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LET NONE OTHER PASS.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not wish to appear hypercritical towards the people of Scotland Neck, but we do think that our people have let slip some opportunities that ought to have been

We remember three within the past dozen years which, had they been seized in time, Scotland Neck would have been a much larger town than it is to-day with permanent incomes that it can never see.

First, the Norfolk and Carolina railroad. A citizen of the community said to us two years before the road was built that it was going to be built, and offered to bring the road by this town for a thousand dollars, on the condition that if he did not bring the road by Scotland Neck he would expect nothing.

The people here made light of the matter, but in less than two years the road had been surveyed and was in course of construction. They bestirred themselves then, but it was too late The road missed us, to our great inconvenience hence forth.

Second, the large lumber plant at Tillery might have been secured for Scotland Neck if the proper efforts had been put forth to do so.

Third, a few years ago Prof. Kinsey, president of the Kinsey Seminary at LaGrange, was here prospecting to move his school here, merging it and Vine Hill female academy into one. People said Kinsey was simply advertising his own school and had very little idea of coming to Scotland Neck. It now turns out, however, that he is going to move his school to Wilson, and we believe that if our people had is of a character to make it often quotbeen desperately in earnest for him to ed, the name of its city becomes familcome here he could have been moved | iar to the world. By the character of worth a great deal to the town.

We do not mean to say that our peo ple have let all the opportunities slip but these three they could have utilized, we think. We make these observations in the hope that they may induce our people to look more closely at pos- and give it a generous patronage, then covery. sibilities in whatever opportunities they may see in the future.

It is time for us to wake up.

THEY WANTED PLACES.

The farther we get from the last elec tion the plainer does it become that the ruling idea amongst the fusionists was to get places.

We are more convinced than ever that motives from clear-cut convictions of principle entered into the work of very few of the leaders whose combination machine now has control of the State. They had an eye on the main chance, and in most cases worked for number one. The whole sixty days of that kind of work.

If the roll-call of the last Legislature had been made as to who sought election and went to Raleigh on purely patriotic motives, and an honest answer had been given, there would not have been a corporal's guard at the capitol for reformation only it was Ramsey. mencement this year. during the whole session to protect the And yet behold him standing at the interests of the State.

No people can stand such a state of affairs long at once. We believe that there are freemen enough in North Carolina who love her interests to rectify this State of affairs; and we believe that by wise management they will do it at the next election.

CRAZY JUDGES.

The President ought ot burrry up that appointment of a judge for the Federal court in the eastern district of this State. Almost all the judges have been half crazy over it ever since Judge Seymour died. Court after court has been "finished up" in three days, two days, and several in one day to give the judge presiding a chance to run up to

WATCHING THE MAIN CHANCE.

Some years ago when the Scotland Neck knitting mill was built there was some discussion, we remember, in a business meeting of the citizens as to the beet location. And all were agreed that t should be located near the railroad. This was argued from two standpoints first, for the facility of shipping, and second, "to let people who pass on the show our improvements."

Both of these reasons for locating the mills near the railroad were good ones. We remember, also, that when the new building was to be erected for the male school, the same question came up about the location of the school. It was generally agreed that it should be near the railroad, if possible, at least within a good view of the railroad. This was not desired for any special convenience for shipping students to and from the school, but simply "to let persons passing on the cars see the building and thus advertise the school."

This we thought was also wise; but there are some other things that adver tise a town besides the new buildings, &c. We reprint below a paragraph from Press and Printer and ask the people of Scotland Neck if they can't

find some meaning suggestions therein. Read it carefully and then read it again, and see if you do not think a little more investment in patronizing match made in heaven. THE COMMONWEARTH would pay.

The local newspaper is the truest representative of the town or city in which it is published. It speaks for and presents its city, as it were, in a mirror to all the country. Every day or every week of the year it proclaims to the world the merits and demerits of the place where it is published. In a large chief. measure the city is judged abroad by its local newspaper. If the paper creates a favorable impression abroad and is well known, then the city, too, will enjoy in a measure the same sort of reputation. It is not so much the readers of the newspaper abroad that give it character and standing as its exchanges. If the paper obtains a high place in the esteem of the newspaper press, the city in which it is published ing Monday evening and made arrangeshares in a considerable measure the same sort of reputation. If the paper the local paper the character of its city here; and his school would have been is very largely judged by the whole home in Tillery. Mr. Logan is the newspaper press of the country. So, then, the fortunes of a city are much involved in its newspaper press.

The character of the local paper is determined almost wholly by the support it receives. If the merchants and business men of its town are liberal, enterprising, far-seeing citizens, who appreciate the value of a local newspaper it will be worthy of its city. If, on the other hand, the support given is scant, then an unfavorable impression of the town is every day carried to all parts of the country.

We state a truth when we say that not a dollar is paid to the well conducted local newspaper that does not come teresting papers are printed in this back to its city in ten-fold value. We state another fact when we say that for presenting to the public nearly all kinds a source of much information. another medium in the world so effective and so economical as the local news paper. The great merchants of this country who have amassed millions of at Morehead City, June 15th. wealth, relied on the newspapers almost wholly for their advertising.

ALL AFTER PIE.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, editor of the Progressive Farmer, has been made Com missioner of Agriculture, and the Charthe Legislature was devoted to much of lotte Observer makes the following observation about it:

> "Who could have believed that our lately honored and patriotic friend, Jeremiah Lamentation Ramsey, editor of the Progressive Farmer, would have defiled himself with base pie! We had thought that if there was a reformer pie counter, as the Gaston county boy wrote of the preacher at the Sunday- Portsmouth and Wilmington, and narschool pienic, with both hands full and mouth accordin'!' After this we shall know that there is none who is proof against the blandishments of pie; no

A MAN'S HEAD BURSTS.

Gostonia Gazette.

News of the death of Mr. Will Nolen, reached this place Tuesday. He died Sunday morning. For several days he had been suffering with severe pain in the head, with more or less indication of a rising inside. Sunday, it is said that his skull burst, the bones parting asunder. The sufferer was driven mad by the intense agony he endured. The deceased was about 30 years of age and leaves a young wife and one or two

Americans are the most inventive Washington City and look after his chances.

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The President may not know it, but he world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to manking the most inventive proves beneficial in most cases; and it is owing to their unbounded confidence in it, that they have put 10 cent sample bottles on the market. These can be had through any druggist; and it will repay the afflicted to invest the trifling same necessary to make a triel. judges on the run from their duty to look for that appointment.

"Don't stop 'me; 1 am going to Whitehead's Drug store for Dr. David's Cough Syrup. My baby has the Croup." It cures Coughs, Bronchites and all Throat and Liver troubles.

kind than Chamberlain's Colic, Choler and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., sas: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholers and diarrhoea Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and howels. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Rosebud Best 10 Tobacco.

NO WONDER HE GOT SICK.

Speaker Hileman was too sick to attend to his duties as Speaker during the last two or three days of the Legislature. And who need be surprised at his getting sick while contemplating what is clearly seen in the following?

The Progressive Farmer said A'report is going the rounds that Speaker Hilemau, just after the close \$6.00 as Speaker and \$4.00 as representative from Cabarrus county, all at the same time and for the sixty days of that he was, and so much pay was not tendered the Speaker. It is now said that Mr. Hileman remarks that he was only joking when he raised the point. ressed some constitutional statements very fervently in his own favor.

THE OBSERVER'S MAN.

While the judgeship for the eastern listrict is in question and there is much doubt as to who will be the catcher of the plum, the Charlotte Observer names its man. It says:

The man and the job would meet if Chief Justice Faircloth should be appointed judge of the United States District Court for the eastern district. It is what the Irishman said of the bishopric: "A nate, clane, asy job;" and if His Honor, the chief justice, would not exactly fit it, he deceives his looks. The tax is not great on either gray matter or physical endurance, and altogether the union of this job and Judge Faircloth would look like a

TILLERY TIPS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) TILLERY, N. C., March 30, 1897.

The North Carolina Lumber Co. have organized their employes into a fire department with W. A. Barber as

A series of fire alarms and drills wil make the company's officers feel some what safer in case of fire.

We had services Sunday last both morning and evening in the Baptist church. Fair sized congregations listened to good sermons.

The town commissioners held a meetments to have the streets of the town put in a respectable condition.

Mrs. John P. Logan and Miss Logan arrived in town Tuesday from Rochester, N. Y. They will make their popular foreman of the planing mill. Rev. Mr. Smith held services Tuesday evening in the Episcopal chapel.

Mrs. Geo. E. Songer, wife of Tillery's new mayor, is dangerously ill. She underwent an operation Monday and hopes are entertained for her rapid re-

The April Arena is before us and is filled with interesting articles which that the kidneys and bladder are out discuss current events in a most attractive manner. More than a dozen in issue, and whoever reads it will find it

The next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held

We thank Mr. Charles J. Parker o Raleigh for a ticket of membership.

The frost was general over the State Monday morning and there is fear on all sides that much of the fruit is al-

the literary address at Chapel Hill Dr. Kılmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. commencement this year.

Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Lynchburg. Va., will preach the sermon before the graduating class at Wake Foret com-

Tuesday's papers reported big fires in row escapes from fires in Raleigh and

TO BE HANGED MAY 14TH.

Greenville Reflector.

Charles Bobo, the colored man who shot James Washington, another colored man, in New Berne, during the late son of Dr. Nolen, near Crouse, after in- Fair, was found guilty of murder in the tense suffering of an unusual nature, first degree on Friday, and was sentenceached this place Tuesday. He died ed to be hanged May 14th.

A drowning man would have little use for a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic doesn't want to bother with a remedy that is going to take weeks to show its beneficial ef-

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are of fering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields immediate relief. The very first dose proves beneficial in most cases; and it

FASTED THIRTEEN DAYS.

RINGWOOD, N. C., March 30, '97. The weather has opened at last, the ains have ceased and sunshine and March winds have dried out the roads. The warm rains cause grass, oats and all vegetation to come forth in beauty.

Mr. E. W. Simpson at Wood Lawn farm has a variety of grasses of fifty or more acres. It is a thing of beautyof the Legislature, laised a question as clover ten inches high and oats that cars see what the town is doing-to to whether or not he was entitled to are hard to beat. He has demonstrated the fact that the grasses can be succes fully raised in this section and small the session. The State officials in grain made a paying crop. Many of charge of such matters could not see our hustling farmers are turning their land, hauling manure, and turning around as if they intended to till the soil well during the year '97. Some We happen to know, however, that he fewer acres of tobacco, more of cotton but don't neglect the corn and hogs.

Mr. John Vinson, of Brinkleyville, missed a tavorite cat some three weeks ago. Search had been diligently made by himself and children, until the mouser was given up as gone for good. Thirteen days after she was missed she was found in a barrel. Mr. Vinson recollects that at the time the cat was missed he had gone in the barn and taken up a barrel and put it into another, it going down three-tourths of the way, and the cat being in the bottom barrel was thus confined for thirteen days without Halifax, on Monday, the 5th day of tood or water.

and near Brinkleyville. Our polite tax collector was in town

today on his last rounds.

Rev. Mr. Bunch, president of M. P. conference, preached quite an interesting and pointed sermon in the M. P. church here Friday afternoon. He Is logical, plain, yet entertaining and in- land. That land which was conveyed 5 4 3m structive, and calculated to do much

Mr. W. B. Drewry's wite died Sunday morning of hemorrhagic fever, being sick only three days.

THE STATE PAYING FEES TO SEABOARD AIR LINE AT-TORNEYS.

Wilmington Messenger.

Raleigh, N. C., March 27.-Governor Russell had to-day a warrant issued on Homestead, and containing forty acres Treasurer Worth for \$350 in favor of Captain Day and ex-Judge MacRae, who are to appear for the governor in the injunction case at Greensboro. This causes comment, because both lawyers are general counsel for the Seaboard. Attorney General Walser says the governor has full authority to employ counsel.

## HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates indicates an unhealthey condition of the Kidneys. When urine stains linin it is positive evience of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof of order.

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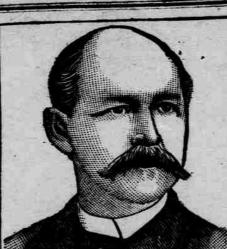
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Per C. W. Dunn, Deputy.

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