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> THE ROANOKE BEACON. Plymouth, N. C.

To appeal to every reader of THE ROANGES CON, to aid us in making it an acceptable and ltable medium of news to our citizens. Let mouth people and the public know what is go in Plymouth. Report to us all items of s—the arrival and departure of friends, social its, deaths, sorious linness, accidents, new sings, new enterprises and improvements of tever character, changes in business—indeed hing and everything that would be of interest ar people.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1890.

SALUTATORY.

As THE year 1890 has dawned upon our fair land and the Bracon is still sailing proudly o're the broad sea of journalism. after being launched six months we, through the courtesy of the ROANOKE PUBLISHING Co., accept the editorship of the BEACON, of which in the past we have been local editor, but not having an editor we have discharged the duties, as best we could, of both local and editorial departments.

Though the waters -upon which the BRACON now gracefully rides has oft been swept by storms before which many a barque has been wrecked, yet with a brave heart and firm faith in the crew, which is made up of the citizen of Plymouth, Washington county and the whole Eastern section, we boldly place our hand at the wheel and hope to guide the BEACON over the turbulent waters, avoiding the many dangers on which others who have preceded us have been wrecked, and at last be able to ride safely at anchor in the haven of prosperity.

We shall seek to promulgate the superior advantages offered by tidewater Carolina for cultivation of soil and manufacturing ndustries. The natural advantages of Plymouth as a place of commerce, and the adaptability for manufacturing purposes will be fully set forth, and all efforts pos. sible will be made to rapidly increase its naterial growth, and the people's individ.

We as its editor will ever strive to carry out the plans as made by the ROANOKE PUBLISHING Co, when the BEACON first greeted you. In the political field we will ever be found waving the old banner of Democracy, and in local matters we will deal fearlessly but courteously. Our aim shall be to advance the intrests of our people, build up this section of the State and to use our every effort to promote the Damocratic cause.

Thanking our friends and the public generally for their many courtesies extended us as local editor and asking a continuance of their kind feelings and liberal support as the editor I am Respectfully,

W. FLETCHER AUSBON,

As we enter upon the duties of a new year we cast a last long glance back upon the many changing scenes of the old year, perhaps there is not a person whose mind does not recall some seasons of pleasure and regret, or cheerfulness and saduess, or happiness or woe, or success or failure, or find a still regret and saduess of various kinds furnished with plane mutual sadues and sadues of various kinds furnished with plane mutual sadues and sadues of various kinds furnished with plane mutual sadues. the many changing scenes of the old year. fond anticipation and sad disappointment. No soul can say, no matter how bright part in playing and dancing, had a large part in playing and dancing, had a large part in which they could enjoy a quiet "tete a tete," and at nine or ten o'clock wear they saw no trouble. How true are these lines :

"Be still sad heart and crase repining Behind the cloud is the sun still shining."

As the new year dawned, to some that cloud disappeared and the sunlight of prosperity burst in all its radiance upon them, while to others that sun is still over shadowed by the dark cloud of sadness and everything was saved, and the building disappointment. How many lives in our was insured for about what it was worth. disappointment. How many lives in our midst are trudging day by day under the dark cloud of oppression, and, how many dark cloud of oppression, and, how many allowed the steamer to come up Wednesday whose lives are illuminated by the dazzling night and remain until Saturday morning rays of the sun of prosperity are trying to reflect one of those rays across the dark pathway of their fellow man?

The old year passes and is by some forgotten, but others look back upon it with and hearts as they remember some loved one that, though they entered the year in health and peace, now lie beneath the sod upon whose tomb is inscribed the year

Our State during the past year made rapid progress toward the acquisition of wealth through the medium of great devel. opment of our resources. Hundreds of miles of railroads were constructed, greater facilities of navigation claimed due attention, our coast was more thoroughly barricaded from the dangers of the sea by ngressional appropriations, exploration of our mines revealed to some extent the value of bidden treasures, our system of ation was improved, our institutions of obsrity onlisted greater support and provision of greater magnitude was made for the accommodation of those itigible to the protection of our asylums.

The events that occured during the past year within the borders of our historic old town would reflect much credit on one of much greater pretensions. The various schools have received a liberal patronage and the Sabbath Schools made rapid progress. Quits a number of accessions have been made to our churches in the More agon, & Y.Z.

ggregate. Our ministers worked faithfully and enjoyed from their respective congre. thou good and faithful servant. They re. ceived their salaries and the hearty cooperation in good works of their brethren. The standard of religion in this place is becoming gradually higher and higher.

THE BEACON extends a hearty New Year's recting to its many readers throughout the land, hoping that they, one and all, have spent a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. In glancing over the fields in which we confined our labors during the past six months, we can readily recall to mind, as we witnessed the great battle of life, the thousands of errors committed, wrongs perpetrated, inconsistencies allowed and crimes concealed. But in witnessing this great spectacular scene of human life, have we thought of the active part we took in the drama? Has our familiarity with the faults of others forced us to conclude that we may have imperfections too? Have we, in consideration of our knowledge of the weaknesses of others been induced to ex. amine ourselves? When we have been so ready to notice, magnify and proclaim to the world the indiscretions of our neighbors, did we enquire of ourselves, if we were not guilty of the same acts? "To err is human to forgive is Divine." Cannot the readers of the Bracon make with the commence. ment of the new year the resolve to forgive others of their trespasses as we would wish the good Lord to forgive us of ours? The making of such a resolve is the first step towards the door of the church triumphant-Let us all, then, make the resolve that we will overlook the imperfections, of others considering ourselves, lest we fall too. Let us furthermore resolve to strive to do more good during the present year than we ever have heretofore. Let us strive to do more for suffering humanity, let us endeavor, by the help of God, to elevate the human race, to more fully carry out the laws of both God and man. Let us display sufficient moral courage to condemn wrong; to lead an exemplary life; to acknowledge our weakness in the resistance of evil, but impute what little good there is in us to the grace of God.

Six months ago the BEAC'N took its stand upon the fatal battle field, where so many had fell while battling for the Dem. ocratic cause under the gran I old banner of Democracy, but the course it has pursued has furnished no cause to us for regret. Some of its effors for the public good have been crowned with success. It has had to contend with difficulties that at times seemed almost impenetrable barriers, but by a resolute will and vigilant activity it has surmounted and now stands upon the open plain, breathing the pure air of free dom from the thraidom of a thousand him. drances. Believing as we do, that a journal of insufficient courage to "advocate right and condemn wrong," regardless of opposi-tion from any source whatever, is unworthy of existence, the Bracon without any hea-itation will think and act independently. regardless of those whom it may please or

CRESWELL LETTER.

CRESWELL, N. C., Editor ROANOKE BEACON:

DEAR SIR; -Christmas came and passe off very quietly. The young people have been enjoying the holidays hugely. They had a party at the residence of Mr. Johnson Spruill. 24 miles from town on Monday night 23, inst, another at the residence of Capt. Cahoon in town, on Xmas night, and on Thursday night 26, inst. the grand est party of the season was given by Mr. A. G. Walker of our place, to his children. While it was a children's party, yet quite a number of the children were grown, and many married people were also present, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Those sic, while others who wished to take no refreshments in great abundance was served and at about 12 o'clock the party broke up Everything passed off very pleasantly, and all pronounced it grand.

On Tuesday morning the 24. inst. at 3 o'clock, the residence of Mrs. V. Hicks, of this place, was burned down; it was occupied at the time by Jas. L. Norman and wife, and D. H. Holmes and wife. Nearly

Mr. King, Supt. N. S. R. R., gave his employees on our river two days holiday, On Saturday, 28, inst., the Missionary Baptists held their last Union meeting, for the year, in this place. The meeting closed Sunday 29, and was well attended. The congregation would have been much larger but for the fact that the Rev. Mr. Wm. Pettigrew also held divine services at St. David's church a mile from town the same day. We learn that his congregation was also quite large, and that he preached a most excellent sermon. Two young men were baptized at St. David's church yes. terday, Mr. Jno. J. Rows of our place, and Mr. Claud Spruill of Tyrrell county.

Cadet V. L. Howell, who has been attending the Davis Military school at LaGrange, came home on Tuesday last to spend the

Mr. W. E. Hassell, of Chowan county, spent several days in our place as the guest of his brother, Dr. J. L. Hassell. He brought his colt over with him and gave us several exhibitions of his speed. The colt is 3 years old and moves up well. and with a little more practice and age be

and with a little more practice and age be will make a record of 2:40 or less. We also notice in our place. Mr J. E. Andrews who taught school near here two years ago. He is visiting Mr. Thos. B. Hateman. Mr. Gilliam Sikes and W. D. Holmes, who are residents of Middleton, Conn., are also here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Nixon and lady, of Perquimans county, are visiting our place, and are the guests of Dr. Hardison, whose wife is a sister of Mr. Nixon.

Justice Howell had a case of assault and

TWILIGHT MUSINGS.

BY MRS. ANNA N. IRWIN.

I love the twilight hour; when the hot rays of day, too bright, are fied; and heaven displays, in line of brilliant timed; and glare of flashing splendor, dazeling the mild sir. Their simple form, undecked an i robed anew in its plain dress of measuming blue. Oh! I have set and mused, and fondly gazed, Watching the spiral flanes that upwards blazed From days death thyre—have seen them softly flow, Like tove—born blughes o'er a maiden's brow, and wase, and fade, till from the face of heaven, As by the breath of angels, they were driven. And then, when these had fled, and waves of shade Their surges, gathering darkness there portrayed, Bedimmed that painted sea, ive seen upspring, With marvellous birth unknown, a beautious thing; Aud as it sailed through yielding depths afar; Ive loved the image of that smilling star. Sweet star of evel, thou seem'st the spirit blessed of some expiring beam, whose form is just released, From its empurpled prison; and how fair—How beautiful thou art!—I would I were A kindred star, that I might ever glide.

And drink thy rays, and glisten by thy side.

1890.

Eclipses for 1890.

There will be three Eclipses this year two of the Sun and one of the Moonneither of them visible in the United States

and a Lunar Appulse. June 3. The near-est approach of the Moon to the Earth's shadow occurs at 1h. 37min, morn., Washington time. Whether a contact of the Moon and the Earth's shadaw (Umbra) will occur is uncertain, owing to the uncertainty of atmospheric couditions. If a contact occurs it will be visible throughout the United States.

2. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, June 7, visible generally through the eastern continent 3, A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, Nov. 26, invisible in the United States.
4. A Central Eclipse of the Sun, Dec. 11, visible in the Indian and Southern

MORNING STARS. Venus, until February 18, and after De Mars, until February 9. Jupiter, from January 10 to May 1.

EVENING STARS. Venus, from February 18, to December

Saturn, from August 30 to December 8.

Mars, after February 9. Jupiter, until January 10, and after May Saturn, until August 30, and after De-

PLANETS BRIGHTEST.

Mercury, January 10, May 3, August 31, and December 25, setting after the Sun; also February 26, June 26, and October 18, rising before the Sun. Venus, October 29. Mars. May 27. Jupiter, July 30. Saturn, February 18, Uranus, April 14.

SEASON FOR 1890. Winter begins December 21, 1889, and asts 89 days. Spring begins March 20, 1890, and last

Summer begins June 21, 1890, and lasts 94 days. Autumn begins September 22, 1890, and asts 90 days. Winter begins December 21, 1890.

CHURCH DAYS AND CYCLES OF TIME. Septuagesima Sunday Sexagesima Sunday Quinquagesima Sunday Ash Wednesday February February February 19 Mid Lent Palm Sunday Easter Sunday Low Sunday April 18 Rogation Sunday Ascension Sunday Whit-Sunday May Trinity Sunday June

STARTLING FACTS.

June

November 30

Corpus Christi Advent Sunday

The drink bill of the working men of our nation during the past year was \$1,280,000,-000. This enormous sum of money is annually worse than wasted, whether

wages are high or low.

The labor agitators and strikers argue that the severe oppressor of the laboring man is the bank, railroad, the mining and man is the bank, railroad, the mining and manufacturing companies, and give the following figures to substantiate their claim compiled from census reports.

The total banking capital of the United States last year was \$717,000,000. The working man drinks all the banks dry in

The mills and factories costs \$1,000,000,-

000. In just four years and two months this vast sum is swallowed down by the working man.
The railroads costs \$5,500,000,000.
Even this immense sum slips down their

throats in five years and nine months.

Think of it! how values equal to the nation's greatest enterprises go gurgling down the throats of the working class.

In thirteen years all the steamship com-panies, railroads, tel-graph companies, banks and manufactories would be con-sumed with a half millions to apply on the All this is only the working man's share of the nation's drink bill. Mr. Powderly says, "The rum habit is the wage-earner"

says, "The rum habit is the wage-earner's greatest enemy." In view of these facts, how can any moral man, to say nothing about Christian men and women, be anything else but temperance advocates?

May God hasten the day when all the moral and religious forces of the nation shall be marching shoulder to shoulder to the destruction of this monster evil.

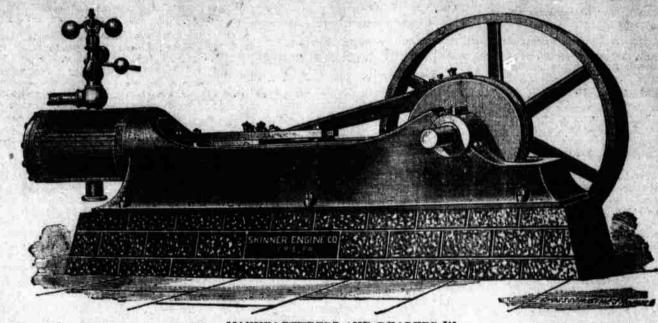
When the temptation of the saloon is

When the temptation of the saloon is removed, when the drunkard shall be lifted to sobriety and industry, and his wronged wife and innocent children are delivered from the wrongs of the fiendish dispenser of the hellish stuff, then will strikes have ended, jails and prison-houses become tenantiess, and every home filled with peace joy and prosperity.—Our Church Review.

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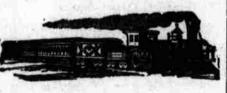


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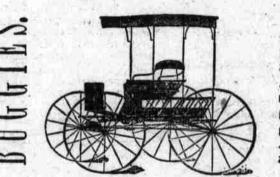
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