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The JOURNAL extends greetings to all its readers and advertisers, and wishes them a merry and happy New Year.

O HAKE [illegible] candidates [illegible] Congress has served [illegible] SIMMONS, who was elected nearly two thousand [illegible] Contesting is a remedy frequently applied by defeated candidates. In this case the contest will receive much consideration.

BUSINESS ABOVE POLITICS.

"We have sowed [illegible] in the place of [illegible] business above politics," said HENRY W. GRADY, of the Atlanta *Constitution*, in his eloquent, clear and patriotic response to the toast "The New South" at the dinner of the New England Society recently held in New York.

"Business above politics should be the motto of every community, but in order to this, business must control politics. Many of the business men of New Berne and Craven county held to this view during the recent political campaign. They saw that the political horizon in the State had been directed against their interests, and they resolved to use all honorable means to have a voice in its control in the future. They would willingly let the politicians take care of politics so long as their interest is properly guarded, but they will not allow a mere sentiment to control their actions regardless of consequences.

We hope that the General Assembly now about to convene in Raleigh will put business above politics and endeavor to give the people such legislation as they need, and such as will redound to the good of the whole people.

A PLEA FOR ORGANIZATION.

In this issue we publish a communication from Mr J. T. [illegible], a deputy of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in which he urges upon the farmers the necessity of organization.

We agree with Mr. [illegible] farmers need an organization peculiar to themselves that they may be better [illegible] the Patrons of Husbandry. But the intelligent and [illegible] farmer will not rely so much upon organization as upon timely, well directed and systematic work. The Grange is a good thing for its social features and can be made productive of good in bringing farmers together to discuss methods of manuring and cultivating, but after all the real success of the farm depends upon the capacity of the individual owner to direct its operations. Buy as little as possible, produce as much as possible with the least expense, strive to become independent, live at the home comfortable, give the children a good practical education, live within your income and keep out of debt, are the maxims which engage the attention of the right-thinking farmer. Organization may assist him materially in accomplishing these things, but unless he exercises good judgment in manuring, seeding, cultivating, harvesting and selling, properly caring for stock, making his home comfortable and educating his children not only in books, but in the ways and properly appreciate the farm and how to live within the income, organization will do but very much to him.

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The law in regard to the collection of taxes is very [illegible] the sheriffs do not perform their duty. Year after year [illegible] has been sold for taxes [illegible] county, and the sale was [illegible] farce, for the owners of the land paid no [illegible] taxes.

The back tax [illegible] Assembly of 1885 [illegible] cover these cases [illegible] Secretary of State [illegible] on the delinquent [illegible] amount of taxes [illegible] if not paid by [illegible] to direct the sheriffs [illegible] of county commissioners [illegible] county to bring [illegible] the State [illegible] property, and [illegible] payer before [illegible] swer or demur [illegible] into the office [illegible] Superior Court [illegible] taxes. [illegible] twenty-five [illegible] thereto [illegible] frightening [illegible] and about [illegible] of back taxes [illegible] were paid [illegible] still unpaid.

But no su[illegible] and we pose [illegible] taken because [illegible] constitutional [illegible] and because [illegible] would bring [illegible] whose taxes have [illegible] paid [illegible] amount [illegible] are unable [illegible] the law and [illegible] that the [illegible] forced [illegible] mulate [illegible] are [illegible] fascinating [illegible] quiet [illegible] lutely [illegible] demoralizing [illegible] to reason [illegible]

EXPERIMENTAL FARMING.

From now on [illegible] farmers [illegible] dition to field [illegible] expense of compost [illegible] dealing [illegible] farm [illegible] terest. We [illegible] purposes to set [illegible] Northern States [illegible] steadily [illegible] every community should have a Grange. That declaration is the following words:

We shall endeavor to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects:

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves. To enchance the comforts and attractiveness of our homes, and strengthen our attachments to our pursuits. To foster mutual understanding and confidence. To maintain inviolate our laws and institutions, civil and religious. To hasten the good time coming. To reduce our expenses, both individual and corporate. To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining. To diversify our crops, and raise more than we can sell, that we may increase the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel and more on hoof and in fleece, less in lint, and more in warp and woof. To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities. To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together, and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require. We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange. We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good will, and brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will insure our mental, moral and material advancement.

It is not necessary for the Grange in adhering to this declaration of purposes to make war on any other class of [illegible] Our success will depend much upon our ability to antagonize the merchant, the money-lender, the speculator, and the extortioner. The farmers is not necessarily a class war on the doctors, lawyers or any of the professions, for these are all legitimate callings in their proper spheres. It is the interest of the farmer [illegible] are as little for the interest of the doctors as possible. [illegible] the farmers want an organization why not revive the Grange? Its social features are elevating and improving. The beautiful lessons taught by the ritual are impressive, and the good fellowship engendered by its noble precepts is invaluable to every community.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina convenes tomorrow. The Republicans will have a larger representation than at any session since the Democrats swept the State in 1870. In the House they will have as many members as the Democrats have elected as regular nominees of the party, thus throwing the balance of power in the hands of the Independent Democrats.

If the Democrats should allow the Republicans to capture the independents and organize the House, they, the Republicans, will exert considerable influence in shaping the legislation of the session. But why should the regular Democrats antagonize the independents, who were elected as Democrats, and doubtless in many instances were justifiable in opposing the nominee of a packed convention. There is nothing to be gained by such a course. The Republican members are ready to make common cause with the independents, but the Democrats hold the strong [illegible]

CEMETERY ORGANIZATIONS.

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THE FIRE OF HOME.

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A SUNDAY OF FLORAL TRIBUTE DESIRED.

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HENRY W. GRADY ON THE BURNING CONFEDERATE.

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Attention, Farmers!

A happy New Year to the farmers, is the sincere heartfelt wish of the writer. Why? Because prosperity and happiness to them means prosperity and happiness to all classes and conditions of mankind. Agriculture being the foundation upon which all their occupations are built, how important then to all classes that those engaged in agriculture (the farmers) should be prosperous and happy! But simply wishing them a happy time will avail them but little. How is this good thing so desirable to be obtained? Not simply by wishing it, nor even by passing good resolutions, for we are told that the road that leads to hell is solidly paved with good resolutions never carried out. Then we ask again, how is this desirable end to be obtained? Not by wishing, not by resolving, not by waiting, not by preaching, nor even by praying alone. But by all combined and crowned with honest, faithful, skillful long continued, well-organized, hard-work labor.

Work, honest, skilled, faithful, organized, long continued work, what wonders it will accomplish. It will transform the desert into the Garden of Eden and cause the wilderness to blossom with roses, make our fields productive, fill our waters with steamboats, our pockets with money, our hearts with gladness and our mouths with songs of praise. But work to be effectual must be properly organized and skillfully directed; all must have a definite object in view and work steadily till that object is accomplished or failure is the result.

Now brother farmers, if you wish for yourselves, your wives, your children, and mankind in general, a happy new year, organize at once and go to work to bring about the good things so long and anxiously looked for. Remember, God only helps those who help themselves. Take for your motto the truthful words counted we stand, divided we fall," and organize not in little squads and clubs in each neighborhood, all having a different object in view, but join at once an organization that is already National; that has lived down all prejudice and silenced all opposition and today stands with nearly a twenty years' record spotless and blameless, never having interfered with the rights of any one, never having violated a single law, human or divine, seeking only to build up all classes and conditions of mankind and advocating the doctrine of the greatest good to the greatest number. I mean the Patrons of Husbandry or Grangers, once very numerous in this section but now seldom mentioned even in the newspapers in this State, but still very prosperous and powerful in the North and West and a few States in the South and destined I hope, in the Providence of God, to bring better times and great prosperity to our whole country—North, South, East and West.

Brother farmer, will you help to accomplish this grand work and be prosperous and happy, be useful in your day and generation, provide for yourselves, your wives and your children and your country, or will you still remain unorganized, grumble and growl, give mortgages, go into bankruptcy, have your homesteads laid off for you, raise your children in ignorance and slavery and die and go in the ground and not unhonored and unwept—a total failure, a fraud—one who could have saved the country from ruin but preferred to perish with the balance rather than organize and take hold of the helm and steer the ship into a port of safety?

The Patrons of Husbandry still have an organization in North Carolina comprising about fifty live, working granges. The State Grange met at Seaboard, in Northampton county, on the 13th of December last and appointed Dr. J. W. Sessoms, of Powelsville, and J. T. Eason, of Windwood, to the work of organizing new granges and reviving the old granges in the State who still have their charters. Write to either of them if you wish to organize. The fees have been reduced from three dollars to one, and is now in the reach of all.

Respectfully,
J. T. EASON

Mortality for 1886.

Another year has passed since we gave the necrology for North Carolina in 1885. During the year just closed but few eminent citizens have died, but the usual number of useful and prominent men in localities have gone to their reward. We are able of course to recall but a part. The local papers can supply the deficiencies in enumeration in their respective fields. The list is surely long enough to awaken thought and remind us that we too are mortal and are hastening to that bourne whence no traveller returns. We mention Dr. C. E. Peacock, Eugene A. Moffitt, Capt. George C. Buchan, Maj. E. W. Herndon, Rev. Evander McNair, D. D., Judge William J. Clarke, Prof. De Berniere Hooper, A. W. Davenport, Robert C. Patton, A. B. Springs, W. H. Sugg, Eli Moffitt, Dr. James Dusenberry, Maj. W. H. Brown, R. W. Pulliam, Dr. Wm. Hunter, Dr. Jos. A. Drake, J. W. McElroy, Judge R. H. Cannon, Maj. W. H. Bagley, W. L. Reed, Dr. J. A. Jackson, Daniel G. Carter, Dr. J. B. Stallings, Rev. P. T. Pennick, P. H. Riddick, Philemon Holland, jr., Mrs. Mary Bayard Clarke, Dr. R. R. Robeson, Dr. J. C. Carson, Dr. William Underwood, Rev. Frank Sanford, Dr. John Yancey, James R. Thigpen, Col. Samuel I. Piemont, Rev. W. H. Watkins, Dr. Minton Selby, Dr. J. M. Hodgkinson, Rev. T. A. Nichols, Dr. Alfred Myers, John C. Nash, James M. Clement, Patrick H. Winston, jr., Capt. Eugene B. Waggoner, Dr. F. D. Peace, Rev. J. C. Coffin, Rev. W. A. Parsley, Solomon Williams, Barclay J. Smith, Rev. C. C. Beardsley, Col. Harry T. Sears, Frank H. Darby, David A. Jenkins, Dr. W. A. Holt, Dr. E. F. Hackett, H. B. Elliott, Capt. W. A. Cunningham, Nathan A. Stedman, jr., Rev. Josiah Baker, Rev. Albert W. Lamb, D. D., Rev. J. C. Alexander, George E. Bostian, Rev. J. B. Anthony, Dr. W. H. Barker, Meredith Alexander, Frank Thompson, Jesse H. Lindsay, Capt. Jas. Strange and George G. Tyson.

Not Much.

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Cannot Say Too Much.

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Hackett's Arnica Salve.

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THE FIRE OF HOME.

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A SUNDAY OF FLORAL TRIBUTE DESIRED.

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Jones County Items.

Mrs. D. Romulus Whitaker is visiting her parents in Craven county.

Mr. Isaac Hardy of Lenoxville, was married at Trenton Sunday the 23rd ult. to Miss [illegible].

Mr. Edgar May and Mr. P. M. Pearsall left on Monday last on a visit to Pitt county.

The parents of our worthy postmaster, M. C. Giddens, are spending a few days with him in Trenton.

Mr. Tom Foy, we learn, has rented the Jas. H. C. Bryan house at Trenton and will move there in a few days.

Mr. Abner Dawson is moving to Trenton. We hope Abner didn't be [illegible] jackolanterns scare him from his old plantation.

Died, Dec. 31, 1886, at the county home, near Trenton, Chaney Westbrook, colored, who was very old and had been sick a long time.

The family of Mr. I. C. Whitaker, of Germanton, are visiting their parents at Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Whitaker.

The Rev. Mr. Cashwell will preach at the church in Trenton Friday, the 7th of January, and at Piney Grove Sunday, the 9th.

Miss Nannie Jackson and Annie Brooks, of Pitt, and Miss Maggie Dawson, of Maple Cypress, have been visiting in Trenton during the holidays. Mrs. J. A. Smith's, Mrs. Hattie Jones's, on Monday last, were young people and we have no doubt they had a good time.

We are informed that Mr. [illegible] is moving a new house up. Said he had been living on his property on rich land and thinks he is going to move to the poorest place in the world and see if he could not better his condition. What is the cause? I enquired. Why, said he, did you ever hear the song "Aught is an aught and a figure is a figure, corn for the whiskey and oats for the nigger."

The inmates of our county poor house were very agreeably surprised on Christmas day by the reception of a very large basket well filled with delicacies and substantials, enough, we judge, to last several days. It was from our good friend who has a heart for the worthy poor as large as a mountain. Long may such generous-hearted citizens as Capt. E. R. Page live to enjoy the return of these good old Christmas days and make the hearts of these worthy paupers glad.

Married, at the home of the bride's father, on Thursday, the 23d of Dec., Mr. Andrew Banks, of Jones county, to Miss Narcissa Moore, of Craven. The happy news was greeted at the residence of the groom's father, Mr. J. R. Banks, by friends and neighbors to the number of about four hundred, who were bountifully entertained by a nine supper. All were well pleased and made to feel themselves at home, just like J. R. Banks knows how.

That worthy and zealous Christian minister of the gospel, A. D. Betts, who has been of this extent for the last three years, left for Nashville, N. C., on a mission, on Monday last. The people in Trenton were sorry to part with him. They loved him and his wife and family as a Christian family. Mr. Betts is an enthusiastic, able advocate of the cause of Christianity, which spread his whole time and talents in the cause of the people. Brother, if you visit Nashville you will find a people who will appreciate you. We commend you to the people, who will know how to value such a man as you are. We know you will be a blessing to them and they will be benefited by your labors. We wish you success in your new field of labor.

Mr. Jesse Hodges, of Trenton, is moving to Kinston. We regret to lose such a good citizen and such a good family from our town. We wish them success in their new home.

Mr. Lewis Hodges, who was married to Miss Ella Jones, of Trenton, on the 23rd of December, last year, and who left for his home in Texas, on the day following, with his young wife, to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, mother, brothers and sisters, returned home last week. We understand he is well pleased with the country and thinks of making it his home. We hope he may be so pleased as to induce his father, mother, brothers and sisters to come to Texas. We shall be glad to see them all. We know they would be pleased with the country and people. We hope they will come and see us.

Mr. Jesse Foy, who has been in the employment of Mr. Jas. H. C. Bryan for the last year, has left his employer and has gone to Trenton to work for himself. We hope he may be successful in his undertaking. We know he will be if he will be as good a man to his employer as he has been to us. We regret to lose such a good young man from our town, but we