

Here and Thereabouts.

Rain! Rain! Runaways are becoming less frequent now. Why can not Scotland Neck have a Bank? The Plant says crops are good in its section. Over the country the corn crop seems to be a little short. Mr. Willie White, who has been sick in Palmyra, is well. Mr. Walter Dunn is sick - he is having chills and fever. Panicle Enter price says the crops in that section are sorry. Mr. W. H. Smith and Family are at the Alpine for the summer. Mr. E. B. Higgs is still sick, we hope he will be up in a few days. Mrs. Carey Josey is still confined to her room with sickness. Mrs. L. W. Bagley is visiting her sister Mrs. N. B. Josey. The Smithfield Herald says the corn crop is short in that section. Rev. Mr. Dowell attended the Baptist Union meeting at Littleton. Rev. P. D. Gold was in town Tuesday at Mr. J. C. Pittman's. Mr. Bryant and Lady, of Hamilton passed through Scotland Neck Monday afternoon on their way home. Last week Mr. L. J. Deberry lost, by death, a good horse valued at \$150. Mr. W. T. Whitehead left for Richmond Monday morning. Mr. Baird's family left Saturday for Petersburg for a visit with relatives. El Mahdi is dead. He died of the small pox. He should have been vaccinated. Mr. Balfour Dunn was taken quite sick last Thursday morning but he is quite well now. The melon crop of this section is almost a complete failure. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pittman and Mrs. Ruffin have returned from Lananea Springs. Capt. Shotwell, of Raleigh, is about to determine to keep the name Farmer and Mechanic to his paper. The Wilmington Review says lightning last week demolished the storehouse of Mr. McNair, of Laurel Hill. Messrs. Lee Dunn and Claud Kitchin who went to Littleton last week through the country have returned. The Goldsboro Argus tells of a stone to go in the Bank Building there which cost fifty dollars to get on the cars. There is said to be a baby twelve months old in Rockingham county that weighs over 100 lbs. Messrs. Henry Futrell, Charlton Pope, Albert Pope and Asa Pope attend the meeting of the Baptists at Littleton last week. The Warrenton Gazette is thirteen years old. It is a weekly newspaper of merit and may it live many more "thirteen years." The Gold Leaf says that though the season is dry and unfavorable still the tobacco breaks are heavy and prices are satisfactory. We have had plenty of rain now, and crops are booming. A good cotton crop is hoped for while the corn crop it is thought will be short. Mr. Brown and family, of Tarboro, have moved to Scotland Neck. Mr. Brown lost his store in the big fire at Tarboro last winter. Why do not the business men of our town take steps for a bank? If they will start it we will venture that capitalists from cities will gladly take stock in it. Joe Pugh, colored, was tried Monday before Justice White for stealing a beef two years ago from Mr. Howard. He was bound over for next court. Mr. Jake Higgs, who has been in Greenville about two years is at his home. He came on account of Mr. E. B. Higgs' sickness. We were glad to see him. The following from Scotland Neck attended the Union Meeting at Littleton: Rev. J. D. Huffman, Messrs. S. W. Edwards, R. R. Owens, B. D. Gray, W. H. Kitchin, Noah Biggs and Miss Annie Biggs. Mr. A. C. Peterson went to Wilmington last week for a little rest, while there he helped kill a shark which weighed four hundred pounds. Now he has returned and his partner Mr. A. S. Peterson is down on the seacoast. Such is the excellence of the growing crops that no two men meet these days without discussing them. The only complaint is the corn and the gardens need rain. They say it is hot weather. Last week Willie Bradley shot at Mr. Fed Whitehead. Bradley had been cutting up right disagreeably and this fact was at the bottom of the shooting. We learn that part of Mr. Whitehead's whiskers were singed by the firing of the pistol. It was a narrow escape. Bradley, it is thought has left the county. I here by Give Notice To the Public that I am prepared, to Doe any Man's sick horse Good If not care him. I all so offer my service, as being A Horse Doctor, and also for snake Bites. I warrant and Guarantee to cure any snake Bite providing I can get to the patient in 24 hours after beneing Bitten on human or Dum beast any one should want my Services will find me Living in the Town of Roxobel N. C. The above is a notice placed in a public place by an M. D. in an adjoining county. A gentleman handed this to us, he seized it.

Mrs. J. C. Randolph and Misses Lulu Randolph and Pattie Cotten and Mr. J. H. Lewis and Lady attended the Baptist Union meeting held last week in Littleton. Prof. F. P. Hobbgood, of Oxford, spent Tuesday in town. He came from the Littleton meeting. It is well known that Oxford Female Seminary, under his control, is one of the best schools for young ladies in the South. We understand that Capt. Hassard-Short has bought the interest of Mr. J. R. Herring of the firm, Herring & Cotten, and that Capt. Hassard-Short and Mr. James Cotten will continue the business at the same place. Weather Report for week ending July 11th, 1885. Highest Thermometer 95 degrees. Lowest 72. Amount of rain fall 1.70 inches. For the last ten days the Mercury has ranged from 90 to 95 except on the 23d and 24th. Prof. E. E. Hilliard, who has been in the mountains and at his home during this much of the summer has returned, looking as well as ever. Our readers remember well his Black mountain letters. We hope he will give an account of his time since he left the mountains to our readers. Last Monday just before sunset we had a big rain, but we noticed and called the attention of several gentlemen to it that it was raining heavily on the west of the town and also on the east at the same time and not a bit along Main St. It seemed that this street divided the cloud for it was raining considerably on both sides. Scotland Neck can almost be called a Summer Resort and if judged by the health of the community, it can be. Mr. Adams has moved his family to town for the summer, so has Mr. Brown. As we said in last issue Mrs. Dr. Thompson and her charming daughter, from New Orleans will spend part of the summer here. We learn also that Mr. Butterworth and several others have engaged rooms for the summer. Miss Maud Grimmer, of Gilmer, Texas, who has been in this place a few months making Mr. D. Edmondson's her home, has returned. We hope her happy trip. Miss Maud has won the esteem of all whom she has met while here and all who know her sincerely regret her departure, and while away in another state she will doubtless remember many happy hours spent in our town, and our people will remember her charming face and graceful manners with pleasure. No one else ever has enjoyed so universal friendship and esteem. This place was once her home, her family having moved to Texas several years ago when she was quite young. A Supper. Last Thursday night the young ladies and young gentlemen of Scotland Neck were invited over to Mrs. W. D. Joyner's to an Ice Cream supper complimentary to Miss Maud Grimmer, of Gilmer, Texas. Something was said of dancing but after getting there, and knowing for a certainty that Miss Maud was going to leave so soon, no one felt like dancing. For an Ice Cream supper it could not have been better. The table was fixed with taste. But how could it have been otherwise, with such a charming young lady at the head. No doubt the one the supper was complimentary to enjoyed it. She seemed to. No doubt she dreaded bidding Miss Bettie good-bye. But the best of friends must part sooner or later. The Ice Cream supper will long be remembered, also the complimented one. I heard that nice expressions of sorrow uttered by sincere and truthful lips; sorrow that none but friends can express. We know not of a young lady that has ever visited Scotland Neck, and leaving, left so many friends. Everybody seems to regret her departure so soon. We hope she has had a pleasant trip. We know she has made it pleasant every where she has been. Now, we must with sorrow bid her good-bye, hoping her a safe and pleasant trip to her home, Gilmer, Texas. Home Items. 1000 WINTER CABBAGE Plants for sale by J. Y. SAVAGE. FOR SALE my two year old Jersey Bull "Emulation", his color steel gray. He has been pronounced by competent judges, by men who have attended the cattle shows in this state, to be the finest bull in this state. I have his full pedigree. Call and See him. NOAH BIGGS. DONT FORGET that I deliver Ice on Sundays from 8 to 9 o'clock a. m. only. G. W. BRYAN. Milk, Claret, and Whisky Punches, Mint Juleps, Sherry Cobbblers, Lemonade, &c. &c., at K. Alsbrook's. Little Cooke beats the town making them. Try one. The Monarch Grain and Seed Fan and Bagger. Call and see it. For sale by J. H. Lawrence. The "All Right" Self Feed Cutter. The best in use. For sale by J. H. Lawrence. Try a bbl. Stern's roller patent flour. Finest wines brandies whiskeys at Harris' that can be found anywhere. Give him a call and satisfy yourself. N. B. Josey & Co have a large and well selected stock of Lawns which they are selling cheaper than before. Prices from 10 to 15 cents. Now is the time to buy Bargains at Stern's. I have in store a cargo of Ice. Will deliver in town daily, except Sundays. Special Contracts made for large quantities. G. W. BRYAN. Bring your BEESWAX to Stern's. Sangarees Juleps Cold ICE LEMONADE. all in the best style. Ladies remember that N. B. Josey & Co's is the place to buy your dress goods white goods Lawns &c. Car load of cook stoves just received at Stern's. We still have a large and handsome stock of white goods which we are now offering very small profit N. B. Josey & Co. To get the Best and Cheapest Flour, the best Flour, the best Corn Meal and the best leather-collars in the market, go to W. H. Kitchin's. Everything sold cheap at Stern's.

NEXT FAIR. We are in receipt of a copy of the premium list and regulation- of the twenty-fifth annual fair of the North Carolina State Agricultural Society, to be held at Raleigh October 12-17 inclusive. The whole number of premiums offered is 724, aggregating over \$6,000, divided into fifty-four classes. Some of the more important premiums are as follows: COTTON- Aggregate cash premiums \$180, to which are added special premiums amounting to \$197, making cotton premiums \$377. TOBACCO- Cash premiums \$225, special for tobacco \$50; also two gold medals and four diplomas. WHEAT- Cash premiums \$65; special \$7.00. For corn, oats, rye, rice, field peas, ground peas, hay, garden crops, &c., &c., the premiums range from \$25 to \$100 each. CATTLE- In this department the premiums are especially liberal, amounting to \$1,044, divided among the breeds of Jerseys, Guerneys, Devons, Ayrshires, Short Horns, Holsteins and Grades or Natives. HORSES- The premiums in this department are also very handsome, aggregating \$995. This does not include the amount offered for trials of speed. SHEEP, SWINE, &c.- In this department the premiums are also liberal, and will no doubt insure a good exhibit in these departments. POULTRY- In this department the premiums are quite liberal, aggregating over \$150. In the departments of Orchard Products, Pantry supplies, &c., &c., the premiums are good. We note butter, to which have been added some special premiums for second and third best. In the department for manufactures, we note liberal cash premiums. Good cash premiums are offered for carriages, buggies, cabinet work, leather, textiles, carpentry, &c., also gold medals for best displays of carriages and for best display of farm wagons. In the department for ladies' work the cash premiums are quite good, as also those for the department of fine arts. Under the heading of "Special Premiums" following are noted special premiums: For the best oil painting, subject to be North Carolina scenery, picture to be not less than 24x36 inches, open, to all artists, \$50, in addition to which the successful competitor will be presented with a handsome picture frame, made to correspond with painting, value \$15. For best water color painting, any subject, \$25. For best crayon drawing, any subject, by a girl under 14 years of age \$15. For the best crayon drawing, any subject or any pupil in any school in North Carolina the map drawn to be of the county of which the teacher or pupil is a resident, and on a scale of one inch to the mile, a copy of Webster's unabridged dictionary, value \$13, donated by G. & C. Merriam, publishers, Springfield, Mass. These premiums will attract the attention of our female schools, and a lively competition may be expected. Under the machinery head, premiums as usual are very good. We note for the best display of agricultural implements \$50 and diplomas. In the department of Trials of Speed, a number of provisions have been inserted, which will guard that department from some of the impositions heretofore practiced; and under the judicious management of the gentlemen who have this department in charge we may expect some specially fine racing, without the attending objections that have at some former fairs prevailed. Take it all in all, it is an admirable arranged premium list, and one that we believe will meet with almost universal endorsement. Persons wishing a copy of the premium list can obtain it by writing to the Secretary of the Society at Raleigh. Our rates for advertising are very liberal, which will be made known on application.

I HAVE fitted up a nice place between my shop and Alsbrook's saloon for the purpose of keeping ice. I will always have a supply on hand, and will sell at all times in such quantities as the purchaser may desire, from one pound up, and as cheap as any ice dealer in town. Soliciting your patronage, I will always try to retain your confidence by giving good weight, and a superior quality of ice. Give me your patronage. D. WHITEHEAD, July 20, 1885. I have just received a nice lot of Ladies' fine dress goods. W. H. KITCHIN. The cheapest cash store in town F. Stern. Buy 'Best in the World' flour at N. B. Josey & Co's. Buy your goods cheap for cash at F. Stern's. Fine Farm for sale, situated two miles from the town of Scotland Neck. Contains four hundred acres—Seventy acres cleared, remainder in woods easy to clear. Good house, good water, fine young orchard—Terms one fifth cash balance on long time. For full particulars apply to NOAH BIGGS. BARGAINS IN MILLINERY!! Miss Burnette is now offering her entire stock of Millinery at very reduced rates. Call and see her at N. B. Josey & Co's while she has a nice assortment from which to select. Highest market price paid for Hides at Stern's. 4800 yards of Calico just received at W. H. KITCHIN'S. The best and largest stock of gents Straw Hats in town at N. B. Josey & Co's. Call at Stern's and see some Bargains offered at Stern's. A good supply of oiled rye on hand and for sale by J. H. Lawrence. Rev. Mr. Hilton preached at Hamilton Sunday, he returned to Scotland Neck Tuesday. We are sorry to hear that Dr. Batts of Edgecombe county is dead, and also the wife of Mr. Joseph Savage, of Tarboro. On a certain farm near town it is a daily sight during the working days to see an old colored woman plowing a steer. The steer is very combative and therefore the old woman turns a cotton basket over his head and fastens it to his collar which consists of several old news-papers, socks, pants and a piece of bagging. Rev. Mr. Enbank's, of Georgia preached at Kehukee Tuesday morning. The Recorder has it "Prof. J. M. Hilliard of Vine Hill Academy." NOTICE. We, the undersigned, as stockholders in the Democrat stock company, formed February 19, 1885, and under which name The Democrat has been published ever since, have sold the entire stock, with claims for and against the DEMOCRAT, to W. H. Kitchin, who was one of the original stock holders. The DEMOCRAT, therefore, is no longer under our control as a company, but under his individually, and we hereby signify our withdrawal from the company through his purchase The Democrat. We heartily recommend the paper to the public bespeaking for it that prestige which is due its able management and editorial ability. E. E. HILLIARD, N. B. JOSEY & CO. NOAH BIGGS, W. A. DUNN. Having sold my interest in the DEMOCRAT Stock Company, as announced in a card elsewhere, I sever my connection with this issue, as manager of THE DEMOCRAT. E. E. HILLIARD. During a thunder storm on Friday night, July 10th, Washington Scarborough and wife, of Big Kinnakeet, were struck by lightning and instantly killed. It seems that they with their children, two of whom occupied the same bed with them had retired to rest for the night, and were wrapped in sleep when the lightning struck the end of the house and passed down killing father and mother instantaneously, and leaving the children unhurt. In the morning when the lifeless bodies were discovered by the neighbors, the mother was holding the youngest child, a mere baby, in loving embrace. Death had summoned the mother to the other shore without waking the child. Husband and wife were buried together, both encased in the same coffin. They had trod the path of life together and both been summoned to appear before the Omnipotent at the same instant. As in life so in death they were not separated. Mr. Scarborough was about 35 years of age, and a member of the Kinnakeet Life-Saving Station. He leaves five children all under twelve years of age, almost entirely unprotected. —E. City Fulcon. Messrs. J. N. Maffitt and J. A. Corbett were fishing outside in a pilot boat, three or four miles from the rocks, yesterday, when they discovered a large shark. They commenced firing upon the monster with a rifle and succeeded in killing him upon the twelfth charge. Upon examination he was found to be what is known as a tiger shark a native of the coast of South America. His sharkship was ten feet long and five feet in circumference, and weighed four hundred pounds. It took the united strength of five men to get him into a boat. The Passport brought up the victors and the vanquished yesterday afternoon. We learn that the shark will be skinned and his hide tanned. —Star. The drought has injured all the crops, even the fruit.—T. R. Talker

Near Cherryville, in Lincoln County, a few days ago, Mr. Chas. Beam had the misfortune to get his house burned and many valuables destroyed. The loss amounted to about \$900. Editors, as a general thing are not easily "killed out." The profession, which is attended with hard living and great tribulations, makes them able to overcome the dosing of the average physician.—Keraville News. When a boy has new clothes he is afraid to meet his companions for fear of being ridiculed. But when a girl steps out in new garments she makes it a point to go where her acquaintances may see and envy her.—Wilson Mirror. It is reported that during the storm on Wednesday night, the lightning struck a tree, some two miles from Apex, under which Albert Merritt and another colored man were seated, instantly killing the former and stunning the latter.—News Observer. The Scotland Neck DEMOCRAT and the Wilson Advance are having quite a spirited, but friendly controversy in regard to the old Jacksonian Democratic policy—"To the victor's belong the spoils." This was taught us some years ago by the Rads., when we were kicked out of the postoffice at Harrellsville, and a miserable, unprincipled negro appointed over us and like most things learned young, it is lasting and unchanging. The DEMOCRAT is right. We have advocated since the election of Cleveland a clean sweep and we shall never be satisfied until the Democrats inherit the land which they have so long and so nobly fought for.—Albermarle Enquirer. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. —SUBSCRIBE— FOR THE DEMOCRAT. \$1.50 A YEAR. A Weekly that is just what its name implies. Situated in the healthiest section of our State. Scotland Neck is acknowledged to be the Garden Spot of Eastern North Carolina, long noted for its high social, moral, intellectual and religious parts. A rich cotton, corn and general farming country surrounds it. The DEMOCRAT proposes to give this section and its people a fair showing to others, to lay open to the public its merits. We propose also to be democratic in all our opinions and we shall fearlessly express them. We shall UPHOLD THE RIGHT with all our might. We belong to no clique, nor clan. We are the people's paper, and shall honestly represent their views, their wishes, and their sentiments as far as we can. Economy is the corner-stone of National Prosperity. We oppose such things as the Blair Bill, the manner of collecting Internal Revenue, Protective Tariff Bills, useless public expense, Corruption, Free Tuition at our University, &c. —SUBSCRIBE FOR THE— DEMOCRAT and learn all about it, its views, this section, &c., and see if you do not find us an outspoken, fearless, Democratic, weekly newspaper. —TRY US.—

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