

The Commonwealth.

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REPUBLICANS DISAGREE.

Mr. R. J. Shields of Hobgood was here a few days ago and said he had recently heard two prominent Republicans saying as unpleasant things about "passing events" in North Carolina as the Democrats can say.

And if one could get at the bottom facts concerning the Russell administration, it would be easy enough to find rank disagreement amongst the Republicans all through the State. For instance, Superintendent Smith of the penitentiary is to be only a figure head (not much of a figure and not much of a head, to be sure,) and that institution is to be run, in fact, by an executive committee.

The news has come out from Washington that Senator Pritchard and Congressman White are seriously disagreeing about the appointment of a postmaster for Kinston. White wants a colored man appointed and Pritchard does not. The truth is, President McKinley is getting a little out of rapport with the colored contingency of the Republican party South. He is beginning to learn that too many appointments of colored men will not be best for him and his party generally; and the colored people, true to the bargains to which they have agreed, desire and almost demand these appointments, for appointments is what they have been working for so many years.

And thus the discord grows. But it is none of our fight. While this fight is going on the people are getting tired mighty fast; and they will be ready by the next election to say, "Give us a rest."

And we believe there will be a mighty upheaval in North Carolina and the South generally, swinging the good people back under the rays of good government; but it will not do to expect this without effort. Let us get to the work now and continue for a solid year, and we shall win again.

Of one thing we may well be assured; and that is, that our enemies will not desert until another campaign is fought.

'T WAS PRINTED AS 'T WAS WRIT.

Brother Hilliard, of the Scotland Neck COMMONWEALTH, evidently does not read the proof sheet of his advertisements as closely as he expects his readers to do after the paper is printed, or he would not have allowed so funny a thing as this to escape his attention. In his last issue we find the following: "WANTED, a colored man of small family, if any, to work on farm with some education."—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Brother Manning, in his criticism, has paid THE COMMONWEALTH quite a compliment. He not only reads this paper's editorial utterances and news items and general reading, but the advertisements as well.

The advertisement to which he referred and reprinted was sent to THE COMMONWEALTH by our agent at Enfield with instruction to print it exactly like it was written, which we took good pains to do.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has been asked in Scotland Neck since the advertisement appeared if he is responsible for the English of his advertising columns. We reply that we are not when instructions come to "print it as 'tis writ."

After all, this awkwardly worded advertisement and the comment upon it show how closely people read advertisements. Advertisers need not longer fear that their advertisements in THE COMMONWEALTH are not read. If a newspaper man as far away from Scotland Neck as our Brother Manning in Henderson reads the advertisements in these columns when he has bushels of newspapers to handle and read every day, much more do the subscribers read them. This is clear logic; and we think we shall have to put up our prices for advertising space.

Send 'em in—they'll surely be read.

Yellow fever still rages in New Orleans. Some sporadic cases have developed out of the fever district—one at Atlanta and one in Cincinnati.

CROUP QUICKLY CURED.

MOUNTAIN GLEN, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. THORNTON. This celebrated remedy is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

HALIFAX COUNTY FINANCES.

Ex-Chairman Brown Answers Chairman Harrison.

Some time ago the following letter by Mr. Thomas N. Harrison, Chairman of the county Board of Commissioners in Halifax county, appeared in an afternoon paper in Raleigh, which letter was dated from Littleton:

"There appeared an editorial statement in the News and Observer several days ago reflecting upon the management of the present Board of County Commissioners of Halifax county, whereupon I made a short statement of facts requesting the publication of the same by that paper that the truth might be known; but for some reason, unknown to me, it has failed to appear in the columns of that paper. It should be the desire of a newspaper to do justice, not to pervert facts and smother truth. I now send you a copy of the statement, and ask its publication as follows:

"The News and Observer's statement that the county script was at a discount on the streets was true, but a moment's reflection would have convinced you that that unfortunate circumstance could in no wise be charged to the mismanagement of the present Board, who came into office in December last. As chairman of the Board it will only be necessary for me to submit the following report of a committee appointed to ascertain the state of the county's finances, which report was made out at our January meeting. The books are still open for the inspection of the public and your informant. I trust that you will do me the favor to publish the same: Outstanding claims aggregating \$10,910.07.

"A very small percentage of old taxes due the county have been paid to and disbursed by the present Board; and a portion of the receipts have been paid to cancel the unlisted indebtedness of the county not embraced in the above statement. It is the aim and hope of the present Board by economy and good management, to adjust and liquidate the debt of the county which they found to exist when they came into power, and for which they should not be held accountable.

"I will now state further that under the present management the county has been saved the payment of \$749.06, found open on the books which had been paid, and vouchers cancelled. Also collected from ex-Register of Deeds \$484 due on marriage license.

Very truly yours,
"THOMAS N. HARRISON,"

EX-CHAIRMAN BROWN ANSWERS.

Mr. R. W. Brown, who was Chairman Harrison's immediate predecessor as chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, made the following reply in last Sunday's News & Observer: Halifax, N. C., Oct. 5, 1897. Editor News and Observer:

Recently Mr. T. N. Harrison, chairman of the present board of Commissioners of Halifax county, published a statement in the News-Reporter purporting to defend the management of the "fusion" board of commissioners of this county and explain why Halifax county script was at a discount. Mr. Harrison takes the News and Observer to task for refusing to publish his statement and charges it with perverting the facts and smothering the truth about the matter. A knowledge of the whole truth will show Mr. Harrison himself to be guilty of that fault, and the failure of the News and Observer to publish his statement was very probably on account of its unwillingness to publish perverted facts.

Mr. Harrison tells the truth after a fashion, but he does not tell the whole truth. In fact, he tells a very small fragment of it, and that is so cunningly chosen and stated that it makes an entirely false impression.

He states that when the Democratic board went out last December it left the county indebted \$10,910.

Now, that is partly true. They did leave outstanding bonds, unmaturing, to the amount of \$7,847.26 only, but nothing else. Why did he not state the whole truth, give the nature and correct amount of the indebtedness, and say that not one cent of it was then due? That it was divided into ten payments running over a period of five years, and that the first of these payments did not become due until nearly twelve months thereafter?

If he did not wish to pervert facts why did he so state this indebtedness as to make the impression that it was past due, and the Democratic board had failed to meet it, when in fact the Democratic board paid up every single cent of county indebtedness of every description that was due up to and including the last of its service, and in addition paid over to the "fusion" administration \$700 in cash?

He still further perverts this much-strained fact when he offers it as an excuse for the failure of the present board to meet the current expenses of the county in such a manner as to convey the false impression that they had had to pay it, or at least a portion of it. He well knows that this indebtedness, even if past due, could not impair their ability to meet current expenses, unless they had paid something on it. They have not paid a cent of it. Therefore it has drawn nothing from the fund with which they should have met

current expenses, and has no bearing upon the fact that the county script is at a discount. The truth is that they have not paid any of the indebtedness nor met current expenses either. People holding jury tickets and county orders for witnesses fees and other county expenses, have been going about the streets hunting some one to discount their script at from 10 to 25 per cent, and much of the time even the keepers of the county home and jail have had to get private persons to cash or discount their county orders that the inmates of those institutions might be provided for—something that has not been known in this county since the Republicans were in power in the 70's.

Mr. Harrison claims to have had to pay a portion of revenue on the "unlisted indebtedness" of the county. We do not understand the phrase unless it means current expenses, but they have not had to pay, nor have they paid one cent upon any obligation or liability made or incurred by the Democratic board.

The much-talked-of indebtedness of the county above mentioned arose as follows: In 1896 the Democratic board contracted for the building of thoroughly fire proof offices for the clerk and register of deeds, fitted up with the most modern steel roller shelves and files; and a fire proof jail, fitted with the best steel cells and the most improved sanitary arrangements, of which the county stood in great need. These buildings are second to none in North Carolina, and are a great credit to the county. Their cost was about \$8,500, which was divided into twelve installments, two of which were payable in the fall of 1896, and of the remaining ten two were to be paid each fall for five years. The Democratic board paid the first two installments (the only ones payable during their administration) in the fall of 1896, leaving no other payments due on said contracts until the fall of 1897, nearly twelve months after the fusion board took control of the county. In these ten deferred payments alone consists the entire indebtedness so much flaunted by Mr. Harrison. They amounted to \$7,847.26 and no more, including all interest that will accrue up to maturity of each payment—less than \$1,600 per year for the five years.

Outside of these bonds the Democratic board did not leave one cent outstanding against the county—in other words, upon retiring, they paid up every single claim of any kind that was due and turned over to the "fusion" board \$700 in cash.

For several years prior to 1896 the Democratic board had reduced the taxes for county purposes 34 cents up property and ten cents on the poll below the amount they were authorized to levy, because the county expenses did not require the full levy. With this reduced levy they paid every claim and expenses against the county as soon as presented. No man ever waited a minute or was put off for the payment of any county order during the Democratic administration. They were accepted as cash at face value anywhere.

In 1896 the full levy was restored in order to meet the cost of said buildings. The experience of the Democratic board in those years, and in 1896, demonstrated that the authorized regular levy was sufficient to meet the current expenses of the county and also make the payments on said buildings as they became due. Yet in less than two months after the county was put in charge of the fusion board with \$700 to start on, all expenses and all matured indebtedness paid, and no indebtedness to become due in nearly twelve months, the new board had procured the Legislature to pass a bill authorizing them to levy a special tax and county orders were at a discount on the streets.

Mr. Harrison lays claim to a great achievement in saving the county \$749, open on the books for which the county held "cancelled vouchers." These were merely accounts allowed to various parties by the board to whom the clerk of the board had issued county orders, but inadvertently omitted the mark "issued" against the amounts on the minutes of the board. There was no probability of these parties making any attempt to have these orders issued again, and even if they had, the county was certainly well fortified against danger with the cancelled vouchers in hand. It would have been a very incompetent treasurer that would have paid a duplicate order with the original in his hands cancelled.

He also mentions collecting \$484 from the ex-register of deeds on marriage license. As a matter of course, it being the end of his term, the register had to make settlement of all public moneys received during his term, as any other officer. There was nothing to do but count the licenses issued and credit him with the amounts he had paid and thus ascertain the balance due by him. This was done and that balance paid in five minutes after the account was stated and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

But I do not see that these two last items bear upon the question of the county script being at a discount, except to show that the new board should have been \$1,200 more able to pay county orders. Yours truly,
R. W. BROWN,
Ex-Chair. Co. Comm'n.
E. L. TRAVIS, former Co. Ator.

STATE GLEANINGS.

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

The National Bank of Asheville closed last Friday. This is the third bank failure in Asheville.

OUTLAW CAPTURED.

Alex. Gilmore a colored outlaw of Cumberland county aged 22 years, has been captured. He was charged with murder and had boasted that he would not be taken alive.

REMANDED TO JAIL.

J. B. Barnes of Rocky Mount, charged with criminal assault on Miss Yarbrough, after a preliminary hearing before Justice Joyner of Rocky Mount, was remanded to jail to await his trial at Superior Court in Nashville. His bond was placed at \$3,500 but he could not give it. So says the Argonaut.

A WHITE GIRL ASSAULTED.

Miss Lilly Cole was brutally assaulted at Rockingham Saturday morning by a colored man named Flacko. Miss Cole was attacked on her way to the Pedee Cotton Mills where she was at work. It was at an early hour before 6 o'clock. Two men were arrested and carried to the young lady for identification before the right man was caught. There was strong talk of lynching.

AN ALLEGHANY MURDER.

Elkin Special to News & Observer 21st: "Alleghany county was the scene of another murder. Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock a man named Johnson shot and instantly killed a man named Murphy and dangerously wounded the latter's brother. Johnson was placed in jail at Sparta last night. A disagreement in regard to sale of rent corn was the cause of the murder. This makes three murder cases for the next term of Alleghany court, which does not convene until next March.

AGAINST THE LIQUOR MAN.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in reply to an inquiry written by Mr. Harrison, the following: "A man who is engaged in manufacturing and selling of spirituous liquors has no business in the school room to form and mould the characters of our boys and girls. Such a man is not likely to carry out section 1, chapter 169, laws of 1891. He will not be likely to tell his pupils that the business was not destroying only the bodies, but also souls of men. No, sir; do not grant a certificate to any such man."

STATE FOREST SOCIETY.

Raleigh Special to Wil. Messenger 21st: The North Carolina Forestry Society was organized to day at the state fair. It starts with twenty members. W. C. Petty, of Carthage, was elected president; C. A. Schenck, of Biltmore, vice president, and W. W. Ashe, secretary. The forest products of the state are among the most important sources of income, amounting for the eastern counties alone, to more than \$12,000,000. The society has for its object the improvement and perpetuity of the forests of the state, their protection from fires and their renewal. The next meeting will be held at New Bern during the fair, when addresses will be delivered by State Geologist Holmes and other members.

SUICIDE OF MISS EDWARDS.

Rutherford College special to Charlotte Observer 23rd: About 9 o'clock this morning Miss Rosa Edwards, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. T. H. Edwards, was drowned in Johnson's mill pond, one mile from Rutherford College. Miss Rosa was the teacher of the public school, and had left her home ostensibly to go to her work. But she never reached it. The keeper of the mill saw her pass up the unfrequented pathway to the pond, and expressed his wonder where she was going. He saw her walk briskly up the pathway until she came to where a part of a former dam afforded a walk into the middle of the pond. This, as was evidenced by her tracks, she had taken to the end, and had there made the fatal plunge. Her body was recovered within a few minutes of the drowning, and while there was some slight beating of the heart, all efforts to revive her proved futile. The girl was about 19, of prepossessing appearance and manner, well educated, and of pronounced piety. If it was suicide, as the circumstances strangely suggest, there can be no reason found for it but one—that is the loss of sleep, sitting up for weeks with her dying stepmother, may have unbalanced her mind. It is a very strange affair, and Mr. Edwards has the sympathy of our people.

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ENDORSES THE COMMONWEALTH.

Mr. Editor:—I read with pleasure your editorial in the last issue of THE COMMONWEALTH, "As to the Negro." It is entitled to thoughtful consideration. The negro is here and we are compelled to look the question in the face and decide what is best, not only for the white people but for the negro. It ought to be evident to any man of average intelligence that the two races cannot govern the country. The negro on account of his former condition certainly is not fit for it, and all attempts to experiment with him as an officer will be failures. If the eastern section of the State is to be dominated by negroes, then indeed is the condition of its people deplorable. You rightly say that there is no animosity against the negro by our people; a better feeling heretofore has prevailed, perhaps, nowhere in the State. They feel kindly towards him but are not willing to see him in office over white people. They regard him as an inferior race, inferior in intelligence, inferior in morals and inferior in everything that constitutes true manhood. What future the Almighty has in store for him time will tell. Until that time comes let every good citizen stand shoulder to shoulder in retaining white supremacy. If there are any who wish to make the experiment of letting him rule conjointly with the whites, let them try it further North—we of this section want none of it.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will continue to advocate this doctrine and long may you wave.

The most severe storm in a long time swept our coast Sunday and Sunday night. At Norfolk it was very severe. Two men were killed by electric wires blown down. All the buildings on Cobb's Island, including the summer cottage of Rev. Tom. Dixon, were destroyed.

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Cold wave is coming. You want some blankets to keep warm. We got them for 50c. a pair. CAPES—We have a complete line of them from 75c. up to \$5.00. It is impossible for us to give all the prices of our entire stock. Call on us and see for yourselves. We have about 500 yards of all wool flannel white, red and gray from 18c. to 25c. the best.
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