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NEWSPAPERS AS INDUSTRIAL FACTORS.

There is perhaps no more potent factor in the industrial enterprises of the day than well managed and reliable newspapers. The great army of benefactors to mankind, like all other arjust what is going on at other points; and there is no other medium so ready and so available for this work as the newspaper. It is a sort of operator in "secret service" calling from one hill- of interest on the public debt, has intop to the other, informing the enter- creased \$129,890,000. There has been prising people of one section what in that time no increase of our army those of another are doing.

Many people seem to think that the work of newspapers is simply to tell of murders, riots, storms, floods, disasters expenditure has been increase by \$78, and bad things generally, and they rate them according to the amount of such news their columns carry. This is a mistake. A newspaper must neces sarily tell many such things that would 000,000in the last fifteen years, though just as well be left untold ; but it ought our needs have not increased in that to tell more good things than bad if pos- proportion. Useless offices, salaries, sible. The newspaper has become an invaluable medium for giving facts, and sending them far, of the many mammoth industries of the age. Is there a "magic city"? The world learns of it through the newspapers. Is there a wonderful find of some mining indusmands without regard to probable intry? The newspapers tell the world next day. Is there a wonderful productiveness of the soil in a certain locality? The newspaper is sought as the medium through which the world learns of it. Is there a great development of any industry whereby mankind is benefited? The newspaper first ar-

Baltimore Sun. In a recent issue the Financial ly felt last week by several people on

CONGRESSIONAL EXTRAVA-

GANCE.

Chronicle compares the increase of the Mrs. M. P. Battle's plantation about four miles from town." cost of government in the United States in the last sixty years with the increas An old gentleman, by the name of ed cost of government in other coun-Mr. Lee, while crossing the railroad in

tries in the same period, with the result of showing that while the increase in these other countries was forced chiefly by apprehensions of war, with us congressional extravagance and reck-

lessness have been the preponderating causes. In 1836 our federal expendi-

ture, excluding interest on the debt, was \$30,868,164; in 1896 it was \$316,-794,417-a tenfold increase. Our population and settled area have no doubt mies, need to know at various points increased greatly in that period and some part of the increased cost of goyernment was nécessary. But consideration of items shows that a large part of it was not necessary. In the last

fifteen years our expenditure, exclusive and but a small increase of the navy.

boro Dispatch.

The bulk of our waste has been on things for which we have nothing to show. Since 1882 our annual pension 000,000, though some years before 1882 Garfield had declared that the proper John Lowry was before the mayor on maximum had already been reached. Our annual outlay on rivers, harbors, public buildings, etc., has risen by \$30 printing and luxuries cost us other millions of increase. "Ours" said Mr. Cannon, in his report at the last session of Congress, "is the only government in the civilized world wherein the administrative branch assumes no responsibility for its demands for expenditure," but goes on piling up such de-

There have been large increases in other countries, but they have been carefully adjusted yearly, to probable income and have been dictated by supposed military necessities. Sixty years ago, says the Chronicle, Great Britian about twenty-five years old and is said was, as she is now, "the richest nation of the world." Her revenue was then couple had been married a month and nounces it to every nook and corner \$260,000,000; it is now \$560,000,000. had never seen the other man until afof the land. And so the newspaper Her foreign trade has increased nearly ter marriage." serves the great masses of millions of six-fold. The income from England's

PROFIT IN WOOL.

Warrenton Gazette. The Rocky Mount Phoenix says : "An earthquake tremor was distinct-

STATE NEWS.

Mr. H. A. Boyd recently sheared his flock of sheep, from one of which he got a fleece of clean wool that weighed

101 pounds, and three of the fleeces weighed 271 pounds. He has the Cots wool and Southdown blood. The sheep industry ought to be one of the most front of the Battle place yesterday afvaluable in the South. but it is virtuternoon, was hit by a passing train, and ally worthless, simply because our peowas badly injured. He was in his cart. ple neglected it. Sheep can make their One of his ribs was broken and the own living here and do well the entire joint in his ankle was dislocated .- Taryear, and need no feed from the mas-

ter, except occasionally for a few The greatest curiosity we have seen days when the earth is covered in snow. in the way of a chicken is one brought How many golden opportunities are to our office this week with two dis our people letting slip by. Some of us tinct sets of wings and legs. There are rather too old to very materially was no difference in size of legs or mend our way, but the young men, wings, one set being as large as the what a golden opportunity hes before other. The body was unusually large them. The fruit is hanging ready, yet with one head.-Littleton Reporter. so few pluck it.

We learn that Mrs. Amanda Card. who lives in the neighborhood o Michner, this county, killed quite curious snake one day this week. It was very large, bronze color, had horn on the end of the tail with stinger in the horn. When she struck the snake he broke into four different pieces. It must have been a "combination" snake .- Louisburg Times. The Elizabeth City Economist says

Tuesday on a complaint and arrest for kicking a maid servant out of his house for striking his baby, abusing his wife with obscene language and cursing him. In their wrangle he had threatened her with his boot toe, and she defied him and invited him to use it, when he ac commodated her he confessed. He was muetled in \$6 and costs, when he departed sine die."

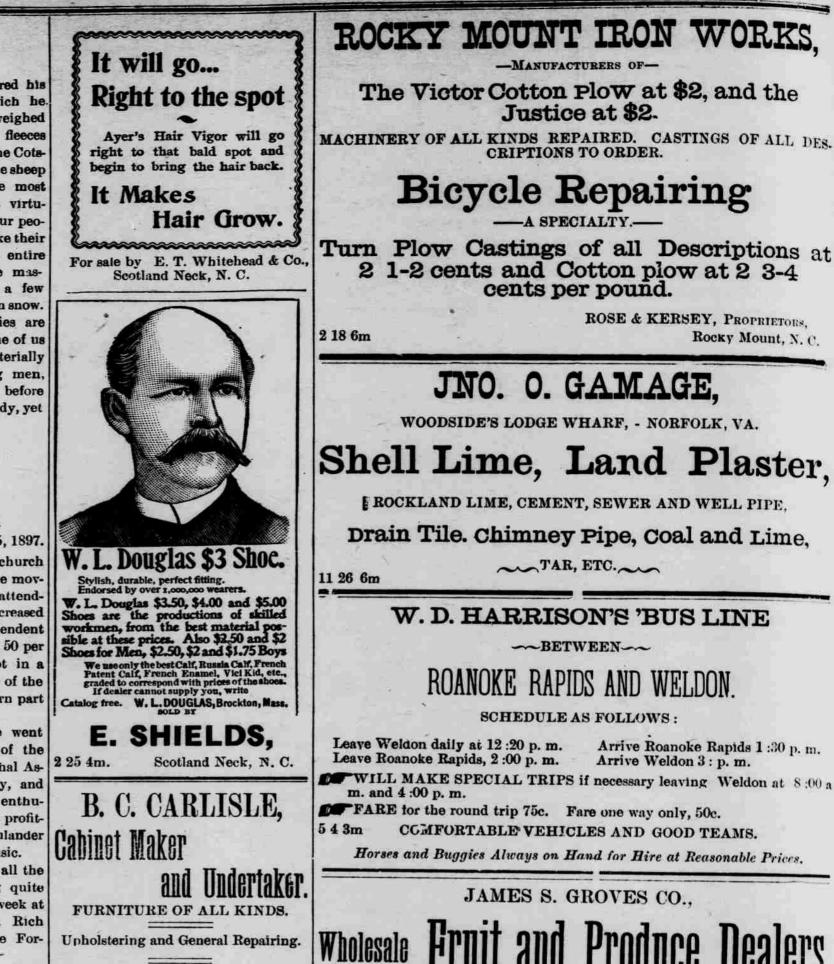
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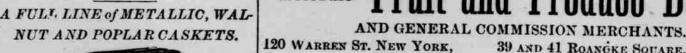
"There was quite a little excitement here on Monday over an elopement case. Ten days ago a German and his

Monday the single man stole the other's wife and eloped, the last seen of est. them being at Ridgeway. The woman was unusually handsome and was

to possess considerable means. The

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Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

AULANDER, N. C., May 25, 1897. Services were held at the church Sunday for the first time since the moving of the same in town. The attendance at Sunday-school has increased about 25 per cent. and Superintendent Early is endeavoring to make it 50 per cent. within a few weeks. Not in a boastful spirit-but we have one of the best Sunday-schools in the eastern part of the State.

A large number of our people went to the second annual meeting of the Roanoke and Chowan Educational Association at Roxobel last Friday, and all report a grand time. Much enthusiasm prevailed and the day was profitably spent. The choir from Aulander rendered assistance in giving music. Going to commencement is all the rage, and our town is getting quite wife and another German located on thin for the time being. Last week at the Brown tract at Vaughan and on Winton, this week at Winton, Rich Square, Murfreesboro and Wake For-

> Prof. Herbert W. Early, who has been teaching at Warrenton, S. C. for the past year and who returned home recently, has gone to Wake Forest commencement.

> Mr. W. J. Eure, of the firm of Eure Bros. is now on an extensive trip

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people in a thousand ways of which they do not reckon.

a seven column article in Sunday's News and Observer, giving facts and figures and a general outline of the foundation and growth of the town of population from 160,000,000 to 400,000, Roanoke Rapids in this county. THE COMMONWEALTH as long ago as the summer of 1894, we believe, gave quite a long article on the work at Roanoke Rapids, but that was before the canal and dams were completed. Since that time there has sprung up quite a town there, with two or three factories and even a greater population than some at that time thought there would be this early.

The write-up given by the News and Increased or diminished on the motion Observer last Sunday is the work of Mr. F. B. Arendal of the News and Observer staff, and is quite creditable. In It Major Thomas L. Emry is properly regarded as the life of the enterprise responsibility, and only necessary ap and the real builder of the town. There are few such men as Major Emry-so filled with energy and so well able to properly direct it all.

The article referred to in the News and eight or nine other committees, and-Observer pays Maj. Emry the following deserved compliment in the first paragraphs :

"Six years ago Maj. Thomas L. Emry Lords, like our lordlier Senate, feel at stood on the banks of the Roanoke River, at what was then known as Great Falls, five miles above Weldon, and watched the great volume of water as it whirled to waste over a mile or more rugged rapids.

"There was a force, a mighty volume of force, a great power lashing itself into exhausted tranquility, paralyzing When Germany armed, Russia had to its energies against the shoals and the banks for lack of more profiitable utilization, and then flowing on down the watery highway until it gathered more force, to be lashed again into lazy lethargy against other shoals.

"There was something in the man that stood beside the river, akin to the raging, restless stream. There was a force in him, a volume of reserve power, that had been partly going to waste. He had been merchant, planter, legislator, but he had force for all these and \$109,190,000 against \$21,500,000 spent to spare.

the he thought of the great money value that was going headlong down the United States. The necessities of the TICKETS. give your stomach a ride ; That 1s, let Is an internal remedy and a specific. something else do its work. Foods can FOR RHEUMATISM stream never to return. 'The mills military situation have caused nearly LF be digested outside of the body. All never grind with the water that has three-fourths of the increase of the run-413m plants contain digestive principles IN ALL ITS FORMS. passed,' he mused. That great pent up ning expenses of England's government < Write for our prices before plac which will do this. Shaker Digestive Reference is made to the following ing your order elsewhere. reserve force in the man exerted itself Cordial contains digestive principles and Ц and he said, 'I will harness this wild in recent years, and much the same persons : Rev. E. T. Sawyer, Mr. Peter and he said, 'I will harness this wild in recent years, and much the same is a preparation designed to rest the may be said for the increase of other stomach. The Shakers themselves TROTTER BROTHERS. Shipp, Contractor and Builder; Mr. Fred Sartorius, Mr. W. C. Glover, Ex-Mayor; Mr. T. T. Whitconb, all of I'll tame it and make it do the bidding European governments. This cannot have such unbounded confidence in it to the artisan and the operative.' He te said in defense of our increased ex-did it. He turned it out of its rugged penditure. During the last five years bottles on the market, and it is said Elizabeth City, N. C. Commission -:- Merchants. bighway and led it, or a great volume our outgo for pensions alone has exceed-of it, through a graded canal along the ed the annual payment made by France brow of the hill for nearly a mile. He or Germany for its army, or by England brow of the hill for nearly a mile. He for its new of the payment of the Its sale is now, by actual count. ---- 5,000 BOTTLES ---POULTRY, EGGS, BUTTER AND ALL COUNTRY PRODUCE. holds it in captivity and releases it only for its navy. Our increased expendi-on condition that it passes out over ture is not forced on us by circumstan-PRICE \$1 Per Bottle, at Wholesale Dealers in Laxol is the best medicine for chilmighty Leffels and Turbines and starts ces; it is needless waste. Moreover, dran. Doctors recommend it in place Fruits and Vegetables. SATISFACTION Prescription Pharmacy, in motion a little city full of pulleys the ratio of increase with us has been of Castor Oil. Highest Market Prices.—Prompt Returns. References—City National Bank and Commercial Agencies. **GUARANTEED EVERY** and wheels, spindles, looms and other nearly twice as rapid as it has been in D. C. CANNON, M. A., M. D., the hard-pressed States of Europe. machinery.' TIME. Rosebud Tobacco is the best. Pharmacist, 420 Bute St., Norfolk, Va. | 3 18 6m

Tariff in 1837 was 72 per cent. of the man died here from injuries received total revenue, whereas it is but 44 per in a performance. Every show that Edenton, spent a few days in town this cent. and the laboring man pays in tax- comes here sends a delegation to his week and did a good deal of work.

These observations were suggested by es, on the principle articles of congrave to strew flowers on it. This has sumption but one-fourth of what his been a custom from the time within grandfather paid. The area of the em- the memory of the oldest inhabitant. pire has grown from eight million Last Sunday elaborate and formal me- Classical and Commercial Institute will equare miles to eleven millions, and its mortal services were held at the grave 000. It is easily the first, the English claim, in commercial enterprise, finan- citizens of Concord, they marched to cial resources and wise administration. the spot where his bones ropose and Expenditures have grown in the sixty decorated it with flowers, after prayer years almost equally with the revenue, and a talk by one of the show men .-but not in as great proportion as wealth. Concord Standard. The interest on the public debt of the

United Kingdom is but 21 per cent., Chew Rosebud Tobacco. and the principle, which is now \$3,-Chew Roscoud Tobacco. 870,000,000, is \$1,000,000,000 less than it was sixty years ago. During the WANTS TO SWAP. past year \$37,000,000 of the debt was

was paid off. Year by year taxes are The Wilmington Messenger wants to wap Governors with Tennessee. It of the Chancellor of the Exchequer so said a few days ago :

as to balance almost exactly the ex-"Captain Billy Day wished from his pected expenditure, and this official alone can propose an increase of exboots that every state had just such a governor as North Carolina's Russell, penditure. It follows that he teels his who is sui generis, and when he dles the sample will be gone and none like propriations receive his approval. All items are closely scanned by the man him will remain among either governors or other children of men. It is who must find the revenue to meet announced that North Carolina's afflicthem. The system is not like ourstion is at the Tennessee centennial or one committee for "ways and means"

will be there. As Governer Bob Taylor, unique, gifted, of another style and each a law to itself, at work on estikind altogether, will soon resign, we mates made up by the departments, rise to inquire if it is not possible someeach eager to get as much as it can from how to make a trade with Tennessee. Congress. Nor does the House of

Can it not in some marvellous, now unknown way, be brought about that liberty to swell appropriations. North Carolina can have Governor Bob "Policy, not log-rolling, has caused the and our own precious and very great large increase of the budgeds of most governor can be left in his place at European countries since 1871. The Nashville to try this one-man tsarism arming of France after that year caused upon the Tenneseans? It may shorten Germany to increase enormously her

Russell's days, but it would greatly rearmy expenditures, and the two counlieve North Carolina. Out there he tries have reacted on each other. would be afraid not to behave himself, Orator Bob is a man of genuine gifts of do the same, and when Russia armed many kinds, and is very soulful and ur-Austria had to follow her example. Itbane. A big boot might be offered. aly, confronted with France on one Suppose a subscription is opened, side and Austria on the other, exhaust-While North Carolina is very stingy ed berself in armaments. In this general increase of armies, the navies of when she is called upon to erect a monument to Vance or some other ot her

France, Russia, Germany and Italy illustrious children, her living sons were also increased pari passue, so that, would subscribe in a heep to get rid of to restore the balance of sea power England's naval expenditure is now four the Tsar."

times as great as it was sixty years ago. Did you ever stop to think what in-She spends this year on her warships ligestion really means? It means simply that your stomach is tired. If our by Germany, \$47,425,000 spent France legs are tired we ride. The horse and

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Mrs. W. D. Buskett has just returned from visiting friends in Virginia. The commencement of Aulander not be held until June 17th and 18th. by members of Cooper's circus. Head- The programme is one of the best and ed by their band and followed by many it promises to be the best commencement in the history of the institution. Prof. J. B. Carlisle of Wake Forest will deliver the address before the Literary society, Rev. G. J. Dowell of Durham

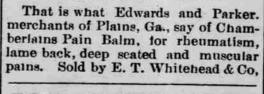
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will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon, and Mess. A. R. Dunning and Alex Lassiter will deliver addresses before the alumnae. We are expecting a large crowd and know that under the training of such an efficient corps of teachers, the program will be exceedingly interesting.

Hon. Henry Winston of Washington, with his brother F. D. Winston, Esq., of our county, made a short visit to Aulander Friday. It is a very great pleasure to hear Mr. Winston talk. He is on an extended visit to his old home.

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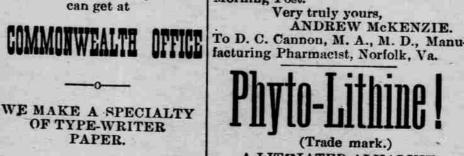
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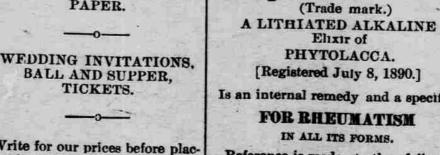
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