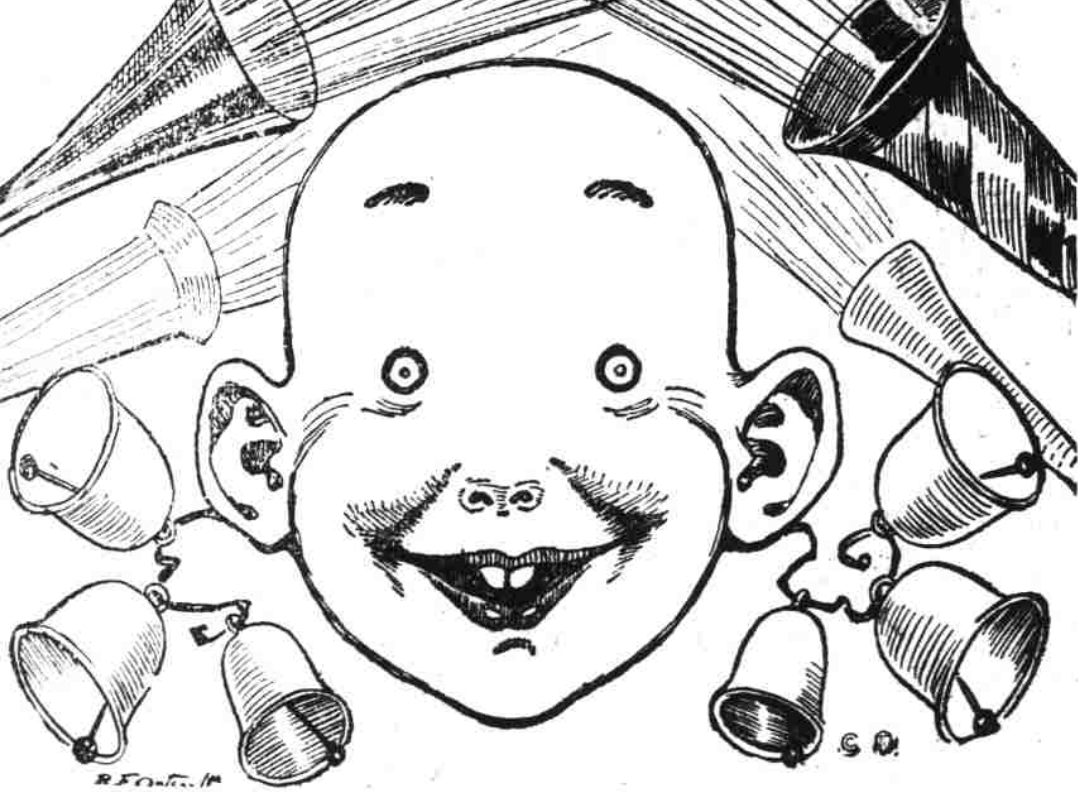
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To Our Friends:

We extend the Season's Greeting and hope that 1915 our business may be the means of making and keeping for us as many friends as in 1914. Also the same mutual respect, self-respect and the same give and take of confidence. May the experiences of the past year prove a happy memory to you, and the incoming year bring you good health, happiness and contentment.

THE NEWELLS
JEWELERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR



RESOLVE TO COME TO OUR STORE FOR ALL THE HARDWARE YOU NEED. BECAUSE WE SELL THE BEST TOOLS AND HARDWARE MADE.

WE STAND BEHIND EVERY PIECE OF HARDWARE WE SELL WITH OUR MONEY AND REPUTATION AND MAKE GOOD ON EVERY DEAL.

Long, Bradsher & Co

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Time in its rapid flight has brought us to the end of another year, and we pause for the pleasure of extending the Season's Greetings to our many friends and customers.

While the past year has not been the best from a standpoint of business gain that most of us have seen, we have been blessed in almost every other way and are today one of the most favored people on earth and have much to be thankful for.

In our review of the business accorded us, we are pleasantly reminded of the valued favors received from you, which are deeply appreciated and for which accept our sincerest thanks.

With eager anticipation we turn our attention to 1915, and earnestly solicit your cordial co-operation and continued friendship. We shall continually strive to merit this by having your dealings with us characterized by liberality and an unswerving aim to please, and hope to increase the efficiency of our organization, thereby adding to the excellence of our service and our offerings.

We trust that you, with our good friends and customers, have enjoyed the bright side of the past year and that the coming year will be a bountiful one for you.

Wishing you a most happy as well as prosperous New Year, we are, always pleased to serve you,

Harris & Burns.

ROXBORO'S BEST STORE.