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COTTON is still low. TRADE continues dull. SOW your tobacco seed. SEND in your subscription. TRAVEL South is falling off. COTTON will be king no more. PLANT rice on the low lands. GIVE attention to the plant beds. GOD helps them that help themselves. THE gripe has left us, let us hope, to stay. THE Railroads are not hauling much guano. THE County Commissioners met on Monday. THE public schools were commenced Monday. SUPERIOR court is one week from next Monday. SEND us the news from your neighborhood. VENUS and Jupiter are now the evening stars. PERSONS with eyes far apart are keen observers. A great many peanuts will be planted this year. CONSTANCY in labor will remove all difficulties. A lazy hand is no argument of a contented heart. ST. VALENTINE'S day comes on Sunday this year. THE choicest thing this world has for a man is affection. COMIC valentines cause many a quarrel and heart burning. STAINED floors and rugs are taking the place of carpets. FEBRUARY has five Mondays this year, because it is leap year. THE weather for some days has been springlike and balmy. COUNTY politics are beginning to be discussed here and there. OVER \$5,000 of this year's county levy has already been paid out. IT is said expression of the eye can be cultivated before a mirror. BABY does not commence to cry tears until it is three months old. WRITERS are moving for reduced postage rates on manuscript. STORMY weather is predicted by the knowing ones for this month. SEVERAL more weeks of winter weather according to the almanacs. THE best way to keep a young ladies' affections is not to return them. JEALOUSY will create heartburn; and so will too many buckwheat cakes. LAMP wicks dipped in warm vinegar and dried before using will not sizzle. BUSINESS is always dull at this season of the year in the most prosperous times. SOME ridiculous person rises to say that hard boiled eggs are good for the grip. THE Railway Reading Rooms are flourishing. They are comfortable and attractive. THE young people are talking of a play to be presented on the boards at an early day. SHAD will soon make their appearance in Roanoke river. They are said to be the best in the world. SOME changes are being made in the interior of the Episcopal church which will result in improving its appearance. If that lady at the lecture the other night only knew how nicely Hall's Hair Restorer would remove dandruff and improve the hair she would buy a bottle. THE Board of Town Commissioners only transacted routine business at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night. "Listed," as the brokers say, at "100 per One Dollar," Hood's Sarsaparilla ways a fair equivalent for the price.

THIS county pays twelve hundred dollars annually to the State pension fund, besides having a pension list of its own.

IT is worse than useless to look on the dark side. The very best conditions have a dark side, but it is not wise to hunt it up and gaze upon it.

MAJOR EMBRY says he intends to reduce his cotton crop at least 50 per cent. Last year he planted 1,300 acres; this year he will only cultivate 600 or 700.

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.—The second half session of the University School will begin Monday next, lasting five months, and will close the latter part of June. Mr. Davis, the principal has proved himself a most excellent teacher and his school is most successful. We commend it to the public as a first class institution.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.—We have received an invitation to attend the 57th anniversary exercises of the Euzelian and Philomathesian societies, of Wake Forest College, which will take place on February 12th. The invitation itself is an artistic gem and the programme is most attractive. The public debate on the query "Should the United States Annex Canada?" will take place at 2 o'clock, and the orations at 7 P. M. There will also be a social gathering which will, as usual, be largely attended.

ANOTHER THROUGH FREIGHT SCHEDULE.—The News and Observer says an important through schedule for freight will be made from Portsmouth to Charleston, S. C. The route is by the Seaboard & Roanoke road to Weldon and by the Raleigh & Gaston and Raleigh & Augusta roads via Raleigh to Sanford; from there to the South Carolina line by the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road, and from Bennettsville by the South Carolina Pacific road, and from Bennettsville to Charleston by the Charleston, Sumter & Northern Railroad.

FOR THE GRIPPE.—It is reported that Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy is both a preventive and cure for the gripe. We are prepared to believe this, as it is an excellent medicine for kindred diseases. In and around Goldsboro where the gripe has been quite prevalent for some time Mrs. Person's Remedy is used almost exclusively and such has proved its beneficial results that it is looked upon by the community as a panacea for gripe in all stages and forms. It also prevents the disease from attacking those who take the Remedy in time.

FINE STATIONARY.—Dainty writing paper and envelopes are what everyone wants for his or her private correspondence. Nothing indicates refinement so much as elegant stationery, and a good impression is often made by these articles. W. M. Cohen's drug store is well supplied with these necessities and the variety of his stock is large enough to satisfy each individual taste and at the same time be within the bounds of culture. Besides this special line he can furnish every kind for business use, and therefore invites examination with the certainty of giving you exactly what you want.

DEATH OF MR. W. T. SLEDGE.—Mr. W. T. Sledge died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Mary Miles, at Littleton, on Wednesday last, the 27th of January, of gripe, aged 70 years. Mr. Sledge was a native of this county and spent most of his life here, but he lived awhile in Mississippi. He at one time before the war published a paper in this place with the late R. B. Parker. He was a genial whole souled gentleman and his many friends regret his death. He leaves three children and many other relatives to mourn his loss. He was buried at the old family burying ground about six miles from here, the Rev. Mr. Troy, reading the service.

LESS COTTON TO BE PLANTED.—A gentleman from the Scotland Neck section, who is himself a practical and successful farmer, informed us a few days ago that there would be considerably less cotton planted this year in that locality. He says the farmers are in earnest about it and that the merchants will cooperate with them. Grain, meat, peanuts and stock will receive much greater attention than ever before and cotton less. Of course cotton will be planted but there will be a diversification of crops which will make the farmers, and consequently the rest of mankind, independent of the low price in a great measure. More attention is being given to stock, and horses and mules are raised on the farms to an extent not thought of ten years ago.

IN this connection it is as well to call attention to an article entitled "Rice versus cotton," to be found on another page.

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED.—Landreth's Garden seed are said to be the best. Everybody wants the best, because they are reliable in every way. The place to get the best is at Cohen's drugstore. He has them in the largest variety, all fresh and warranted. This is the time of year for purchasing garden seed if you want garden "sass." Mr. Cohen will sell them cheap and in any quantity from a small package to a large case. Be sure to go there for your supply and go at once.

PERSONAL.—Miss Virginia Bragg, of Brunswick county, Va., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Phillips, returned home Monday.

Mr. A. M. Potter, a native of this place, but now a citizen of Richmond, who has been visiting relatives in this place, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Willie Bumgardner and Florence Faison left a few days ago for home. Mr. F. M. Parker, Jr., was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Whitmore and Miss Carey Ward, of Tarboro, have been visiting Mrs. P. E. Lynn.

Miss Annie Stance, of Seaboard, is visiting friends in town.

MICA.—A gentleman was in town a few days ago who told us he had been sent here by his house to ascertain whether or not mica could be found in this section in paying quantities. We did not know of any. We have heard that there are indications of mica in small quantities in the western portion of the county, but no investigation had ever been made, so far as we have heard, which would show the extent of the deposits.

THERE is iron and gold in the county. In the locality of Gaston a very fine iron ore can be found and paying quantities if capital sufficient could be secured to mine it. There are also outcroppings of gold. The same veins which are found so rich in Nash county and a good many rich specimens have been found.

SOME years ago a rich vein of metallic paint discovered in the Ringwood section and on trial proved to be of excellent quality. Can any of our friends give us information concerning these minerals?

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.—The two negro men, Dred Francis and Jack Jordan, who committed rape upon a white woman in Northampton county on the 23rd day of July last, were last week tried at Jackson before Judge Winston and a jury and convicted. They were sentenced to be hanged on Saturday, March 5. The case went to trial Wednesday morning and was given to the jury in the afternoon. Court having adjourned for the day the jury remained out all night and next morning brought in a verdict of guilty. There were two colored men on the jury. The State was represented by Solicitor White and the prisoners by Capt. T. W. Mason and R. Ransom. An appeal was taken to the Supreme court. This vacates the sentence of the court and should the Supreme court confirm the sentence the Governor will appoint a day for the execution. On Thursday, July 23rd, Mr. J. T. Lewis and his wife Amanda were walking along the railroad track near Meherrin bridge, returning to their home in Black Creek, Wilson county. They were poor people, and Lewis had just recovered from an attack of illness which left him in a weak condition. The two negroes overtook them and assaulted Mrs. Lewis, the husband being prevented by force from coming to her assistance. After they had committed the deed they left. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis went on to Margaretsville where they swore out warrants for the negroes and they were arrested and after preliminary examination committed to jail. They admitted perpetrating the act. At the fall term of the court the case was continued to this term. Dred Francis had been an inmate of the Virginia penitentiary for house breaking. The only witnesses before the court were Lewis and his wife for the prosecution and the two negroes in their own defence.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss. Lucas county, ss. Frank J. Cheney swears that he is the senior of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board was in regular session at Halifax Monday, all the members being present.

An order was passed fixing the maximum fee for examining lunatics by physicians at \$2.50; the rule to go into effect after this meeting.

The Supervisors of Weldon township were authorized to let out bridge over Chockayotte creek, at Bass and Ponton's mill, to the lowest bidder.

Pedar's license was issued to S. Hewitt.

A. A. Hux filed bond as constable of Faucetts township which was accepted.

W. W. Long was allowed to list land for taxation in Butterwood township.

C. A. Dickens, ex-Confederate soldier, was allowed \$4 per month for three months.

Sheriff Allsbrook reported \$31.00 collected from the delinquent tax list of 1890.

Liquor licenses were granted to A. C. L. hotel, Weldon; J. B. Neal, Norfleets Ferry; W. H. Mason, Tillery.

W. F. Butterworth paid in \$7.00 for the hire of Gabe Richardson.

S. M. Gary filed his bond as clerk of the Inferior Court which was accepted.

R. H. Walker tendered mortgage in lieu of bond as constable of Littleton township which was accepted.

R. H. Parker was allowed 2.00 per month for two months.

Mrs. Eliza Moore was allowed \$2 per month.

W. R. Neville tendered bond as constable of Brinkleyville township which was accepted.

R. W. Brown was instructed to collect \$60 due R. B. Purnell and pay T. N. Hill \$44 rent.

C. C. Martin was allowed to list poll tax in Enfield; W. T. Petway in Weldon; B. F. Moore in Brinkleyville.

Moses Williams tendered bond as constable of Halifax township which was accepted.

Adam Cochran, ex-Confederate soldier, was allowed \$4 per month.

Sallie Lowe and Millie Brickell were admitted to the county home.

J. H. Overstreet was allowed to pay taxes on property and J. C. Anderson's land was listed correctly.

Mrs. L. N. Vinson was allowed to list taxes in Brinkleyville.

The following bill were audited and ordered paid:

- R. L. Bennett, mattresses, 47 71
Ruffin Roles, bedsteads, 33 00
R. B. Purnell, corn, 60 00
D. T. Winfree, removing rafts, 15 00
W. B. Tillery, shoes, 4 50
John E. Lewis, burying pauper 4 00
W. T. Jenkins, rebate, 2 00
B. W. Hawkins, " 2 00
L. D. Browning, county home 41 51
J. T. Gregory, transcribing probate docket 165 00
R. G. Reid, jail account, 90 40
J. T. Gregory, transcript RR case 38 56
J. A. Harrell, printing, 6 68
Emory & Pierce, goods, 69 64
B. I. Alsbrook, repairing fence, 152 68
Roanoke News, printing, 44 12
J. L. Juddkins, meat 4 72
W. M. Cohen, drugs, 16 74
J. H. Arrington, hogs 14 00
M. B. Pitt, agricultural statistics 8 00
B. F. Gary, inquest, 33 80
Jackson Barnes, cutting rivets, 50c.
J. J. Daniel, merchandise, 1 65
J. A. Harrell, stationery, 3 30
T. L. Whitaker, recording orders 5 50
Dr. G. E. Matthews, examining lunatics 10 00.
Willecox Bros, whisky, 2 00
John Fenner, work at court house, 75c
K. E. Kilpatrick, taking prisoner to jail, 2 00
J. N. Brown, drugs, etc., 8 40
W. R. Shaw, one day at court house .50
S. M. Gary copying record in R R case 14 30
Noah Jones, rebate, 2 40

ENFIELD.

The hotel at this place is open again. Mr. D. D. Bryan is the proprietor.

One more boy in town. Mr. S. Holloway is the proud father. He was so excited when he told the news that he said, among other things, the boy weighed nine pounds and 17 ounces. Mr. E. T. Branch to-day met with a bad accident. He fell into his well, but help was luckily near at hand, and he was soon brought out. He has been sick with the grip for about three weeks and was getting better, but I am afraid this accident will retard his recovery. Two fire alarms in four days is something new for this town, but no damage was done by either fire. The fire company was promptly on hand, but their services were not needed in either case. The fishing season is opening. Mr. Benton brought home a very nice bunch of fish yesterday. The two fishing clubs of this place are getting ready. Enfield will be well represented at the New Bern fair this year. S. Feb. 2, 1892.

OBITUARY.

Died at her home near Scotland Neck, January 5th, 1892. Mrs. J. L. Shields, youngest daughter of Lawrence H. Whitehead, in the 36th year of her age. It is indeed sad to chronicle the death of any one, but more especially those who are taken in the prime of life, with the broad fields of usefulness spread before them, but alas! Death loves a shining mark and has no respect of persons. The subject of this notice, leaves a bereaved husband, mother, two brothers, a sister and four little girls, the youngest of which is only two months old. Her aged mother who has watched so untrustingly over her, and was ever near to separate to her every want; will feel the separation more sensibly; but I would admonish her to weep not; the gate is left ajar, she has only gone before to await the sweet reunion on that blissful shore, where there will be no sorrow, no trouble to mar their happiness, but all eternal peace. For we entertain a hope she is at rest; as she told the writer she was willing to go, trusting her little children in the care of God, feeling assured he would protect and provide for them. Although her suffering was great yet she retained her mind to the last. The bereaved family has my heartfelt sympathy in this affliction, and I trust God has sent this trouble for the good of those she has left behind.

Say why should friendship grieve for those, Who safe arrived on Canaan's shore, Released from all their hurtful foes, They are not lost—but gone before.

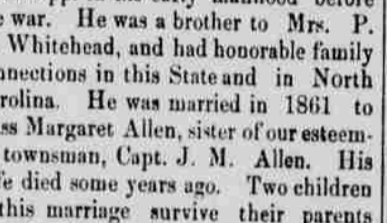
How many painful days on earth, Their fainting spirits numbered o'er, Now they enjoy a Heavenly birth, They are not lost—but gone before.

Secure from every mortal care, By sin and sorrow vexed no more; Eternal happiness they share, Who are not lost—but gone before.

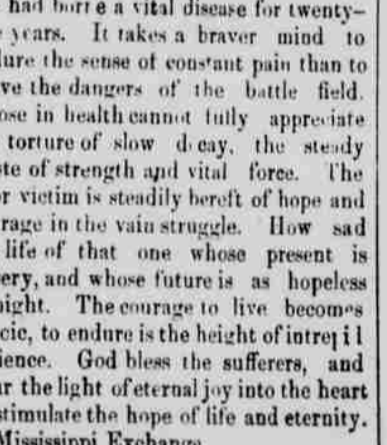
MR. JEPHTHA MOORE.

The subject of this brief sketch was a native of North Carolina. He moved to Mississippi in his early manhood before the war. He was a brother to Mrs. P. M. Whitehead, and had honorable family connections in this State and in North Carolina. He was married in 1861 to Miss Margaret Allen, sister of our esteemed townsman, Capt. J. M. Allen. His wife died some years ago. Two children of this marriage survive their parents Mrs. Dr. Willis, of Arkansas, and Robert Moore, who lives with his uncle, Capt. Allen. Mr. Moore died in this city on the 4th instant, and was buried at the family grounds, ten miles east of the city, on the following day. He was always of a feeble constitution, but, notwithstanding, enlisted in the 15th Mississippi Regiment, and gave what strength he possessed to the service of his country. His record as a soldier is unblemished. He bore the reputation of a brave and honorable soldier throughout the war always in the line of duty when his health permitted. Since the war his life has been a long record of unintermittent suffering. He had borne a vital disease for twenty-five years. It takes a braver mind to endure the sense of constant pain than to brave the dangers of the battle field. Those in health cannot fully appreciate the torture of slow decay, the steady waste of strength and vital force. The poor victim is steadily bereft of hope and courage in the vain struggle. How sad the life of that one whose present is misery, and whose future is as hopeless as night. The courage to live becomes heroic, to endure the height of intrepidity. God bless the sufferers, and pour the light of eternal joy into the heart to stimulate the hope of life and eternity.—Mississippi Exchange.

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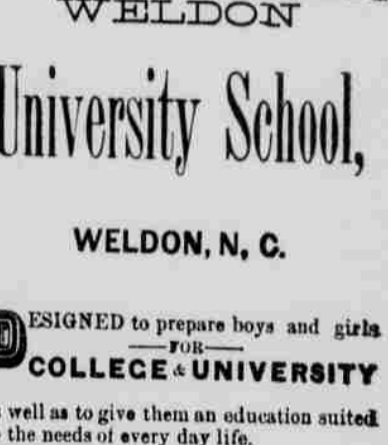
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as executor of the last will and testament of William H. Arrington, dec'd, before the clerk of the Superior court of Halifax county notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Wm. H. Arrington to present them duly authenticated to the executor on or before the first day of January, 1893. Otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment. WM. H. SHEARIN, Executor of Wm. H. Arrington, dec'd. J. M. Grizzard, Attorney. 1-14-92.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, having this day qualified before the Superior court of Halifax county as administrator of the estate of Jesse A. Powers, deceased, hereby notifies all persons holding claims against his said intestate to present them in Weldon, N. C., duly verified within twelve months from the date of this notice or the same will be pleaded in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said hereby requested to make payment. This the 11th day of W. E. DA Admr. of Jesse A. jan-14-92.

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