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After a week's holiday THE DEMOCRAT again greets its readers. So many things have transpired for the two weeks past to fill our columns with news we have only space here to wish all our readers a happy NEW YEAR.

We propose to keep up our weekly visits to as many as will pay us to do so; and we hope our interests may still remain mutual.

POLITICAL CHANGES.

Since THE DEMOCRAT last greeted its readers Dec. 19th, there have been some changes in the political situation of the country. One of the most stirring events was President Cleveland's special message to Congress concerning the disputed boundary line between British Guiana and Venezuela. The President declared that Great Britain had refused to arbitrate, and applied the "Monroe doctrine" in his recommendations to Congress.

He recommended the appropriation of \$100,000 by Congress to defray the expense of a commission to be appointed by him to ascertain the line in dispute. Both houses of Congress concurred in passing a bill for the appropriation. It has been given out that the President has appointed Edward J. Phelps of Vermont, and Robert T. Lincoln of Illinois, both ex-ministers to England. He will appoint another on the commission. There was a little breeze that snatched of war a few days but that has all passed away. There will be no war.

The fund raised by the Southport Leader to purchase a memorial for the United States cruiser Raleigh, now amounts to \$500.

The Republicans have secured the control of the committee of the Senate by the Populists not voting. The Republicans say they have made a trade with the Populists, although Butler denies it.

Mr. K. C. Murray, editor of the Norfolk Landmark, died Monday from a second stroke of paralysis. He was a good journalist, a man of considerable popularity, and all Virginia mourns with Norfolk for his death.

Mr. H. C. Olive, of Apex, said recently that the agricultural interests of that community have been as well kept up for the past ten years and have paid as well as in any part of the country. All the farmers there have money, many new homes have been built and many of the young men can not be hired to leave the farm. There are good school-houses and churches and everything is in a prosperous condition. Tobacco crops have been good and that has had much to do with the thrift of the community.

A gentleman of much observation remarked to us recently that North Carolina needs to wake up to three things: Bad literature ought to be kept out of the hands of the young boys ought to be stopped from smoking cigarettes, and a reformatory ought to be established for young criminals. Said he, "The boys of the State will soon have to take charge, and their moral and physical powers ought to be preserved by abolishing bad literature and cigarettes."

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North Carolina Delegation.
The Washington correspondent to the Richmond Dispatch Sunday Dec. 29, gave the following pen photograph of North Carolina Congressmen now at Washington:

To take a running glance at the North Carolina delegation, it seems to be the prevailing opinion, all politics aside, that Linney, Republican, from the Eighth District, has attracted thus far the greatest amount of attention of the nine from the Tarheel State. He drew sharp notice to himself, when, on Thursday, he asked a question by way of protest against the rule shutting off the debate on the tariff bill at 5 o'clock. Thus it may have happened that he alone was sent out by the press dispatches as having voted against the gag. But Skinner, from the First, and Stroud, from the Fourth, both Populists, voted also with the Democrats against the rule.

Linney is undoubtedly beginning to develop symptoms of thinking for himself that are causing the Speaker some uneasiness, and should he persist in his independent course it is quite likely that he will be returned to his seat by an increased majority.

PEARSON.

Mr. Pearson (Republican) comes from the Ninth District, and readers of the Dispatch during the hot political fight in North Carolina last winter will doubtless recall the persistent and successful attempt of Mr. Pearson to have Mitchell county taken out of Linney's district and put into his. Pearson was elected by only 135 majority, and as many think, he is a congressman more for the social fun and distinction of the thing than for any great mark he can make. It was quite natural for him not to get himself into fashionable Washington harness until he had by the addition of more votes, added thus to the probability of his return. But it seems quite likely in the minds of some intelligent Democrats that his next return will be a return home. For the majority in his district was reduced to 135 from that of several thousand to the Republican who preceded him, whereas Linney had converted a 4,000 Democratic into a 3,000 Republican majority.

SKINNER.

Harry Skinner, elected as a Populist from the First District, has thus far distinguished himself mainly by voting for the tariff bill, thus putting an additional burden on cotton-ties and lagging, for which, no doubt, he will find it hard to make answer to his constituents.

Stroud, (Populist), from the Fourth District, has voted consistently with his party, and seems to be doing the best he can, which, however, in a body of congressmen, can hardly be said to be very luminous with promise. But he is a good kind of an old man.

SETTLE A WIZARD.

Settle (Republican), from the Fifth, is the wizard of the lot, and keeps active in behalf of the Speaker's measures, seemingly for fear his colleagues may suspect that he does not "stand in" as solidly with the Czar as he seems to think he does. But he is shrewd, and has made a number of friends on both sides, and is undoubtedly somewhat of a favorite with Mr. Reed.

Shuford, from the Seventh, was elected as a Populist, in spite of which, however, he voted for the tariff bill. Of course, he must appear at great disadvantage, following, as he does, John S. Henderson, who, as chairman of Post-Offices and Post-Roads, was, perhaps, the most conspicuous of the last North Carolina delegation.

SHAW.

Shaw (Democrat), from the Third District, fought a three-cornered battle with Spears (Republican), and Thompson, a Populist, and now president of the State Farmers' Alliance. There are some Republicans, even, who think influences have been brought to bear which will cause him to keep his seat. His counsel is his Republican opponent, Spears, who was a Republican national delegate in the famous third-term Grant convention, and who is a man of force and influence with his party. But Shaw claims, besides, a right to his seat, which is undoubted.

Shaw is a young man, self-made, and a clever, all-round fellow.

It is hardly fair for people to judge at this stage of the game; it is impossible fairly to judge, and yet Lockhart seems to be regarded as of greatest promise among the Democrats. He is a man of strong sense, and cordial, winning personality and presence. He is at present detained at home by the sickness of his child, who is quite ill with typhoid-fever.

WOODARD.

The seat of Mr. Woodard, also Democrat, from the Second District, is contested by a negro, Cheatham, but Woodard's claim seems clear beyond all doubt, but he may be said to lack that magnetism which might aid him before a committee; and, if he wins, it will be on the merits of his case alone, and they seem almost undoubted from a reading of his case, an outline of which was recently published in the Raleigh News and Observer.

Settle says the whole delegation is

better fixed as to committees than was the last one, and, it would seem, rather claims the credit of doing the fixing, having asked places on the Elections for Linney and on Foreign Affairs for Pearson, which they both got. Settle got on Interior Commerce which he says, was his choice. And this clever young man is much tickled.

LAND SALE.

In pursuance of a deed of trust executed to me as trustee by Geo. Cotton and Sam Hyman on January 1, 1894 to secure a debt to John K. Ober, I will on the third day of February 1896 sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the Court House in Halifax the land described therein as follows: "A certain parcel of land lying in said county of Halifax and State of North Carolina and described in a deed this day made by Thomas N. Hill trustee to said John K. Ober as 'one tract of land containing about one hundred acres bounded by lands of A. J. Sills, S. W. Edwards and others and known as the Penner land, in order to pay said debt.' This January 1, 1895. THOMAS N. HILL, Trustee.

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This December 3rd, 1895.
D. BELL,
Administrator of A. G. Aaron,
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By E. L. Travis, his Atty.

Executors' Notice!

Having this day qualified before the clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County as executor of the last will and testament of W. H. Smith, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to me at Roxobel, N. C., before the 1st day of January, 1897. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and settle immediately.
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