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## Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

They act directly on the liver. They cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, nausea, and dyspepsia. Take a laxative dose each night. For 60 years they have been the Standard Family Pills.

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July 15, 1890. Salem, Mass.

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If you have any complaint whatever which you think is due to a weak liver, or if you are troubled with any of the above symptoms, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply.

DR. J. C. LAYTON, Lowell, Mass.

### THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

#### Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The reapportionment bill which passed the House in the national congress last week by a vote of 165 to 102, gives North Carolina one additional representative, and cuts down the representation of no State.

The following from the Washington news to the Norfolk Landmark shows that George White is preparing his valedictory to Congress:

Mr. White, of North Carolina, the only colored man in the House, created something of a sensation by a fiery speech of five minutes, denouncing the traders of his race. He had tried to obtain an opportunity to be heard during the general debate, he said, but it had been denied him. He was, he said, the representative of one eighth of the population of the country, of a race that had been grossly misrepresented and maligned by three members of the House during the pending debate. He was glad, however, that the idle and standard words had come from young men, against whom the "statute of youth" could be pleaded. "They will know better when they grow older," Mr. White said, he would take occasion, a little later, in a speech which would, perhaps, be his valedictory, to defend the men of his race, who were no less American citizens than those of white skin and Caucasian blood. Mr. White's remarks carried a whirlwind of applause of the public gallery, in which were seated many of his race.

Free mail delivery for the rural districts is becoming more popular. Almost every one looks upon it with favor, and well may it be favorably considered when we remember the great advantages it will bring to the country districts.

The Monroe Journal very well says the following:

"The Government has not in years undertaken so valuable a work for the people of the country districts as that of free mail delivery. Think of a man living ten miles from a railroad being able to get the daily papers, with all their news of the whole world, the same day on which they are published. Free delivery will stimulate reading and writing and bring the people in much closer connection with each other. It will make home life more pleasant and when completed in all sections bestow many advantages not now enjoyed. The postoffice department has been extending the system so far as it was able with the appropriation at hand. The Postmaster General's late report showed that a large number of routes had been established and the results attained most excellent. He asks for a large appropriation with which to further extend the service."

It is always gratifying to every true lover of North Carolina to learn of the success and usefulness of our young men at home or elsewhere. It is especially so concerning those who go to other States and make good names for themselves and serve well whatever cause they represent.

THE COMMONWEALTH has noted with peculiar pleasure the nice things that have been said in the newspapers of Atlanta concerning Revs. C. W. Byrd and John E. White. These prominent ministers both went from North Carolina, and were well known by the people of the State; and the influence they are exerting in Atlanta as pastors in the work of their respective denominations is great and powerful. Rev. Mr. Byrd held the position of Presiding Elder in the Methodist denomination in this State, besides occupying some of the best and most influential pastorates. Rev. Mr. White was secretary of the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State convention for five years. He resigned that position to accept the pastorate of the Second Baptist church of Atlanta, and was a prominent and useful pastor in the State before he was elected secretary of the State Mission Board.

Both of these young men are scholarly, eloquent and influential, and North Carolinians at home are proud of their record abroad as well as grateful for the good they are doing.

**Stops the Cough And Works off the Cold.**  
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

#### It Convened and Organized.

#### SOME WORK DONE ALREADY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina convened in Raleigh, Wednesday January, 9th.

The following officers were elected for the House: Walter E. Moore of Jackson, for Speaker; Principal Clerk, Brevard Nixon, of Mecklenburg; Reading Clerk, W. W. Wilson, of Wake; Doorkeeper, Frank Bennett, of Anson; Assistant doorkeeper, Y. V. Howell, of Yancey; Engrossing Clerk, H. B. Fonville, of Duplin.

In the Senate Mr. H. A. London was elected chairman. Other officers were elected as follows: Principal Clerk, A. J. Maxwell, of Richmond; Reading Clerk, W. L. Cohoon, of Elizabeth City; Engrossing Clerk, F. A. Chnard, of Catawba; M. Biggerstaff was elected assistant door-keeper.

Very little was done except the organization.

THURSDAY JAN. 10th.

(Raleigh Times.)

SENATE.—Lieut. Governor Reynolds called the Senate to order at noon and Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, of Christ Church, offered prayer. Journal of yesterday was read and approved. The message from Governor Daniel L. Russell was then presented and read by the clerk. Resolution by Woodard to print 500 copies of the Governor's message adopted. Robeson sent forward notice of contest.

Bill introduced by Glenn to repeal the Greensboro dispensary law of 1899. It provides that dispensary board shall have until July next to dispose of all liquors on hand and make formal report to county commissioners. Glenn explained the measure, saying a white primary of Guilford had decided by a large majority that they wanted it abolished. McNeill said a white primary had been called in Cumberland to decide the question there, and he would abide by their judgment. Foushee wanted the bill referred to committee. Glenn said it was a local measure; he was a dispensary man, but yielded to the voice of the majority and saw no reason for delay. Aycock spoke of the necessity of raising money for public schools and thought taxing liquor was the best way to do it, even if it was necessary for the State to go into the dispensary business. He wanted the Senate to slow down on this bill. Glenn explained that the interests of all were protected by this bill. Foushee favored the bill, but wanted all measures to go before the committee. Morrison wanted immediate action. Morton said 2,000 white majority in Guilford was the best committee he knew on the bill. Webb said this was the bill of all who went into the Guilford primary for they agreed to abide by the result. Foushee's motion lost and the bill passed second and third readings.

Among the many important bills introduced in the House today were the bills by Rountree, of New Hanover; Craig, of Buncombe, and Nichols, of Pitt; Stubbs, of Martin, and Wright, of Rowan.

Rountree's bill is for a Code Commission of 3 to revise and codify the public laws. It provides for the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners at a salary of \$2,000 and a clerk of \$1,000.

The current comment on the merits of the provision giving the Governor the naming of the commission is all favorable. A very prominent and experienced lawyer on hearing of this said that only in this way could the much needed Code revision be secured and it will save a great deal of time to the Legislature in not having to elect the members of the Commission. It is conceded by all that a Code Commission is badly needed.

Mr. Craig's bill provides for the increase of the Superior Court districts of the State from 12 to 16. This will give the Governor the appointment of four new judges and solicitors and will require a redistricting of the State by the Legislature. It also will abolish the present criminal courts and the offices thereof.

Nichols, of Pitt, introduced the first bill to amend the Constitution so that the taxes paid by the white race shall be devoted to the education of the children of that race and the colored taxes for the education of negro children.

There were two other bills of like import. One by Stubbs, of Martin, and one by Wright, of Rowan.

Mr. Wright's bill for factory labor prohibits children under 11 years to work in factories; limits hours of work

for children from 11 to 15 to 10 hours per day, and compels child ren between the ages of 11 and 15 to attend school three months each year. It fixes the hours of labor for operatives at 11 hours, unless by special contract.

January 22nd is the date for the election of United States Senator to succeed Butler and of course the entire Democratic strength will be cast for Simmons. The Republicans will probably vote for Congressman Richmond Pearson.

### Don't Worry.

Statesville Landmark.

The Greenville, South Carolina, News, whose editor is evidently a philosopher, suggests that we begin the New Year with a resolution not to worry. The suggestions in regard to the too prevalent habit of crossing bridges before we get to them, or of "borrowing trouble," are worthy of attention and we give them herewith:

Some one has said of the habit of worrying: "This would be a comparatively happy world if we did not suffer so much from things that never happen. How our shoulders ache under the weight of burdens we are never called upon to bear! How our hearts are wrung by griefs that never take shape!" If no more serious charges could be brought against it, worrying would head the list of follies. It costs us an untold amount of unnecessary misery. It takes away the strength we need for work. In all its record of accomplishment, it is impossible to point out a good result it has brought about. Worry is the nail in the coffin of the man not yet dead; it scurries on the door, announcing the funeral, that should not take place for years yet to come.

Worry is the dyspepsia and indigestion, brought on, not from overeating or eating too much rich food, but from thinking too much beforehand about what we are going to have to eat, or whether we are going to have anything at all to eat. It is the overcoat put on as a protection against the expected cold wave, that turns out to be a warm one; it is the umbrella raised to keep off the rain that turns out to be sunshine; it is the celestial telescope which shows inverted images.

Worry has never yet brought sunshine to any one, but has times without number, caused the sun to pass behind a cloud, when there was not a cloud to be seen in the sky; it has exhausted the strength in the yesterday, that is needed to push forward the work of today. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Let us borrow no trouble, for each day and hour will come laden with its proper amount of sunshine and cloud.

We have pointed to the absurdity of worrying and it is now in order for us to point the way out of it. To get rid of the darkness in a room we should not think of dipping it out, as we would so much water; we would displace it with light. If we put worrying under the head of nonsense, it is easy to understand that it must be driven out by an influx of sense.

We cannot get rid of worry by an effort of the will not to worry, we must drive it out by seeing that it is absolutely foolish and injurious as well, to worry. Anything that would naturally happen, will come just the same, no matter how much we worry, the thing will happen in our weakened state of mind.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at E. T. Whitehead & Co's drugstore.

### Admiral Cervera Dying.

Philadelphia Record.

The news that Admiral Cervera, the commander of the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, is on his deathbed will doubtless cause sincere regret in this country. Though he was our enemy the American people learned to regard him as a soldier and a gentleman in the best sense of those much abused words. The defeat and destruction of his fleet involved no discredit for him, his ships having been outnumbered as well as outclashed by those of the United States. His sympathetic praise, communicated to the American Commander-in-Chief, of the bravery of young Hobson and companions on the Merrimac showed that the Spanish Admiral was as gallant as he was tender hearted. The proof of a brave soldier is his capability of unselfish admiration for the gallantry of his foes.

### TO THE DEAF.

A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 8467-c. The Nicholson Institute, 780, Eighth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

### THE LOCAL PAPER.

#### Its Value To a Community—Serves You From the Cradle to the Grave.

Some time ago the editor of the Richmond (Ind) Enterprise published an article in which are catalogued the services of the local paper, coupled with injunctions as to how to help the editor thereof in return for the paper's help. He says:

"The paper has done 50 things for you and is only anxious to do 50 more. "It told your friends when your parents were married; it announced to the world when you were born. "It recorded the great events of your childhood—when you were lost as a wandering baby, when you had measles and scarlet fever, when you fell into the wash tub and nearly drowned, when you fell from the cherry tree and broke your collar bone, when you first started to school and when you earned your first prize. "Later on it told how you had completed the studies of the district school and how eloquently you recited your graduating oration. "It told of your entering high school or academy. It told of your contests in baseball and tennis. It told of your departure for college or your first venture in business. "It told of your various visits back to the old home neighborhood, and it always wished you well in your greatest undertakings. "It hinted modestly about the first time you went a courting and gave timely warning to 'her folks' that the neighbors know that matters were growing interesting over their way. "It announced the time of your expected wedding, and it published notice of the marriage license and gave you a nice puff concerning the wedding ceremony. "It told of your extended honeymoon tour and of your settling down to housekeeping. "When you were sick, the home paper week by week informed your more distant neighbors of your lapses and improvements. "It told about your lost cow and led to her recovery. It told how your horse had been stolen and led to the arrest of the thief. "When you were getting dull and tired through the monotony of your labor, the paper urged that the people get up a celebration, and you were named as one of a suitable committee on arrangements. And when it was over it gave you just praise for the success of the undertaking. "In numerous ways the paper has helped to put your name before the people, and you would never have had your lucrative office or your honorable recognition from the community but for the kind aid of the local printer. "If you are a member of a Sunday school or society of any sort, that same paper publishes your announcements and the various proceedings of your meetings. "It tells the people much which you would like to have known, but which modesty or necessity prevents you from telling. "If you and all your folks have been prosperous and fortunate in your affairs, the paper has boasted of you all the way. If you have had misfortune, the paper asked for sympathy in your behalf. "Thus the paper has rejoiced when you rejoiced and wept when you wept. If you are a good citizen, the paper will always be your friend and will back you in your enterprises and will help to find you business friends. "It tells you of current prices and prevents you from being cheated and swindled in a hundred ways. "Finally, when you die, the paper will publish your obituary and will recite the story of your good deeds. "All these things the local editor will cause his paper to do but one else in the world will do them or can do them for you, even for love or money. The city paper will tell you of the world, but it won't tell the world about you or yours. The outside paper is a stranger to your little world and is not at all interested in its improvement. Yet your local paper does all this free of cost to you if you are willing to receive it in that way. However, for your sake, we hope you are too generous to accept so many unrequited favors and that you are willing to reciprocate the same. "Help the editor. Be his friend and he will prove his friendship to you. "Subscribe for his paper and pay for it regularly in advance and get

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### Companionable People.

J. W. In Word and Works.

In every society we find that the people who are called companionable are those who have a knack of making light of their tribulations and vexations and a habit of putting them out of sight: who do not entertain their acquaintances with the recital of a bad baking, a leaky pipe, the children's measles, the short comings of the servants; who know how to keep their melancholy if they have any, out of the conversation, whose nerves do not furnish them with material for a morning call; who are not always on the outlook for a draught or a change of weather, or a slight; who do not lament their poverty aloud, and make us feel responsible for it, and uncomfortable amidst our plenty. The companionable people never seek to make us dissatisfied with ourselves or our belongings; they talk about the things we like to hear, and are silent upon subjects on which we disagree; they do not differ from us for the sake of differing, and do not announce their opinions as if there were no appeal therefrom. They do not talk you blind, as the saying is, neither do they offend by their taciturnity; they do not have to be drawn out like defective teeth, but develop their talent as gently and charmingly as the plant develops its blossoms; neither do they pump or catechise us about our affairs, but show a genuine interest in whatever we may choose to impart of a personal nature; and although they never force their confidence upon us, they have none of that frosty reserve which never allows us a glimpse of their hearts.

### The Ripe Condition For "Writing."

Joe Mitchell Chapple in "The National Magazine."

Writing is a peculiar process; a matter of habit varied by temperament, and it appears that the more obstacles oppose a vivid flow of written thought, the better the literary result. Whoever knew of an author who threw off great periods with a desk in spick and span, apple-pie order, like they have them in government offices—pens clattering like steel, carefully wiped and laid in order, blotters spotless, pencils sharpened with a machine and depressing in their uniform and military precision and spear-like pointedness. When the pink pencil is brought forth the writing is not apt to be ferdily bright. Of course, each writer has his own fancy, but the rule appears to prevail that a little of the real comfort of writing is co-ordinate with an array of artistic confusion that indicates work and abhors an exhibit of gilded, carved inkstands, silver mounted blotters, embossed and embroidered inkwipers, gold pens and a jeweled calendar. All very pretty, perhaps picturesque, just right for a picture, but the great thoughts do not usually bubble from such fountains, according to the confidential testimony of a number of our distinguished contributors.

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But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Then they vanished as will all Eruptions, Fever Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Carbuncles, and all Felons from its use. Infallible for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Scalds and Piles. Cure guaranteed. 25c. at E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Some men are like lightning bugs; they go through life with their headlight hung on the wrong end.

Cut this out and take it to E. T. Whitehead & Co's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach biliousness and headache.

Miss Mary A. Plumb, aged 24, weight, 408 pounds, and Charles N. Harang, aged 26, weight 126 pounds, were married December 29 in Connecticut. The bridegroom was given a bonus of \$2,000 by the bride's father, who is a wealthy farmer.

The most soothing, healing and antiseptic application ever devised is De Witt's White Hazel Salve. It relieves at once and cures piles, sores, eczema and skin diseases. Beware of imitations. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.											
DATED July 23, 1900.											
DATE	TIME	WELDON	ROCKY MOUNT	GREENVILLE	SPRING HOP	ROCKY MOUNT	WELDON	GREENVILLE	SPRING HOP	ROCKY MOUNT	WELDON
Leave Weldon	11:20	8:25	6:00	4:15	2:30	12:15	10:30	8:45	7:00	5:15	3:30
Arrive Rocky Mt.	1:00	9:25	7:00	5:15	3:30	1:45	12:00	10:15	8:30	6:45	5:00
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Daily except Monday. Daily except Sunday. Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:43 p. m., returning leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:41 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:46 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6:40 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:10 a. m., Red Springs 9:40 a. m., Hope Mills 10:32 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 10:55 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., Hope Mills 4:55 p. m., Red Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:13 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m. Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Farmville 9:10 a. m. and 7:40 p. m., returning leave Farmville 9:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:10 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:30 a. m.