

The Commonwealth.

E. E. HILLIARD, Editor. Published Every Thursday. Entered at the Post-Office at Scotland Neck, N. C. as Second Class Matter. THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1898. NO MIXING IN THIS COUNTY.

Halifax, N. C., Aug. 9.—Special)—Committees of Republicans and Populists met here today to arrange fusion. A stormy session of seven hours was had. Mac Ferguson, the Republican register of deeds, led the fight for fusion assisted by W. E. Bowers, Populist treasurer.

Joe J. Wood, a life long Republican, fought fusion, and won a victory for the Republican straightouts. John H. Hannon, colored, assisted Wood. Hannon is slated for register of deeds. The foregoing is a report sent to the News and Observer of a joint meeting of Republicans and populists in Halifax Monday looking to fusion.

The Populists nowhere in the State are willing to try to make a fight alone. The Republicans having succeeded in putting in colored postmasters all over the county now say to the Populists who are responsible for it, "No, thank you; we have no further use for you."

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The following editorial utterance in the Norfolk Virginian and Pilot of "Aug. 6th, is one of the clearest and most sensible arguments we have read against the actions of the President in appointing so many colored postmasters in the South:

"In appointing so many colored postmasters at the South, where every such appointee is known to be persona non grata to the community, and especially to all its better elements, Mr. McKinley is revealing a side of his character that was never suspected. He was supposed to be an amiable and refined gentleman, with some of the higher qualities of a patriot and statesman. In these postal, gratuitous and wanton appointments, he shows himself the opposite of what he was at first thought to be.

The administration of the post-office is very important and delicate, if not in some ways sacred and confidential. The custodian of every office, therefore, should not only be a trusted citizen of the immediate community, but a favorite citizen,—one in whom all confide and with whom it is not offensive or disagreeable for any to come in contact or association. The selection of a colored postmaster for a Southern white constituency is offensive. It is not the business of the government or of the President to cure prejudices, reform feelings, or dictate likes and dislikes. There is no law compelling the appointment here, there, or anywhere, of a negro instead of a white man, no more than there is that Smith, rather than Brown, should have the office. But it is the duty of the government to appoint officers agreeable to the people, other things being equal. That principle is consulted even in our appointments abroad; and we do not make a colored man our representative in any foreign country, unless its people and government are also colored. Let prejudice alone. They will cure themselves in course of time, if not founded in nature and reason; and, at all events, it is no part of the duty of government to undertake to remove them or defy them. There is neither sense, policy, nor good intent or good feeling, in making an offensive appointment. As a rule, such appointment is an affront to those chiefly concerned. It is a breach of good manners, a violation of the spirit that should obtain between the public and its government.

"There is no use talking about rights in this matter. Any negro, for that matter, otherwise qualified, has as good a right to be nominated and elected President of the United States as Mr. McKinley. The main consideration, especially in the post-office, is to give the people whose most private affairs are to pass through his hands, an officer liked and trusted, and whose appointment on neither side will foment animosity, or ill feeling of any kind; and there can be nothing but false pretenses for an administration to take the attitude of a tyrant, or enemy, or censor to force any objectionable person in close daily offensive relations with the people."

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00 guaranteed or price refunded.

NEW MARKET.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

FIRST DAY'S SALES FINE.

Best Opening Ever Seen.

AS THE TOBACCO PLANT WAVE OVER THE BROAD ACRES OF THE FARMER, SO WAVETH THE PALM OF SUCCESS FOR THE NEW TOBACCO MARKET OF SCOTLAND NECK.



For days and weeks the people of Scotland Neck and community had looked forward to August 4th with keen and eager interest; for it was to be the opening day for Scotland Neck's new tobacco market.

The warehousemen had been busy for weeks making good preparation for the day, and all were hopeful for a good and flattering opening; and they were not disappointed. Two or three days before the opening farmers began to bring in their tobacco in small quantities, for no farmer had had opportunity to grade more than a load or two. Early on Thursday, the opening day, carts and wagons began to roll in and when the hour had arrived for opening the sales the floor of each warehouse was well covered with the golden weed.

Tobacco sales in Scotland Neck was something new, of course, and large crowds had gathered from the town and country, among them many ladies, to witness the opening.

At 10:30 o'clock sales were opened in the Banner Warehouse. Auctioneer Finch opened the sales with an enthusiasm that in a moment electrified the great crowd, and quick and rapid bidding on the part of the experienced buyers caused the hearts of the farmers to beat fast with a satisfaction that they were to get full value for the products of their fields in which they had toiled in heat and in cold, in sunshine and in shadow, in the hope of making honest money through the sweat of their face.

Interest kept up through the whole hour's sale until the last pile was sold on the floor of the Banner; and then the crowd quickly swept across the street to witness the same good and gratifying results from the sales on the floor of the Star Warehouse.

Meanwhile all through the sales warehousemen Warren and Herndon were "whooping up" the buyers and seeing to it that the farmers got what their tobacco was worth. The sales amounted to SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

When the sales were ended everybody took a long breath of relief. The tension was over. The first sales had been made on the new market, and the question was settled for good and all that Scotland Neck tobacco market is to be among the best and foremost of the State.

The opening had been a success, and the owners of the property, the warehousemen, the buyers and the farmers were all pleased with the result. THE MARKET'S FUTURE.

There is no longer a doubt about the future of Scotland Neck's tobacco market. It is an assured success. Mr. A. S. Herndon, of the Star Warehouse, and Mr. J. A. Warren, of the Banner Warehouse, are from the tobacco market of Danville, Va., the largest loose leaf tobacco market in the world, and they are up-to-date in all that pertains to the interest of their business and that of their patrons. They will spare no pains or expense to make this market a big one the first season and to make every pound of tobacco bring its full value.

The buyers who are here, Messrs. Wilkinson, Hooker, Clement and Crumpton, with others who are to come, are men of much experience and are here to pay full value for all tobacco that is put upon this market. Auctioneer Finch knows how to squeeze the buyers to the last notch on every pile, and the "af-and-at-and-af" that thrills through the various tongue gyrations as he passes from pile to pile he never lets until they have bidden for the weed the uttermost farthing it is worth.

SATISFIED FARMERS. It was gratifying to all those interested in the market to see such satisfaction amongst the farmers at the prices which their tobacco brought on the opening day. The warehousemen will see to it in the future that no market pays better prices than Scotland Neck.

One most remarkable feature of the opening day was the uniformly good order which prevailed, notwithstanding the greatness of the crowd. Tobacco was not trodden upon, nor was there any unpleasant episode during the day.

BEST HE HAD SEEN. One who had seen many opening sales said that the sales on the floors of the two warehouses here last week were the best and most flattering he had ever seen at the opening of a new market.

SALES AT ANY TIME. The question has frequently been asked on what days and at what hours sales will be made: THE COMMONWEALTH is informed by the warehousemen that sales are held regularly at 10 o'clock, and every day when there is tobacco to sell.

WAR NEWS.

Happenings of a Week.

SICKNESS IN CAMP.

Sickness still continues among the American troops in the West Indies and Florida. Gen. Shafter's reports show a death rate of about 12 a day. Aug. 4 there were 3,354 cases of sickness in his camp, of which over 2,500 were fever. Many of the diseased troops are being moved to cooler regions. Where the troops now at Santiago are replaced by immunes, there should be a rapid decrease of sick cases.

GEN. MILES ACTIVE IN PORTO RICO.

Although peace negotiations are being pressed by our government, Gen. Miles is very alert in pushing the Porto Rico campaign. Thus far the Spaniards have made no resistance to his troops landing or advancing. The inhabitants seem glad to welcome liberation from the Spanish yoke. It is thought that very soon there will be collision between Gen. Ernest's brigade and the Spanish outposts. The Administration seems very well satisfied with Gen. Miles' management of the campaign, and have not let him suffer for want of supplies and reinforcements. Gen. Brooks was dispatched to Porto Rico with troops last week, and is now safely disembarking at Port Arroyo.

The next detachment of reinforcements will be commanded by General Wade. Among the regiments in his brigade is the 1st North Carolina.

SPAIN'S REPLY.

The reply of the Spanish government to the peace conditions laid down by the United States were received and translated in sections at Washington Monday. Up to this writing (Wednesday) there has been no official publication of the reply; but the great length causes considerable speculation as to its purport. It was thought that its length meant that Spain had not accepted peace propositions unconditionally, and that the reply would carry with it considerable discussion.

A cabinet officer said late Monday afternoon: "The information that has come from Madrid about the action of the Spanish cabinet indicates the Spanish have accepted our terms in a general way but leave several questions that we did not include in the terms submitted."

On all hands it is believed that the reply will not be an unqualified acceptance of terms submitted by the United States.

A dispatch from Madrid August 8th credits the Liberal with the following: "The government accepts the United States conditions ad referendum, believing that it is not authorized to cede territory without the vote of the Cortes. If McKinley objects, the Cortes will be convoked this month. A fresh note from President McKinley, replying to Spain's reply, is expected during the course of this week."

THE LATEST.

Wednesday morning's daily papers say that the entire Spanish report was received Tuesday. Secretary Day was closeted over an hour with M. Cambon, the French ambassador, who is acting for Spain. As a result of their conference he said that for the present the substance of the report would be kept secret.

THE MANILA SITUATION.

The following dispatch was received by the New York World August 9th: "The United States Monitor Monterey arrived here today. Manila will fall as soon as the Monadnock comes here. She is expected by next Thursday."

"Admiral Dewey's ships are stripping for action. "Owing to the high winds and heavy seas the troops of the third expedition have not yet landed. Two lighters were capsized in the attempt and three natives were drowned."

"Immediately after the arrival of the expedition General Merritt organized all his forces for an attack on Manila. The troops were formed into one division under command of General Anderson. The division is composed of two brigades, the first under General MacArthur is made up of the Twenty-third and Fourteenth regular infantry and the Wyoming, North Dakota, Idaho, Minnesota volunteers and the Astor Battery."

"The Second Brigade under command of General Greene, Eighteenth regular infantry, Third Artillery, engineers, signal corps and Cali, Nebraska and Pennsylvania volunteers, Utah battery."

"The two brigades number 9,000 men. Oregon troops garrison Cavite. "Admiral Dewey's fleet commands the trenches and camps of the Spaniards."

"The situation in Manila is critical. The lights of the city are extinguished. All meats are exhausted."

"The defenses are a cordon of trenches, two batteries of nine-inch, the latter on the Cavite side. The big guns are directly in front."

Don't Neglect Your Liver. Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality will always follow its use. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all druggists.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND TEMPERANCE.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., Aug. 8, 1898.

The County Sunday-school association met at Whitaker's Chapel the 2nd inst. and Rev. C. H. Whitaker was elected secretary pro tem. All the townships represented but two, and judging from their actions the people of Enfield take little interest in the Sunday-school work, for although so near not one of the four delegates attended, Scotland Neck was well represented by Mr. S. W. Morrisette who made a good speech on equipment and management. Many of the speakers were absent from various reasons and they were fortunate in having Rev. Mr. Ayers present who made good talks both in the Sunday-school and Temperance conventions. The attendance was right good and everything passed off well and the singing was splendid. Next convention to be at Hobgood. New officers: Mr. E. E. Hilliard, president; Mr. F. Froelich, secretary and Mr. J. E. Hunter, treasurer.

The County Temperance association met at Whitaker's Chapel the 4th inst. and T. L. Whitaker was elected president pro tem and Dr. M. T. Savage, secretary pro tem. Many good talks and recitations and songs, and would that more that need instruction on this great subject could have been there. The people need to be taught the great truths of christianity which should make them temperate in all things. Next convention to be at Roanoke Rapids. The following were elected for the next year: Rev. J. H. Frizzelle, president and Mr. E. E. Hilliard, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Ed. Boyd has returned.

Mr. Forrest Whitaker, of Lynchburg, Va., is on a visit to his mother. Mess. J. J. Whitaker and Gunter have bought the J. J. Whitaker stock of goods and are selling them at cost.

HAMILTON PHOTOGRAPHS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

HAMILTON, N. C., Aug. 8, 1898.

We are glad to note that Mr. B. B. Sherrod, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever, is much better.

Mrs. D. C. Jones, who has been very sick at her mother's, in Williamston, returned home to-day, accompanied by her sister, Miss Belle Carstarphen. Miss Bessie Cherry and Miss Mayo are visiting Miss Sallie Salisbury. Miss Ellie King, of Thomasville Orphanage, is visiting her many friends in Hamilton.

Miss Maud Mayo, of South Carolina, is visiting Mrs. B. L. Bryant. Miss Lucy Whitehurst, of Conoho, who has been visiting Miss Ruth Matthews, returned home this morning.

The young people had an ice-cream supper last Friday night which all enjoyed.

There was a large crowd in Hamilton on Sunday to attend the yearly meeting of the Primitive Baptists. The Rev. Mr. Harding, of Washington, will hold services in St. Martin's Episcopal church the first Tuesday in each month.

Miss Eva Pritchard, of Hobgood, who has been visiting Miss Ernestine Gardner, has returned home. Miss Pritchard is a great favorite in Hamilton and is regretted to see her leave. Mr. Gus Floyd is quite sick.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. OHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of power invested in us by a deed of assignment executed by Walter V. Bobbitt on the 13th day of November, 1889, of record in the Register of Deed's office of Halifax county, in Book 89, page 284, we will sell at public auction, for cash, at the court house in Halifax town, on Monday the 5th day of September, 1898, the following tract of land conveyed in said deed of assignment, to-wit:

One tract known as The Moore Land, bounded by the lands of John Kyle, deceased, G. W. Davis and others, and fully described in the deed of S. S. Alsop and D. Bell, Trustees, to W. V. Bobbitt, recorded in Book 85, page 95, office of Register of Deeds.

Also all those tracts of land described in a deed from Arch Braswell and wife to said Bobbitt of record in Book 62, page 201, office of Register of Deeds Halifax county.

Also that tract known as the Boon Place, bounded by the lands of Madison Williams, — Holt and others, fully described in the deed of S. S. Alsop and D. Bell, Trustees, to W. V. Bobbitt, recorded in Book 85, page 95, office of Register of Deeds.

Also a certain lot in the town of Ringwood adjoining the lands recently belonging to Rev. A. S. Smith, deceased, Mrs. Biggs, and others. This 2nd day of August, 1898. W. P. Throewitts, L. D. Johnson, Assignees by E. L. Travis, Attorney. 8-11-4t.

POPULISTS KICKED OVERBOARD.

(News and Observer.)

In Halifax county in 1894 and in 1896, the Republicans used the Populists to "put life into the dead hulk of the Republican party." In 1898, having enough negro voters to win over a solid white opposition, the Republicans have kicked their Populist friends overboard and decided to take all the offices for themselves and leave the Populists out in the cold. That will make those white office-holders, who were willing to betray their race for an office, very sick. They ought to quit filling their bellies with the husks fed to swine and help put an end to negro domination in the State.

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Judicial Sale.

By virtue of decrees filed in the Superior Court of Halifax County, I will on Monday, September 12, 1898, sell to the highest bidder, before the Court House door in Halifax, two separate tracts of land situated in Brinkleyville Township, Halifax County, described as follows:

1. One tract adjoining the Emily Burt land, the Fred Cyrus land, the Sherrin land and others, containing about 283 acres, known as the S. E. A. Bunn land, and which is fully described by metes and bounds in a certain deed recorded on page 281 of Book 65, Halifax County Registry, to which reference is made.

2. One tract adjoining the above described land, the Emily Burt land, the Fred Cyrus land and others, containing 100 acres, more or less, which was formerly a part of the S. E. A. Bunn tract, and is embraced in deed recorded in Book 65, page 279 of Halifax County Registry, to which reference is made.

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