

THE COMMONWEALTH.
Thursday, Feb. 1, 1883.
Local Items.

Eggs 15 cents.
Cotton 8 1/2 cents.
J. Nicholls & Bro's Red C. Oil
Improvement is still the watch-
word of our town.
In passing J. Nicholls & Bro's
not fail to call and "take a PUNCH,"
mean a Cigar.
Mr. L. S. Wood, Newberne, N.
says: "I have found Brown's Iron
an excellent tonic and appetizer."
We have decided not to order
turtles from Weldon to macadamize
streets, as some of the mud has disap-
peared.
The Sheriff of Halifax county
settled the State tax of the county,
as the forty-third to make his set-
tles.
What is the legislature doing?
The only question of State interest at
the moment. We refer our readers to our
report of this body for an answer.
One of our young sports says
he killed 64 rabbits in one day last
week. They were too many for his gun.
He just "slayed 'em" with the
bullet.
Read the new advertisement of
Williams & Co. in to-day's paper.
It may be purchased from this house
or at any wholesale northern
store.
A fresh lot of choice Cigars just
received at Bryan & Whitehead's Drug
Store from the manufacturers. If
you will smoke them always
read.
The Scotland Neck COMMON-
WEALTH, since E. E. Hilliard has taken
of it, is improved in every par-
ticular. Bro. Oldham.
When weddings are ripe lights
are kind. Call on J. Nicholls & Bro.,
mean candidates to buy your
wedding. They have just received a large
and handsome supply.
That was it that was heard a
few days ago at the front door from a
"irrevocably pierced by Cupid's
arrow," "Be careful, boys," "the very walls
are ears at times."
We understand that while Mr.
Nevill near Entfield was returning
on last Saturday, his horse took
and ran home, throwing him against
a building and killing him instantly.
The Scotland Neck COMMON-
WEALTH's head is level on the subject of
the internal taxes. —Will-
son Morning Star.
We appreciate very much remarks
from such a source.
We call attention to the notice
of resolution of the firm of Edward
Shields & Co. Mr. Shields announces
that he will continue the business and
we are sure his friends will be glad to
do so.
We learn from one of our ex-
posed that, in a quiet way, one of our
boys was married a few days ago.
"About it, 'Bome?" Did you forget
we promised you a local, but where
do we locate you?
We made a mistake last week in
notice of the debaters at the Anniver-
sary of Wake Forest. Mr. Jenkins and
Marshall will discuss the Aff, instead
of Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Austin as we sta-
tioned in our last issue.
In to-day's issue appears the pro-
clamation of the Governor, offering \$200
reward for the apprehension and deliv-
ery of the murderer of the late
Governor. Description is given
of the proclamation.
Elsewhere we print the resolu-
tions of respect from the Agricultural
Club at Entfield, relative to the death
of Mr. Branch. We failed to receive them
in time to publish them last week. We
offer sympathies to bereaved ones.
We call attention to the commu-
nication on our first page entitled "Old
and Celebrities." Mr. Osborne is one
of the best writers in the State of his age,
and these pieces will be continued from week
to week and will possess rare literary
value.
The New South, published at
Wilmington by Mr. E. A. Oldham, has
suspended. The press generally will re-
spectfully; for Mr. Oldham's paper was a
pleasant visitor, and its publication,
though short, reflects much credit upon
its editor.
Can not some one let a horse
run away or a mule kick some one so
that we can try our hand on writing up
such accidents? No matter, however, we
are crowded for space—so many things
appear worthy of journalistic record that
almost induces us to issue an extra.
Our county commissioners meet
next week. Dr. W. R. Wood of this
county, who has always shown so much
interest in State affairs, is always on hand,
looking to the welfare of his country,
and men at all times do credit to what
position they are called upon to fill.
The mail through the country
from here to Halifax which is run tri-
weekly is a "dead-failure." Happening
to be at the office when this mail arrived
a few nights since, we had some curiosity
inquire as to the amount of matter re-
ceived. We were creditably informed
that it had in fact brought ONE LETTER
which was not much to the public, how-
ever important and precious to the lucky
recipient. Our post-master informed us
that this was a large mail for this line
of since we have Railroad transporta-

—Don't thou love life?—Then do
not squander valuable time, for that is the
stuff life is made of—but procure at once
a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for
your Cough and be cured. Your druggist
keeps it.
—The present tendency is to spell
according to sound. As a proof we pub-
lish the following note received by a
friend in town a few days ago:
"Kum 2 C me."
Respekfullu,
—"Law-breakers" have not quite
played yet. One of our townsmen tells
us how one of his correspondents had his
ardor cooled; for he says that after he
wrote "his girl" a—well no word can ex-
press the sweetness, he received from her
a "don't-care-if-you-do-have-the-brain-
fever-and-die-letter." Come, "knights
of the quill," can you beat that?
—The Musicals at the residence of
Mr. W. H. Shields on last Tuesday night,
was one of the pleasantest of the season.
Really "weariness seemed all a dream
and life nothing but pleasure" to those
present. The spacious parlor was entire-
ly filled and the occasion will long be re-
membered by those present as one of the
enjoyments of life. Would that we had the
opportunity of attending one all the time.
—The following dialogue took
place between one of our merchants and a
colored customer the other day.
Customer: "Boss, is ye got any hoss
ye'd sell me?"
Merchant: "Yes, sir, I always keep
them on hand—any kind you want. How
much can you pay for a horse?"
Customer: "Well, Boss, I hain't got
no money now, ye can take my no—"
Merchant: "Some of the horses are
sick and will not do to sell just now!"
—We have noticed the following
questions:
Small boy to papa:
"Papa, when you kill a cow it makes
bacon; when you kill a hog it makes
mutton, but what does it make when you
kill a goat?" Some one answer, but
don't all answer at once.
—Owing to a press of business the
editor of this paper asked a friend to write
a few locals while he was preparing for
the Sabbath. After a continued, labori-
ous, and over exerted mental effort he
wrote, "I am busted," and retired to
dream of the days when he too would
be able to fill such a chair. Please ask no
questions as this friend is anxious that
his name should not be made public un-
til he has had another chance at this de-
lightful employment.
Second attempt—Question by friend:
"Do you notice ladies when they visit
this place?"
Editor: "Always, sir."
Friend: "Well, I UNDERSTOOD there
was one over here at the Calisthenic exer-
cises the other night from Petersburg."
Editor: "We have noticed her arrival
some weeks ago."
Friend: (after meditating long enough
to have filled a small sheet) "I 'clare I'm
busted ag'in."
We offer our congratulations, and
would quote for his benefit the trite,
though true lines:
"If at first you don't succeed
Try, try again."
—The Calisthenic exercises were
held in Vine Hill Female Academy on
last Friday night. An extended and well
selected programme had been arranged
for the occasion.
The halls were filled, the gallery
crowded, and the exercises were highly
interesting to all present. The training
of the girls, including the very smallest,
bespeaks for the teachers of this institu-
tion the perfect satisfaction of all their
patrons. No one who witnesses these
exhibitions can fail to see that the teach-
ers are eminently qualified for thorough
teaching; and that they spare no effort in
their work, both in caring for the smaller
girls and in preparing young ladies for
higher institutions. The influence of
these schools, both male and female, can
hardly be estimated. We recently heard
the President of one of the leading col-
leges in the State say that "Vine Hill
Academy is doing more for higher educa-
tion than any similar institution in the
State."
There are at present no less than twenty
students in the several colleges of North
Carolina who were prepared for college
at this institution. It can also be said
for this school, that it prepared some who
now occupy honored positions in the
councils of the nation.
It can also boast that it has trained fa-
thers who have trained sons, to become
the first educators of the land, and in
confirmation of this, we can say that the
father of the honored and beloved Presi-
dent of the University, Kemp P. Battle,
was once a student of this Academy.
There are many boys in this vicinity
who have talents which ought to be cul-
tivated. Times are hard we know. We
fear that parents may become too mindful
of this, and forget their duty. If you have
anything to give your boys or girls, put
it in their heads and not in their pockets;
for this is by far the best estate. We
cannot conscientiously fail to commend
this school not only to our own people,
but to the State at large.

His inscrutable wisdom, has seen fit to
remove from our midst our esteemed
friend and fellow member, GEORGE W.
BRANCH, who departed this life at his
residence on Sunday the 21st day of Jan-
uary, 1883;
Resolved, 1. That while we bow in
submission to the infinite goodness and
wisdom of our Creator, yet we feel most
poignantly the sad blow that has been
inflicted upon us as a Club.
Resolved, 2. That in his death we have
lost one of our most esteemed and useful
members.
Resolved, 3. That we have been called
on to mourn the loss of one whose very
impulse was that of friend and brother to
our institution.
Resolved, 4. That we feel more sensi-
bly this sad affliction, because at his
death he was President of the Club.
Resolved, 5. That not only the Entfield
Agricultural Club feels this sad bereave-
ment, but also the entire community,
of which he was a useful and charitable
member.
Resolved, 6. That in his death his fam-
ily has sustained an irreparable loss, and
in its circle a void has been made which
can not be filled.
Resolved, 7. That a copy of these resolu-
tions be published in the "Roanoke
News" and in THE COMMONWEALTH;
that a copy be sent to the family of the
deceased, and that they also be spread
upon our minutes.
PERSONAL.
Messrs. Noah Biggs and N. B. Josey
left for Norfolk last Monday.
Miss Bessie Flanner, of Newberne, is
visiting Mrs. R. C. Josey and Miss Min-
nie Edmondson.
Our young friend, H. S. Hyman of Ham-
ilton, spent last Sunday in town. Glad
to see him among us and looking so well.
Mr. John W. Wood, son of our townsmen,
Dr. W. R. Wood, has returned home.
He has been at the U. S. Naval
Academy for the last two and a half years.
He resigned to engage in the study of
law. He will remain at home until next
September, at which time he will enter
the law school of our University and take
his degree. We welcome him back
among his many friends, and predict for
him a bright future in the profession of
his choice.
—Rev. W. P. Blake, of Weldon,
N. C., has been appointed by the
Home Mission Board, of Atlanta,
Ga., the successor of Dr. H. F.
Buckner as a missionary to the
Indians. Several years ago brother
Blake came to us from a distant
State, and has proved himself an
earnest laborer, a good preacher,
and a most consecrated servant of
the Lord. Possessing these quali-
fications, as he does in a rare degree,
possibly no worthier brother could
have been secured to take the place
occupied so long by the lamented
Buckner. For some time brother
Blake has expressed a desire to en-
gage in missionary work of this kind,
little dreaming that he would so
soon be called upon to succeed one
so good and great as his predecessor.
We yield to this call as we
would to no other. The Tar River
Association can ill afford to do with-
out the devoted pastor of the Weldon
church but this seems to be a voice
to which none should object. —*Bil-
lited Recorder.*
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my power to please them.
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Jan. 29, 1883, 22—1f.
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sale in this town. Some of them
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