

As is customary, there will be no paper issued next week. We miss this issue, not for the purpose of pleasure on our part, but as a matter of business—taking the week to try and straighten up our books for a clean start next year. And we ask you to help us do this—by subscribing, renewing, or paying up if you owe anything, now.

We ask this in all kindness and feel sure you will do so, for, if we mistake not, you are as anxious to begin the new year free as we are, and you cannot claim to owe no man anything so long as there is a subscription account standing against you.

It is with feelings of gratitude and pleasure that we realize the people of the town and county at last recognize the paper as a strictly business enterprise, and treat it as such, generally paying promptly for it, and in many instances in advance—as a paper should be paid for. Yet we have many who are very much in arrears, but we feel that these few cases are caused from thoughtlessness and not from willful dishonesty, and believe these accounts will soon be settled—if not in full, in part, at least.

Our advertisers are pleased. This shows the paper is read, and when a paper is read its standing is assured.

It is our wish next year to make several improvements in the paper. To do this we must have your cooperation and support—by advertising in it, subscribing for it, by speaking a good word for it when occasion offers. Not only this, but make allowances for its imperfections; be not too ready to condemn its shortcomings, but help it out in every way you can. If our ideas on some subjects do not conform to yours do not get mad. We will not think you a numskull if your ideas do not harmonize with ours. If you think we have done you an injustice do not sneak around and abuse us, but tell us of it. We would apologize to a "yaller" dog if we were shown that we had unjustly abused it.

A local newspaper is a mirror in which the community in which it is published is reflected. If you are alive and anxious to move forward, the fact is sure to be seen; if you are satisfied to stay in the same old rut, the fact will also be known.

Thanking you for past and present support, and asking you to yet do more—if possible—for us next year, we close the last issue for 1903 sincerely wishing you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

In looking around for Presidential timber next year, if Dr. Bassett and his followers among the students at Trinity could have their way, Booker Washington would undoubtedly have the first place.

Certainly the North has never produced a greater man than the South has, consequently, in their estimation, Booker is the greatest man in the Union, and Roosevelt is not in it.

Booker Washington is a great man, of his race, and deserves great credit, but that he is the greatest man in the Union, Good Lord deliver us from the thought.

Doubtless he is a greater man than Dr. Bassett, but that he is as great as Mr. Daniels, or hundreds of other southern white men is tabooed by ninety-nine hundredth of the best citizens.

#### A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Sprull & Bro's.

When a man thinks he knows it all he is happy until he wakes up.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by J. O. Everett.

#### A Bill No Insult.

North Carolina is probably the only section in the United States in which there are a large number of people who are so honorable that they regard the presentation of a bill against them as a reflection upon their honor.

This is a survival of the good old days when money was easy and profits large, and life moved slowly. The farmer bought freely from his merchant, and paid surely when convenient, without any urging whatever. A bill was evidence that trust was at an end.

But this day has passed. Men trust each other as much as ever but bills have a different significance and are more necessary. They are not a sign of distrust, but of need to collect accounts. The world lives faster now; money must flow faster; profits are scant and collections must be prompt to save interest and discount.

A man wrote a newspaper man in this city last week that he was 80 years of age and had never received a "dun for money" until the newspaper man sent him one. His honor was touched. We had a somewhat similar experience with a Baptist minister recently.

While there remain men who do not wait for bills, the vast majority will not pay until they have received a bill. In towns and cities nearly every one waits until a bill is received.

This being so, bills must be sent out. They must be sent out or accounts will not be collected, and ruin will follow. Quick and full collections are essential to success.—Biblical Recorder.

Ask your druggist about "Fewer gallons; wears longer."

#### Boys Making Their Own Way.

The most hopeful characteristic of the American colleges is the self-supporting student.

It has been said that any boy in this country who wants an education can get it, if he wants it bad enough. The truth of this is being demonstrated now more clearly than ever before.

Since the beginning young men have worked their way through colleges. Poverty has been no bar.

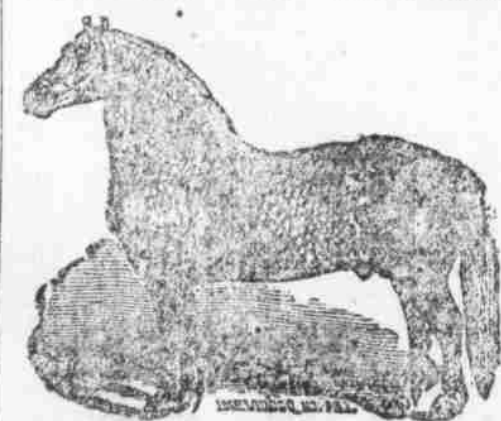
The growth of the practice is indicated by the report of the secretary of Columbia College committee on employment of students, from which it appears that Columbia students during the past summer earned \$31,401, an increase of \$13,000 over their earnings for the year before.

#### Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Sprull & Bro.

The highest duties oft are found Lying on the lowest ground; In hidden and unnoticed ways. In household work, on common days. —Monell.

#### HORSES and MULES.



We have just received a big lot of horses and mules from "Uncle Bob" McVay, of Kentucky.

The season is now open and if you want a good animal you will do well to come early.

This drove may be seen any day at J. E. Reid's stables. S. H. NEWBERRY & CO.

#### A Word of Appreciation.

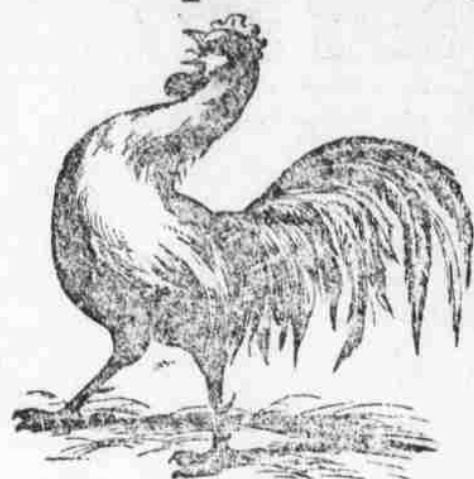
We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and the public for the many nice things said of our new millinery, and invite them to continue to visit us at our store, where they will be cordially welcomed. We are always pleased to show our goods, hoping that you may find something to please you.

If you have not called, come now, and we feel sure we can please in Hat or Bonnet.

Don't forget our line of Dress Goods and Notions.

Very truly,  
MRS. A. M. AYERS.

#### Cheap Goods.



—BY—

#### A. MARCUS!

I beg the people at large—the ladies especially—to visit my store this season.

I have just returned from the northern markets with a full stock of Clothing, Ladies' ready-made dresses, dress goods, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, Trimmings of all kinds. Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Musical Instruments of all kinds, Winter underwear, Trunks, Valises, etc. Men's suits, \$3.00 up; Overcoats, \$2 up; Boys' suits, \$1 up.

These goods were selected by myself, and I defy any merchant in the county to offer them, quality considered, at anything near as cheap as I sell them. Don't take my word, but come and see for yourselves.

Highest market prices paid for Furs of all kinds.

A. MARCUS.

Brinkley's block, Washington St., Plymouth, N. C. sep.23 11

#### Restaurant

Oysters served at all hours —Meals from 25 to 50c.—

Oysters received daily. Cigars, Canned goods, Confectioneries and Fruit. Opposite Bank.

J. T. McNAIR, Prop. oc 15

#### Fall & Winter 1903-4 OPENING!

Every day is opening day with us now, and

Thanking our friends and the public for their liberal patronage in the past, we announce, with full confidence in more than pleasing them this season, that our

#### MILLINERY GOODS

are now in, and ready for your inspection at any time you may be pleased to favor us with your presence. We invite you to call and pass your judgment upon our goods before placing your order elsewhere.

Our trimmer, Miss Barr, is one of the best to be had; our goods are of the very best and latest styles, and we cordially invite you all to visit us at any time, and be sure to bring your friends with you.

Very respectfully,  
MRS. W. B. WARD & CO.

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of County Commissioners to grant to the undersigned licenses to retail spirituous and malt liquors for 6 months, beginning January 1st next, in Lee's Mills township, about 2 miles south of Koper, on the N. & W. R. R. Nov. 30. 1903. L. J. PEACOCK.

## W. C. Ayers' Greeting! Ready for Christmas.

Our Christmas stock will be on display by Dec. 15th,

and it will be interesting for you to give our

#### HOLIDAY GOODS

a good inspection, as our stock will be entirely New and FRESH.

We will have a very nice line of Christmas goods, and some

#### Very Valuable Presents,

and if you come soon you will have the chance to buy the best, as all of us want that.

Our 10 cent Bargains will be grand.

Our 15 cent Leaders are Big Bargains.

We will have 300 of the finest pictures, for presents, for family and friends, to decorate the home.

Our stock of Dress Goods, Trimmings, etc., is as complete now as at any time during the season. New goods constantly arriving; among them some very stylish goods.

Be sure to give us a call for your Xmas toys, pictures and any Toilet articles for holiday presents.

Yours to please,

W. C. Ayers.



#### H. B. SEDBERRY & CO.,

—DEALERS IN—

Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet articles, Combs, Brushes, Stationery, Cigars, etc.

Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded of the best and purest drugs. A complete line of household remedies.

Sole dealers in the celebrated "HAWKES" Spectacles and Glasses.

SPECIAL—We have a full line of the Very Best Perfumery; something nice to present yourself or friend for a Holiday Gift. Also a big lot bought before the holiday season, which will be sold strictly at COST. If you want the BEST, or the CHEAPEST, go no further. We have it. Give us a trial.

H. B. Sedberry & Co. dec 1

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