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LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1896.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcement to Merchants.

To the Merchants of Eastern North Carolina:

We announce that we are now ready to fill your orders for mattresses, having a large stock on hand, and all made in the latest Boston shape. We are the largest manufacturers in the State, and do claim to give you the best Double Cotton Top Mattress, in fancy and plain blue ticking, ever offered before. We have special freight arrangements to all points. Orders filled the day they are received. Order early, as they will be higher.

Very truly,
Halifax, N. C. HALE BROS.

Heaters Below Cost.

Before you buy a Stove or Wilson Heater be sure to call on us as we are closing them out at less than cost.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO
Cranberries for Christmas at M. C. Cooke's 10c a quart.

Fresh Oysters at M. C. Cooke's. Send in your Christmas orders early.

Christmas Goods.

We invite the public attention to our superb line of Christmas goods. Nothing even approaching our stock in these goods has ever been seen in Scotland Neck before. The prettiest things and the most of them can be found at our store ever seen in the town before; and it will take less money than ever before to buy them also.

If you have much money to spend you can save a good per cent. on it by purchasing from us, and if you have only a little to spend you can get more useful and pretty things for it with us than anywhere else.

E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO.

I have a Christmas supply of Raisins, Fruits and Citron. Seedless Raisins 15c. per pound. Other Raisins 10c. N. B. JOSEY.

Horses and Mules.

I shall have a car load of young horses and mules in Scotland Neck by Dec. 23rd, and will sell them at prices to suit the times. Bargains for all who wish to purchase. J. R. TILLERY.

For Sale.

500,000 cabbage plants from Peter Henderson's and George Tate & Sons' seeds—best and earliest varieties. N. B. DAWSON, Conetoe, N. C.

Situation Wanted.

Situation wanted as salesman or book-keeper. Ten years experience as salesman and three years as book-keeper. D. P. HASKITT, Palmyra, N. C.

Horses! Horses!!

We have just received a new lot of horses. Come early and get your pick. MORRESETT & SON.

Land Posted.

I hereby give notice that my land known as the William Black land, bounded by the lands of J. G. Shields, J. P. Ware and White's mill pond, is posted, and all persons are forbidden to hunt with dog or gun, or otherwise trespass on the same under penalty of law. R. G. DENNIS, Per F. P. SHIELDS, ATTY.

Sweet Home-Made Flour.

I have a quantity of flour from home made wheat for sale. Made by the roller mills of Dr. R. D. Merrimack of Warrenton. F. P. SHIELDS.

Good Home For Rent.

The Miss Pattie McDowell property in Greenwood on which Mrs. Rashbery now lives. Good house and garden. All in good repair. Six acres of land adjacent which will be rented with the house and garden, or separately. Also a small two-room house on corner of lot which may be rented separately from the other property. Apply to editor of THE COMMONWEALTH.

Bargains at Grady's.

When you go to Halifax call on L. G. Grady for anything you need in jewelry or repairing of watches and clocks. Also you can get the best bargains in Millinery there.

Cotton Seed Wanted.

I will pay highest cash prices for 15,000 Bushels of Cotton Seed. Also I have meal and hulls for sale cheap. R. J. MADRY, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Full line of Warner's Corsets. N. B. JOSEY
Special Inducements offered on Dress Goods. N. B. JOSEY.

THE SOCIAL SWIM.

Coming and Going Every Week.

Mr. Paul V. Tillery, of Tillery, was here Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Tillery, of Tillery, spent Sunday night in town.

Mr. Jas. L. Josey has moved into his new residence at the North end of church street.

Miss Annie Howell of Tillery has been visiting Miss Amelia Harrell recently.

Mrs. D. M. Prince went to Goldsboro last week to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Bettie Davis of Tarboro has been on a visit several days to Miss Amelia Harrell.

Mr. D. O. Camp of Skippers V. A. was in town last week visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T. Lawrence.

Mr. S. T. Gray of Edgecombe was in town Saturday and Sunday visiting his relatives.

Col. T. C. McIlhenny of Wilmington spent a night here last week with his son Mr. J. K. McIlhenny.

Mr. J. K. McIlhenny went to Weldon last week to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law Mr. N. M. Lockhart.

Mrs. Perry, relict of the late James F. Perry after several weeks' visit to the family of her father-in-law, Mr. J. A. Perry, of this place returned to her home in Wilmington last week.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH left Monday for several points in Wake and Harnett counties. He is away on a business trip and will stop at Wake Forest, Raleigh and Cary, and a day or two at his old home in Harnett.

Imprisonments from Criminal Court.

The following imprisonments were the result of the crowded docket of the Criminal court last week:

Paul Adams for assault and battery. Pleading guilty and was sentenced 30 days in county jail.

Roger Hockaday, convicted of larceny and was sent to the State prison one year.

Jim Makie, pleaded guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to four months in jail.

Alonzo Moore pleaded guilty of larceny and was sent to State prison one year.

Andrew Carter pleaded guilty of larceny and was sentenced to State prison one year.

George Crawford pleaded guilty of an affray and was sent to jail for 30 days.

Riddick Branch, charged with murder, pleaded guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to the State prison for ten years.

Walter Henderson pleaded guilty of resisting an officer and was sent to jail 3 months.

Richard Shearin pleaded guilty of larceny and was sent to State prison one year.

Virgil Lockhart was convicted for larceny and was sentenced to the State prison one year.

Joseph Bates was convicted of assault and battery and was sentenced to jail 6 months.

Alexander Holloway was convicted of damage to property and was sent to jail 3 months.

Charles Jones pleaded guilty of house-breaking and was sent to jail 3 months.

William Frazier pleaded guilty of gambling and was sentenced to 6 months in jail.

Of the 113 cases before the court there were only two or three acquittals. Many cases were disposed of by suspending judgment on payment of cost; but the cost in some of them was very heavy. Quite a number of cases were continued.

List of New Magistrates.

Following is a list of the new magistrates of the County who qualified the first Monday in December, by townships:

Brinkleyville—B. Y. Harris, col., H. J. Hewlin, col. Butterwood—A. E. Carter, Henry N. Clark, A. L. Alston, col. Conocanary—J. M. Pittman, col., S. P. Shields, col. Austin Tillery, col. Enfield—R. W. Wilkins, J. B. Hunter, A. B. Meacham, col. Faucetts—W. C. Powell, W. P. Walker, Robt. Robinson, col. Halifax—J. A. Pope, L. H. Jones, col. Willis Pierce, col. Littleton—W. M. M. Martin, W. E. Fletcher, Matthew Martin. Palmyra—J. G. Cain, H. L. James, Alfred Moore. Scotland Neck—Collin Gray, Isaac Evans, col. Weldon—J. J. R. Shaw, col. W. C. Hill, col., J. H. Pearson.

Township Constables.

Following is a list of the township constables in the county who have given bond:

S. A. Hux—Faucett's township; H. G. Jenkins (colored)—Weldon township; Moses Williams, (colored)—Halifax township; C. C. Burgess (colored)—Butterwood township; C. B. Harris (colored)—Littleton township; Jackson Oliver (colored)—Enfield township.

Ringling noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing roaring, caused by catarrh. all disappear with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

BRINKLEYVILLE, Dec. 14, 1896.

John Avent, one of our most highly respected colored citizens, met a sudden and most terribly shocking death last Friday afternoon. He was topping trees for Mr. William Sledge, when a large limb caught him, mauling his body, breaking one of his legs and causing almost instant death. He was conscious of the fact that he must die, offered a feeling prayer, sang a hymn and died. His body was lowered from the tree with ropes. He was a shining example to his colored brethren. Honest and hard working and by his industry and frugality he had accumulated right much. If his example were followed the cry of "hard times" among the colored folks would in a large measure be solved.

Mr. E. H. Davis of the Tarrepin section killed a few days ago a hog eleven months and four days old weighing 364 pounds. Who can beat it? Mr. Davis is a conscientious Christian gentleman, and a most excellent farmer and stock raiser.

Services at Harris' Chapel were largely attended on Sunday—regular preaching day. The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree on Christmas night, and in connection with that a most interesting programme of recitations, dialogues, &c. will be rendered. Mr. W. T. Mabry, the efficient Superintendent, is a live Sunday-school man and has special gifts in training children. A rare treat is in store for those who come. All are invited. W.

SPRING HOPE NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

SPRING HOPE, N. C., Dec. 14, '96.

On the night of Nov. 25th Mr. S. R. Wilder of Franklin County and Miss Roxie Barber, of Spring Hope, were married at the home of the bride's father, J. T. Fulford, J. P., officiating. A good deal of tobacco was sold on our market last week. Sellers generally satisfied. Cotton is bringing low prices, yet it continues to come.

Quite a crowd thronged our streets Saturday. Not a drunken man was seen in all the crowd.

An election for stock law or no stock law will be held here on Jan. 19th, 1897, to include about one half of Manning's Township. There is much feeling being manifested both for and against it.

Mr. J. H. A. Edwards has moved in the new store house just completed by Mr. Matthews.

There will be several changes in business circles another year; also there is a prospect now of more than one new firm opening here the first of January. W. H. Griffin has rented the Timberlake building with a view of doing business here. S. M. Wheelock sold his storehouse on north side of Railroad to R. E. Copeland and S. R. Woodard.

Spring Hope is an inviting town to capitalists. It has a vast prosperous country surrounding it. Two saw-mill men were here a few days ago looking around at the timber interest with a view of locating a large saw-mill and planing mill to work timber for northern markets. Our forests afford as fine timber as can be found anywhere in our State.

On Saturday evening Death visited the home of our townsman M. A. Griffin and took from it his infant child about six months old.

NOW & THEN.

And Still They Like It.

That excellent household convenience, the Economy Flour Bin, sold here by Mr. M. F. Brown and his employes, Mess. Carroll, Cox and Hamrick, is growing more popular with the housekeepers. These gentlemen are taking orders from a great many housekeepers and they will soon have them placed in many pantries to the delight of the housewives who have purchased them.

Mr. Brown, the manager, is quite clever and so are his employes. They are prompt in all their business engagements, and all who have had dealings with them since they have been in the community are pleased with them. THE COMMONWEALTH has had personal business with them, and finds them prompt and accurate.

Good Tobacco Sales.

At Burwell and Cole's warehouse in Enfield December 10th the following fine sales of tobacco were made:

For Mr. David Bell,

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 65 pounds @ 6c. | 3.90 |
| 48 " " 12 1/2 | 6.00 |
| 82 " " 14 1/2 | 12.00 |
| 87 " " 17 | 14.79 |
| 42 " " 40 | 16.80 |
| 42 " " 35 | 24.60 |
| 78 " " 22 1/2 | 17.55 |
| 60 " " 10 | 6.00 |
| 52 " " 4.85 | 25.22 |

For Mr. J. H. Parker:

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|---------------|-------|
| 69 pounds @ 4 | 2.76 |
| 119 " " 10 | 11.90 |
| 44 " " 17 | 7.48 |
| 44 " " 40 | 30.00 |
| 78 " " 40 | 31.20 |
| 57 " " 30 | 17.10 |
| 77 " " 40 | 30.80 |
| 76 " " 35 | 26.60 |
| 293 " " 13 | 38.09 |
| 248 " " 6 | 14.88 |

1136 " " \$210.81

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Wanted—An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their plan and list of two hundred inventions.

Death of Mr. N. M. Lockhart.

Mr. N. M. Lockhart died at his home in Weldon Tuesday afternoon of last week, aged 41 years. He had been engaged for the past year copying old records in the Register of Deeds office in Halifax. It was only last June that THE COMMONWEALTH chronicled his happy marriage in Baltimore to Miss Sadie McIlhenny, sister of Mr. J. K. McIlhenny of this place.

Mr. Lockhart was cultured and refined and had many friends and admirers. THE COMMONWEALTH sympathizes with the widow who was but a short time ago a bride, and with other relatives and friends of the deceased.

Commissioner's Meeting—Third Day.

The new Board of county commissioners was still in session when we went to press last week. On Wednesday they were in session for the third day. The following accounts were allowed:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Harrell's Printing House | \$7 15 |
| J R Patterson, conveying pris. | 2 00 |
| J H Fenner, work court house | 1 09 |
| Emry & Pierce, goods | 16 05 |
| A H Green, conveying prisoners | 7 40 |
| T E Vaughan, " " | 2 50 |
| R E King, " " | 2 50 |
| C P Simmons, L R Whitaker, | |
| P Wilkins, recording voters | 13 98 |
| C J Tillery, registering voters | 4 13 |
| W J Warren, W V Bobbitt Chas | |
| James, registering voters | 15 18 |
| R G Reid, jail account | 63 90 |
| C V Andrews, W P White, J W | |
| Parker, registering voters | 10 83 |
| T L Vick, " " | 2 14 |
| A E Carter, tobacco for county | 11 20 |
| W L Staunback, conveying pris | 1 00 |
| R W Patper, burying pauper | 4 00 |
| W R Shaw, janitor's account | 3 75 |
| Robt L Stokes, Norman Keene, | |
| Robt Brinkley, register voters | 12 30 |
| T N Harrison, 3 days as com- | |
| missioner and mileage | 8 50 |
| J H Norman, 3 days as commis- | |
| sioner and mileage | 7 80 |
| C P Anthony, 3 days as commis- | |
| sioner and mileage | 8 50 |
| J P Futrell, 3 days as commis- | |
| sioner and mileage | 8 50 |
| A A White, 3 days as commis- | |
| sioner and mileage | 7 80 |
| Mc M Ferguson, 2 days as clerk | 4 00 |

Mr H J Wood was elected superintendent of the county home at a salary of \$20 per month, same as former superintendent received.

W R Neville was elected janitor at a salary of 75 cents per day, when in actual service.

County attorney E T Clark and chairman T N Harrison were appointed a special committee to ascertain the indebtedness of the county and report at the January meeting of the Board.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones take this method of thanking the people of the town generally for their kindness to them in the illness and death of their little babe. They wish to thus make known their sincere gratitude and appreciate the kind attention shown them in their trouble and bereavement.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Dramatic Club will render the interesting play "Little Ruby" on the evening of Dec. 25. Tickets on sale at E. T. Whitehead & Co's drug store.

Reserved seats 50c., general admission 25c., children 12c. Entertainment will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. Immediately after the play the public are cordially invited to the dining rooms of the Hotel Lawrence, where the ladies of the town will serve an elegant supper.

Many attractive features will be added to make the evening enjoyable. The proceeds will be given to the military company. Everybody come and have a good time and help the boys equip themselves.

Liver Ills

Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work easily and thoroughly.

Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists.

Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Rice's famous Goose Grease Liniment for the cure of all aches and pains, croup, colds, &c. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Wholesale Agents, Scotland Neck, N. C.

And What Else?

Well, we can't mention all our new and pretty Christmas goods, but we call special attention to our fine line of Beautiful Wedding Presents of various kinds, Fine Lamps, Manacles, Fine Chinaware, and a thousand other pretty and useful things which our customers must see to appreciate. In truth, we have the finest display of Christmas goods ever shown here, and we have put them down at such prices as will sell them.

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Drain Tile, Chimney Pipe, Coal and Lime.

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