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CAPT. EVAN P. HOWELL, for years the editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has retired from the management of the paper and is succeeded as editor in chief by his son, Clark Howell. W. A. Hemphill was elected president of the company. There will be no change in the policy of the paper.

DANIEL W. VOORHEES, ex-United States Senator from the State of Indiana, died Saturday at his home in Washington City, in the 71st year of his age. He was familiarly known as the "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash," by reason of his large and magnificently proportioned figure.

He delivered the address here some years ago at one of the Weldon fairs.

RUSKIN once wrote: "An author should say all he has to say in the fewest possible words, or his reader is sure to skip them; and in the plainest possible words, or his reader will certainly misunderstand them." Ruskin was far from practicing what he preached, but his preaching was, nevertheless, orthodox in this instance, and it is just as applicable to advertising literature as to any other.

"An expert has said that 'advertising that is worth paying for is worth doing well.' And it is never done well if it can be done better—that is made more effective for the same outlay. Advertising is like farming—there is as much in the man as there is in the land. The advertisement with individuality in it costs no more than an advertisement of the routine sort, but there is a vast difference in the results.

SOME well-intentioned and devoted children raised a monument to their parents and concluded the epitaph with: "What is home without them? Peace, perfect peace." But the champion epitaph of all is still that of the Lady O'Looney who is described on her gravestone as "Bland, passionate and deeply religious. Also she painted in water colors and sent several pictures to the exhibition. She was first cousin to Lady Jones—and of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

GOVERNOR RUSSELL has brought suit against the State Auditor to prohibit him from printing and sending out the tax lists on real and personal property as was passed by the last Legislature. The new revenue act levies 40 on the \$100 valuation of said property as State tax and \$1.29 on the poll. The constitution provides that the poll tax shall be three times the property tax on the \$100, but that the poll tax must never exceed \$2, except for special purposes. To carry out this the poll tax should have been fixed at \$1.38, and so the Governor wants the lists printed.

THE Norfolk Virginian thinks that young men who abandon farm life for that of the cities under the impression that fortune or even a better living can be had there than on the farm, make a mistake.

"Many a young man," says the Virginian, "gives up a good home in the country for city life, only to discover sooner or later that the move was a false one, and the trouble is that the mistake is discovered at a time when it is too late to amend it. Still, the practice goes on, and the numbers who abandon the farm to try their fortunes in cities increase yearly."

There is much in this worthy of the consideration of the young man residing on a farm, who contemplates removing to a city.

THE Oxford correspondent of the News & Observer says under date of the 8th:

Great indignation is expressed here at the action of Governor Russell in pardoning the negro Harris convicted of secret assault upon Mr. Landis last fall.

It is not true, as stated by the Governor, that "the conviction grew out of political excitement," but the defendant had a fair and impartial, and upon appeal to the Supreme Court, the judgment of Judge Melver was affirmed. This pardon is an outrage upon justice.

We have come upon dangerous times when the pardoning power is prostituted for partisan purpose; and by its exercise the spectacle is presented of a guilty criminal going free without fine or imprisonment, who with deliberation, strikes down secretly an innocent and unsuspecting citizen.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what he most needed was a good character, meaning, of course, such a man as a job of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

News Notes as Collected from Our State Exchanges.

A railroad from Greenville to Snow Hill will probably be built.

Work has been begun on a new Christian church at Burlington.

A conference of insurance men of the State will be held at Southern Pines the 28th.

Durham papers are making war on the bucket shops of that town, and say they must go.

Mr. Crow, a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, has been appointed a laborer in the Pension office.

The election to determine the location of the line between Chatham and Alamance takes place on the 24th of this month.

It is said that a plan is on foot to have the railway commission increase the assessment of the North Carolina railway to \$4,000,000.

An effort is to be made to secure an issue of street improvement bonds for Raleigh, the money to be used in macadamizing streets.

Ex-Judge Graham is counsel for the mining experts now investing many thousands of dollars in trying to develop the gold fields near Oxford.

Mr. Elias McBe, who for years has devoted himself to the Episcopal church work in this state, now becomes editor of The Churchman, New York city.

It is understood that there will be a strong fight against the dispensaries. Some of the people of Monroe appear to be up in arms concerning the one there.

Near Concord, Friday, Mrs. George Laitaker, in a fit of despondency, placed a pistol in her mouth and fired, killing herself in the presence of her three children.

Mr. A. A. Shuford, of Hickory, has offered a half interest in a large brick building at that place to Dr. P. L. Murphy if he will locate his private sanitarium there.

It is the plan to raise in this diocese \$25,000 for the building of a memorial church in memory of Bishop Theodore B. Lyman. There is now on hand \$5,000.

A man named Mason, of Harnett county, being on a drunk, gave his four-year-old child a bottle of whiskey and told it to drink, which it did. It shortly afterwards went into spasms and died.

The Populists had a meeting several days ago and deposed W. R. Henry as chairman of the county executive committee. Mr. Nick Gibbons was appointed to fill the vacancy—Charlotte News.

The friends of Dr. Charles W. Dabney will rejoice at his appointment to a \$4,500 position in the Agricultural Department. He is an able and resourceful man. It is a great compliment to him.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Sunday School workers of North Carolina will be held in Winston, commencing Tuesday, August 24th, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and continuing Wednesday and Thursday, August 25th and 26th.

The Greensboro Record is justly indignant on account of what it understands to be an effort on the part of Republican politicians to get rid of Judge Dick, of the United States District court, in order that some of them may get his place.

Judge Simonton has ordered the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad "to be sold as an entirety. No bid of less than two million dollars is to be accepted. Clement Manly and Eugene S. Martin are named as master commissioners to make the sale.

A special from Washington to the Richmond Dispatch says that Judge William Smith O'Brien Robinson, of Goldsboro, will succeed the late Judge Seymour, and that speculation is busy in making Robinson's successor. Senator Butler does not reside in the district and would be ineligible.

The State auditor says that the income tax is not given in perhaps a majority of cases. This is so in many counties. Gaston is an example of this. Only three men in that county gave in incomes of over \$1,000 and among these is not one of the county officials. The auditor does not know how to secure this tax.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, pastor of the U. B. Church, Dillsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says, "and find it an excellent medicine for colds, coughs and hoarseness." So does everyone who gives it a trial.

For sale by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, J. N. Brown, Halifax, Dr. A. S. Harrison, Eufield.

Two cows, two pigs, eighteen hens, a greyhound pup and a bull were lately given to an agent by an Abilene (Kan) farmer for a cabinet organ.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities where ever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else.

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A girl with a good temper gets many other good things.

BUILDING AND LOAN.—The News and Observer says that last year there were forty-three building and loan associations that paid tax to do business in the State of North Carolina. This year, so far, there are only twenty-eight. There are some, however, known to the Auditor that are continuing to do business though their tax has not been paid. These cases are being investigated and if it is found to be a willful violation of the law they will be severely dealt with. The tax on these associations is the same this year as it has been heretofore.

De blossom had do springtime word En ben' down wil do dew; Miss Mary, dat's a mookin' bird Dat singin' so for you; De green tree huntin' fer de sun, En foel de win go pass; Miss Mary, whar dat river run You'll fin' go lookin' glass; De bluebird sweet of he nes' An' lookin' build at you; Miss Mary gwine fer trim her dress Wid all dem yills blue!

The commissioners of Warren county are thinking of putting in fire proof vaults for the county records.

The oldest man in the world keeps turning up or turning down. Two of them have recently died, one in Mexico and the other in California, both considerably over a hundred years old, and now Russia traits out one alive and kicking aged 133, whose father lived to be 150.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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"Cures talk" in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, as for no other medicine. Its great cures recorded in truthful, convincing language of grateful men and women, constitute its most effective advertising. Many of these cures are marvelous. They have won the confidence of the people; have given Hood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in the world, and have made necessary for its manufacture the greatest laboratory on earth. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known by the cures it has made—cures of scrofula, salt rheum and eczema, cures of rheumatism, neuralgia and weak nerves, cures of dyspepsia, liver troubles, catarrh—cures which prove

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier—take liver pills; say to drink, which it did. It shortly afterwards went into spasms and died.

**Hood's Pills**  
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**GRANT SPECIAL**  
All Colors and all styles for men, ladies and children.

**ARE YOU IN IT**  
Just as good as a bicycle you would pay \$100 for elsewhere. Sample wheel on exhibition at J. L. Judkin's Grocery. H. L. GRANT, Agent.

**ONLY \$35.**  
Built just the way you want it. Up-to-date, guaranteed high grade wheel.

**LIGHT RUNNING AND A THING OF BEAUTY.**  
All Colors and all styles for men, ladies and children.

**TAX SALE.**  
I have this day levied upon the following described real estate to satisfy the taxes now due and unpaid for the year 1896 and will sell at public outcry at the court house door in the town of Halifax, county of Halifax, and State of North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on Monday the 22nd day of May 1897.

**DESCRIPTORS, TAXES AND COST.**  
C. L. Austin, one acre land, 4 08.  
Mrs M A Arrington, two town lots 3 04.  
W. Crowell one half acre land, 1 70.  
Mary Crowell, one half acre land, 1 48.  
P. A. Cook & Bro., one acre land, 17 37.  
R. W. Carter, 123 acres land, 8 06.  
Sandy Fenner, 50 acres land, 2 92.  
Joseph Golumbeck, 150 acres land, 5 52.  
Mrs A R Goddin, 910 acres land, 15 79.  
M. J. Hawkins, Southern hotel, 27 37.  
C. H. Merritt, 109 acres land, 6 24.  
M. C. Jones half acre land, 1 80.  
Katie Jones, one town lot, 1 80.  
Geo Marshall half acre land, 2 54.  
Martha Marshall, two town lots, 84.  
Benett Reynolds, 40 acres land, 2 93.  
Arthur Reynolds, 123 acres land, 5 08.  
Norman Scott, 334 acres land, 1 37.  
J. B. Shields, 165 acres land, 2 80.  
H. W. Shaw, 30 acres land, 3 84.  
J. B. Walker, one town lot, 2 78.  
Isaac Johnson, one acre land, 1 92.  
Ananias Buck, two acres land, 4 82.  
J. H. FENNER, Tax Collector, Halifax Township.

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Manufacturers of BLUE RIDGE—  
HYDRAULIC ROSENDALE CEMENT.

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**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**  
Having qualified as executor upon the estate of Caroline Phillips, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me in Eufield, N. C., on or before the 1st day of April 1898 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will settle at once and save costs of suit. This 10th of March 1897. J. P. PITTMAN, Jr., Executor of Caroline Phillips, deceased mar 10 97.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



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**MAKES CHILDREN AS FAT AS PIGS**  
**TASTELESS CHILL TONIC**  
IS JUST AS GOOD FOR ADULTS. WARRANTED. PRICE 50 cts.

**Dr. A. S. Harrison**  
Enfield, N. C.

**SALE OF LAND**  
By virtue of a deed in trust executed to me by W. P. Burgess and his wife, Elizabeth J. Burgess, on the 28th day of June 1888, and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county in book 65 B. at pages 237, 238 and 239, I will on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of APRIL 1897, expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, in the town of Enfield, N. C., that tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Halifax and known as the W. P. Burgess homestead tract, and accurately described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a little post oak on the side of W. P. Burgess' avenue, Mrs. Jessie Bass' corner, thence S. 111 poles to ditch, thence N. 35° W. 66 poles, along P. H. Whitaker's line, thence N. 17° W. 20 poles, thence N. 54° W. 76 poles to little branch, thence down the branch to Ruffin Pittman's line, thence N. 28° E. 8 poles, thence N. 56° E. 12 poles, thence N. 78° E. 110 poles, to a water oak, thence S. 24° E. 12 poles, to Mrs. Jessie Bass' line, thence S. 78° E. 110 poles to the beginning containing one hundred acres, and fully described in said trust. This 19th day of March 1897. DAVID BELL, Trustee.

**Phaeton For Sale.**  
I have for sale a light two horse PHAETON newly repaired, and the same can be seen at W. R. Vick's Shop. It will be sold at a great bargain for Cash. W. H. HARRISON, sept 24 H

**B. P. SALE. WM. LINN, Proprietor, Manager**  
**MANSION HOUSE.**  
--- BOTH ON ---  
**AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLANS.**  
Union Street, NORFOLK, VA.

**This Design of Engine is best adapted where you have but a limited space to set it. We can, however furnish you with a horizontal - engine, plain or Automatic - should you prefer.**

Write us if you ever think you may need an Engine or Boiler.  
**THE R. R. MACHINE SHOPS,**  
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costs cotton planters more than five million dollars annually. This is an enormous waste, and can be prevented. Practical experiments at Alabama Experiment Station show conclusively that the use of "Kainit" will prevent that dreaded plant disease.

**"Kainit"**  
will prevent that dreaded plant disease.

**CATTLE WANTED.**  
I will pay HIGHEST CASH PRICE for cattle, suitable for making nice beef. Call on or address. W. T. PARKER, Weldon, N. C.

**NOTICE.**  
NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT. HALIFAX COUNTY. Cary S. Hunt, vs. Sonnom for Z. Herndon Hunt. Relief.

The defendant Z. Herndon Hunt, above named, will take notice that an action was filed as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Halifax county, for a divorce, and to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, on the grounds of abandonment on the part of the defendant, prior to the 13th day of March 1897, and having lived separate and apart from plaintiff continuously since said abandonment and for more than two years prior to the commencement of this action; and the defendant will further take notice, that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the 12th Monday after the 1st Monday in March 1897, at the court house in Halifax, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said action. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 20th day of March 1897. STEELING M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court. Jos. B. Hatchelor, Day & Bell, At'y for Plaintiff. mar 25, 6 w.

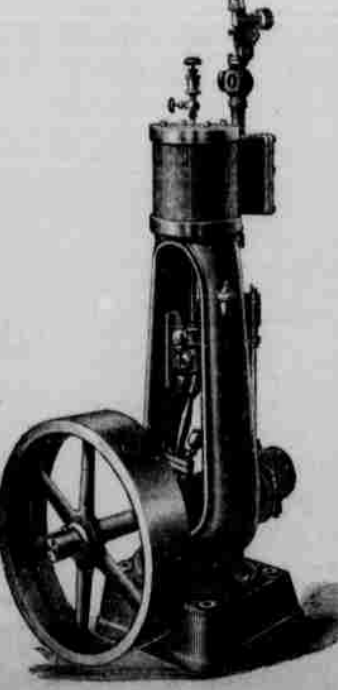


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It has that sleek, stylish and highly finished appearance. You can tell them anywhere. It's a picture of beauty and strength. It has more real useful improvements than any high-grade bicycle on the market.

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—SPRING AND SUMMER—  
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**R. & G. CORSETS.**  
Misses at 50c., Ladies 75c. to \$1.  
Prices will be made to suit the times. Hats and bonnets made and trimmed to order.

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Weldon, N. C.

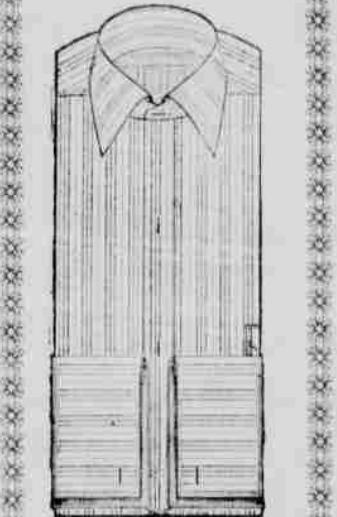


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Attached and detached COLLARS COLLARS and CUFFS CUFFS. 62 1/2 c. up.

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"By the trade,"  
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**Collars and Guffs**  
To all the latest shapes.

**Neck-wear, Underwear, 1/2 Hose, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, &c.**

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**W. W. KAY,**  
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Why not call on W. W. Kay, as he is open both night and day. Keep the following brands of well known whiskies:

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Misses at 50c., Ladies 75c. to \$1.  
Prices will be made to suit the times. Hats and bonnets made and trimmed to order.

**REAMER'S Howard House,**  
JAMES REAMER, Prop.  
Howard & Baltimore sts., Baltimore, Md.  
—TERMS \$2 Per Day.—  
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—DEALER IN—  
**Corn, Hay & Oats**

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and full line of Furniture.  
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Stop in to see us before you buy anything. Will give our prices with pleasure. Stove Repairing a Specialty.  
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Our line of Mens', Boy's and Children's Clothing will be as complete as ever. These clothes fit and give wear a good appearance.  
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**SHOES.**  
All first-class wearers and up-to-date in styles.  
**Gents' Furnishings.**  
J. B. Stetson & Co's' Hats. A full line of all goods.  
**Dress Goods,**  
Trimmings and everything you need. Goods as represented and prices correct.  
**M. F. HART, Agt**  
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Apply externally. Use all day every day.  
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has been recently fitted up with elegant furniture and is supplied with the OLDEST, BEST and MOST CHOICE

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Among my stock of liquors I have on hand the celebrated I. W. Harper, Davenport & Morris' "Old Grover," and Ives' "Monticello."  
I have also opened up a barrel of six year old APPLE BRANDY

**PURE AND MELLOW**  
for Medicinal Purposes.  
Also have on hand full supply of imported and domestic wines. Among the latter will be found the

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**North Carolina Corn Whiskey,**  
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I have on hand all kinds of pure whiskies and am prepared to give my friends

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Thanking the public for past liberal patronage, I will say when you visit Weldon don't fail to call to see the OLD ORIGINAL  
**DAVE SMITH,**  
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