THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The white wife of "Jack" Johnson, the heavy weight pugilist, commited suicide Friday. What a pity she did not commit the act before marrying the negro.

Prof. Chas. L. Coon, of Wilson, who was nominated on the North Carolina Bull Moose ticket for the office of superintendent of public instruction declines to accept the nomination, saying that he shall vote for Wilson and Craig this year.

Have you sent in your contribution to the Wilson campaign fund? We are told that money is badly needed with which to carry on the fight againgt Taft and Roosevelt, representing the great money interests of this country.

Saw Mill Burned.

Mr. John R. Askew had the misfortune to lose his saw mill, located near Neal's station, by fire Thursday night of last week. The fire is supposed to have originated in the boiler room. Besides the loss of the engine and boiler, the saw and carriage, several thousand feet of lumber was destroyed. Mr. Askew says his loss will exceed $2,500 with no insurance. This loss falls heavily upon Mr. Askew, but he has gone to work with a determination to buy new, repair and rebuild what was left, and that he hopes to be ready for work again in a few weeks.

Palmyra Items.

Palmyra, Sept. 16.—Miss Sallie Lilley, who has been visiting her brother, Capt. F. L. Lilley, of Fentress, Va., has returned home.

Mrs. D. E. Mizzell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lilley Sunday.

Mr. Woodberry Alexander was the guest of Mr. Paul Holland Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mollie Harrison was the guest of Miss Eva Holland Sunday.

Misses Onie and Mizzell were the guest of Miss Sallie Lilley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davenport were the guest of Mrs. W. H. Holland Sunday.

Mr. Lewis to Baltimore.

Mr. P. A. Lewis leaves today for Baltimore where he will enter the Johns Hopkins Hospital for an operation, and while he is gone his store will be closed. Mr. Lewis states that he thinks he will be gone about two weeks, and will continue business on his return.

It will be recalled, Mr. Lewis was shot some time ago during an argument with Mr. L. E. Fountain. For some days past Mr. Lewis' physicians, Drs. S. P. Bass and S. N. Harrell, have known an operation was necessary and today Dr. Harrell accompanied the injured man to Baltimore. It seems that the bullet grazed a famoral artery causing an annurism of so delicate nature that Mr. Lewis' physicians referred him to Dr. Finney for the operation as soon as he could be moved to Baltimore.—Tarboro Southerner, Sept. 12th.

Draper's X Roads Items.

Draper's X Roads, Sept. 16.—The crop conditions are the poorest we have ever seen. The farmers are picking cotton right along, but it certainly is coming in short. Land that produced from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds of seed cotton last year will not produce more than half that amount this year, while the corn crop is the shortest since 1881 and peanuts are very little better in proportion to other crops. As far as we can see just now, unless prices are very good the people are going to be further behind this fall than in many years.

Mr. J. M. Browning is improving from a very severe case of chills.

Protracted meeting commenced at Turkey Branch the second Sunday, but owing to so much sickness in the community it was decided to postpone it until some other time more suitable.

The Sunday school at Turkey Branch seems to be reviving.

Meeting commenced at Hickory Chapel on the second Sunday and continued through the week.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Our store will be closed Saturday, Sept. 21st. Will open at 6 o'clock. M. Hoffman & Bro.

Mr and Mrs. J. H. Alexander Entertain.

The fall social season was formally ushered in last Thursday evening when Mr. and Mrs. J. Harper Alexander were at home to the young people of the town in honor of Miss Lucy Patterson, of Ashland, Wis., and Misses Dorothy and Sue Dunn, of this place.

The doors of their home on tenth street were thrown open from nine until twelve p. m., and there was much merriment throughout the evening. The guests were met at the door by Miss Minnie Dunn and ushered into the parlor where the receiving line was waiting. Those in the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Miss Lucy Patterson, of Ashland, Wis., Miss Tucker, of Baton Rouge, La., Miss Annie Pierson and Miss Carrie Dunn, of Enfield, and Misses Dorothy and Sue Dunn.

The instrumental and vocal music as rendered by Mr. John Josey, and Miss Tucker was greatly enjoyed by all and they were repeatedly encored.

At ten o'clock the young ladies were given paper and pencil and the name of one of the young men to propose to. The young men were sent into another room with paper and requested to answer the proposal, it being leap year. The papers were then handed in to the judges who proceeded to select the two best. Miss Jennie Dunn won the young ladies prize for writing the best proposal while the gentlemen's prize for writing the best answer of acceptance went to Mr. Peter Shields.

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream and wafers were served by Dallas Hardy. Just after refreshments were served music was heard at the back of the spacious hall and the couples who were so inclined enjoyed several waltzes and two-steps in the hall as the floor had been previously prepared. Music for the dancing was furnished by the Bon Ton Orchestra under the leadership of that peerless bandmaster, Prof. Jesse Hedgpeth.

All too soon the hour of twelve came, bringing to a close the delightful time the young people were having. One and all the couples departed thanking their host and hostess for the pleasant evening they spent.

Paint and "Talat."

Paint itself costs $2.40 per gallon, but remember that Linseed Oil costs only $1.00 per gallon, and that "paint" ready for use consists of 4 parts Paint and 3 parts Oil. Consequently it is plain—that you should buy Paint and Oil separately—mix them yourself—and so save 45 cents per gallon. Therefore buy L. & M. Paint (prepared in semi-paste form) mix three quarts of Oil to each 1 gallon L. & M. and make 1¾ galls. of Paint ready for use at $1.65 a gall.

Few, if any, medicines have met with the uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The remarkable cures of colic and diarrhoea which it has effected in almost every neighborhood have given it a wide reputation. For sale by all dealers.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Bank of Hobgood,

at Hobgood, N. C., at the close of business Sept 4, 1912.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$22,492.66
Banking house	1,700.00
Furniture and fixtures	413.32
Demand loans	1,006.07
Gold coin	252.50
Silver coin, etc	160.17
National bank notes, etc	712.00
Total	$26,736.72

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 5,000.00
Surplus fund	200.00
Undivided profits, etc	618.99
Bills payable	3,000.00
Time certificates deposit	6,046.15
Deposits subject to check	11,756.58
Cashr's checks outstan'g	115.00
Total	$26,736.72

State of North Carolina } ss.
County of Halifax.

I, E. P. Hyman, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. P. HYMAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of Sept., 1912.
W. N. HERRING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
S. D. BRADLEY,
K. LEGGETT,
W. G. HEDGPETH,
Directors.

MANY NOMINATINS MADE

A Number of Young Ladies Suggested As Worthy to Win the $400 Piano.

Get an Early Start—Ten Dollars in Gold to be Given the Contestant With the Largest Number of Votes at the First Count.

The big prize voting contest announcement in these columns last week is creating more interest than we imagined it would at the beginning. Nominations of contestants are being sent to this office, and soon there will be many who would be willing recipients of a fine $400 Obermeyer & Sons piano or other valuable prizes enumerated in the list.

All of these handsome prizes are enumerated in the announcement on another page, and will be given to some of the ladies of this and adjacent territory.

The question is, "How can I do it?" All that is necessary is to get your friends and relatives to trade with the merchants who are donating prizes in this popular voting contest. For each $1.00 spent with the merchants you will receive 25 votes, which can be votes for any of the contestants. Also to get your friends to subscribe to The Commonwealth. For each year subscription you will receive 600 votes, for each one year renewal 500 and for each one year back subscription 400 votes. Of course it will be understood that under no circumstances are coupons issued by the merchants except upon cash purchases.

Voting can commence at any time in a ballot box which is placed in The Commonwealth office and the keys of the box will be given to the awarding committee whose names will be announced in another issue of this paper.

Use the free vote coupon in this issue. If you know of any lady who has not been nominated and whom you think would make a good race use the nominating blank below and send her name to The Commonwealth office or bring it in person and her name will be entered. It matters not if she is married or single.

This is a popular lady voting contest, not neccessarily a young lady contest.

Read the rules elsewhere in this issue, or we will mail them upon request. Inspect the offerings of the merchants and learn how you may secure votes for yourself or friend. Be sure and ask these merchants for coupons.

First count in contest will be made on October 22nd, at which time $10 in gold will be awarded to the contestant having the largest number of votes at that time.

Do it now, and help some one reap benefit of this most liberal offer.

Remember that many of the merchants of Scotland Neck are interested in this contest and give a 25-vote coupon with each $1.00 cash purchase.

Those who do not understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call at this office or write us and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Get busy and vote for your choice. This contest will be conducted squarely, and no partiality will be shown to any one.

25-VOTE COUPON.

Send this coupon to The Commonwealth office within 15 days from date and it will count for Twenty-Five Votes. No money is required with this coupon.

Vote for. .....

September 12, 1912.

Nominating Blank.—Popular Vote Contest.

.....1912.

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

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Address.....

as a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed.. .....

Address.....

Jacob D. Hill's Market
(Near Prince's Stables.)

My Market is now open and I will keep on hand nice Dressed Beef, Pork, Lamb and Mutton, Fish, and Oysters in season.

Will buy your live stock at the Highest Market Price. I want all your Dry, Green and Salt Hides, Brass, Rubber Shoes and Boots, Old Dry Bones, &c.

Yours to please,
JACOB D. HILL,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

GLASSES

cannot be fitted by mail. We offer you expert service at any of our four stores, where we have unexcelled facilities for handling promptly and satisfactorily all kinds of optical work. Our men are skilled in every branch of the business, and as we use the finest quality of material, you are assured of complete satisfaction.

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are the best for amateur photographers. We are headquarters for these supplies and shall be pleased to serve you. Write for any kind of catalogue you wish.

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Successors to TUCKER, HALL & CO.
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We know that the unusual articles in our stock show more for the money than other offerings. Our large and well assorted stock is

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You begin to realize what our long buying experience means when you compare our values and prices with others.

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from us. Visit our store and see the many new novelties suitable for all purposes.

A Complete Line of Jewelry.

E. T. Whitehead Comp'y,
DRUGGISTS,

Typewriters Given Away.

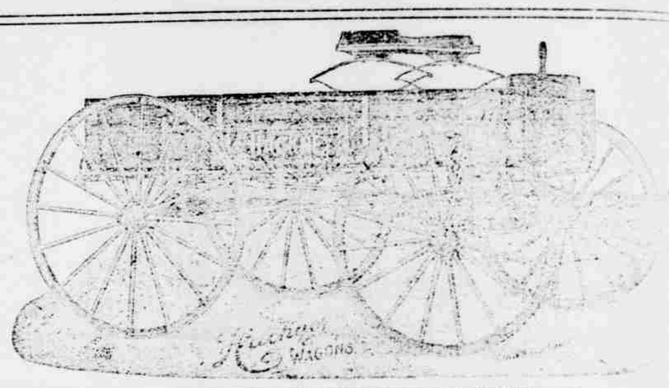
The Emerson Typewriter Company of Woodstock, Ill., have recently given away over 400 of the highest grade, wholy visible Emerson Typewriters made in the world. They have gone into every state and territory in the United States. There may be some in your town. They are giving them away everywhere to men, women, boys and girls, over 18 years of age, on surprisingly liberal conditions.

If you could make any use of a $100 typewriter, providing it did not cost you even one cent, then in a letter or on a postal card addressed to Frank L. Wilder, President, Woodstock, Ill., simply say, "Mail me all your Free Offers," and by return mail you will receive their Free Offers, the names of over 400 who have recently received typewriters free, and you will learn on what easy conditions you can get one of their typewriters free right away.

The Emerson Typewriter is one of the highest grade, wholly visible typewriters made in the world. Many who have used the "Emerson" and other makes pronounce the "Emerson" superior to any $100 typewriter on the market. It is a wholly visible machine, has every new, up-to-date feature, looks like other high grade $100 typewriters, though it is selling just now at an astonishingly low price and on terms of no money with order, trial free in your own home. Nothing to pay at first, and after a thorough trial, 10 cents a day until paid. The "Emerson" has every new improvement, universal keyboard, back spacer, tabulator, two-color ribbon, everything the best; is the ideal machine for beginners as well as for the most expert typists and stenographers; just the typewriter for the smallest or largest office.

If you could possibly make any use of a high grade typewriter, even though it didn't cost you one cent of money, or if you would like the agency in your town on a plan by which you could make big money, or if you would like a position with the company, then be sure, on a postal card or in a letter addressed to Frank L. Wilder, President, Woodstock, Ill., say, "Mail me your Free Offers." 9-5-10t

Hackney Wagons!



We have just received another car load of these Celebrated Wagons, and can furnish them in all sizes in single and double. Our prices are right, and we always appreciate your trade. Let us serve you.

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"The Hardware Hustlers."

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THE LANDS OF
Dr. H. H. Fries
are POSTED against hunting of every description and trespassing of any kind. If found upon these premises with axe, dog or gun you will be arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Don't ask me for permission. S. F. DUNN,
Agent for Dr. H. H. Fries.

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All men look pleased when they smoke this choice tobacco—for all men like the rich quality and true, natural flavor of

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Duke's Mixture

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Coupons from Duke's Mixture may be assorted with tags from HORSE SHOE, I. T., TINSLEY'S NATURAL LEAF, GRANGER TWIST, *coupons from* FOUR ROSES (*10c tin double coupon*), PICK PLUG CUT, PIEDMONT CIGARETTES, CLIX CIGARETTES, *and other tags or coupons issued by us.*

Premium Dept.
Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.
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Shower Bouquets of Roses and Lily of the Valley; also plain Bouquets. Roses, Carnations, Violets and other seasonable Flowers.

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Richard D. Hawkins, deceased late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned within one year from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August [illegible]
PHILIP A. [illegible]
Administrator.

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Special Grass and Clover Mixtures
Make the Largest Yields of Hay and Pasturage.

They are combinations of grasses and clovers in proportion to give the best results on different soils for which they are intended.

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Catalog mailed free.

T. W. WOOD & SONS
Seedsmen, - Richmond, Va.

Sale For Taxes.

I will on Saturday, [illegible] sell to the highest bidder in front of the Scotland Neck [illegible] the following [illegible] to satisfy taxes and cost for year 1911:

Mrs. D. M. Price, [illegible] on Main street [illegible]
J. D. Stewart, [illegible]
Kitchin Mill and [illegible]

G. H. [illegible]
City Tax Collector.

Sale For Taxes.

I will on Monday, [illegible] sell to the highest bidder at the court house door, Scotland Neck, N. C., the following [illegible] property to satisfy taxes and cost for year 1911:

Mrs. Nancy Collier, [illegible] acres, home, $8.81.
Mrs. Ida F. Hicks, [illegible] Dickens land, tax and cost $[illegible]

C. M. HAWKINS,
Fagette Township Tax Collector.