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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE owner of the steamer Haytien Republic wants $250,000 in demnity.

EVERY one should commence the new year with higher resolves and nobler purposes.

THE solution of the race problem has not yet been solved It is the "irrepressible conflict" of the period.

SINCE a Railroad Commission for North Carolina is an apparent certainty, the prospects of Eastern Carolina are much brighter.

THE General Assembly will convene on Wednesday the 9th of January. The ballot for U. S. Senator will begin on the second Tuesday thereafter

THE New Berne JOURNAL sends fraternal greetings to all North Carolina journalists. May the new year be a joyous and prosperous one to every one of you

MAX O RELL says The Americans are full of *wakard or ness*, and their country is getting like the land of conjuring. The earth is small, it has often been remarked, but America is large

THE greatest French prose writer of the day, M. Ernest Renan, one day wishing to turn himself into a prophet of ill omen, predicted that, if France continued republican, she would become a second America.

GENERAL HARRISON may derive benefit by reading the lives of the Presidents, but it has been suggested that if he will avoid reading the Chicago platform he will make his task easier and the result better.

THE Wilmington Messenger has entered upon its third volume. This is a matter of congratulation to the public no less than to the able journal in whose prosperity North Carolinians feel an honorable pride.

JUDGE MERRIMON and Josiah Turner are added to the list of Senatorial candidates. If every neighborhood brings out a candidate Ransom may not be elected on the first ballot, but we do not believe a combination can be made to defeat him.

A PHENOMENON is reported from Dakota, a crevice in the earth emits a volume of steam, accompanied by a strong sulphurous odor and light colored smoke; there is a deep rumbling sound, and the ground in the immediate neighborhood is heated. Is it a volcano?

DUN'S Review says "The year closes with general confidence—rather greater indeed than the present state of prices and the rate of compensation in some of the most important industries appear to warrant, but the marvelous growth of the country continues and insures an increasing demand for products at no distant day."

IN population and wealth all the Territories of the United States rank thus: Dakota 600,000, $320,000,000; Utah 210,000, $150,000,000; New Mexico 175,000, $130,000,000; Washington 168,000, $250,000,000; Montana 140,000, $70,000,000; Arizona 120,000, $75,000,000; Idaho 100,000, $65,000,000; Wyoming 85,000; Alaska 50,000, $25,000,000.—Wil. Messenger.

BENJAMIN HARRISON is studying the lives of the Presidents. He has concluded his perusal of the life of George Washington and has had the gratification of seeing something familiar. He will next take up John Adams, and will feel perfectly at home as he goes along But when he comes to Thomas Jefferson he will be a stranger in a strange land.

GOV. HILL, of New York, has dropped from his staff the gentleman who declared during the last campaign that he would rather have the drinking saloons behind him than the churches. By this the Governor clearly makes a concession to the moral sentiment of the country which should be recognized.

A PARIS dispatch of Dec. 29 says: "The Chamber of Deputies today discussed the Senate's amendment to the Budget. In the course of debate Dewetter of the Right, attacked the government for going to extremes in secularizing schools. Premier Floquet in reply declared his warmest approval of everything that had been done to secularize schools. The Republic, he said, desired to free education from [illegible] influence. Floquet's speech was received with enthusiastic applause, and a motion to print and award it throughout France was carried by a vote of 370 to 106.

THE issue of the Tradesman of January 1 will contain a list of every industry built in the Southern States in the year 1888, also every one enlarged and all that were projected. The leading branches show an encouraging increase. The total number of railroad companies organized in the South during the year was 236. The Tradesman will say that the figures do not so much show what has actually been built as they indicate the wide diversity and unmistakable drift of enterprise and endeavor in the Southern States, and demonstrate the rapid strides the section is making towards becoming the manufacturing region which its abundance of resources has fitted it for.

THE NEW YEAR.

The New Year has come. The morning star heralded its nature and man have welcomed it. Old Time must have smiled as he looked upon his new born child and saw its promise

Years ago he slept and sailed upon the ocean. Some are merchantmen freighted with wealth. Some are yachts devoted to pleasure. Some go out with precious cargoes and return with deathly pestilence

We trust that last will be freighted with benedictions and blessed by favoring winds. We trust that there will be few wrecks upon our shores, and that wealth and happiness may be wafted upon every breeze. We trust that this land of ours, this free America of boundless possibilities, will continue to be under the superintending providence of Him who was our father's God and, our God, blessed forever more. We trust that the American flag will rise until its stars blend with the stars of heaven. Whatever of partisan spirit may have existed in the past, we trust that President and people will rise above the murky atmosphere of party into the pure heaven of patriotism. We trust that the unfinished work of the war will be speedily and gloriously accomplished.

George R. Clowdsley, in the January number of the Forum, beautifully and forcibly says: "With a climate and conditions of health unexcelled in the world, with dynamic forces of coal, and a water power to be calculated from the immense area, great elevators and heavy rainfall, with every mineral and forest wealth which enters into the arts and constructions, with its winter garden of the coast country on one hand and the grains and grasses of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys on the other, the Appalachian region of the South forms the basis of a manufacturing country compared with which any other part of our continent, or within the known world, is insignificant."

"The variety of soil in the Southern States is as great as that of climate, and yet its resources will one day be required to meet the diversity of agriculture which will follow industrial diversity in other fields. Here in the South is the field upon which can be created a home market and differing home productions whether of the field, forest or mine, whose needed exchanges will enrich while their growing demands will tax, the soil of the West and the industries of the East.

To broaden the general foundations of our continental commonwealth, by bringing into supporting relations the wealth, institutions and interests of the South, is the unfinished work of the war. War is but the rear guard of civilization. Its task is to hold the ground until the broken lines of progress can be formed anew for a still further advance. The schoolhouse, the mill, the furnace, the mine, connected by railroads, and the people who man and operate them, must constitute the permanent forts and garrisons. By this sign we conquer. All can help in the work; all must share in the reward. As we learn to know each other better we shall love each other more. As industries multiply sectionalism will pass away. The new lines to be formed will divide the colored as well as the white voters of the South, and political race prejudices and fears will disappear

All this cannot be accomplished in a year. But it does open auspiciously. If the dies of March emit no loud flame, but light the political heavens with supernal beauty, it may justly be regarded as the dawn of a bright and glorious era in American history.

But how breaks the New Year on North Carolina? This New Year's morn is most propitious. There are clouds in the Eastern sky, but they are as the fringe of imperial robes.

There is not a spot in the South more favored than this, our own loved State. It is the prize of exhaustless mines of mineral wealth, and of broad plains that reward, with incense-rich and golden grain the toil of the husbandman.

From Tennessee to the Atlantic it is a goodly heritage. In our mountains picturesque America is seen in its most gorgeous mystery. The [illegible] rush of [illegible] and the East responds in the [illegible] of Virginia and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] commerce [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]