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A HOPEFUL SIGN.

Despite the discouraging prospect of the cotton crop for the past two or three weeks, the various schools and colleges of the State have opened well. And this is a hopeful sign.

Those who were disposed to sling mud at the opposers of the township special tax for free schools voted on 10th of August, can not now say that the people of the State are indifferent to their educational interests. We doubt not that there will be a larger number of young men and young women registered at the high schools and colleges in the State by the first of October than has been for many years—perhaps since the war.

We like the spirit of independence and self-help that seems to be taking hold upon the young men of the State, and in many cases the young women too. We have all the while believed and preached that any young man or young woman in this country who has a strong right arm, a fair stock of common sense and a strong will, may become educated if he or she so desires. And we are glad to believe that many of the young men who have helped to swell the opening numbers at the various colleges of the State, are forging away in defiance to difficulties and obstacles and discouragements. It is from such young men that the State and society often receive the most valuable additions to an educated manhood. We rejoice in the fine opening of all the colleges and schools, and we can but feel that it augurs well for the State at large as well as for each separate community; for in a few years the leaven must necessarily work out good and grand results which will be felt in every part of the State.

Honor to the faithful teachers in the land who stand at their post year in and year out; but let them remember that their positions as instructors and molders of the mind and character and life of their pupils, calls for work that is honest to the core every day and every hour, from opening call to dismissal bell.

Much depends upon our schools everywhere; and let it be fully recognized by all interested in or connected with them.

THE HAZLETON HORROR.

On the little sheet, COMMONWEALTH JUNIOR, we give partial details of a most horrifying slaughter of miners near Hazleton, Pa.

More than twenty miners were killed and about fifty others wounded. They were foreigners, but men all the same; and such whole-sale killing ought to be avoided. They were interred Monday in the Polish church yard under the auspices of the Catholic church.

WHAT OF THE COTTON CROP?

Inasmuch as the cotton crop is the chief money crop in a greater part of North Carolina, people all over the State are anxious about the yield. This is the case every year, and it is especially so this year in view of the fine prospect a few weeks ago, but which has been cut off very much by the severe drought throughout the State.

The Commissioner of Agriculture at Raleigh has given out the following personal opinion of the cotton crop as reported to the state press by Col. F. A. Olds:

"You can say for me, a farmer of thirty years experience, that if the seasons are right in June, July and August in spite of drought and everything else the crop of cotton will be an average one, I don't care what happens. Of course when people pitched their hopes so high and cotton was so magnificent, as it was August 1st, it appears to them now as if the crop is pretty nearly destroyed, The August return gave the condition as 102¼. That was so from the 1st to the 10th of that month. The North Carolina average is, say, half a bale to the acre. That in fact is a good yield for this state. It is said that twelve bolls to a stalk will produce a bale to the acre. I want you to note the fact that cotton this year is heavily fruited." By this the commissioner means to say that he considers the crop up to the average. There was of course an increase in the acreage of cotton, a big increase. Then, too. 400,000 tons of commercial fertilizers was sold in the state last spring.

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"WHITE SUPREMACY."

News & Observer.

It is not because any man or set of men want to raise the race issue that "White Supremacy" is the foremost issue in North Carolina. It has not been raised. It has raised itself in the presence of the menace that rests over Anglo-Saxon civilization. It is not directed at punishing anybody. It does not seek to injure any negro, but to help the best of the race. It is not to delay any reform, but to open a way for real reform. It is not a proscriptive but a cry of general amnesty. It is not even political, in the strictest sense of the word. It is merely a question of self-protection, and the continuation of Anglo-Saxon civilization. It cannot be side-tracked, or put one side or delayed. It forces itself to the front because the evil of negro government already has its deadly hand upon the throat of the Commonwealth. Until that hand is removed and the State can be freed from the debasing grasp of bad government, it is idle to talk of securing any reform or any betterment in government. Men who depend upon negro votes for election are almost always the tools of corporate power, or any other sort of power that pays for votes. The man who wants to effect reforms and the man who wants justice done alike to corporations and individuals, is compelled to appeal to the white voters of the State to bury the past and regain control of government. It is the only hope of decent, fair and honest rule.

He is the wisest man among us who can secure the unity of the white men of the State. For ourselves, there is no sacrifice consistent with honor we would not make to weld together again the men who stood shoulder to shoulder from the day they responded to Vance's appeal to the evil hour of division in 1892. There must be a way. It will open to us if we seek it for the redemption of the State, and not for selfish advancement of office-holders.

JUDGE STARBUCK'S EXPLANATION OF THE NEW TAX LAW.

Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Judge Starbuck, by request, gave his opinion concerning the tax law passed by the last legislature, in his charge to the grand jury. We gathered from his explanation the following points, which we believe to be the correct solution:

1st. All taxes become due the first Monday in September.

2nd. The sheriff is required to be in his office in Wilkesboro during the month of September for the purpose of receiving taxes.

3rd. During the month of October the sheriff must spend one day at least at some stated place in each township, after giving 15 days' notice, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

4th. After the first day of November the sheriff can levy upon property for taxes.

5th. All persons who fail to pay their taxes on or before the first day of November, are liable to indictment, and it is the duty of the sheriff to report all such delinquents to the judge at next term of the court, the judge must report to the solicitor, the solicito the grand jury, and the grand jury must present bills, and if found guilty such delinquents are liable to a fine of $500 and imprisonment.

From this explanation it will be seen, that if any one fails to pay his or her taxes by the 1st of November, he or she will be indicted for misdemeanor under the new law. It would be well to remember this.

A CASE IN POINT.

Repeatedly we have suggested to our brethren of the press that if they continue to call this paper "The Democrat" it will leave the impression that there are two papers in Scotland Neck.

As a case in point the editor of the Franklin Times must have received that impression, for we have been receiving two copies of that paper, one directed to "The Democrat" and the other to THE COMMONWEALTH.

KILLED THIRTY.

A terrible railroad wreck occurred near New Castle, Col., last Friday. A train conductor of a stock train meeting another train tried to "steal a station" and beat the passenger train into New Castle. Thirty persons were killed and 185 were seriously injured. The wicked conductor was arrested and THE COMMONWEALTH is of the opinion that he ought to pay the death penalty. He wilfully disobeyed orders and took the life of many people thereby.

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STATE GLEANINGS.

WATER WORKS.

The Roxboro Courier says that that town is soon to have water works.

JUDGE WHITAKER'S HOUSE BURNED.

The very handsome residence of Ex-Judge Spier Whitaker just outside of Raleigh, was burned a few days ago. He had just moved into the city and left his house under the watch of a care taker.

CONFESS MURDER.

The Raleigh correspondent to the Wilmington Messenger Sunday said:

"Persons who come from the southern part of this county say that a man and his son have confessed the murder of a woman for which at the last term of court here Berry Cook was sent to the penitentiary for twenty years."

HARNETT'S FIRST HANGING.

Ed. Purvis, the colored man charged with the murder of flagman Blackwell near Dunn a few weeks ago, was tried at Lillington, in Harnett county, last week and convicted. He was sentenced to be hanged Oct. 13th. The condemned man is in feeble condition from bruises and wounds received in trying to board a moving train the night after he shot Blackwell. If he lives to be hanged, it is said that it will be the first hanging ever known in Harnett county.

OVER FOUR SCORE.

Senator Clingman, who is over fourscore years old, has been admitted into the State Hospital at Morganton. The Charlotte Observer says: "His case is, of course, one of mere senility, and it is against the policy of the institution to receive such cases; but in this instance,—that of a man who, as a member of the lower house of Congress, United States Senator and Confederate general, has rendered the State such conspicuous service—it was felt that an exception might well be made. Being overtaken by both physical and mental infirmity, North Carolina owes him its tender care during the few remaining years of his life."

RACE TROUBLE AT GREENSBORO.

A special from Reidsville to Tuesday's News & Observer said: "A race riot any hour would not be unexpected. To-day colored Barber James Allen insulted Tax-Collector Lamberth for garnisheeing wages, using many ugly epithets. By-stander, Thomas Keatts, assaulted Allen, and punished him severely, when another negro porter, Smith, came across the street and struck Keatts with a beer bottle. Lamberth used a stick pretty freely on both negroes, and several others came to their rescue making violent threats. For a while it seemed a race riot would be the result, but the police repelled the crowd. To-night there are groups of colored people in various sections of town and the whites are expecting an outbreak momentarily. Reidsville has two strong military companies which will respond to duty when called."

WARREN JAIL DELIVERY.

Warrenton Record: Everybody considered our county jail one of the safest in the state. A great number of unruly prisoners, from adjoining counties, have frequently been sent here for safe keeping, our jail being thought impregnable. But last Monday night two men, Earnest and James Cargo, held for small offences, succeeded in making their escape. They wrenched a brace from their iron bed-stead in their cell and prized up one of the heavy stones in the floor and then undermined the foundation by taking stone after stone out until an opening was made large enough for them to crawl through. There seemed to be a large cart load of rock on their cell floor ranging from the size of your fist to several hundred pounds in weight.

No clue as to where the prisoners are, though the Sheriff has made efforts to get some track of them. Evidently the foundations of our jail are not what the citizens have been led to believe they were.

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HOBGOOD NEWS.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOBGOOD, N. C., Sept. 14, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shields and Miss Lucy Cherry returned from Baltimore last Friday.

Mr. Mark Cherry, Jr., spent several days in town last week.

Miss Theresa Savage was in town last week on a visit to Miss Flossie Humber.

Ex-Governor Carr was in town for a short while Monday morning.

Miss Annie Medford who has been visiting Miss Bessie Cherry of this place, is spending a few days at Palmyra.

Mr. A. J. Jones brought two bales of cotton to this market Saturday morning—the first of the season.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

BRINKLEYVILLE, N. C., Sept. 13, 1897.

An immense crowd gathered at Wollett's mill yesterday to witness the baptism of fifteen loving, loyal subjects. People from Ransom's Bridge, Grove Hill, Arcola and the region round about came to witness this impressive ordinance as it was administered by Rev. A. G. Willcox, the pastor of the church at Harriss' chapel.

Protracted meeting commenced on yesterday at Bethesda. A very large gathering listened with pleasure and profit to the "preached work" by Rev. J. S. Williams, the much loved pastor. He is to be assisted during the week by Rev. Cary Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman are called on to mourn the loss of their little babe which died on Saturday last. It was buried on yesterday, Pastor Williams conducting the funeral service. May "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," comfort their hearts in this sad affliction.

Mr. Royal Norman, of Washington, who has been visiting for some weeks the home of his childhood, will return in a day or two to his post of duty. He is a "royal" good fellow.

Miss Berta Shearin of Weldon is in our town attending the meeting. Also the Misses Robertson from near Littleton.

Mrs. Tom. Motley continues very ill.

GOLD VERSUS LIFE.

Men are at present risking their lives for gold. There is a stampede of eager, willing martyrs to the inhospitable country of the Klondyke. Many will perish from cold and hunger. Not one quarter of the people who go there will ever return. Not one half of those who do return will return any richer than they went. They will not only endanger their health, but their lives, for the sake of gold. And yet everybody says that health is more precious than gold. The thing whitch restores health is, therefore, more precious than gold. Pe-ru-na restores health, cures all forms of weekness, all forms and stages of catarrh, builds up brokendown constitutions, brings new life back to all those who have become prematurely old. The latest and best book ever written on the subject of female diseases will be sent free, to women only, for a short time. Address the Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

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The following lands will be sold at the court-house in Halifax at 12 o'clock on Monday October 4th, 1897, to satisfy taxes and costs on same for 1896:

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	Taxes and cost.
Andrew Baker, 18 acres Ethengane	$3.66
Jas. Bland, 150 acres near Hobgood	8.18
W. S. Biggs, ¾ acre lot Neal	
E. Boney, 1 town lot Hobgood	5.50
William Drew, 95 acres, Farm	5.32
Drew Long, 220 acres, Pineywoods	8.40
W. L. Mizzell, 28 acres, Bowers home	5.70
R. R. Owens, 2 lots, Palmyra	5.04
W. C. Pendleton, 2 town lots, Scotland Neck	2.94
Robert Taylor, 21½ acres, Pineywoods	2.04
Robert Taylor, 58 acres, Dawsons	2.40
R. L. Joyner, 300 acres, Joyner Land	10.04
Julius Anthony, 60 acres, Rock Spring	4.70
ROSENEATH TOWNSHIP.	
John Gardner, 100 acres, Cow Hall	5.56
Mrs. John Morris, 94 acres, Pineywoods	4.70
J. W. Higgs, admr, 116 acres, Pineywoods	5.44
M. D. Joyner, agt., 68 acres, Deep Creek	2.52
Peyton Price, 45¾ acres, Pineywoods	2.38

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Sept. 16, 1897. Tax Collector.

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RIPPLES FROM RINGWOOD.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.]

RINGWOOD, N. C., Sept. 11, 1897.

To-day (11th inst.) there will be Quarterly Conference, and Divine services, at the Methodist Protestant church here.

Last Sabbath Rev. G. W. Phelps preached in the Protestant Episcopal church in the morning, and Rev. J. S. Williams in the M. P. Church in the evening. Both were excellent sermons.

Much interest manifested by farmers in selling tobacco, &c.

Messrs. L. D. Johnson and A. W. Threwitts have improved rapidly. Their relatives and many friends are hopeful of their recovery.

Miss Lula Jackson, of Littleton, is teaching school in the family of Mr. Robert Bullock.

Mr. Jesse Herbert, of Kinston Free Press, was in town last week visiting the family of his uncle, Mr. J. M. Weller.

Master Raymond Weller has gone to attend a business college at Baltimore, Md.

Miss Ruby Vinson has gone to attend school at Ridgeway.

Miss Jane E. Weller is visiting her sister and niece in Rocky Mount. She designs teaching in the family of Mr. Henry Moore at Cool Spring in the course of a few weeks.

Miss Bessie Vinson has returned from a visit to Weldon.

Mr. Horace Mitchell is assisting Mr. H. C. Matthews in his store.

We have beautiful weather now. "Indian Summer" will soon come; then Winter, with its ice and snow. "Thanksgiving Day" is peeping over the hills. We ought to thank the Giver of every good and perfect gift for His manifold blessings. VIDE.

RINGWOOD, SEPT. 14TH.—Considerable sickness here. Cotton crop is short. T. G. Robertson is in *articulo mortis* at his home near town. He has aneurism and heart trouble. Mrs. J. A. Lewis was said to be dying at her home in Oxford yesterday. She lived here until the summer and was much loved.

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