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### KINGS MOUNTAIN ITEMS.

**Capt. F. Dilling Resigns as President of Dilling and Cora Mills**  
—Negress Dies at Age of 109—  
—Other News.

**Kings Mountain Herald.**  
Mr. James C. Blume and Miss Irene Ridenhour, both of Concord, were quietly married in the presence of a few intimate friends of the parties, on yesterday evening at the home of her brother, W. A. Ridenhour.

We learn that the short stretch of road from the "county line" road at H. L. Ramseur's is to be graded now at once. J. W. Wellman has the contract for doing this work from the Lula Mill up to the public road. When this is completed the grading will be finished down to Crowder's Mountain Mill and will be a very useful road.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Dilling Cotton Mill on yesterday Captain Dilling resigned as president of the Dilling and Cora Mills in favor of Dr. O. G. Falls who was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused. As stated a few weeks ago Mr. Dilling will still look after the general welfare of these mills, but Dr. Falls will have the active management. W. S. Dilling was elected to a director's place instead of E. A. Smith, who has sold out his interest.

On last Monday morning Amzi Crawford, colored, informed The Herald that he had returned on Sunday from Clarks Fork, S. C., in York county where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother, Venice Crawford. At the time of her death she was 109 years old.

### BESSEMER BRIEFS.

(Crowded out of last issue.)  
Bessemer City, Dec. 31.—Miss Ella Torrence is visiting her sister at Zionia, N. C.—Miss Pearl Dixon spent the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Dixon, of Raleigh.—Miss Grace Littlejohn has returned from a visit to Jonesville, S. C.—Misses Honeycutt, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Honeycutt, are home from Davenport College, Lenoir, for the holidays.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney and Mr. Floyd Whitney returned Saturday from a visit to Asheville.—Mrs. D. A. Garrison, who has been visiting at Concord, has returned home.—Mr. J. B. Simpson, who has been the guest of Mr. J. L. Burke, has returned to Durham, Mrs. Simpson will remain here another week.

### LOWELL LOCALS.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)  
Lowell, Jan. 1.—Prof. E. Grier Carson and Miss Enola Crawford, of the public school faculty, have returned from their respective homes and school re-opened to-day after the holiday vacation.  
Miss Nellie Roseman visited friends at Lincolnton during the Christmas holidays.—Mr. William Baker, Hall and Holland Cant, Linwood Robinson and Hoit Robinson have been here with homefolks during the past week and will return to their respective schools and colleges the coming week.—Mr. Leland Cox and Mr. Graham Dixon are also at home from Richmond.—Miss Gertrude Clemmer and Master George Clemmer visited friends in Lowell last week.  
Several young people from Gastonia attended a party at Mr. Tom Rankin's last night.

### The Biggest Drug Store.

Kansas City Journal.  
The greatest drug store in the world will be found in one of the most backward countries in the world. It exists in Moscow, and is 203 years old. Its title is the Old Nibolska Pharmacy, and since 1833 it has been in the family of the present proprietor. It is a building of imposing dimensions with many departments, including one of professional education for the staff, which numbers 700 persons. They make up about 2,000 prescriptions a day, and so perfect is the organization that an error is seldom recorded.

### Southern Property Values.

Manufacturers' Record, Baltimore.

As a matter of record of increasing prosperity in the South, the following table of estimated true value of prosperity there in 1900 and 1904, compiled by the Manufacturers' Record from a bulletin of the national census bureau, is of interest:

States.	1900.	1904.
Alabama	\$774,682,478	\$965,013,261
Arkansas	304,318,711	383,967,572
Florida	353,742,969	431,409,300
Georgia	1,306,000,450	1,167,445,871
Kentucky	1,265,120,718	1,277,486,230
Louisiana	815,158,083	1,032,229,006
Maryland	1,317,372,058	1,311,488,172
Mississippi	861,332,120	942,372,515
North Carolina	1,557,581,542	1,688,249,022
South Carolina	485,078,048	585,853,222
Tennessee	656,872,000	1,104,223,979
Texas	2,322,151,631	2,438,325,003
Virginia	1,102,306,888	1,267,970,180
W. Va.	439,622,457	540,000,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,934,333,376</b>	<b>\$15,623,671,288</b>

The increase in values during the past two years has been quite as great as the increase between 1900 and 1904, and the wealth of the South is now quite \$18,000,000,000.

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### All Over the State

Tar Heel Happenings Put Into Pithy Paragraphs for Busy Readers—The News of a Great Commonwealth Condensed.

The State penitentiary board Tuesday made its annual report to Governor Glenn, showing a balance of \$280,000 in the treasury.

Sports from Salisbury and points in South Carolina held a chicken fight near Saluda last week, and the South Carolina birds won, netting their owners \$1,500. One man had a fit at the fight and almost died. Perhaps he lost a heavywad on his roosters.

Mr. P. L. McManus, superintendent of the Charlotte division of the Southern Railway with headquarters at Greenville, S. C., has been promoted to the position of assistant general manager of the road with offices at Washington. His successor has not as yet been named.

William Rosser Cobbe, aged 59, a member of a prominent family of this State, and a brilliant journalist, was found dead Tuesday in a doorway on Park Row, New York city. He was a man of unusual education and was said to have written forty books. At one time he was professor of medicine in a western university but lost his job on account of drink. He had worked on many metropolitan papers and magazines.

James Thomas, formerly of Lexington, employed as an engineer of steam shovels by Lane Brothers, railroad contractors, was found dead Wednesday morning in a ravine near Danville, Va. He was well dressed and there were no marks of violence on his body though the officers suspect foul play. It was known that he usually carried money with him but only twenty cents was found on his person.

### Their Heads too High Anyhow.

Charleston News and Courier.  
We regret to learn from the Charlotte newspapers that the lanes and paths of that town are also in bad condition. However, stills are cheap and Charlotte people have been carrying their heads high anyhow ever since the dream of the 20th of May.

### A Home-Coming for Tar Heels.

Lexington Dispatch.  
The Dispatch hopes that sometime next summer North Carolina will arrange for a "home-coming week," when the thousands of her sons and daughters everywhere will gather and hold sweet reunion. Such an occasion would be enjoyable and profitable. The people of the state would welcome it and we feel sure that many a Tar Heel who has not visited the state since he emigrated first, would gladly avail himself of the opportunity to revisit the land of his birth. We can bring this thing to pass if we will, and The Dispatch hopes that we will.

### NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE.

### Pure Food, Rate, Free Alcohol and Modifications of Navigation Laws Become Operative.

A Washington dispatch of the 1st says: To-day marks the beginning of the life of several legislative Acts of Congress important alike to the nation as a whole, and to the citizens of the District of Columbia. These are the free alcohol law, the pure food law, the anti-pass section of the inter-State commerce law, and the modifications of the navigation laws to simplify enrollments and licenses.  
The pure food law contemplates the barring from inter-State commerce of foods that are injurious to health and the free alcohol law is intended to assist farmers and smaller users of power to have a fuel that in efficiency and cost shall be cheaper than gasoline or kerosene. The anti-pass provision of the inter-State commerce law forbids common carriers, directly, giving inter-State free tickets or passes for passengers, except to their employees and families, the agents of the carriers and their surgeons, physicians and attorneys, to persons engaged in religious and charitable work and to certain other specified classes.

### Was Too Much for Him.

Charlotte News.  
We understand that a Southern engineer fainted a few days ago when he found, that from some strange and inexplicable reason, he had run into a certain city on time.

### A Loss to the Country.

Charlotte Observer.  
The sudden death of President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, removes one of the three leading figures in the American railroad world of to-day. He was as distinctly a good citizen as is Mr. J. Hill, in contrast to that distinctly bad citizen, Mr. E. H. Harriman. In his death the country has suffered a loss.

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New York American.  
New Rochelle, the most popular one-night stand, where the new show may be "tried on the dog," and famous as the place that is "forty-five minutes from Broadway," is shocked. All of Thanksgiving eve Jack Reid, a local character, slept in the show window of Grab's saloon in Main street, beside a live pig.

A crowd guffawed about the window, while Reid gave the lie to the couplet, "Laugh and the world laughs with you, Snore, and you sleep alone."

Sometimes Reid snored alone. Frequently the snore made it unanimous, and the bar did a thriving business.

Dr. Daldyple passed, and then a policeman arrested Reid.

### Didn't Budge for Three Weeks.

Charlotte News.  
A few weeks ago the Loray Cotton Mills, at Gastonia, loaded a box car with products of the mill three weeks ahead of time in order to reach Charleston, S. C., in time to catch a certain outgoing boat from that port. At the expiration of the three weeks the car was still on the side tracks at Gastonia. 'Twas the same old story—congestion of freight.

### To The New Year.

Henry Jerome Stockard, in Raleigh News and Observer.  
We turn with hope and fear  
Our anxious, questioning faces, each  
Within thy secret keeping locked, New Year,  
What dost thou hold for me?  
To some thou givest pain,  
We know, and grief deep as mid-ocean  
slopes;  
Thou touchest all their dreams, and they are  
vain;  
Thou shatterest all their hopes.  
Thou givest strength to some,  
And joy, pure as a star's ethereal ray,  
Buildest them shrines that seem, through  
time-to-come,  
Beyond death and decay.  
Thou bringest life to these—  
Childhood and youth and home's con-  
clusive bliss—  
Manhood with thoughts that baffled Socrates,  
Cheops, Scurramias.  
To these, thou bringest death,  
With knowledge vast of Calvary's tragic  
plan—  
Of Him beside whose date time is a breath—  
Eternity, a span,  
And so, with hope and fear,  
We turn our earnest, yearning eyes to thee—  
Within thy secret keeping sealed, New Year,  
What holdest thou for me?  
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### Dishonest Bonds.

Charlotte Chronicle.  
The news is sent out from Raleigh that William I. Jones, representing New York capitalists, holding seventy-eight of the bonds issued during reconstruction days and known as "special tax bonds," repudiated by North Carolina in 1878, has been in Raleigh nosing around to get some basis for a suit. He was told quite flatly by the State Treasurer that these bonds will never be paid. It seems strange why bond speculators cannot get it into their heads that while North Carolina paid one issue of honest bonds, there is no law and no power to force her to pay the dishonest and repudiated reconstruction bonds.

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OSBORN EVANS  
vs.  
LOUISA EVANS.  
Notice.  
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and the said plaintiff on the grounds of the adultery of the defendant.  
Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear the next term of the Superior Court of Gaston County to be held at the Court House in said County on the first Monday before the first Monday in March, 1907, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, which is now filed in the office of the clerk of the said court, or the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
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C. C. CORNWELL,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.

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