

Any stains on the new leaf yet?

It's too late to correct the mistakes of 1915, but not too late to profit by them.

Here's one of many good mottoes that may be adopted for 1916: "Pay as you go."

If Charleston does not go dry, the balance of the State will want to know the reason why.

With 19 States now in the dry column, a good, long step has been taken toward national prohibition.

In making his bow to the girls the first leap-year morning, Bob Gonzales let it be known that "Barkis is willing."

"New year finds nations at work," says a headline. A minority of the nations may be at work but a majority are at WAR.

We know of at least two Americans who had a glorious Christmas—the two who occupied a suite of 100 rooms at a hotel in Hot Springs, Va.

Instead of being rung out, the old year was "blown" out in Edgefield by numerous whistles, some of them being suggestive of Dante's Inferno.

The English soldiers are taking life more seriously than they did a year ago. They are now singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," instead of "Tipperary."

Some Greenville people seem to have turned over a new leaf before the New Year, one Greenville bank reports 1,000 new savings accounts opened during the holidays.

Robbers took \$3,000 yesterday from the cashier of a hospital in Chicago. Judging from the charges that are made by some hospitals such institutions should constantly tempt robbers.

The Germans and Austrians say they are sorry after being cornered by President Wilson but they are not sorry enough to stop submarining passenger vessels, the latest victim being the Persia.

Imports of diamonds through the port of New York show an increase of 25 per cent. for the year just ended. For this enormous increase in import duty Uncle Sam owes Cupid a goodly New Year tip.

The fire chief of Columbia has been presented with a bright red automobile which has been dubbed the "red devil." This nomenclature will suggest to many irate, nearly-run-over pedestrians that there are some "black devils" in Edgefield.

The government is after the hosiery manufacturers for making unreasonable profits. The increased profit is doubtless due to the small amount of raw material that is required in making transparent hosiery. A big boll of cotton will make a big stocking.

The lawmakers will convene in annual session next Tuesday, and about the most difficult matter that will come before them will be a satisfactory adjustment of the tax question. We question, in fact, whether there will ever be a satisfactory adjustment of taxation.

Salvation Army. Judging from results obtained along the line of practical Christianity, there is no organization to-day in the large cities that accomplishes more than does the Salvation Army. Not many years ago it was a subject of jest and ridicule, many questioning the sincerity of those engaged in this form of Christian service. Without heeding or being discouraged by the jeers and taunts of thoughtless and uninformed critics, those who composed this body of consecrated workers pressed forward

until they have won the confidence and in many cases the cordial support of their former opponents. Indeed their unselfish service, doing what may be termed the drudgery of Christian work, compelled the admiration of the world. During the holidays just past, many a little stocking would have gone empty and thousands of people in the cities would have been without Christmas dinner, had it not been for the efforts of the men and women who compose the Salvation Army. Never again scoff at or question them. On the contrary, always utter a helpful word. They deserve it all and more.

Favor Honest Advertising. The Advertiser is pleased to see that there is a growing sentiment in favor of honest advertising. The Charleston delegation has been requested by the business organizations of that city to support a bill that will be introduced to prohibit fraudulent and deceptive advertisements. If manufacturers are not allowed to misrepresent the contents of a package, why should a retail merchant be allowed to misrepresent the quality or value of merchandise in order to increase the sale? Such deceptive advertisements place an honest merchant at a great disadvantage, to say nothing of the injustice practiced upon the consumer.

Law Should be Changed. The lid was put on when the prohibition law went into effect last Saturday but it can be screwed down and be made to fit tighter by changing the law so all violators must be sent to the chaingang, instead of allowing an alternative of a fine. If the people of South Carolina really want prohibition they can have it. But it can not be had in some communities as long as the men who violate the law are allowed to pay their way out. Why, bless your life, they can make the amount of the fine in one day. What do they care for such a sentence? Paying a fine is nothing more than paying a license. Let's put stripes on the men who openly and persistently defy the law.

German Ingenuity Again. When it comes to ingenuity and obtaining practical results through science the Germans seem to have no peers. The statement has been recently made that for the past six months not a pound of American cotton has been used in Germany for making explosives. Their scientists have gone into the German forests and found a pulp that has supplanted cotton in making powder. It is said that even if American cotton could be obtained now it would not be used and that after the close of the war this pulp will be used instead of cotton, as it is much cheaper.

Makes Good Showing. When the State department of Agriculture was established several years ago some persons thought the step to be unwise and a useless expenditure of money. However, it did not take the man who was chosen for the place, Col. E. J. Watson, long to prove that the new department filled a long standing need. Through the efforts of Col. Watson the department is now self-sustaining. Recently he turned over to the State treasurer the sum of \$12,500, which he had received during the past year from the tax derived from oils, feedstuffs, etc. At its last session the legislature appropriated \$12,500 for the maintenance of the agricultural department for the year 1915. The State treasurer having received from Col. Watson the exact amount that he paid out during the year for its support, the people have received the benefits of the department without one penny of expense.

Before the Department of Agriculture was established, South Carolina was the dumping ground for the impure and unsound foodstuffs of the West, both for man and beast. Unsound meat, meal, flour, grain and hay that were rejected or shut out of other States by stringent laws were sent into South Carolina, where no inspection of any kind was provided. The department would render valuable service if it did nothing more than keep out of the State such unsound products, but this is the least of the many benefits. Col. Watson is an alert, active official who keeps in personal touch with the agricultural interests along all lines in every section of the State, encouraging and inspiring the farmers. He has delivered hundreds of addresses at farmers' institutes and on other public occasions, never failing to prove helpful to the masses of the people.

The people are fortunate in having at the head of the department of agriculture such a capable, and thor-

oughly progressive man whose influence now extends throughout all the States. Were he merely a figure-head, confining his time and efforts to his office and never mingling with the people, the department would, in a measure, be a failure. It is Col. Watson himself who has made it of such great value to the farmers of South Carolina.

Death of Mrs. John E. Bacon.

Yesterday the announcement of the death of Mrs. John E. Bacon was received in Edgefield. She died yesterday morning at the home of a friend in Meridian, Ga. The interment will take place in Edgefield Thursday morning, the funeral being conducted in the Episcopal church at 11 o'clock, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse officiating. Her body will be laid to rest beside the grave of her husband who died about 12 years ago.

Mrs. Bacon, before her marriage, was Miss Rebecca Calhoun Pickens, a daughter of Francis W. Pickens, the war governor of South Carolina. She was in her 82nd year, being the last member of this distinguished South Carolina family. During the more active years of her life Mrs. Bacon was a prominent member of the organizations among the women of the State. She was the first State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served in that capacity for several years. During her connection with the organization she organized a chapter in Edgefield. Mrs. Bacon was a member of the Episcopal church.

She leaves two sons, John E. Bacon and Pickens Bacon, of Tryon, N. C.

Mrs. J. H. Allen Fell Asleep.

As the echoes of Christmas bells were heard in the distance and the glad, joyous season was at its height, the scene was suddenly shifted in some Edgefield homes. Heart cords were broken and human ties were severed almost without warning. The Prince of Peace whose natal day was being celebrated in the community, sent a ministering angel in the still watches of early morning, the last morning of the old year, and took unto himself the soul of Mrs. Allen, the beloved wife of Mr. Horde Allen. But she is not dead. To such as she

"There is no death," says God down To rise upon some distant shore, And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown They shine forevermore.

Her slender form lies stombed in the cold earth beside the graves of her two little babes, but with the eye of faith we can see them clasped in her bosom in their eternal home there awaiting the two little darlings and other loved ones whom she has left for a season. Why she was spared through innocent babyhood and childhood, shielded through sweet girlhood and womanhood, and then stricken down when the demands of motherhood bore heaviest upon her, is a dispensation of the All-wise hand that finite mortals can not understand. And yet we submitively bow to His will, knowing that He doeth all things well.

No verbal tribute or words of praise need be uttered. Her unselfish life speaks for itself. Her response to every call of duty, it matters not whence it came, was always quick, generous, gracious. Mrs. Allen's beautiful devotion to her little ones and to her home called forth the admiration of every one. And as the demands upon her time and strength grew less at home she filled a larger place in the community life, having only recently renewed her interest and activities in the organizations of the community with which she was connected.

Her last act in health was that of arranging, together with Mr. Allen, the gifts Christmas eve that Santa Claus had provided for the children. Christmas morning an aching head and fevered brow prevented her taking her accustomed place around the fireside. Friday morning following she entered upon her eternal sleep. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church Friday afternoon, her pastor, Dr. E. Pendleton Jones, officiating.

Besides her devoted husband, Mrs. Allen leaves a little daughter and a little son, Margaret, three and a half years of age, and Albert, eighteen months of age.

Among the numerous floral tributes were special designs from the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Civic League, the Woman's Mission Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

FOR SALE: All improved varieties of strawberry plants now ready, 500 for \$1.25; 1,000 for \$2 f. o. b. Edgefield, S. C. John G. Edwards, M. D., Edgefield, S. C.

FOR Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

WE Thanks Our Friends

We take this means of thanking our friends of Edgefield county for the large business they gave us during the year 1915, and we shall continue to merit their patronage in the future. As we have made it a rule in the past to buy only first-class dependable goods, so shall this be our aim in the future. And we shall always make our prices just as low as it is possible to make on first-class merchandise.

Again we wish to thank our friends for their business in the year 1915, and solicit a continuance for the year that lies before us. We shall always make it to your interest to spend your money at our store.

Mukashy Bargain House Next door to Dunovant & Co.

Death of Mrs. Mary Robertson.

We are told that "the gates of life swing either way," that one enters through the open door; one leaves us to return no more. On Wednesday, December 29, Mrs. Mary Robertson "left us to return no more."

"We reach out longing hands with tears To her who in her ripened years Goes gladly to her heavenly rest God knoweth best."

Mrs. Robertson was born at Rehoboth 73 years ago. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." An humble Christian, she loved all, joy and peace shone in her face. Forty-four years ago Mrs. Robertson then Miss Mary Seigler became the wife of Mr. T. P. Robertson. Mr. Robertson died only a few months ago. For some years preceding his death his eye sight had failed, his wife read to him, tended and cared for him lovingly and faithfully, gentleness and goodness marked her conduct to him, and to every one with whom she was called to associate. Faith in God upheld her, meekness and temperance ruled her actions. She was a consistent member of the Parkville Baptist church. Her death was caused by acute indigestion, she being ill only twelve hours. Mrs. Robertson's death was a shock to the community where all knew and loved her. She leaves two sons, Messrs. Clifford and W. M. Robertson, five grandchildren, four brothers, two half sisters and many relatives.

"He guards the gates. We must not dread Nor fear for her who from our sight Passed through them to the realms of light."

A. F. Parkville, S. C.

Land for Sale!

I will sell that tract of land containing about 115 to 120 acres lying on the east side of Loyd's creek, adjoining lands of L. R. Hammond, H. W. McKie and the undersigned. Plenty of water and timber. Rents well. Apply to G. D. MIMS, Clark's Hill, S. C.

FOR SALE.

A car load of Cypress shingles just received. While they last I will sell for \$4.00 per 1,000 cash. I have also just received a car of flooring, ceiling and weather-boarding that I will sell for \$20 per thousand. E. S. JOHNSON.

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COLDS NEED ATTENTION

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Fine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey: 25c. all drug-gists.—1.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or trespass in any manner whatsoever upon the lands of the undersigned. All trespassers will be dealt with according to law. Mrs. Susan B. Hill, Mrs. W. S. Cothran.

Buildings For Sale.

I am authorized to offer for sale the two wooden buildings on the school grounds that were formerly used for the graded school. Persons contemplating building should see me.

J. C. Sheppard, Chairman of Board of Trustees.

FARMS.

Two Good Farms in Burke County near Waynesboro, Ga., well located, will sell or exchange for city property or a good paying business. One of my farms has 500 acres and a good 7 room house, 5 tenant houses, open land for 8 or 10 plows. The other place has 1030 acres, ten 3 room houses, rented next year for 15 bales cotton, will trade one or both places. Address P. O. Box 173, Waynesboro, Ga.

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