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August nearly gone.

Cool nights and mornings.

Cotton picking will soon commence.

We are to have a tournament on roller skates. Hurrah!

Carraway's Liver Pills are safe reliable and gentle.

Rev. R. E. Peal preached in the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Our town is beginning to look lively and merchants are preparing for fall trade.

Halifax Inferior Court is going on this week. There are a good many cases on the docket.

We challenge any town in the State to show as many pretty girls as we have in Scotland Neck.

Prof. Wilson organized a singing class at Pittman's Hall last Monday afternoon with quite a number of scholars.

We heard a young man say the other day that he fell so hard while skating a few nights ago, that it caused some of the shingles to drop off of the house!

Take Carraway's Liver Pills to keep off malaria.

Barrett's circus will show in Tarboro on the 28th inst. Doubtless a good many of our people will have business in Tarboro on that particular day. All who may go will be pleased.

On last Saturday two young men, from the rural districts, happened to get on too much "popskull," and engaged in a little fustian, for which they were brought before the mayor and sent to the look-up to cool off.

We are indebted to some unknown friend for a copy of the oration delivered at Haywood's by Mr. T. B. Kingsbury, on the life and character of the late Rev. Thos. G. Lowe, on the 21st of July last.

Carraway's Liver Pills will cure Biliousness Constipation and all diseases of the Liver.

We are pained to learn that last Monday night a sweet and interesting little daughter of Mr. John A. Moore, of Halifax, died of typhoid fever, in the seventh year of her age. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

The Scotland Neck railroad now has a new engine. Number 28, a beautiful engine, has taken the place of the old gravel train engine that has heretofore pulled the train. Now we need a daily schedule, and then our town will flourish.

On last Sunday evening Mr. Edmund Alexander, of Palmyra, lectured on "The Intemperate use of Alcohol as a Beverage," to a large and appreciative audience. He handled the subject with ability and firmness, which will, no doubt, be of great benefit to the community.

There was a picnic at Savage's mill, a few miles from town, on last Friday, for which we return thanks to the managers, Messrs. C. G. Thigpen, G. A. Allsbrook, W. J. Davenport and Dr. E. T. Speed, for an invitation. We regret our inability to be present, but learn from those that were there, that everything passed off in a charming and pleasant manner.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Vine Hill Male Academy, which may be found in another column. This school opens the first Monday in September and, under its present splendid management, parents and guardians will find it one of the best schools in Eastern Carolina and they should at once prepare their boys to enter at the beginning of the session. Located in one of the healthiest towns in this section of the State, the Vine Hill Academy offers advantages unsurpassed by any other school in the State.

The fall session of Vine Hill Female Academy will open Monday, September 4, 1882. This school closed its last term with 44 scholars, and the exhibit made by the young ladies at the closing exercises was highly creditable to themselves and reflected credit upon the teachers. This school is under the supervision of Misses Lena Smith and S. E. McDowell, two competent teachers who will thoroughly instruct the young ladies confided to their charge. The academy is in the prettiest and healthiest part of the town and offers every inducement to parents having young girls to educate. The terms are moderate; the teachers are christian ladies who will exert a good influence over their pupils. We take great pleasure in recommending this excellent school.

A CHARMING ENTERTAINMENT.—Next Saturday night our people will have the privilege of attending one of the most charming entertainments that Scotland Neck has ever known. Prof. Willoughby Reade, an elocutionist who has certainly found "the lost art," will actually be here next Saturday night and will give one of his delightful entertainments in Pittman's Hall. We are sure the Prof. will have one of the largest and most refined audiences that ever assembled in this town, and we can safely promise all who may attend an intellectual treat that is rarely offered in small towns.

The late lamented Senator Hill says of Prof. Reade's entertainment, "The best I ever attended."

Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, one of the most eloquent ministers in the Baptist Church of Virginia, says: "I would give a thousand dollars if I could read 'Karl, the Blacksmith,' as Prof. Reade does." A good many of our people have heard Prof. Reade and they know that he has few equals and no superiors. We again remind our readers that a treat is in store for them next Saturday night. Let every body attend and give the Prof. a large audience.

WELCOME VISITS.—Our sanctuary was invaded last week by some of Scotland Neck's fairest and sweetest daughters. We are always glad to see the ladies, and we are happy to know that the charming creatures are taking a lively interest in THE COMMONWEALTH. The latch string hangs on the outside of the door and we will be pleased to see the ladies at any time. We would suggest, however, if they desire to see our press at work, that they visit the office on Wednesday afternoons, any time between four and half past five. But we will be glad to see them at any time.

LECTURE.—Mr. Edmund Alexander delivered a lecture in Pittman's Hall last Tuesday night on "Object Teaching, Uniform System of Books, etc., and read an essay on "A Graduating System for Public Schools." He was greeted by quite a good audience and his lecture was well received. Mr. Alexander is quite a young man, and his style of delivery is remarkably good. His voice is strong and he made many apt and happy allusions to our public school system, showing how schools are conducted, and the necessity for a uniform system of books for the schools. Mr. Alexander's lectures are calculated to do much good and we sincerely hope his efforts in behalf of education may be crowned with success.

GREENWOOD SCRAPINGS.—A good many of the Scotland Neck people attended the picnic given at Savage's mill last Friday. They all had a delightful time. Miss Winnie Taylor of Battleboro, who has been on a visit to Miss Minnie Edmondson, returned home last Friday.

Mr. M. P. Darden is spending a short time with friends and relatives in Plymouth.

Mr. D. Edmondson has one of the finest crops in this section on the Greenwood farm.

Miss Sallie Speed has quite a good school and we trust she may continue to receive a liberal share of the children needing instruction in this section.

ALMOST A FAILURE.

THE MEETING LAST WEDNESDAY—PLENTY OF MEAN WISKEY, BUT LITTLE ENTHUSIASM.

The Republicans of this township held a meeting here on Wednesday, the 16th inst. for the purpose of sending delegates to the County Convention which will meet in Halifax next Saturday. There was a very slim attendance and the darkies did not enter into the spirit of the meeting worth a cent. But they continued to pour the spirits down until they began to get lively. Several fights and collisions occurred, but we learn that no damage was done.

We noticed that one of the speakers, in the very midst of his eloquence, had about a handful of inattentive listeners. The colored voters in this section do not seem to take much interest in the coming election. It is indeed a very hard matter to get up a meeting and there is now no such thing as getting up any enthusiasm. The darkies are beginning to learn that prominent ex-Democrats are now the candidates here to support, and they do not take kindly to the bigger pill, for it is a bitter pill for Republican darkies to walk up to the polls and cast their ballots for the very men their party leaders have heretofore told them would be the ruin of the Republican party, if elected to office. And they will ruin the party. Already we see the lethargy and indifference manifested by the colored voters. The meetings are a failure, the speakers wince when they say vote for old wheel-horses of Democracy, these sore-headed Democrats who have come over to us and want offices.

It was indeed a hard matter for the Republicans to get an audience last Wednesday, and we see all along the lines, and in all parts of the county, the same indifference manifested, that is so far as the Liberal ticket is concerned, they do not like to swallow it, but the leaders show the old party lash and they will be compelled to fall in line.

BARRETT'S GREAT RAILROAD SEWERS.

Saturday last the town of Weldon was early astir and the country people commenced to pour in. Of course it was generally known that Barrett's great show was to exhibit and the people soon crowded the side walks and every available window waiting for the parade. This when it came off was one of the most creditable we have ever seen. The horses and vehicles were in the best condition, showing that the circus is indeed one of the best.

One of the best things about Barrett's circus is, there were no profane, or vulgar expressions from the clowns, nothing, in fact, to disgust refined people, and it may be termed a strictly moral circus. The acts were much above the average and many of the actors are indeed stars. The manager is the best we have seen with any traveling show and all the animals look fresh and lively. There are many rare and curious living wonders on exhibition. The program gave better satisfaction than that of any show that has ever visited Weldon. Many of the performances are simply wonderful, new and novel, and even the sayings of the clowns are entirely different from the old worn out and hackneyed phrases generally used. The tumbling was splendid and the bicycle riding on a single wire, suspended many feet in the air was marvelous. If all circuses were conducted like Barrett's, then there would no longer be any objection to them. The entire splendid management of these vast shows is due to Mr. Willis Cobb, the press agent and general manager. Mr. Cobb is one of the most courteous and pleasant gentlemen that we have ever had any dealings with. He is certainly the right man in the right place and to him we are indebted for many courtesies extended to us. The general verdict of the people is that Bar-

rett's is the best circus that has ever visited Weldon.

We learn that the show will visit Scotland Neck some time in October, and when they do come, we can safely promise them the best house they have had in this State. Our Railroad is now completed, and a monster railroad show, like Barrett's, coming for the first time over it will excite this entire community, and seats under their vast tents will be worth a premium on that gala day.

Personals.

Mrs. Wm. Fenner returned home last Tuesday.

Miss Nonie Hopkins, of Wilson, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. John Shields returned from a flying visit in Nash county last Tuesday.

Mrs. D. E. Stainback, who has been visiting in Enfield, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall, of Weldon, have been visiting relatives in town the past week.

Mr. Archie McDowell, our clever young townsman, returned from a short trip in Virginia last Friday.

Prof. W. H. Ragsdale, who has been on an extended trip to the sea-shore and the mountains, has returned home, and is highly pleased with his visit.

Mr. W. A. Dunn and family have returned home from Panama springs much improved and highly delighted with their visit. Mr. D., though improved, is not quite as large as our ex-mayor.

Dr. Hufham, of this place, who was taken ill while in Beaufort a short while since, returned home last Friday quite feeble. We are pleased to learn that he is improving very rapidly and is now able to take a short drive.

OUR ENFIELD LETTER.

[Special correspondence Commonwealth.]

ENFIELD, Aug. 22, 1882.

The impromptu hop given to the visitors on Wednesday evening, was a very pleasant affair, notwithstanding the small attendance. Being very select, you know, it was what we call a "nice little hop."

Of the visitors in attendance, there were, Miss Lippitt of Wilmington, Miss Kate Kong, Weldon, Miss Fenner, Scotland Neck, Miss Boyle, Hamilton, Miss Kraker, Richmond, Miss Bryan, Tarboro, Miss Gregory, Halifax, and Miss Lee, Tallahassee, Fla.

Misses Minnie, Nannie and Belle Whitaker, and Miss Bettie Corbitt, were the only home girls.

With one or two exceptions, snowy white dresses, all gotten up with embroidery and laces were worn—a kind of regulation evening dress.

Of all the fabrics worn on such occasions, none surpasses the pure white silk for real loveliness. The show of silks and satins attracts the attention momentarily, and one can but admire, but they cannot in themselves call forth the pleasant thoughts suggested by the typical white.

As I cannot realize the fact, am astonished every time I go to the rink, to see so many lovely girls on the eve of making their debut into the social world. Heretofore we have had more boys than girls, but within twelve or eighteen months it will be the reverse; and I make an unvarnished statement when I say don't think I ever saw a set of prettier girls.

The sixty thousand dollar negro purporting to hail from Victoria B. C., and who purchased Mr. W. P. Whitaker's farm with everything pertaining thereto for twelve thousand five hundred dollars after searching the records to ascertain whether the title was good, and drawing a check for a large amount and depositing it with one of our merchants, was "headed off" by a man from Victoria who happened to know a thing or two, causing him to vomit.

A CARD.

RICHMOND, VA., }
Aug. 16, 1882. }

To the Editor of the Dispatch: My attention this morning has been called to the following preposterous article, which appeared in the Lynchburg Virginian:

"AN OUTRAGE.—While en route to Scottsville via the Richmond and Alleghany road Sunday the circus train of S. H. Barrett & Co. stopped at Dillard's tank for the purpose of taking on water, which detained the train only a few minutes; but in that brief period the thieves connected with that show found time to commit a most outrageous theft upon the property of an old negro named Samuel Johnson. They marched boldly to the old man's watermelon patch, which is situated alongside of the railroad, and coolly helped themselves to over two hundred dollars' worth of melons. Judge William Dillard, our informant, and on whose place Johnson resided, says the sufferer is nearly blind, and that the sale of these melons (nearly all of which were stolen) was the only way in which the old man realized a support for himself and family. We hope that an active effort will be made to bring these bold marauders to justice."

Any farmer or planter who knows anything about truck-farming will see how utterly untrue such a statement is. The watermelons only sold for five cents apiece, and there must of course have been 4,000 ripe watermelons in the patch, which was less than a fifth of an acre of ground. Nothing could be more improbable. The truth of the matter is that when the train stopped at the water-tank a negro hired by the show in Lynchburg went into the patch, and in the presence of the owner started to take up a melon, when the old negro struck him over the head with an ax-handle. Barrett's men bought a few from the negro, paying five cents apiece for them.

The injustice and unkindness of the notice in the Virginian is so patent that I hardly deem a denial necessary, except for the fact that Barrett & Co. have a reputation, in the defence of which they are so zealous as to overlook scruples even of the smallest kind in sustaining themselves in the good opinion of the people whenever it becomes necessary. The whole statement, so far as "marauding" and stealing is concerned, I brand as entirely untrue—palpably false—so far as Barrett's men are concerned. I hope the press, to

whom I am so well known, will not give credence to such a libellous charge, and if convenient give me the benefit of this denial.

Very respectfully,
WILLIS COBB,
Press Agent Barrett's Show.

Rheumatism, disordered blood, general debility, and chronic diseases pronounced incurable, are often cured by Brown's Iron Bitters.

A good many went to the circus, and all had lots of fun except the fellow who saw the "elephant."

Through a waiter, I learn that a party of young ladies, accompanied by a young man, entered the Hotel the other day ostensibly to look at the parlor and pass judgment. They were heard to express themselves in very favorable terms. Afterward, glasses were found on the centre table in which were particles of ice and slices of lemon, and they omitted a tantalizing odor of sherry. Evidently sherry-cobblers were in order. Shocking!

In your last issue, you make me say "Dr. Drummer." It should have been "Der Drummer"—quoting Curtis in "Sam of Posen."

In a pamphlet of ten pages, Mr. Sweeney makes a second appeal to the "citizens of Enfield and vicinity," asking their cooperation and support, in "the speedy erection of an Academy in our town for the higher education of our children."

He tells them that, because they have failed so often in the endeavor to found a good school, is no reason why they should lose all interest, and despair of ever establishing the academy. He repeats the common idea that, on account of the locality a school cannot thrive here, and asks—what benefit is derived from the schools in higher latitudes when vacations are spent at home during the "sickly season," so called. Read the pamphlet.

The most disagreeable and abominable thing I know is the whistle on engine 39, and it is the source of more oaths and execrations. It is suggestive of everything horrible. Unclearly and bloodcurdling, it makes ones flesh creep and chills the marrow in our bones, specially at the midnight hour. From the plaintive wail of the young infant to a cry of intensest agony—from the gentle cooing of a dove to a helpless cry of despair, and from the murmurs of distant lamentation and woe, to the heart-rending shriek of painful, sudden death. It is "awfully" awful.

The engineer knows how to play on it, and I verily believe takes a savage delight in doing so.

"I wish that d——n thing would bust," is as familiar as the whistle.

MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS!!! Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold every where. 25 cents a bottle.

Carraway's Liver Pills sell for 25 cents per box. All Druggists have them.

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Vine Hill Male Academy.
At the last meeting of the board of Trustees the time of opening this school was changed from the first Monday in August to the first Monday in September. In consequence the next session will begin on

Monday, the 4th of September, and continue forty weeks.

This change was very desirable, since it insures the health of the students, and enables us to do good work from the beginning. We propose to do careful and faithful work, and we ask that you will give us your boys. Board may be had under the direct supervision of the principals at \$10.00 per month. Tuition, \$15.00 to \$17.50 per term of five months. Languages, \$15.00 each. One half of tuition due at the middle, the balance at the close of term. For other information, address
W. H. RAGSDALE, A. B.,
Principal.
Scotland Neck, N. C.
Aug. 15, 1882.

Dissolution Notice.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.—In the Superior Court,
Halifax County.

William Scott
Against
Jane Scott.

In this action the plaintiff seeks a divorce from the defendant and it appearing by affidavit in the cause that the defendant cannot, after due diligence, be found in the State.

It is ordered that publication be made once a week for six weeks successive in THE COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in the town of Scotland Neck, notifying the defendant to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Halifax at the Court House on the third Monday in September, 1882, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint or judgment will be rendered according to the relief demanded therein.

Witness, John T. Gregory, Clerk of said Court at its office in Halifax under seal of said Court, this 7th day of August, 1882.
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Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Peter Forbes late of Halifax county, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against him, to present the same to me duly authenticated on or before the 1st day of July 1883.

Persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and save cost of suit.
Enfield N. C. R. B. BRITT,
June 1st, 1882. Adm'r &c.

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