

THE BEST OF ALL

This is What a Subscriber Says About the Tar Heel.

It is a source of much pleasure to the newspaper man to know that his efforts are appreciated.

Dear Sir:—Inclosed you will find \$1.00 to pay for the Tar Heel another year.

Yours truly, D. A. PARRISH.

THE OLD GUN

Marks the Oldest Business Place in Elizabeth City.

On the east side of Road street, a few doors from Main, hangs a sign which has arrested the attention of the passerby for near on to a half century.

The gun, which is made of a variety of hard wood, is the handiwork of Rev. Mr. Poole, who was then pastor of the First Methodist Church, of this city.

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On one occasion, when he (the preacher) was in the midst of one of his most eloquent sermons, a member of the congregation became sick, and was in the act of losing his supper.

NEW TRADE FOR ELIZ. CITY.

Mr. W. D. Welch, ex-Representative in the State Legislature from Chowan, was a visitor Wednesday.

DAVIS-BRIGHT.

Mr. Sam Davis, a prominent young farmer of this county, was married to Miss Gabriella, daughter of Mr. J. Monroe Bright, on the night of the 25th, at the home of the bride's father.

"THE GLOBE" CATALOGUE.

Among other things that business houses around the city are doing, we note that the enterprising manager of "The Globe," Mr. H. H. Lavanstein, has caused to be issued an illustrated catalogue of all the specialties which he carries.

THE SCHOOLS OF DARE.

Dr. Davis Replies to the Address of County Superintendent Crisp.

Buxton, N. C., Dec. 1st.

Dear Sir:—In your issue of the 13th inst., containing the address on the "Educational Campaign in Dare County" by Supt. B. G. Crisp, I note he gives as the cause of "one lonesome" district not voting for local school taxes as being "ignorance and political prejudice."

The public school house in this district is so dilapidated that it could not be used for the school the past year and there was a petition circulated here in the winter of 1902 asking pub-

lic donations to build a school house on the old site and donate it to the district. About \$75.00 was subscribed on this petition with promise of more if needed and the house was to be built in the spring of 1903, so our public school could be taught in it the past summer.

The names on that petition show that there was no politics in that matter and will also show who were most in favor of public schools.

In the meantime the legislature had arranged for a "loan fund," and the superintendent came to this district and placed \$250.00 in the hands of the chairman of the school committee to build a new school house, leaving it to him to locate site, etc.

This alone was the cause of the loss of the election here and it can be verified by anyone who wishes to put himself to the trouble to actually investigate conditions here and not go to one or two individuals for his information.

As substantial evidence that the people here are in favor of education there are at present two private schools in session here that have over 50 per cent. of the school subjects in this district in regular attendance.

I believe I can safely say that the people of this district are as interested and alive to the necessity of educating their children as any district in the county and the intelligence of the children will compare favorably with those of any other district along "the Banks," the charge of ignorance by our superintendent to the contrary, notwithstanding.

After waiting until after the July meeting of the Board of Education, and finding that nothing definite had been done about the school site here, a number of those most interested in the education of their children decided to build a private school house and have a ten-months school.

This is the actual condition in this district and if our superintendent continues to attribute it to politics and ignorance I believe I can safely say the day is not far distant when, under the present conditions and management, this "lonesome" district will join its fellows in voting a local tax.

THE MENACE OF INDIFFERENCE.

The greatest dangers that threaten us today are not from the ignorant and vicious classes. These are a minority. They are but a fraction of the governing body. Our great danger lies in the indifference of intelligent citizens.

"EXCELSIOR."

The following poem, the fourth of our series, is among the most famous of the shorter poems of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and has been delivered, by some embryonic Demosthenes or Cicero, on every high-school platform in our country.

both of which are written in noble numbers.

The shades of night were falling fast, As through an Alpine village passed A youth, who bore, 'mid snow and ice, A banner with the strange device, Excelsior!

His brow was sad; his eye beneath Flashed like a falchion from its sheath, And like a silver clarion rung The accents of that unknown tongue, Excelsior!

In happy homes he saw the light Of household fires gleam warm and bright; Above, the spectral glaciers shone, And from his lips escaped a groan, Excelsior!

"Try not the Pass!" the old man said; "Dark lowers the tempest overhead, The roaring torrent is deep and wide!" And loud that clarion voice replied, Excelsior!

"O, stay," the maiden said, "and rest Thy weary head upon this breast!" A tear stood in his bright blue eye, But still he answered, with a sigh, Excelsior!

"Beware the pine tree's withered branch!

Beware the awful avalanche!" This was the peasant's last good-night. A voice replied, far up the height, Excelsior!

At break of day, as heavenward The pious monks of Saint Bernard Uttered the oft-repeated prayer, A voice cried through the startled air, Excelsior!

A traveller, by the faithful hound, Half-buried in the snow was found, Still grasping in his hand of ice That banner with the strange device, Excelsior!

Then in the twilight cold and gray, Lifeless, but beautiful, he lay, And from the sky, serene and far, A voice fell, like a falling star, Excelsior!

—Henry W. Longfellow.

STILL THEY COME.

Mr. S. M. S. Rollinson has sold the new residence, just erected on Cypress street, to Mr. J. T. Puckett, of Columbia. Mr. Puckett will move to this city January the first. This interesting family will be a valuable acquisition to our town.

HUSBAND NEVER KISSED HER.

Mrs. J. M. Wright, of Cincinnati, So Alleges and She Seeks Divorce.

Judge Caldwell today took under advisement the divorce suit of Mrs. J. M. Wright against J. M. Wright, a dancing master. The marriage of Wright and Miss Marie Morrissey, the daughter of James Morrissey, a Central avenue merchant, last May caused something of a surprise.

Mrs. Wright alleged today by petition that her husband never kissed her before or after marriage, and that he never gave her a cent of money. She declares she had to live for three successive days on breakfast food, and that she got so weak she became quite ill. She also says that her husband used bad language habitually, and one day threatened to throw her out of a window which she had opened to admit fresh air.—Cincinnati Dispatch.

IT DID THE WORK.

An Advertisement in the Tar Heel Brought Many Letters.

The Tar Heel now has the largest circulation of any paper east of the State capital. It is not trying to cover but ten counties in Eastern North Carolina, and this territory it is covering thoroughly. Its advertisers are realizing results that is pleasing to the publishers. Ex-Sheriff White, of Edenton, writes as follows: Edenton, N. C., Nov. 20, 1903. Dear Tar Heel: The Tar Heel surely does the work for the advertiser. I have had many letters in reply to my advertisement for farms for rent. These letters were from Norfolk, Va., Loudon Bridge, Va., Creswell, Columbia and other points. If the inquiries continue to come I will be as clear of land as a picked bird is of feathers. The Tar Heel is a good paper. Send your bill for the ad. Best wishes. Very truly, ROBT. WHITE.

A SMALL BUT IMPORTANT ITEM.

There is nothing connected with a sewing-machine which better illustrates the proverb that "the best is the cheapest" than the small but important item of OIL.

BAD OIL does not last as long as good oil, and is really dearer.

BAD OIL makes a machine run hard. BAD OIL leaves a sediment and the oily portion is soon exhausted.

BAD OIL gums and clogs the oil holes, so that the oil does not reach the bearings, and thus prevents the efficient working of the Machine, besides causing rapid wear of the parts.

Knowing, from many years' experience, the great importance of good oil, we sell at all our stores an extra quality of oil specially prepared for Sewing-Machines.

Any order for OIL, NEEDLES or REPAIRS, handed to the Company's Salesmen or Collectors will receive prompt attention. THE SINGER MFG. CO., L. A. Armstrong, Mgr. Sales Room No. 3 Water Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.

DR. A. WEGK, EYE SPECIALIST. 214 Main St., Norfolk, Va. Academy of Music Building. With the Gaze Jewelry Company. All work guaranteed. Broken lenses repaired and new glasses furnished. Artificial (glass) eyes made to order. EYES EXAMINED FREE. Correspondence solicited.

NOW or NEVER! If you are not all ready to catch your share of the silver shower that only comes once a year, we give you fair warning that there is no time to wait, if you intend to procure several of the Holiday bargains we are showing this month.

250 dozen Handkerchiefs for the holiday table. Ladies' Furs in all the latest shapes and styles. Genuine Russian Boa, 50 inches long, \$5.00 value; Holiday price, \$3.19. All the latest designs in Isabella Fox Boas from \$5.00 to \$15.00. 500 pieces of Roman Embroidery; great holiday gifts, consisting of Table Covers, Scarfs, Dollies, etc., 25 per cent. below regular price.

McGABE & GRICE, Outfitters to Particular People, ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. Come early so you can procure the best selection.

SMOKE THE BEST PINCO CIGAR. 50 CIGAR.

Every Country Merchant Should Know That J. B. Flora & Co. are the PIONEERS of the

Jobbing Business in this town. From their immense stock he can supply all his needs. More Goods, Better Goods, Lower Prices is their motto. All kinds of Heavy and Fancy Groceries, Building Supplies, Drugs, Hardware, Hay, Corn and Oats, Guns and Ammunition, Buggies and Harness. Everything you want at this Mammoth Store. CARLOAD BEST LINE JUST RECEIVED. J. B. FLORA & CO.

Fire Works! I have just received the largest assortment of Fire Works that has ever been shipped to Elizabeth City. \$500.00 worth has already arrived and a still larger shipment is expected in a few days. C. R. GRANDY, The only licensed Fire Works dealer in the city. FOR SALE OR RENT, ON EASY TERMS!

One Farm on Albemarle Sound, 150 acres, two tenant houses and all out-buildings. Good fishery and good stock range. One Farm, adjoining above; 75 acres; one good house and outbuilding; lot of cypress timber and pine. One Farm, near Edenton, 105 acres, on Suffolk & Carolina R. R.; depot on farm; good tenant house, new store and barn. For further particulars address ROBT. WHITE, Edenton, N. C.

SAILS MADE ON SHORT NOTICE AT D. R. MUNDEN'S, ELIZ. CITY, N. C. There's Comfort in A Good Shave such as you get here. Clean towels, sharp tools and polite attention. When you want a hair cut, I'll do it to please you, and no one can appreciate your trade more than myself. A. J. JORDAN, Leigh's Old Stand, Next to Arlington Hotel.

Eliz. City Marble Works, LUKE & COTTON, PROPRS. Pointdexter St., Near the Bridge. For Monuments, Headstones, Tomb Tops, Iron Fences, Building Stones Cemetery Curbing, Granite and Marble Posts, or anything in the Cemetery or building line, write or call on Elizabeth City Marble Works, 55 Pointdexter St., Eliz. City, N. C.—Mail orders promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed.—We do the best work for the least money.

When One Is Real Hungry anything most, that's good to eat, tastes good when you are not hungry, which is good proof that its flavor is most appetizing. For growing children, good, healthful bread is more essential than at any other time, and our bread furnishes the best foundation for a healthy stomach. B. T. HARRIS, The Modern Baker. Pointdexter St., Eliz. City.

New Marine Railway and Shipyard opened for all kinds of new and repair work. A line of all kind of material on hand. Give me a trial, satisfaction guaranteed. John W. Williams, Prop., Elizabeth City, N. C.

Norfolk, Virginia. THE FOLLOWING RELIABLE BUSINESS HOUSES SOLICIT YOUR TRADE. Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention.

SAMUEL C. PHILLIPS INVITES YOUR TRADE Furniture, Carpets, &c. Lowest Prices Guaranteed. 331-337 Church St., NORFOLK, VA.

SOREY & BAUM, Tailors & Furnishers. 333 Main Street, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Basol Paint.. The Most Economical & Durable. Write for Descriptive Booklet Sent Post Free. JENKINS PAINT & OIL CO., NORFOLK, VA.

WILL YOU BUILD regular or remodel any kind of building for our FREE CATALOGUE of all kinds of building materials, hardware, masonry work, paints, glass, gas & electric fixtures. FRANK T. CLARK CO., Ltd. Established 1870 NORFOLK VA.

YOUR TRIP TO NORFOLK is not complete unless you visit PAUL'S, 190 Main St., Near Granby St. EVERYTHING IN JEWELRY. MONEY'S WORTH OR MONEY BACK. Your Mail Orders will be promptly filled from the Largest Stock in the South if Sent to BURROW, MARTIN & CO., Drugs, Medicines, Photo Supplies, &c. 298 MAIN ST., NORFOLK, VA.

OSTEOPATHY. A science and method of curing diseases without drugs or knife. DR. DAWSON WILLIARD, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN. 40, 41, 42 Haddington Bldg., NORFOLK, VA. CONSULTATION AND EXAMINATION FREE.

"STIEFF". The Piano with the Sweet Tone. We always have special bargains in slightly used Pianos and Organs. DROP US A POSTAL, STIEFF, 66 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.

For the Best in Dentistry, PAINLESS EXTRACTION, ARTIFICIAL TEETH, CROWN AND BRIDGE WORK, GO TO New York Dental Rooms, 324 Main St., cor. Talbot, - NORFOLK, VA. DR. J. B. BENTLEY, Lady in Attendance.

WHY BUY THE YORK SAFE? Because they saved their contents in Norfolk's big fire (Jan. 1902) better than other safes. Write for prices and testimonials or call W. D. ROBERTS, 88 Roanoke Ave., NORFOLK, VA.

Norfolk's Pure Food Store Has the largest and most complete stock of staple and fancy groceries in the State. Your trade in person or by mail solicited. LOWE & MILLER, Columbia Building, 30-40 Granby Street THE SOUTH'S FINEST GROCERY.

Insist on Your Grocer Giving You KNADLER & LUCAS' Pickles, Catsups, Sauces, Vinegars, &c. and you will get the best for your money.

Bargains in Real Estate! Now is the time to buy. Below are a few of the many nice farms I have for sale: No. 1, 7 miles from E. City, 115 acres No. 2, 6 1/2 miles from E. City, 123 acres No. 3, 3 miles from E. City, 33 acres No. 4, 2 miles from E. City, 42 acres No. 5, 2 1/2 miles from E. City, 46 acres No. 6, 1 mile from E. City, 20 acres No. 7, 1 mile from E. City, 23 acres No. 8, 1 mile from E. City, 160 acres No. 10, 1 mile from E. City, 46 acres No. 11, Large Timber Lands, 2,000 acres Houses and lots in town, too numerous to mention. Call and examine. N. R. PARKER, The Real Estate Man. Office, Albemarle Steam Laundry. F. O. Box 211.