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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1897.

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A Horse for a Bicycle.

I have a good cow with a young calf for sale. Also a good horse which I will give for a bicycle. J. D. WEEKS,
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New men in business. New Fall and Winter Goods arriving daily at
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New Dress Goods—Latest Styles. New Novelty Silks. New Trimmings.
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The justly celebrated John Kelly Shoes for Ladies are in the lead. Every pair warranted by R. C. Josey & Co.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. JOHN BROWNING DEAD.—Mrs. John Browning died near Brinkleyville Friday and was buried Sunday.

MR. HERRING FRIDAY NIGHT.—Rev. R. H. Herring of Halifax will address the Baptist Young People's Union in the Baptist church Friday night.

DIED IN ALABAMA.—Mrs. S. W. Nicholson, a native of this county, died in Alabama last Thursday and was brought to this county for interment. The body was interred at her old home near Enfield Sunday. She was sister to Mr. A. E. Thorne of this county.

DR. SWINDELL'S VISIT.—Dr. Swindell, Presiding Elder of this district, preached in the Methodist church here last Thursday night, and held Quarterly Conference at Palmyra next day. Those who heard Dr. Swindell were pleased with his able sermon Thursday night. He is pleasing the people as Presiding Elder, and he is an acceptable successor to the lamented Dr. Black.

KEEPING SWEET POTATOES.—Mr. Jas. W. Nicholson of this county keeps sweet potatoes in a well, and says that they do not rot at all. Our information was given by Mr. E. T. Clark of Weldon, who says that Mr. Nicholson has kept potatoes for two or three years. The well is not made deep enough for water to rise in it, and the potatoes are not covered except by planks or boards to keep out the rain.

TWO DEATHS AT WELDON.—Mr. T. L. Boyd, one of Weldon's most popular and best beloved young men died there last week, after an illness of several weeks. His death was one of peculiar sadness, and the entire community was greatly bereaved. Also Postmaster W. H. Capell died in Weldon last week after an illness of some months. He was well known in his community and his death was unexpected and sad.

Monday Night's Entertainment.

The entertainment given in Temperance Hall Monday night was quite successful. It was for the benefit of the Methodist parsonage and a large crowd was present. The exercises were pleasing from first to last. The renditions, both vocal and instrumental, were well chosen and well rendered, and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. At the close of the exercises Rev. Mr. Bradley, pastor of the Methodist church, thanked the people for their liberal attendance and support. The net proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$26.

Prof. Aiken Dead.

Mr. J. L. Bell was here from Ahoskie this week and gave account of the sad death of Prof. Herbert Aiken there a few days ago. He was a student here in Vine Hill Male Academy a few years ago under Prof. W. C. Allen. He has since been to college. Leaving Wake Forest last June he went out prepared to teach, and having been elected principal of Ahoskie High School, he began his work there in September. He was sick with fever just twenty-one days. He was under 25 years of age, was a young man of promise and his death was one of peculiar sadness.

Enfield Bank.

THE COMMONWEALTH is glad to note from our Enfield correspondence that our sister town is soon to have a bank. We learn from other sources that Mr. George B. Curtis will be president and Mr. McDonald of Rocky Mount cashier. Mr. Curtis is one of the leading business men of the county, and his prominent connection with the new bank assures its success. It will be operated by a stock company and we have learned that they have a chance at all the capital they need. We wish our Enfield friends great success.

A Short Court.

Superior Court was held in Halifax this week. Judge H. B. Bryan presided with his usual grace and dignity. It was a dull court from the first. There was not a very full docket, and the cases on the docket were for the most part continued. By noon of the first day there seemed to be nothing to do. On Tuesday, at the suggestion of some of the lawyers the court adjourned and when persons who went from Scotland Neck arrived at Halifax they met Judge Bryan taking the train for home. The prevailing opinion is that such a short Civil court is an indication that people have very little money with which to go to law.

The three year old boy of J. A. Johnson of Lynn Center Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros. of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and Lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

THE MIXING CROWD.

Some Come and Some Go.
AND OF OTHERS WE DO NOT KNOW.

Mr. W. D. Leggett of Tarboro was here Monday night.

Mr. Len Bell of Ahoskie was here Monday on a visit to his parents.

Mr. G. L. Bell of Suffolk is here on a visit to his parents.

Mr. M. D. Allsbrook of Weldon came down Saturday on a visit to his sons. He returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Driscoll of Roanoke Rapids came down Saturday on a visit to Mr. K. Jenkins' family.

Mrs. W. J. Hill of Rocky Mount came Friday on a visit and remained until Monday.

Mrs. F. H. Busbee of Raleigh has been here several days on a visit to her relatives.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan of Halifax preached in the Baptist church here Sunday night.

Mrs. W. F. Draughan and her daughter, Miss Clio, of Edgecombe, were here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. S. B. Butts, near Weldon, came down Saturday on a visit to his brothers who live at the William Hodges farm.

Mrs. W. D. Tillery of Roanoke Rapids came down Monday on a visit to her relatives here.

Miss Emily Hall returned home Monday from a visit to friends at Halifax.

Miss Helen Perry who has been visiting Mrs. W. D. Tillery at Roanoke Rapids some weeks, returned home Monday.

Mr. Howard Alston, of Littleton, came down Monday from Halifax and spent the night with Mr. Claude Kitchen.

Dr. O. H. Hyatt of Kinston spent Monday and Tuesday here on a special visit for treatment of the eyes. He always seems pleased with Scotland Neck.

Rev. W. J. Smith, Dr. Ed. Shields, Misses Pauline Shields and Emily Hall attended the Convocation of Tarboro in Halifax last week.

Dr. Frank W. Whitehead left Monday for Suffolk, Va., where he has gone to locate for the practice of medicine. He is clever and energetic, well-posted for a young man of his age, has been successful in his community, and we predict a brilliant success for him in his new field. The people of Suffolk are fortunate in having him locate amongst them.

A Destructive Fire.

Mr. Frank P. Shields had the misfortune to lose valuable property by fire last Saturday morning. About 2 o'clock a colored boy discovered that the barns and stables at his river farm were on fire. A force of hands had been at work until about 11 o'clock that night threshing peanuts and hauling the vines from his lower farm. Mr. Shields thinks that perhaps a spark from the engine had fallen into the vines and was hauled from one farm to the other and packed away, and later caught and burst out.

The barns and stables were consumed with 30 barrels of corn, 15 stacks of fodder, a large quantity of peanut vines, a cow and yoke of oxen. All the farming utensils with the wagons and carts were saved. About 35 head of horses were stabled and had the fire not been discovered as soon as it was, all the horses would have been burned. The cow and oxen that were burned could have been saved if they had not been forgotten in the general hurry and excitement. Mr. Shields said that he regretted their manner of death as much as he did the loss of the property.

The loss was about \$500 or \$600 with no insurance. Mr. Shields' friends sympathize with him in his loss. It is especially severe under the low prices of farm products.

Death of Mr. R. B. Pierce.

Mr. R. B. Pierce who was stricken with something like paralysis two weeks ago, lingered and grew worse until he died Wednesday afternoon of last week. He rallied once or twice after the first attack.

The remains were interred in the Baptist cemetery the day following his death. Rev. R. T. Vann conducting the exercises.

Mr. Pierce was about 60 years old, was an industrious and quiet citizen and attending to his own business without disturbing or molesting any one. He was a smith and wheel-wright by trade, and so far as we have ever heard he was faithful to do his work well, which is a commendable feature in the character of any one.

Deceased had never shown any special interest in religion but after he was taken ill, once when he rallied he pointed to the Bible and had it brought and held it with signs of affection for it. He leaves a wife and two daughters, one Mrs. Staten of this community, and the other Mrs. Womble of Roanoke Rapids. THE COMMONWEALTH joins in sympathy for the stricken family in this sudden and sad bereavement.

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IMPORTANT TRIAL.

Two Men Being Tried for Murder.

The Alford-Fields-Keel trial in Tarboro this week is one of considerable importance. Our readers may remember that the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH heard the proceedings in the preliminary trial in Tarboro last May, and gave a report of same. About 15th of May a white man named Keel died in Conetoe under suspicious circumstances.

Another white man named Alford, the colored man named Fields, Fields, the colored man, said that Alford gave him capsules with salt in them, as we remember it now, and told him to take two of them to kill the effect of liquor and to give the other two to Keel. He did so and Keel died before day.

The trial was commenced last Wednesday and it took until Saturday to get a jury, nearly two hundred men having been summoned.

A very intelligent jury was finally secured and the trial is proceeding. We learn that it will probably be the last of the week before the trial closes.

Solicitor Daniel is prosecuting the case with vigor and ability, and the prisoners are represented by strong counsel, Mess. Gilliam and Bridgers for Alford, and Mr. J. J. Martin for Fields.

"Varmints" in Town.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," they say; and it has been verified in Scotland Neck recently. Low prices for cotton and peanuts have made it rather dull in matters of business this fall; so the town has been rather quiet.

The creeping 'possum has ventured to the persimmon tree in Dr. R. M. Johnson's lot on the west side of town, and the boys caught a fine one in a gum two or three weeks ago.

A few nights ago one ventured up into the town and Dr. Johnson himself overtook the quiet creeper from the forest at the corner of Church and Tenth streets, just in front of the Baptist church, and with his cane he brought down the 'possum and took him home. But the 'possums are not all.

A few days ago Jonas Smith, Mr. Hoffman's drayman, ran upon an otter near Mr. Jno. Coughenour's and brought down his otter with a club, landed him on his dray and hauled him up town with an air of nobody-else-has-done-anything-like-this.

The otter was first seen at Dr. McDowell's lot, having come up the canal, no doubt, from the creek a mile away. What other town of flourishing business within our borders can furnish on the street real, live creeping 'possum for meat, and real live, crouching otter to furnish trade for the fur man?

A Run to Harnett and Wake.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH made a little run to Harnett and Wake last week. It was pleasant to visit the old home tree of childhood days and sit again by the old hearthstone as of long ago; but there was sadness mingled with it which only those who have had like experience can understand and appreciate.

The farmers of Harnett and Wake are not so depressed, we believe, as they are in this community. There are more home supplies raised there than here, in proportion to the acreage cultivated by each one. At almost every small farm may be seen a bale or two of cotton sheltered to be held in the hope of getting a better price.

The hanging of Ed. Purvis in Harnett last week was an event of interest to the people throughout the county, as it was the first hanging in the history of the county.

Stopping a day at Wake Forest, we found that institution still flourishing. There are not quite so many students this year as last, but the work being done is satisfactory and the health of the students is good.

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.

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40 cents per hundred.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)
CONOHO, N. C., Nov. 23, 1897.

On Wednesday of last week Mr. J. T. O. Hyman was married to Miss Cora Hyman at the bride's father's, Mr. J. F. Hyman. Elder M. T. Lawrence officiated.

On Saturday, Nov. 20th, Mrs. Fannie Bass, wife of Mr. J. L. Bass, a resident of this county, was on her way home from Conoho church and was taken with a severe pain in her head. She was carried to Mr. J. L. Howard's about a quarter of a mile from where she was taken. The doctor was telephoned for, and her husband and children were sent for, but she died before any of them could get there. She only lived about one hour and a quarter after she was taken. Her remains were interred on the church yard at Conoho Sunday afternoon. She leaves a husband and three children and many friends to mourn her loss.

ENFIELD NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)
ENFIELD, N. C., Nov. 22, 1897.

They are putting up another large building with stone basement from rock blasted on the place and several stories with brick at the J. K. Brick I. and A. School.

Mr. G. B. Curtis expects to build a brick building adjoining his store for a bank.

Dr. A. S. Harrison's handsome residence, corner Dennis street and Burnett avenue is nearing completion.

Rev. E. E. Rose will have services in M. E. Church Thanksgiving day.

Rev. J. L. Michaux is expected to preach in M. P. Church next Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Moore has a market room, corner the old Burnatt hotel.

Mr. Hardie and wife from New York are here for the hunting season.

A WHOLE MAN.

A whole man is another name for a healthy man. One of the prime essentials of health is cleanliness. The first step in this direction is a clean skin. This fact is well known. Not only should the outside of the body be perfectly clean, but the interior of the body as well. Clean teeth, clean mouth, clean throat, clean nasal passages, are all requisites of perfect health. The whole body, as well as every organ in the body, is lined with mucous membrane, which is even more liable than the skin to become very dirty. The most frequent cause of unclean mucous membrane is catarrh, Catarrh creates unnatural secretions, even though the catarrh be very slight. In this condition good health is impossible.

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Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs, it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at E. T. Whitehead & Co's. Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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