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GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

News of the Stage, Social, Political and Otherwise, Culled From Our Exchanges.

No more than 4,000 Paris landlords have refused to provide a proper drainage system in their houses in accordance with the new sanitary regulations.

One out of every forty-nine deaths in Minnesota is due to accident or negligence, according to the report of vital statistics for 1901, inclusive.

One hundred thousand bales of cotton lusted the Lancashire mills for a year in 1900. Now the same amount would feed their spindles for a day and a quarter.

The lighthouse at Cape Kallakra, on the European coast of the Black sea, was destroyed by the earthquake on March 31. Steps have been taken for the provision of a temporary light.

A doctor has written to the London Times suggesting the running of motor cars at a speed fully up to the legal limit as a means of administering the open air treatment to consumptives.

All southern California cities look forward to be supplied with electric power from Kern river, where at first 15,000 and later 45,000 horsepower will be obtained from an eight hundred foot fall.

A large number of cuttlefish have recently been caught off the north coast of Germany. As they have never before been met with in these waters, it is difficult to account for their presence.

The number of male physicians in Russia is 14,784. That of female physicians is 624, but it will soon be larger, as there were last year 809 female students in the Medical Institute for Women.

Since Alaska became the property of the United States the value of the product of her fisheries has been over \$70,000,000 of her fur \$34,000,000 and the value of her gold mines \$10,000,000.

A little combiner in Paris in Turkish postoffice employees that when some time ago opportunity was given to send packages and registered letters only one of each was received at Stamboul in ten days.

So valuable is coal in the Ponchamp coalfields of France that it pays to mine coal at a depth of 3,313 feet. A steel cable weighing seven tons and nearly a mile long is used. The coal is brought up in trains of six cars.

Ireland continues to far outdistance all other European countries in crimelessness. Official statistics for the last year, just published, show a decrease of 10.2 per cent in minor offenses as compared with the preceding year.

Professor Gerhardt of Vienna directed attention in a recent lecture to the fact that within the last twenty years mortality has decreased from thirty-two to twenty-nine a thousand in Austria and from twenty-one to eighteen in England.

St. Frideswide's church, Poplar, has been enriched by an interesting gift which is probably unique in England. It is an altar cloth valued at more than \$10,000 which, like Penelope's web, has taken ten years to manufacture and is partly woven of human hair.

American manufacturers seeking new markets will not succeed, says a writer, unless they make their packages small enough for carriage on a mule's back and wrap their wares in red paper instead of brown. The heat-seal purchaser prefers red. It is luckier.

Robinson Crusoe's island, as Juan Fernandez is generally known to American and English readers because of the identification of Alexander Selkirk with the hero of De Foë's tale, is now almost as devoid of inhabitants as at the time when the famous mariner was shipwrecked on its shores.

The enumeration of 1900 shows that there are more men and boys than women and girls in this country and that the difference exceeds 1,800,000. In a population of 70,808,887. The excess appears more distinctly perhaps when it is said that there are 512 males and only 488 females in every thousand people in the United States.

Nearly half a century ago the experiment of putting horse meat on the market was made for the first time in Austria. A government decree of April 20, 1854, gave legal permission to cut up and sell horse meat as an article of food. During the rest of that year and in 1855 943 horses were slaughtered for food in Vienna. The number rose in 1860, the last year for which statistics are obtainable, to 25,640 head.

The graphophone is beginning to figure as a considerable American export, and certainly it is one of the most curious and interesting. While its commercial uses are beyond the comprehension of needs of the Persian, the Hindoo or the south sea islander, each of them is fascinated by an invention which reproduces the familiar sounds of the human voice and entertains them with grand and light opera and orchestral music.

Soft coal, all lump, at W. H. Griffin's. Phone 47.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A Homily Written For the Encouragement and Strengthening of New Year Resolutions.

Beloved, we stand upon the threshold of the New Year. Let us look not back mournfully on the old year:—whatever it may hold is behind us: if personal shortcomings, and even greivous misdeeds, let them also be behind us, and let us greet the "new face at the door" on the morrow gladly with high resolves and with a spirit strong to bear and determined to persevere.

There is a history in all men's lives. Figuring the nature of the times decess'd: The which observ'd, a man may prophesy. With a near air, of the main chance of things As yet not come to life; which in their seeds, And weak beginnings, lie intrasur'd.

We may foresee with reasonable certainty the result of any deed of our own, any act of personal conduct, any speech of real import uttered in calmness or in the heat of passion.

We are constantly aware that any good and unselfish act will bring spiritual comfort in its most gratifying measure.

Charity will bring charity, benevolence will brighten the soul with sunshine, love and friendship beget love and friendship, constancy creates its own quality, faith to faith gives birth, laughter ripples unto laughter; joy bursts into newer joy; and all these graces of heart and mind cause our world to ring with the wedding bells of truth and mercy.

Observation will teach these blessed realities to every one who looks with eyes open to the reception of the real, while happy experience of it all eldends the hearts of vast multitudes who abandon themselves to the better and nobler admonitions of humanity's better and nobler instincts.

Likewise, all men and women, and most children, know with the utmost certainty that the transgressors way is forever hard; that shame follows sin; that pain comes swiftly upon indiscretion; that bitterness comes of wrong-doing; that remorse stalks behind falsehood, and the pangs of grief are born of affronting error; that shapes of terror created of last night's lie, lived or spoken, are revealed by the day's troubled dawn; that an army of devils, physical and mental, are grimly attendant upon physical and mental debauchery, day and night in hideous deformity revolting and appalling.

Human experience and divine injunction unite in burning into our souls knowledge of these certain penalties of transgression against the laws of man's existence and man's God.

Thus may we prophesy concerning ourselves and concerning others, and thus may we avoid errors condemned from the beginning, the while seeking by example and precept to warn others away from temptations that lead inevitably to despair and death.

Behold, you shall prophesy with a near aim of the main chance of things as yet not come to life! Woman or man, maiden or youth, however or whoever you be, you shall read the stars of your own destiny, leaving to God the things not clearly discernible and leaving to Him the final measure of reward.

Whoso live according to the law, the law of human experience and divine command, may not lay up store of anxiety or find shapes of evil in any shadowy place. Every mortal man, only owes God a death, but a life also, and life is of more importance, since if it be well lived it shall pass in God's good time, to the slumber that is bliss.

If you wish love, the great and godlike love of your fellowman, love will come to you trailing clouds of glory that will brighten and bless all your afterwhiles.

Love will come singing songs of such melody as must fill all your world with sweetness, gladness and joy, ringing in glee through every hour of your waking and murmuring with the tender cadence of a baby's lullaby as sung by angels while you sleep; rising and falling and gladdening to your heart-beats; soothing when you are calm in peace and riotous in splendid harmony when you glory in some purpose of peace triumphant.

Love will come by stealth when

you have done a worthy action in secret, and it will come proudly caressing upon the blasts of the announcing heralds when in the forefront of humanity's conflict against wrong you have borne yourself nobly as a captain in the ranks of right.

Love will grow for you, quietly by night and in the sunlight, gently nurtured in the heart of your fellowman as he observes your faithful and unpretentious discharge of duty to the world as duty presents itself; and by and by there will come time when that spirit, so quietly grown, so gently nurtured, will burst into the mighty music of mankind's cheering acclaim.

For good character is not builded in a day, though character for evil may in a moment be established for a lifetime. The structure of good character is erected slowly, in many an instance pain uly because of human weakness; and the material, though fashioned by our own hands according to our own hearts, must be passed upon by our fellow-builders, and be approved by our masters of the great human family around and about us. Yet when builded, one false step may send all our work toppling about our shame-bowed heads.

"There is a history in all men's lives figuring the nature of the times decess'd."

The history of man, a life that is now beautiful would not be pleasing to study; for grave sin is forever repulsive in its reality, however fair a form it may bear to outward seeming.

"Plate sin in gold, and the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks. Arm it in rags, and a pigny's straw doth pierce it."

Yet the higher justice, the justice that abides in the hearts of good women and good men; that holds away in the judgment seat of moral integrity—such justice is powerful to punish, whatever be said of constituted courts of man's government, and the strong lance of such justice never hurtless against any armor of gold or other material of man's cupidity.

And there was never yet a sin that remained unpunished in this life, and never one that did not leave its brand upon whosoever committed it, a brand deep somewhere graven.

Yet freedom from the spiritual burden of every sin, great or small, however or by whomsoever committed, awaits the asking. There are varying degrees of sinning, from the polished falsehood and hollow dissembling and deceit of society downward to dark crime; but there is freedom from all, save only the final sin of not asking for that freedom.

She had offended grievously indeed to whom the Master said: "Neither I condemn thee;" but instantly followed the injunction to sin no more!

Every one of you may this day prophesy with reasonable certainty concerning your own afterwhiles. The life of each of you shall be as you make it—bright or shadowy, merry or morose, happy or unhappy.

If you wish happiness, love one another, love your fellowman. By that gentle means and that alone shall you obtain love, and by love alone shall you obtain happiness.

Behold the gate leading into gardens of glorious flowers, of gladness, laughter, joy—if your good resolutions for the New Year be sincere! Behold "the new face at the door!" May it usher into every home in Goldsboro greater prosperity and happiness. May it be to every reader of the Aousa a happy New Year.

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This Will Interest Many.

Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) the famous Southern blood purifier, quickly cures cancer, blood poise, pimples, boils, carbuncles, ulcers, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching bones, joints or back, rheumatism, catarrh, and all blood and skin troubles. B. B. B. heels every sore and makes the blood pure and rich. B. B. B. the finest blood purifier made. Drugists, \$1. Trial treatment free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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EMPTY BOTTLE FOUND.

Was This Bottle Dropped on River Bank by Wilcox?

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 30.—Prosecutor Ward said to-day: "You can state that there will be enough evidence before the grand jury next March to secure an indictment. This is a hard case, but no stone will be left unturned. There is some very damaging testimony which I believe would insure his conviction, but there is doubt as to its admissibility."

The latest new evidence is an empty whiskey bottle found near the river bank in front of the Cropsey home. A local saloon man has identified the bottle as having been sold by him, and declares that or one like it was gotten by Wilcox.

The strongest alleged evidence against Wilcox is that he was seen struggling with Miss Cropsey in front of her home in an effort to drag her to the river. It is also claimed that Wilcox can not account for all his time that night nor why he chose an unusual route to reach home. A part of the Citizens' Committee believes it has a strong State's case.

A soldier says that when Wilcox's sister visited the jail the prisoner said it was no place for her, and on her asking what she might do for him, she was told to bring a quart of whiskey.

The confinement is already telling on Wilcox and it is believed his stoicism will vanish before the trial next spring. Lawyer Aydtlett says Wilcox may make another public statement soon. He says many untrue reports have been circulated against his client.

There are some Elizabeth City people who believe the Wilcox family is now a more fitting object of sympathy than the Cropseys. Lawyer Cropsey on the funeral train discussed the case freely.

As to Wilcox's alleged struggle with Miss Cropsey, the correspondent of the New York Journal says:

"Another witness who may be called upon to testify is R. F. Parker. He told his wife the night after Miss Cropsey disappeared that he had seen Wilcox dragging a girl across the road in front of the Cropsey home. He said he now denies this. The committee will examine him on this point soon."

HOW ARE YOUR EYES?

Dr. W. Baker, the optician, who has already identified himself with the people of Goldsboro, where he and his family reside, will receive and prescribe for patients and fit glasses for all defects of the eyes, at the jewelry store of Mr. R. A. Watts during the present week and until the first of January. Dr. Baker has the highest testimonials, which he takes pleasure and pride in showing to his patients, and guarantees satisfaction.

For best coal, order of W. H. Griffin. Phone 47.

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NEW LAW FIRM.

Mayor Hood and Mr. D. J. Thurston Constitute the Firm.

Beginning to-morrow, the first day of the New Year, a new law firm will hang out their shingle in Goldsboro. Mayor Geo. E. Hood and Mr. D. J. Thurston have associated themselves for the practice of the law and will occupy the law office of Mr. Stephen W. Isler, opposite the court house.

While the firm will be a new one, yet one member of the firm, Mayor Hood, is not new to the profession, he having been a member of the Goldsboro Bar for several years and having practiced his profession regularly before being elected Mayor of Goldsboro.

Mr. Thurston, the other member of the firm, graduated in the law with distinction from Wake Forest in 1898 and passed a successful examination the same year. Since that time he has not been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, but has been in the employ of the Southern Railway, and for the last few months has been filling the position of cashier at the freight office of the Southern in this city. He is fortunate in beginning his career with such a partner, whose popularity, together with the knowledge of the law which both possess, assures the success of the firm from the beginning.

Reward For Bicycle!

The party or parties who took a Crescent bicycle off the porch of Mrs. Etta Brown's home Thursday night, will confer a favor on the undersigned by returning same to Angus office. The wheel is a Crescent make, has a high frame, cushion seat, black enamel frame with the exception of the front bar, which is painted red. Liberal reward for its return and no questions asked.

Notice-Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Wayne county, November term 1901 the undersigned will expose to public sale at the court house door in the city of Goldsboro, on the first Monday in February 1902, the following described real estate, situated in the State of North Carolina in the county of Wayne and more particularly described as follows, viz: Known as lots Nos. 39-40 in the city of Goldsboro, the same being the lots on which the late Everett Joyner, Sr., resided, on the corner of West Centre and Boundary street, except a certain piece of land bounded as follows, viz: beginning on the north west corner of Ed Hood's lot on Boundary street and runs north 73, west 30 feet on Boundary street, thence south 18, west 210 feet to the Potter lot, formerly occupied by A. P. Holland, thence south 72, east with said Potter lot to said Ed Hood's lot, then north 210 feet with said Hood's line to the beginning, it being the eastern portion of said lots Nos. 39-40. Date of sale February 3rd, 1902. Terms cash. Place of sale, Goldsboro, N. C.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Baker & Eason will dissolve on and after the 1st of January 1902, by mutual consent. Mr. Baker retires from the firm. Business will be continued by Eason & Son on and after January 1st 1902, at the old stand Nos. 127 and 129 West Walnut street. Parties indebted to us, are requested to make immediate settlement.

THANKS.

To our friends and customers, we beg to return our sincere thanks for the generous patronage given us the past year. We have tried to serve you to the best of our ability; that we may have failed in some instances we do not doubt; but we have done the best we could.

We regret very much that we had to cut quite a number of our Christmas orders just half, in order to give every one who had placed orders with us celery for dinner. The fault in this instance was not ours, but was due to failure of the Transportation Company to deliver the goods that had been shipped us, and I thank you kindly for allowing us to out your order and make so little complaint.

Our trade the past season has been better than before, and what is most gratifying to me is the fact that more attention has been paid to quality than heretofore.

Again thanking you for your patronage, and soliciting a continuance of same, and wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, I remain, Yours very truly,

I. B. Fonville.

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SALE OF BONDS.

OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk of Goldsboro, N. C., until 4 o'clock p. m., January 15th, 1902, for the purchase of \$60,000 4 per cent bonds, denominations \$1,000 dated February 1st, 1902, to mature as follows: For Electric Light Plant \$25,000 in 20 years. For City Hall and Market Street Improvement \$35,000 in 30 years. A deposit of 3 per cent of offer in certified check to accompany proposal. Further information furnished on application to

STEPHEN W. ISLER, Trustee and Commissioner.

NOTICE.

The following unclaimed freight assigned to J. W. Lynch, Fromont, N. C., which arrived on and prior to Nov. 7th 1901, shipped by Montague & Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn. will be sold at public auction Friday, January 17th 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the A. G. L. depot in the town of Fromont, N. C. Three car loads culvert pipe 36 inches in length, 24 inches in diameter, shell 1 5/8 inches thick, weight per joint, 865 lbs. Three car loads culvert pipe, 34 inches in length, 18 inches in diameter, shell 1 3/8 inches thick, weight per joint, 230 lbs. Dec. 15, 1901. J. W. Morris, Agt.