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********** THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER. By A. V.

The Christmas season in our part to clean performances, unmitigated more open hearted people? two of his friends, Messrs. John and the play.

Jake Massengill, who had brought mandolin and guitar, and Mr. pleasure of that time.

served abundantly all manner of re- children have these toy-pistols in their eral to think well of the assassinator freshments. The entertainment was possession all the year around. It is of character. Speak gently and use planned with the idea of giving the not an infrequent scene to see a boy the soft pedal. guests an evening as our ancestors take out his toy pistol, approach an- The man who says "go ahead" can had, and the guests were delighted. other boy, put the pistol to his head not expect to keep pace with the This custom of inviting the neigh- and pretend to fire. Recently a little hustler who says "come on." Step And then he'll jerk out something with bors to a neighborhood-party has a fellow amused himself by shooting lively and get there. tendency to make us all happier. We caps in the ears of little girls. This And one man who says "I Will" is feel better for knowing each other may seem childish, yet is it a sane worth a hundred of those who say "I better. The sheriff and his good wife habit? How far is it from the toy Can't." have the thanks of Brooklyn.

day school on their Vesper Service. I seriously doubt the wisdom of ex- act than to resolute. It was a distinct contribution to the hibiting shooting scenes.

better life of the town. The church was decorated in white, the

place finer celebrations in our town, and an appeal was made to the town- kind in general and of this community but it seemed to me that the Christ commissioners for help. This was in particular. was certainly present at this simple, promptly extended. Mr. Harry Stevens If we work collectively and earnestreverent, devotional service. The song took a lively interest in the matter ly and energetically we will achieve of the angels seemed to be heard and and with him collaborated the chief success, but if we labor individually the story of Christmas appeared more of police. The result is that the we will accomplish but little. real. The best thing of it all was the grounds are in shape better than evfact that we were made to think of er, and to the gentlemen of the town- and barriers bar our way. But many February "the raccoon moon," March Christmas a Christian day. It seems board and the Mayor our best thanks. hands make light work of the heav- "sore-eye moon," April "the moon in

immensely fitting that the birth-day of Christ should be a day of worship and of Christian thought, a day holy among days. Thus it was in early ing back to that old custom.

There must be question as to the propriety of certain scenes, which may be abasing to some, yet not abasing to others. The question of a strict censorship is out of the question. The this town, to this community, to this attitude of the sober minded people of people?

of town was ushered in Friday. Sher- condemnation of improper scenes will The efforts of the individual citizen iff Grimes invited all his neighbors to be the ultimate criteria of a theatre's may accomplish something. The cocome to his house and enjoy with him success. The managers are sensitive operation of a collective people will the pleasures of the season. Mr. Per- to the criticism of the people for on produce notable results. ey Smith had brought his violin and this depends the financial outcome of Collective co-operation is only pos-

Keene, of Four Oaks, played the that should be corrected: the promin- ultimate good of all. piano. And they all played and played, ence and prevalence of shooting. The man who holds a grouch That hardly make a toot, and the guests listened and listened Nearly every evening has two or against his neighbor can not suc- There's every size up to the great as the tunes of the Old South rang three shooting scenes, and the boys cessfully pull in harness with that out from the festive instruments. It are taking on rapidly to the habit of neighbor so long as that grouch ex- The organist knows every one, seemed that ante-bellum days had carrying toy-pistols. Whilst this may ists. Lose the grouch. come back with all the romance and at this time of the year be laid to The man who disparages and unthe Christmas celebration, at the same dermines the reputation of another At times you think them very near,

The hostess, in true Southern style, time it must be remembered that can not expect the community in gen-

Our city fathers like all other morchoir of young girls, all dressed in tals, get a certain amount of criti- lection of individuals. Let us make He's better than a sermon, and white completed the striking scene. cism at the hands of the public. There- it a community of people with one The note of the celebration was love, fore I intend to lay a bouquet at the aim, one ambition, and one great purthe spirit of it reverence for the feet of these men. It had become pose in life, and let us make that He is the most exciting thing Christ Child. There may have taken necessary to fill in the school grounds purpose the good of man and woman-

Death of a Child.

To make of Christmas a day of City Cemetery, Friday afternoon, the will get the load there. But when one drying moon," November "the deerdrink and debauch is beyond the un- funeral service being conducted by pulls and the other balks the load killing moon," and December "the derstanding of the ordinary thinking Rev. H. O. Nash, of Southern Pines. stands still.

man. The origin of the revelry, The child was born on November 4th, Will 1917 find us a community of however, lies in our Germanic ances- and had been a sufferer all her days. loyal pullers, or a divided aggregatry. The old Druidic celebrations, The bereaved parents have the sym- tion of pullers and balkers who acwhich took place about this time of pathy of the community in the loss complish nothing but to stand still? the year, were characterized by a of their little one. Nineteen-seventeen will tell the great many pagan outbursts that story, and you will put the words in A Newspaper Is King. the mouth of the teller.

THE SMITHFIELD HERALD

THE ORGANIST.

The choir stands up and sings;

He's pulling here and there, And testing all the working parts

While listening to the prayer.

He runs a mighty big machine,

There's little whistles for a cent,

There's lots so big and wide,

In rows and rows and rows

As large as garden hose.

Could play arond inside;

From little bits of piccolos,

And how they ought to go;

He makes them rumble like a storm,

Or plays them sweet and low;

At times they're soaring high,

For he can take this structure that's

And make you think you're listening to

Like angel voices singing far

Off somewhere in the sky.

And make it squeak as softly as

A movement of the hand.

He plays it with his fingers and

He'd play it with his nose;

As lively as you please.

always like to take a seat

Where I can see him go;

He does me good, I know;

He's dancing round with both his feet

I like the life and movement and

In town on Sabbath day. —George W. Stevens.

Indian Moons.

Time is calculated among the red

Indians by moons instead of months.

September "the moon when rice is

deer moon."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

As big as any house,

A tiny little mouse;

A military band.

Big elevator chute.

It's full of funny thisgs;

Can do so many things;

LOOKING A YEAR AHEAD. I wonder how the organist

(Communicated.) What will the year 1917 mean to He's getting ready long before

any community will eventually decide What will be your personal attitude the life or the death of the movies in toward the making of a better town, a community. Encouragement given a more prosperous community,

sible where confidence and good will There's scores as round as stovepipes exist, and where there is a determina-There is one feature of the film tion to utilize this combination to the That several little boys I know

He plays it with his toes; And if he really wanted to He'ss play it with his nose; He's sliding up and down the bench, pistol to the genuine pistol? How far | This is the time of year when the from the make-believe shooting on hopper of time is filled with new res-I congratulate the Methodist Sun- the film to the real shooting in life? olutions. But it is more profitable to

> Let us make this a year of action, of deeds, and of results.

Let us make this more than a col-

The road of life is long, and stormy, January is called the "hard moon," iest burdens, and collective might which geese lay eggs," May "the may roll the heaviest barriers away. planting moon," June "the moon We may each pursue our own cho- when the strawberries are red," July

Little Sabra Irwin, the infant sen vocations, and yet all labor in the "the moon when choke cherries are Christian days and we are rapidly go- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. common cause of a better and more ripe," August "the harvest moon," Lawrence, died Thursday night of prosperous town and countryside.

last week and was laid to rest in the Two horses pulling in one direction laid up to dry," October "the rice-

Epidemic Usually Followed War.

He's pressing buttons, pushing stops succumbed to them. Moreover, after 1917, between the hours of 10:00 the seven months of the war of 1870 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. were over the returning soldiers A mass of boxes, pipes asd tubes, And sticks and slats and strings; brought with them an epidemic of smallpox from which upward of 170,-000 died throughout the German Em- EXPERIENCED I'll bet there's twenty miles of tubes pire .- London Globe.

COUNTY FAIR NOTICE.

On account of the busy season o the year, the regular meting of th stock holders of the Johnston County Fair will be held February 2nd, in stead of January 2nd. C. M. WILSON, President L. T. ROYALL, Secretary

I WANT TO BUY A SOW AND pigs. A. G. Powell, Smithfield, N. C Route No. 2. TWO OF THE BEST NOVELS O the year are "Prudence of the Pan

sonage," and "Prudence Says So. Price \$1.25 each at The Heral Office, Smithfield, N. C.

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A FEW MORE COPIES LEFT OF "When a Man's a Man." This is Harold Bell Wright's most popular

PIGS FOR SALE-10 OR 12 NICE pigs at reasonable price, ready for delivery about January 5th. See or write, L. G. Patterson, Smithfield, N. C.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1916.

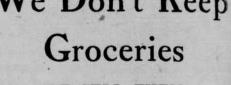
STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The present is the first great war in history which has not been follow-biggers. During The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SMITHFIELD, Smithfield, ed by its attendant disease. During N. C., for the election of directors the previous invasion of France 74,205 and the transaction of such other men in the German field contracted business as may properly come up, typhoid and gastric fevers, and 8,904 will be held in the banking room of said bank, on Monday, January 8th,

Respectfully, R. N. AYCOCK, Cashier.

SALESLADY_ wants position by January 5th Address Miss B., Care Smithfield Herald.

| THE WADDELL FARM ON Smithfield and Selma road, the Ivanhoe Cotton Mill, is for Enough cleared for a two-leared for a two-leared for a two-leared for a two-leared for a two-leared. N. Noble J. M. Beaty, Smithfield, N. CONTED—TO BUY SOME SHI also a few poor heifers and G. S. Ragsdale, Smithfield, N. WANTED—A GOOD FARM HA one with family as day hands ferred. Good 4-room, plas dwelling furnished. Apply of Leonard H. Stephenson, R. N. Benson, N. C. WANTED—MEN WHO DESIRI earn over \$125.00 per month us to-day for position as sales | |
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Yours to serve, S. C. TURNAGE Smithfield, N. C.

should not be tolerated in our days. Drink and revelry were not uncommon, and this old pagan custom is still in evidence. There can evidently land. be no thought of Christmas as the day of the temperate, chaste Christ, cliffe allies, has won the greatest sin- tion, disaster? in that day which begins with a liquor gle battle in the history of journalism. order several days before, which continues with a visit to the depot and a turned in Lloyd-George. Northcliffe and alone. subsequent drunk the Day of days. engineered the war council of five, That is in keeping with the meade- which is also to be adopted in France. ties with which nature has provided revels of our ancestors. The firing of Great as was Editor John Delane arms and the desire for noise is a of the "Thunderer" in 'older days, individual and collective weal. remnant of the same carousing of our much more potential still is Editor forebears.

Whilst we were peacefully celebrat- Harmsworth and who started his ing our Christmas, millions of men journalistic career with \$300 capital, were in the trenches on that blessed says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. day, trying to kill each other in the Many newspaper men on this side BEAVERS BECOME A MENACE. name of patriotism. We had here in of the Atlantic know Northcliffe, and Smithfield a striking picture of what they know him to be the most dynam- Busy Little Animals Are Underminwar means. Every man, who was at ic, get-there sort of man they ever "The Battle-Cry of Peace" will take encountered in England. A "fighter another view of the horrors of war. from Fightersville," but not the It may be fine, when seen far-off. kind who turns around in a circle From nearby it is hideous, revolting, waving his arms. out-of-keeping with all Christian His course is that of the bee and field and Summit Counties to the exethics. That war may come even to not the boomerang. At this moment tent that farmers are alarmed lest us, is not an impossibility. Poor Bel- this journalist is doing more than any their farms be inundated. State road gium never had a thought of the deso- other one man in Europe to change officials request action to prevent the lation that would come to her, yet to- the warfare on the kaiser. day she is a vast ruin from which Next to the kaiser he is going to cost thousands of dollars. her wretched children are torn by a have the largest say in the grand Fred W. Chambers, State fish and ruthless conqueror. Preparedness was swing of armies and fleets-a war be- game commissioner, has gone to innever better portrayed as necessary tween an emperor and an editor .- spect the damage done by the anithan in that film. Some day or other Publisher's Auxiliary. this nation will have to prepare Against war. Unless we do, we may yet suffer the fate of Belgium.

Speaking about moving pictures, it seems impossible to realize the hold the pictures take on a man. We may like the movies or we may condemn them, they are among the strongest influences in our lives to-day. They are shaping the thought of our youths and of our adults much more been coroner of Richmond from time than we think. Twenty volumes and a immemorial, has declined an offer thousand speeches will not grip us as from a Chicago undertaking estabvividly as that picture of Monday lishment to give him a handsome the years to come whether you or I night. When the speakers and the burial free of cost. When he was on amass a great fortune, a great name, books are forgotten those pictures will his dying bed, the witty Bishop Wil- or secure some splendid public office. still be with us. That these pictures mer, of the Episcopal Church, was but it will make a great deal of differgrip us for good or for bad is in- asked by one of his relatives where ence how much each of us stands for controvertible. It would be interest- he wanted to be buried. "I do not an honest life; how much effort each ing to calculate how many people are want to be buried," was the Bishop's puts forth to better the conditions unreached by them during the year. conclusive reply."-Richmond Times-That they will eventually evolve into Dispatch. an agency for good seems probable. I

have noticed in every case that the public is with the heroine against the the annual tuition fee at Mt. Holyoke villian and that the people instinctive- College will be \$500. This covers tuily applaud the punishment of crime. tion, board, room and laundry.

What are those words going to be? A newspaper is now king of Eng-Will they be loyalty, cohesion, aggressiveness, success? Or will they The London Times, with its North- be disloyalty . suspicion, disintegra-

A year of promise is ahead, but Northcliffe turned out Asquith and promise never makes good unaided

> We must each grasp the opportunius, and turn those opportunities to

To do otherwise will be to stand Northcliffe of the "Thunderer" today, still while others march on to vicwho began life as plain Alfred tory and to success.

> Shall we stand, or shall we march? You tell.

ing Bridges in Utah.

(Salt Lake Herald-Republican.) Beavers are undermining bridges and constructing dams in Utah, Gardestruction of bridges which have

mals and take steps to stop their ravages. Under the law the commissioner is authorized to trap beavers which threaten to damage proporty. Mr. Chambers said he would avoid killing or maiming the animals by setting traps which would catch them without injury.

He will then transfer the beavers to other streams of the State where their industrious habits would not

The call today comes for real citizens who want to do service in their communities. It will matter little in der which we live-and the man who does his best in these directions is a success though he dies without a dollar .- B. F. Harris, in The Progressive Farmer.

New Jersey factories employ 232, 000 operatives.

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Special Sale on Field FENCING

Beginning January 1st, 1917 And Closing January 31st

We are going to sell two car loads heavy weight field fencing at a sacrifice in order to move it. If you need any wire fencing now is the time to buy, for we are going to sell it cheaper than this fence can be bought for at Factory to-day. These are some of the heights and prices:

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Selma, N. C.

Calendar for New Year. January 1-Resolution. January 10-Diminution. January 15-Dissolution. -Columbia State.

A Bishop's Wit.

Dr. William H. Taylor, who has constitute a menace.

Beginning with September, 1917,