

Honest Optimism For The Coming New Year

Instead of Nixon Waterman's "A New Year's Resolve" "Let us be up and 'doing' Every one we can and thus We shall keep them from pursuing Clever, schemes for 'doing' us."

Let's all— Start the New Year With a Smile. Keep Right on Smiling.

And— Do Not Wait For Something to Turn Up— Turn It Up.

For while it's perhaps true that— A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss, But He Who Sitteth Too Long Wears Holes in His Trousers.

And please remember that while— A Mile a Minute is Good Speed A Smile a Minute Gets More Action.

For when— You Laugh the World Laughs With You But Frown and You Wrinkle Your Face.

For— Things Move Along So Rapidly Now-a-Days That People Who say: "It Can't Be Done" Are Interrupted By Somebody Doing It.

And here's The Old Old Wish A Happy New Year 1915



This space for your "Good Resolutions." SASSEEN, THE AD. MAN.

News Letter From Belton

Misses Lucia and Marie Chiles and Mr. Ed Chiles spent the Christmas holidays in Belton with their sister, Mrs. W. H. Trammell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rice and Master Leon, Jr., Mr. Rex Rice of Anderson, Mrs. Lucy Stringer and Miss Eva Stringer spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Joel T. Rice, on Brown avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Huston and children visited relatives in Elberton, Ga., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Stringer and Master Kenneth were the guests of Judge and Mrs. Freeman in Newman, Ga., for Christmas.

Mrs. Jas. A. McDaniel and Dr. Jas. L. Dean were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Erwin during the holidays.

Mr. W. Carroll McDaniel spent a few days in Belton this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. West.

Mrs. Hettie Richardson is spending the holidays with relatives in Simpsonville.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowen, James Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Campbell and Master Wyatt Campbell spent Christmas day with Mrs. Corrie Foye.

Mr. Ed Cox of Darlington, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Martha Cox. Mr. Cox is an old favorite in Belton and is always warmly welcomed here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porter Whitlock and Master Roy, Jr., have returned to their home in Landrum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Phillips spent the holidays in Greenville county with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Patten returned to their home in Washington, D. C., Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Lee visited relatives in Landrum during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Heard and children who have been visiting Mrs. Alice B. Lattimer returned to Elberton Monday.

Miss Miriam Lee spent the Christmas holidays with her father Mr. W. E. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adger returned Monday from Charleston, where they spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Frierson spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Anderson and Greenville.

Mr. Louis Seel returned Monday from Charleston, where he spent the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowen and Master Jas. Poole Bowen spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clarkscales in Craytonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowen and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. Clarkscales and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. West Christmas day.

Mrs. Jas. A. McDaniel and Mr. Carroll McDaniel spent Saturday with Mrs. Alice B. Lattimer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Harper were the guests of relatives in Anderson during the holidays.

Rev. H. V. Province spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. West.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cox dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Greer Christmas day.

Dr. W. R. Haynie spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. West, Jack and Anne Denn, spent Monday with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll Lattimer, Mrs. Jas. A. McDaniel and Dr. Jas. L. Dean dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll Lattimer and family returned to their home in Atlanta Tuesday after spending a few days with Mrs. Alice Lattimer.

The entertainment "White Gifts for the King," given at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, proved quite a success. About \$25.00 in money and gifts a lot of gifts were laid at the feet of the cross to be used for the poor. The committee decided to give \$15 of the money for the support of the aged ministers, and the rest of it to go for the beginning of a permanent fund for the poor. This is the beginning of a proper celebration of Christ's birthday and it is sincerely to be hoped that every year this same "White Gifts for the King" will be given instead of a tree for the children who have plenty. This teaches them that it is really more blessed to give than to receive and helps them to have the real Christmas spirit.

News From Seneca

Story of Seneca's Christmas Galities. On Tuesday night the young men of the town tendered a smoker to Mr. T. B. Jones, whose marriage to Miss Carry Hunter is announced for January the 12th. For a number of years Mr. Jones was a resident of Seneca, having charge of the Seneca Oil mill. The smoker was given at the Ocoee Inn, and was pronounced one of the most elaborate affairs ever "pulled off" there. Oratory is said to have flown as freely as other things. Fitting and elegant responses were made by Dr. J. S. Stribling and E. C. Bryan and Frank Hawkins. The groom was called upon, but he pleaded that he was "too full for utterances" and was excused. Mr. J. E. Hopkins acted as toastmaster.

Miss Sue Gignilliat entertained her Sunday school class in the elegant Gignilliat home on First South street Tuesday night.

On Wednesday night the young men gave a dance to the college girls and visitors at the Stribling Hall. Some of the out-of-town guests were: Misses Frederica Cunn, Maggie Anderson, Miss Allen of Baley; Misses Lyde Thornton, Winnie Johnson and Harriet Lewis of Clemson; Miss Florida Harris of Anderson; Messrs. J. J. Sitton, E. G. Evans, Jr., John F. Trescott, B. F. South, H. E. Sloan, Jr., of Pendleton; A. H. Sloan, C. C. High, of Clemson College, Messrs. C. W. Webb, Jr., and S. R. Trobridge, of Anderson furnished the music.

On Thursday night the young men will entertain the young ladies and visitors at dinner at the Ocoee Inn. And Miss Mae Hamilton will entertain in honor of Miss Hunter.

People Coming and Going. Albert Norman visited relatives in Walhalla the first of the week.

Mr. Davis Morgan went to Central on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Jas. Myers of Greer is visiting the family of Mr. John Myers.

Rev. Charley Holland, of Walterboro, is spending a few days with his father, Mr. Wayman Holland this week.

Rev. G. M. Wilcox and family have returned to their home in Walhalla after spending a few days with Mrs. Wilcox's mother, Mrs. Sarah Coe, of Richland.

Mr. Clarence Norman returned Thursday to Columbia to resume his studies in the Lutheran Theological school.

Dr. E. C. Boyle was a business visitor in Greenville a few hours Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Sitton spent a few hours in Calhoun Wednesday visiting relatives.

Rev. I. E. V. Uagge attended the called meeting of Madmont Presbytery, at Liberty, Wednesday at which time two young men, Mr. Marion Boggs of Liberty and Paula Boggs of Pickens were received under the care of the presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

Mrs. Nannie Wade will return Saturday to her work in the graded schools of Buffalo, S. C., after spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Norma Moore is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eleanor Norman at the Ocoee Inn.

Mr. S. N. Hughes of Richland was a business visitor in Seneca Monday.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who used to stalk about on tom walkers?

Folk over in Greenville are still having Christmas.

Commerical and Financial

Stocks and Bonds. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—With the close of today's stagnant market ended the dulllest year on the stock exchange since 1878. Total sales of stocks for the year approximated 48,000,000 shares, as compared with more than 83,000,000 in 1913. Bond transactions aggregated about \$462,000,000 against a total of about \$503,000,000 in 1913.

Today's session was slightly more active than that of yesterday. The movement was almost featureless, however, apart from its fairly firm undertone in leading stocks and recurrent weakness in the Gould group, Missouri Pacific falling to the lowest price in its history, with sympathetic weakness in allied issues.

The short interest in the market was induced to cover more of its outstanding commitments and selling pressure relaxed, except in the isolated instances already mentioned. There was an echo of the almost forgotten Clafin failure in the sale of several lots of United Dry Goods preferred around 85 against its July quotation of 63.

Money was in greater supply than is usual at the year's end. Loans on collateral composed entirely of industrials were made at 4 per cent. for four to six months, and where the security was a fligher grade this rate was shaded. Call money was far in excess of all requirements.

Foreign news reflected increased confidence. The bond market was irregular because of the weakness in low priced issues. Total sales, par value, were \$1,111,000.

United States government registered 4's gained 3-4 per cent. on call.

Bradstreet's Report NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Inventory taking is the rule, and therefore movements in the more important industrial and commercial channels are slow but the most significant fact is that practically all lines and sections, save the South, look for improvement after January 1, gradual perhaps at first, but expanding as the season for spring buying progresses. Distribution now is mainly from retail purveyors, by whom sacrifice sales are being pushed, with negatively favorable results at most centers, the range being from poor in the South to active in the West, where the full force of remunerative prices for wheat are exhibited. It is noteworthy that reports from some points indicate that Christmas trade was better than anticipated but in general such returns, especially from industrial centers, disclose that buying was limited in consonance with lack of steady employment.

Wheat exports for the week were 7,400,382 bushels against 7,501,412 bushels last year.

Business failures in the United States for the week, five days, were 511, compared with 365 last year, in Canada 83, compared with 45 last year.

New York Cotton NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Trading was on a semi-holiday scale in the cotton market today, but prices ruled generally steady and the close was unchanged to 3 points higher.

The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 2 points in sympathy with lower Liverpool cables. There was some local realizing and a little Southern selling but there was no important pressure against the market and prices soon steadied.

It was the first notice day for old style January contracts and also a notice day for new style contracts, but so far as could be learned no cotton was tendered on either account and this probably promoted the advance which carried the active positions about 5 to 8 points net higher during the afternoon. Closing prices were off from the best under realizing.

Private wires received here from Dallas during the morning said there was a fair demand for spots from exporters and that while domestic mills continued slow buyers, there was not a great deal of cotton offerings. Some what similar reports were received from other sections of the belt, while Southern spot markets as officially reported early were unchanged and the continued steadiness of the situation in this respect probably promoted some covering.

Cotton futures closed steady. Open: High. Low. Close. January 7.70 7.70 7.88

February 7.85 7.85 7.80

March 7.94 7.93 7.98

July 8.13 8.21 8.18

October 8.38 8.43 8.36

Spots quiet; middling uplands 7.80; sales 2,900 bales.

New Orleans Cotton NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—After a 5-point decline in the early trading today the cotton market stiffened and advanced 3 points net on the most active months. The close was at a net gain of 1 to 2 points. The market did better on a moderate amount of fresh long buying, stimulated by the large exports from Galveston and reports that American textile mills were looking large orders from foreign governments.

The week's export movement was hardly up to expectations of the long side. Clearances up to tonight from all ports amounted to 144,543 bales, making shipments thus far this season 2,471,599 bales. Bears considered that total port stocks of 1,607,533 bales were unfavorable but bulls contended that they indicated a continued heavy movement to foreign countries.

Cotton futures closed: January 7.28; March 7.55; May 7.75; July 7.98; October 8.24.

Spots steady; sales 1,415 bales; to arrive 1,336.

Weekly Cotton

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet between the holidays. After making new high ground for the movement early in the week with May contracts selling \$4 per bale above the low level reached shortly after the publication of the government's crop estimate, the market met considerable realizing and more Southern selling. Reactions were limited and there was sufficient investment buying on the setbacks to promote a generally steady undertone, although the demand from houses with foreign connections was less in evidence.

Some of the selling on the early week advance seemed to be promoted by predictions that after the filling of December engagements the spot demand in the South would slacken and the rather freer Southern selling was taken by some as foreshadowing increased pressure from the huge available supply. The failure of Southern spot offerings to become heavy enough to cause a sharp break in prices before Christmas, seemed to have made an impression on sentiment and much talk around the ring reflected a more optimistic view of prices. That tendency has been supported by reports of improving trade in the domestic goods markets; expectations of continued interest on the part of exporters, and Southern reports that much cotton had been abandoned in the fields owing to its low grade and the unsatisfactory market.

It appeared also that the first differences fixed between the government grades as applied to deliveries on January, tended to emphasize the stricter requirements of the official grading and promote confidence in the value of the new style contract while it is reported that some of the consigned cotton reaching here recently was included in this week's clearance of about 8,500 bales for Bremen.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The cotton market this week closed, on futures, 4 to 12 points over the closing prices of last week. Early in the week there was a rise on fresh buying but later there was a reaction under liquidation and some little short selling based on the idea that the advance had gone far enough for the time being.

The chief steadying influence was the continued good demand for spots in the interior and the firmness of spot holders. Another bullish influence was the report that American mills were booking heavy orders for goods for use by the armies of Europe.

The New Year in the market will open with the trade generally looking for an improvement. Next week it will be difficult to hold prices down if there is no break in the spot demand, and favorable reports come from mill centers.

Professional traders will watch investment buying carefully and if it is sufficient volume to take care of any considerable portion of the crop the low side will grow in popularity. There is growing sentiment that the lowest prices of the season already have been seen but against this is the opinion of another element that the pressure of the movement during the first few months of 1915 will send values to new low levels.

Liverpool Cotton LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Cotton, spot, quiet; prices easier; American middling fair 5.47; good middling 4.87; middling 4.58; low middling 4.11; good ordinary 3.49; ordinary 3.04. Sales 5,000 bales, including 3,900 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts 19,000 bales, all American.

Futures closed steady. May-June 4.34-1-2; July-August 4.41; October-November 4.52-1-2; January-February 4.58.

Dry Goods NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton goods market closed steady and quiet today. Yarns were steady but dull. Tussah raw silks advanced. Wool markets were feverish and prices ruled abnormally high.

Cotton Seed Oil NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A more active trade and a stronger tone were features in the cotton seed oil market today. Crude was firmer, commission houses fair buyers and a better demand for compound was reported. The market will not reopen until Monday. Sales 3,600 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot \$5.53 @ 6.00; January \$5.85 @ 5.90; February \$5.85 @ 6.00.

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January \$6.00 @ 6.10; March \$6.48 @ 6.20; April \$6.28 @ 6.35; May \$6.42 @ 6.44; June \$6.05 @ 6.60; July \$6.62 @ 6.64.

Live Stock CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Hogs firm. Bulk of sales \$7.10 @ 7.30; light \$6.95 @ 7.30; mixed \$6.80 @ 7.30; heavy \$6.90 @ 7.30; rough \$6.50 @ 7.25; pigs \$5.50 @ 7.30.

Cattle firm. Native steers \$5.50 @ 9.85; western \$5 @ 7.80; cows and heifers \$3 @ 8.10; calves \$7.50 @ 10. Sheep strong. Sheep \$5.90 @ 6.90; yearlings \$6.90 @ 8; lambs \$7 @ 8.53.

Chicago Grain CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Big estimates on sales of wheat to Europe in the last 24 hours changed the market to one from feebleness to strength. As a result the close, although unsettled, was 3-8 to 1-1-8 above last night. Other leading staples, too, all showed a net gain, corn 1-4 to 5-8, oats 1-4 @ 3-8 to 1-1-8 and provisions 7-1-2 to 15. Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat: May \$1.29 5-8

July 1.18 2-4

Corn: May 73 3-4

July 74 1-2

Oats: December 49 3-4

May 53 3-4

Cash grain: Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.26 1-4 @ 1.27 3-4; No. 2 hard, \$1.26 1-4 @ 1.27 3-4.

Corn, No. 2 yellow, 68 @ 1-2.

Oats, standard, 50 1-2 @ 2-4.

George W. Dick, who has been recommended for postmaster at Sumter will not resign his seat in the Legislature until his nomination has been confirmed. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, eh George?

SHADY GROVE. It has been some time since our community was represented in your paper. We decided to let the readers know that we were still living although the low price of cotton has set us back a good deal but this will be a lesson our farmers won't forget. Our pastor, Rev. Burris, preached his last sermon for us on last Sunday.

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