

Directory.

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STATE GOVERNMENT.
 Governor, D. L. Russell.
 Lieutenant Governor, Chas. A. Reynolds.
 Secretary of State, Cyrus Thomson.
 Treasurer, William H. Worth.
 Auditor, Hal. W. Ayer.
 Attorney General, Zebulon V. Walser.
 Superintendent of Public Instruction, Charles F. Mabane.

CHURCH SERVICES.
 Methodist—Rev. T. M. Pyle, pastor, services every Sunday at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. Sunday school at 9 a. m., A. O. Gaylord, Superintendent; W. N. Cooper, Secretary.
 Baptist—Rev. R. H. Gilbert, pastor, services 2d & 4th Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night at 7. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m., Enoch Ludford, superintendent.
 Grace Church (Episcopal)—Rev. E. P. Green, rector. Morning and evening prayer 3rd Sundays. Holy communion at morning service. Lay service at other morning services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., Edmund Alexander, Superintendent.
 Disciple—Rev. M. S. Spear, pastor, services 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. C. E. Society every Sunday evening at 7. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30, A. N. Waters, Superintendent.
 Methodist P. O. Stantant—Rev. D. A. Braswell, pastor, services every 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 3 p. m., J. S. Chesson, superintendent.



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GROVES

MAKES CHILDREN AS FAT AS PIGS

TASTELESS CHILL TONIC

IS JUST AS GOOD FOR ADULTS. WARRANTED. PRICE 50 CTS.

Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.
 Gentlemen—We sold last year 600 bottles of GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC and have bought three more already this year. In all our experience of 15 years, in the drug business, we never sold so much of any one medicine as we have sold of your Tonic. Yours truly,
 W. F. BEASLEY, CASH & CO.

BEACON FLASHES.

Bain yesterday.
 Mr. H. S. Owens is home from a commercial tour of the South.
 Some of our people are having great sport with hook and line.
 Mr. Mathias Owens has been in Norfolk a few days the past week.
 Dr. S. Hassell is having a nice office fitted up next to the post office.
 Mr. E. R. Lewis and wife, of Roper, were in our town on Sunday last.
 Greenville was the scene of a destructive fire on Thursday night of last week.
 Lister's Pocomoke Guano, Acid Phosphate and Kainit at HORNTHAL'S.
 Mr. W. W. Scarborough is home from a three months stay at Wood's fishery.
 Mr. W. H. Everett has accepted the office of chief engineer on the Myzflower.
 Plymouth needs water works. This fact was evident during the fire Friday night.
 Miss Callie Stubbs has returned home from a visit to Bath, Pinetown and other places.
 We acknowledge with thanks a renewal subscription from Mrs. T. F. Parson, of Weeksville.
 Miss Carrie Alexander, of Halifax county is visiting her brother, Mr. Edmund Alexander, in this town.
 WANTED—1000 pounds of Beeswax at once. Highest price paid at this office.
 Mayor Gaylord disposed of his first case Saturday. One drank—\$5.00 and cost—and the offender escaped easy.
 Mr. J. T. Lewis has put in cold drink fixtures and is doing a humming business. See change in his advertisement.
 Mrs. J. B. Williams, of Hamilton, is here, where she was called by the illness of her sister, Mrs. E. B. Norman.
 Miss Eliza Bennett, of Williamston, is visiting our town as the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. L. Morton, at Hotel Keard.
 Rev. D. A. Braswell spent several days in Plymouth the past week. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Fannie.
 Mrs. T. T. Gardner with her son, Master Hubert Small, has been visiting relatives and friends at Mackey's Ferry this week.
 Save time by getting one of Cox's Guano Distributors. For sale by L. P. HORNTHAL.
 Having become dissatisfied with the drug business the proprietor of Leggett's Drug Store is closing out the stock and will suspend business.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Chesson, of Mackey's Ferry, were delighting their many friends here on Tuesday by their presence, especially the merchants.
 Quite a number of our Disciple friends went to Blanchard's Sunday afternoon on the steamer Bertie, where Rev. M. S. Spear held services.
 See what P. W. Brinkley has to say this week in his advertisement, his store is full to overflowing with nice stylish goods and every day finds him busy.
 Dr. J. T. Hampton and wife are visiting relatives in our town. They are en route from their winter home in Florida to their summer home in Hazleton, Pa.
 That long-looked-for and handsome line of Crepon has arrived at Hornthal's. They are pretty and cheap.
 We note with pleasure that the Plymouth post office has been made a Presidential office and that the President has appointed Mrs. E. W. Fagan post master.
 Mr. O. R. Leggett, the jeweler has now moved back to his old stand on Brinkley's corner. His many friends rejoice at the success this young man is making.
 Mr. Turnage, the young man who has held the position of operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co., at this place for several months, left Tuesday morning for his home in Greenville.
 We direct the attention of our readers to the change in the advertisement of Mr. N. B. Yeager, the old reliable jeweler, who is headquarters for all kinds of musical instruments as well as jewelry.
 Farmers, get one of our Ayers' Peanut Planters, and one of Cox's Cotton Planters, and be happy.
 L. P. HORNTHAL.
 Dr. W. H. Cooper, of New Orleans, who was married in that city two weeks ago, was in our town Tuesday night, with his bride. Dr. Cooper has many friends in this town, his old home, who offer happy congratulations.
 Shade trees not only beautify our streets, but they are a great protection to property as well as, as was proven on Friday night. But for the protecting branches of the stately oaks much property would have shared the fate of the Latham House.
 Miss Minnie Gaylord, of Baltimore, who is visiting her old home near Roper, called at the Beacon office Monday while in our town and renewed her subscription for another year. City life has added much to the attractions of our young friend.
 Just received, a big shipment of "A" and "Gird" Champion turn plows. Stone-wall and Climax cotton plows, at HORNTHAL'S.
 We welcome back to our town Mr. J. I. Bruer and family who have made their home in Edenton for a few months. Mr. Bruer has accepted the position of engineer on the steam tug "Edith," which will soon be placed on this river by the R. E. R. & L. Company.
 THE BEACON makes its best bow to Mrs. Capt. C. W. Askew for a basket of nice strawberries on Monday. We find that Mrs. Askew is not only up-to-date in the growing of choice flowers, but she is also an aid to the Captain in the cultivation of fruits, and these good people are surrounded by almost every known variety of fruits and flowers at their home, which we should cherish. "Red Hill Fruit and Flower Farm" Good people accept our thanks for so kindly remembering us.

A Sad Accident.

While Capt. M. A. Perry with a small boy was coming up the Sound on Thursday of last week in the sloop Osbon, the sail shifted the boom striking Capt. Perry on the head laying him senseless on the deck. The boy managed to get the sloop in the river where he ran her into the bank, he then raised the flag at half mast (the signal of distress).
 The accident happened about 11 o'clock in the morning and it was late in the afternoon when a passing tug boat went to the sloop and found the Captain still unconscious. The boat was brought to Plymouth when Dr. S. Hassell was summoned and found that the man was suffering from concussion of the brain.
 Kind and sympathetic friends, 'tho strangers, removed the unfortunate man to McCabe's boarding house, where through the skillful treatment of Dr. Hassell and careful attention of Mr. and Mrs. McCabe, he soon became conscious and was so far recovered that he left Saturday for his home at Carlington, Dare county.

The Latham House Burned.

On Friday night last about half past eleven o'clock Mr. Levi Blount, proprietor of the Latham House, was aroused from his sleep by a noise which he first thought to be dogs in the back porch. Hearing the noise again more distinctly, coming from the office, he thought someone was breaking into the house, so he took his pistol and started out; as he opened his door he found the hall in the South side of the building full of smoke; he called his wife who rushed into a room on the opposite side of the hall where she discovered fire through the broken plastering. Mr. Blount went at once to the office where he found the fire blazing up the stairway and also over head, just over the front window. Seeing that the building was on fire in two places and that his efforts to stop it would be in vain, he gave the alarm and soon an excited crowd gathered and set to work to save what furniture they could and to protect neighboring buildings, which were in great danger.
 It was a calm, damp night, and by heroic and untiring efforts of white and colored, no other building was burned, though the old Latham residence, only 18 feet away, took fire several times.
 The origin of the fire is not known, but Mr. Blount is of the opinion that it was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Blount and the porter both say that no lamp was burning in the building, and people who passed as late as eleven o'clock also say there was no light to be seen, hence the theory that it caught from an exploded lamp is abolished.
 The porter as well as those who passed the house at a late hour, state that all the blinds were closed, but one who came on the scene soon after the alarm was given, states that one of the office blinds was open. These circumstances strengthen the belief of Mr. Blount that the building was fired, and that the noise which first awoke him was some one breaking into the window of the office.
 From existing circumstances it is evident the fire was the work of an incendiary, but who, or what the motive could have been is a mystery yet to be solved.

SKINNERSVILLE SCRAPS.

TACKLED TOGETHER BY A "BEACON" GIRL.
 May 9th.
 Mrs. Edward Cahoon is quite sick at her home.
 Many of our farmers are shipping peas this week.
 Mr. Raleigh Swain and family have moved to Mr. Sam Davenport's.
 Mr. J. I. Bruer and family, of Plymouth, were the guests of his mother from Saturday until Monday.
 Mrs. Geo. Wiley left this morning for Columbia, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Alice Alexander.
 Mrs. R. E. Elliott and Miss Ordie Woodley spent Sunday with Mrs. Caroline Davenport, near Creswell.
 Rev. D. A. Braswell and daughter, Miss Fannie, left for Plymouth last Friday where he filled his regular appointment Sunday.
 Miss Mary Spruill, from near Plymouth, has been the guest of Mr. Jasper Cahoon's family several days, returning home Sunday.
 Heart disease must be raging, as so many of our boys were absent from Sunday evening service. The gripp was not so overpowering, but this is another grip come to stay.

SKINNERSVILLE SCRAPS.

ANOTHER CASE OF RHEUMATISM CURED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.
 My son was afflicted with rheumatism which contracted his right limb until he was unable to walk. After using one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was able to be about again. I can heartily recommend it to persons suffering from rheumatism.—JOHN SNIDER, Freed, Calhoun Co., W. Va. For sale by all druggists.

ROPER RIPPLES.

May 8th.
 May peas, May peas; quotations high and the farmers are rushing them in.
 Strawberries in abundance, everybody can eat them, only five cents a quart.
 Cabbage, beets, onions, &c., &c., are coming in plenty, but prices are high yet.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Saddle has been right sick, but glad to say they are out again.
 There has been a race track surveyed on the lands of Mess. W. P. Knowles and E. L. Herrington.
 The big mill was burned at Belhaven last week. Loss estimated between three and four thousand dollars.
 Mrs. L. G. Roper has been quite sick several days. Hope it will prove nothing serious and she will be up again soon.
 There are some fine trotters here, among them we notice (Dr. J. W. Speight's, Mr. E. R. Christian's, Mr. L. G. Roper's and others.
 Prayer meeting was held at Pleasant Grove Tuesday night; quite a crowd in attendance; among them we noticed right many Roper people.
 Mr. E. S. Spivey was over to Pantego to visit relatives Saturday and Sunday. It may be there was a "magnetic attraction" that drew him back so soon, who knows?
 Mr. L. G. Roper's fine horse "Stakes," reared up and fell over on his head a few days ago; it came near being serious as the blood gushed from his ears; he is doing well now.
 The Ladies Aid Society will meet next Tuesday afternoon; it is the annual election of officers. These ladies have done a good work in the church the past year. We wish them much success in the future.
 There are several entertainments being practiced for now; Miss Lucy Twine's; also Miss Anna Peacock's school commencement, and the Sunday school children are practicing for Childrens Day under Mrs. Roper.
 Mr. Charlie Morgan, of E. City, is in our midst taking photographic views of private residences, the churches, the mills, school groups, &c., &c. It is said he has taken about 300 pictures here. His work is good and up-to-date.

SHAKESPEARE.

NO CURE—NO PAY.
 That is the way all druggist sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price, 50c. sep 2-6m

CRESWELL CHIPS.

PICKED UP BY TWO "BEACON" LASSIES.
 May 8th.
 Miss Allene Owens and brother were the guests of Miss Maggie Davenport on Sunday.
 Christ Church, Creswell, was presented with a very handsome Bible, Prayer-book and Hymnal by Mrs. A. G. Walker.
 Mr. Spruill and wife, of Columbia, made a visit to our little town on the 5th and stopped with Mr. Abraham Davenport.
 Some of the young men of Creswell were out serenading during the past week. As flowers were scarce, we snowballed them.
 Mess. Robert Spruill and Torie McCabe made a visit to Roper on Sunday, to see if they could find such a flower as Heart's Ease.
 Ruben Morgan, a colored man employed by the Branning Lumber Co., fell dead while on his way home from work, cause, it is thought, was heart failure.
 The young people of Creswell went out and spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Sadie Eborn on the 5th. It is useless to say we all had a good time, when she acts as hostess.

WILD DAISIES.

CHERRY CHUNKS.
 THROWN TOGETHER BY 2 BEACON GIRLS.
 May 8th.
 Several drummers have been in Cherry this week.
 We regret to learn of Miss Celia Davenport's illness.
 Miss Mamie Woodley is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. N. A. Craddock.
 Mess. Ambrose & Phelps are fitting up their new shingle mill and it is thought they will make a success.
 Mr. Dock Phelps and family have returned to their home at Berkeley, Va., after spending a week with his mother.
 We regret to learn that Mr. Luther Chesson will soon leave for Newport News, after spending some weeks at home with his parents.

IDA & INEZ.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penna., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by all druggists.

NOTICE.

The magistrates of the county are cited to section 717. Laws of 1876-7 of the Code, which requires them to meet on the first Monday in June with the Board of County Commissioners.

W. F. BEASLEY,
 Attorney-at-Law.
 PLYMOUTH, N. C.

DEWEY'S VICTORY

Celebrated on May 1st was an event in the world's history of Naval battles, but my stock of well selected

Spring and Summer

Goods are making a record equal to any Naval hero, and the latest creations in Dress Goods, Notions, and Slippers are as much admired and sought after by the ladies of fashion and taste as ever Hobson was by the belles of this nation.

Everybody admires the man in blue clothes and brass buttons, but if the clothes are not soldier clothes, they make the man look well if they are made stylish and fit the person—this is where I come in

My CLOTHING Department

is full and overflowing with the largest and newest line that has ever been shown in Plymouth and the prices will suit all purses. I have the prettiest line of **BOYS CLOTHING** that has ever been opened this side of Norfolk. Any lady wishing to buy her boy a nice Spring suit will do well to call and examine my line before going elsewhere.

The man or woman who expects to look well and have comfort must make an effort to have neat, well fitting and comfortable shoes—this is where I come in again for the people all say that

MY SHOE DEPARTMENT

is the most complete we have ever had, and we can suit and fit all persons. If in want of a nice pair of shoes don't fail to come and examine our line as we have all the newest Toes and Lasts that can be had from the best factories in the country.

GOOD FOLKS, PLEASE REMEMBER

that I have the goods you want this season—White goods, India Linen, Pk, Organdies, Percalés, Trimings and all other latest styles in ladies goods, as well as Shoes, Hats, Notions, Furnishings, &c., at prices that catch the fancy of close buyers and

WE REQUEST YOU TO

Make this store your headquarters when in town any time, and don't fail to examine our line while here as we are always glad to show you through our stock, whether we sell you or not.

Yours to please,

P. W. BRINKLEY,
 Successor to
Mathias Owens & Co.
PLYMOUTH, N. C.