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SOME SIGNIFICANT STATISTICS.

Owing to the prominence which is being given to the discussion of the race question in North Carolina and throughout the South, THE COMMONWEALTH submits some statistics concerning the relative increase of the white and colored races, which will be interesting, we think.

In the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia in 1890 fifteen sixteenths of the entire colored population of the United States were found.

In 1880 there were in these States 6,142,360 colored inhabitants, and in 1890 6,996,116. During the decade they increased 13.90 per cent. In these same States in 1880 the white population numbered 13,530,408 and in 1890 they had increased to 16,868,205, a rate of increase 24.67 per cent., nearly twice as great as that of the colored people.

In 1880 there were in these States 100,000 white persons to 45,397 colored. In 1890 there were in these same States 100,000 white persons to 41,475 colored.

These statistics show that during the decade from 1880 to 1890 the colored race did not increase parallel with the white race, though they live in a climate well suited to their development.

From 1800 to 1830 the colored race increased in these states more rapidly than the whites; but since that time the whites have steadily increased more rapidly than the colored.

In North Carolina the relative rate of increase for the two races since 1850 has been 16.28 per cent. for the colored and 17.60 per cent. for the whites; and during this period the colored increase from 1870 to 1880 was 35.65 per cent. and the whites for the same decade was 27.82 per cent.

But from 1880 to 1890 there was a great discrepancy in the rate of increase between the races in North Carolina. For the colored it was 6.76 per cent., and for the whites 20.98 per cent.

These statistics show us clearly that by the very laws of nature the Anglo-Saxon race is destined to rule this country.

WELL, SUPPOSE IT DOES!

The present depression in business is not pleasant to contemplate. It is not worse in Scotland Neck than in other towns of like interest; for it seems to be general all through the South.

Most persons take the wrong view of things under the present circumstances. They say that in view of the hard times it seems safer and wiser to hold back a little and not make ventures in business, building new enterprises, &c. This is a mistake. The stagnation in business makes it all the more necessary that special effort be put forth by every community to keep bread.

It is not at all probable that these severe times will last a great while. There will surely come relief. And suppose this state of affairs should continue for a year, or two years, or three years? It only makes it worse to nurse the matter.

People must still raise corn, peanuts, cotton and tobacco in this section of the country; and the wise thing to do is, to make the best possible preparation for handling these crops.

Stopping and sitting down and bewailing the times will not help the case. If every one who can turn loose a dollar in some enterprise will do so, it will help much.

Of course men ought to be prudent in their investments; but let us not be so prudent that we shall do nothing at all.

Now, can't Scotland Neck's business men take some steps for a forward movement?

This depression cannot last, and if it should, the best way to make it lighter is to move out on new lives.

Let us try something. What say the people?

STATE GLEANINGS.

FOR RALEIGH POST-OFFICE.

It has been written to the News and Observer from Washington that Joshua B. Hill will be postmaster at Raleigh.

A MURDERER HANGED.

Sam Wright was hanged in Goldsboro last week for the murder of Mr. Carr near that town about two months ago. He made full confession.

WATERSON AT GREENSBORO.

Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, lectured at Greensboro before the State Normal College last Saturday night.

WILL BE HANGED 26TH.

John Evans, the colored man tried in Rockingham last week for criminal assault on a white girl named Miss Lilly Cole, was convicted. By agreement there was no argument to the jury by the lawyers on either side. The jury simply heard the evidence and Judge McIver's charge. Evans will be hanged Friday 26th.

A DRUNKEN NEGRO KILLS ANOTHER.

Elizabeth City Fisherman and Farmer: Tuesday night at Creswell, Washington county, N. C., Jerry Roberts killed Jno. T. Jones. Both of them were colored men, and after partaking freely of whiskey, proceeded to settle some difficulty. Jerry, to emphasize his position, struck John forcibly with a fence rail on his neck, and thereby forever silenced him. Jerry made good his escape, and his whereabouts are unknown.

BOYD FOR THE CABINET.

Washington, Nov. 13.—A concerted movement is to be made by Southern politicians, led by Senator Pritchard and the Southern national committee, to have Col. James E. Boyd, Assistant Attorney General, promoted to the cabinet, should Attorney General McKenna be appointed to the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Boyd is the national committee man from North Carolina, and his friends urge his competency and fitness as unexcelled.

BARN BURNED—DROWNED.

Plymouth Beacon: On Saturday afternoon last while Mr. J. M. Reid was in town, one of his barns and stables were burned, at his home five miles in the country, consuming one mule, one horse, ten bales of cotton, about seventy-five barrels of corn and a large lot of fodder. The loss is estimated at \$2,500. On Friday evening last Elijah Clout, colored man, was washing a buggy in the river, and taking one of the wheels he went to the side of the wharf. This was the last seen of him. No one saw him fall in, but as he failed to return to the stables, inquiry was made as to his whereabouts, and on Sunday those who dragged for him in the river secured the body.

A MURDERER KILLED AT DURHAM.

At Durham last Saturday morning a colored man who seemed to be a stranger went to the house where a family of colored children named Laister were eating breakfast. Their mother was away from home. The fiend snatched a boy about 11 years old out on the door steps and killed him by shooting him twice. As the murderer was leaving the premises Mr. R. C. Scoggins, who was appealed to for help called to him to stop, but the man would not stop. Mr. Scoggins shot him with a Winchester rifle, and the man soon died. Mr. Scoggins was honorably discharged by the court of justice as having been justifiable in killing the fleeing murderer.

STUDENTS ON A LONG WALK.

Wake Forest correspondence to Charlotte Times-Democrat: Of late there has been a great deal of boasting on the part of certain students of their ability to walk long distances. This culminated Friday evening in the determination of four young men, Messrs. Biggs, Justice, Wright and Leslie, to walk to Raleigh, a distance of seventeen miles, and return. Immediately after supper they set forth in high spirits. All reached Raleigh very well, but there Messrs. Justice and Wright gave out and boarded the fast train for Wake Forest. Messrs. Leslie and Biggs, after walking over the city, started back, arriving here at day break. They had been walking all night.

COLORS PREACHER ARRESTED.

Patron and Gleaner: For some time matters have not run smoothly with the First Colored Baptist church here on account of differences with their pastor. Last Saturday night matters reached a climax when the pastor, Rev. M. G. Christmas, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the clerk of the church. The preacher, Christmas, was brought before Justice Vann, who after

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hearing the evidence fined him five dollars and cost, amounting to between nine and ten dollars. Later the fine was remitted. On Monday the deacons of the church paid the minister his salary in full on the promise that he would leave and return no more. He was not allowed to preach on Sunday, though he was at the church for that purpose.

MOONSHINING IN EDGEcombe.

Tarboro Southerner: Deputy Collector Daniel, of the Internal Revenue Service captured and destroyed on Friday last an illicit still in the upper part of the county, between Battleboro and Whitakers. The still was located in a big reed swamp on Swift creek and was apparently doing a big business. It is said that about nine hundred gallons of mash etc. and some distilled whiskey were found and emptied on the ground. The officers were led to the place by a preacher, who had been advised of its location but they reached there at a time when no one was present and there is no one under arrest. It is not likely that any one will lay claim to the destroyed property. The parties running it were lucky in being away. It is said that Western North Carolina is not the only camping ground of the festive moonshiner and that corn whiskey can be bought very cheap if one knows where to get it. It is a dangerous business and the man who follows it long is sure to get caught in the end.

SAFE BLOWERS AT MOCKSMILLE.

Winston Sentinel: Safe blowers got in their work at Mocksville Monday night. They broke in the postoffice there, blew open the safe with dynamite and robbed it of \$300, half of the amount being in stamps and the other half in money.

Our informant says it was a first-class job, the safe being a complete wreck—torn all to pieces. The robbers failed to get three registered letters which contained money. They were found next morning badly scorched. Ed. Morris is the postmaster at Mocksville. He was appointed a few months ago.

After committing the robbery, the parties stole the section master's lever car and rode it out near the Davis School just west of Winston. It was found next morning lying near the railroad track.

At Dutchman's creek, four miles this side of Mocksville, the safe-blowers cut the telegraph wire in two places. They did this to prevent any messages being sent out after them.

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

President McKinley has named and set apart Thursday, November 25th, as a day for national thanksgiving; and the people throughout the United States will observe the day as usual.

SOUTHERN WISDOM(?)

The following going the rounds of the press, taken from the Murfreesboro (Tenn.) News, is a pretty good picture of what may be seen in some sections of the South:

"We let our timber rot and buy fencing. We throw away our ashes and grease, and buy soap; we raise dogs and buy hogs; we raise weeds and buy vegetables; we catch 5 cent fish with \$4.00 rods; we build school houses and send our children off to be educated, and, lastly, we send our boys out with a \$40.00 gun and a \$10.00 dog to hunt 10 cent birds."

The people of Plymouth organized an independent Temperance Association a few nights ago. One hundred and fifty names were enrolled. This is the best way to bring about the temperance sentiment. Let every town do it and the land will be greatly blessed by it.

WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR.

What you would like to hear of a medicine is that it will either cure you, or you will get your money back. Perhaps you have never heard it. Then you have never bought a bottle of Dr. David's Chill Tonic—the one chill cure that is warranted to cure you and money refunded.

Inquire of your druggist or write to the Owens & Minor Drug Co., Richmond, Va.

Two young sports were sentenced to a year in jail and \$1,000 fine each by Judge Hanckle of Norfolk Saturday. They were the defendants in the Lillian-Baine-Cannon case, which has become a case of some notoriety. The case was appealed and the defendants gave bond in \$5,000 each.

HOW TO CURE BILIOUS COLIC.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. Butler, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

WINTON PARAGRAPHS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) WINTON, N. C., Nov. 16, '97.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Camp of Franklin, Va., are the guests of the family of Mr. T. D. Boone.

Misses Nona and Jennie Brinkley who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. A. J. Pierce, returned to their homes last week, the former in Plymouth and the latter in Roper City.

Miss Irma Brown is teaching school near Tunis. We are glad to announce that Miss Agnes Carter, who has been confined to her room for several days, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Friedlin, of Portsmouth, Va., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Carter.

Mr. J. R. Mitchell went to Coleraine last week. Mr. H. H. Jones, one of our most enterprising merchants, was married to Miss Ida Newsom on the 10th, Rev. T. J. Riddick officiating. The young couple have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon applied if you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent by mail. Mention THE COMMONWEALTH and send your address to Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

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SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a judgment rendered in a special proceeding before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax county entitled E. T. Clark, Adm. of Ivey E. Hudgins, vs. Kate McGee and others, I will sell at public auction at the court-house in Halifax town on Monday the 6th day of December, 1897, the two following tracts of land situated in Halifax county, to wit:

1. That tract described in a deed from Ivey E. Hudgins to E. T. Clark on Book 70 B, page 153 Register of Deeds office, and bounded by the road leading from Halifax to Tillery, Roanoke river, the lands formerly owned by Davy Reynolds, H. J. Hervey and others, known as the "Hospital Tract," and containing 225 acres, more or less.

2. That tract bounded by the road from Halifax to Tillery, the Roanoke river, the lands of Mrs. Mary S. Moore and Norman Scott, containing 25 acres, more or less, and called the "Hudgins Home Place."

TERMS: One-third cash; balance in six and twelve months, title retained. The Hospital tract will be sold in two parcels. November 4th, 1897.

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To John F. Felch, Olivia A. Felch and Henry Felch, the defendants above named: You are hereby notified that the above entitled action has been commenced against you in the Superior Court of Halifax by the plaintiffs above named to recover possession of a tract of land in Halifax County, known as Hill's Bridges whereon Dr. Jno. R. Moore resided at time of his death, and to exclude you from all interest therein. You are required to appear at a term of our said Court to be held at the Court House in Halifax on the eighth Monday after the last Monday in September, 1897, and answer or demur to the plaintiff's complaint in said action. This October 18th, 1897.

STERLING M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court. 10 28 4t.

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Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court. Halifax County. D. A. Madry vs. W. C. Allen and others.

By virtue of power conferred upon me by a decree made in the above entitled action, I shall sell on the terms stated below, in the town of Scotland Neck, on the first Saturday in December, 1897, being the 4th day of the month, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m., at public auction, the real estate fully described in the pleadings in said action, to-wit: That real estate in said town known as the Vine Hill Male Academy, consisting of about four acres of land, bounded by lands of S. B. Kitchin, B. D. Gray's estate, by Main street and by Fifth street. Terms: One half cash, balance in 12 months from day of sale, with title retained till whole of purchase money is paid, and notes of purchaser for deferred payment taken with interest from day of sale. This Nov. 3, 1897.

W. A. DUNN, Commissioner. 11 4 4t.

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