

The Commonwealth.

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ABOUT FREIGHT RATES.

The Charlotte papers have been saying recently that Charlotte is as badly discriminated against in matters of freight rates, perhaps, as any other town in the State.

This, together with personal observation and what others have told us leads us to think of the high freight rates which the people of Scotland Neck have to pay. Time and again have we heard it said that the high freight rates must necessarily be the crippling of industries here until there shall be some reduction.

Of course everybody knows that railroad corporations are in business for the money they get out of it; but they are not always unreasonable. And it seems to us that the people of Scotland Neck ought to be able to bring the proper influence to bear on the railroad companies whereby they would be induced to make their rates easier.

For instance, if by having rate-easier capital should be induced to combine for operating a large cotton mill here, it seems that the increase in business which would thus come to the railroads would more than compensate them for the loss in freight rates or other things.

Cannot the business men of Scotland Neck put their intelligence together and bring such influence to bear on the railroads as will bring about a change in rates?

It seems worth considering.

DEATH OF "FATHER NEEDHAM."

Winston, N. C., April 1. Rev. James Needham, North Carolina's oldest preacher and citizen, died this morning at his home near Pilot Mountain. He would have been one hundred year old May 20th next. He was ill only a few days.

"Father Needham," as he was familiarly known, was actively engaged in ministerial work for sixty years. While he was never a member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference he served as supply pastor many years. His last sermon was preached in Winston during last session of the Western North Carolina Conference in November, '98. He had accepted an invitation to preach the annual sermon at the school commencement in Pilot Mountain the day he reached the century mark.

Father Needham leaves several children, a number of grand and great-grandchildren. Two sons and one grand-son are preachers. Rev. Dr. Creasy, of Winston, who was a warm personal friend of the deceased, will conduct the funeral service tomorrow.

WHITAKERS NEWS.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

WHITAKERS, N. C., April 3rd '99. Easter was appropriately observed at the Protestant church on Sunday night. The exercises were pleasing and attractive. The music, recitations, etc. were very good. There was a large crowd and a good collection.

Dr. W. S. Jones, of Goldsboro, was in town Thursday, looking around with a view to locating here. We hope he will come.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Batts and baby, of Halifax, came Saturday to spend Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Alphonso Hatcher, of Richmond, has been in town several days the guest of Mrs. L. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Hattie.

Miss Lillah Mann, who has been attending Littleton Female College, came home Friday to spend Easter. She was accompanied by Miss Teasdale, her music teacher.

Mr. E. P. Land has been appointed Fertilizer Inspector for Edgecombe county. He left last week to enter upon his duties.

Mr. W. C. Taylor had the misfortune to lose a barn and twenty five or thirty barrels of corn and some farming implements by fire on Saturday night. Origin of the fire not known. Loss between two and three hundred dollars. No insurance.

Mr. P. V. Matthews after an absence of several months has returned to town.

Dr. J. C. Braswell and Jimmie left Monday for Littleton.

Why were 26,000 BOTTLES OF ROBERTS' TASTELESS 25c. CHILL TONIC sold the first year of its birth? Answer: Because it is the BEST AT ANY PRICE, guaranteed to cure, money refunded if it fails, pleasant to take, 25c per bottle. It is sold and guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

HOMICIDE AT BETHEL.

Monday's Greenville Reflector gave the following account of a bar-room brawl at Bethel:

"Mr. Robert Staton keeps a bar-room at Bethel. Mr. W. C. Nelson was a clerk in this bar-room, and he also owned a pool table which was run in connection with the saloon. Mr. W. N. M. Hammond was one of the Saturday night patrons of the establishment. After being there sometime heard Nelson got into a dispute about a small amount that Hammond owed for the use of the pool table. In the dispute Hammond struck at Nelson with a beer bottle and Nelson shot at him with a pistol. This was followed by a fusillade of beer bottles from one side and of pistol shots from the other, and when the smoke cleared away Hammond lay lead upon the floor and Nelson's skull was fractured.

"The Coroner, C. O'H. Laughinghouse, went over Sunday to hold an inquest, and the above is about the sum of the evidence brought out at the investigation.

"Here is another striking lesson from the open bar-room and gambling den. A corpse, a widow and several orphans, another home wrecked because the father's hands are stained with blood, relatives on both sides crushed with sorrow and filled with bitterness that a life time will not blot out. All this to satisfy the greed for gold of the man whom the law gives a license to stand behind the bar and carry on a business that damns men's souls and fills the land with widows and wretchedness. And Christian people stand aloof and allow such to continue instead of rising in their might and driving the evil from the land."

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.

-W. A. Stroud, Popocate City, Md. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

ITEMS FROM RINGWOOD.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

RINGWOOD, N. C., April 3rd, '99. After a winter of unprecedented severity we hail with gladness the signs of spring, which is advancing slowly but surely.

It is a source of regret that our beloved minister, Rev. G. W. Phelps, did not preach for us Easter Sabbath, his regular appointment, though Friday before the third Sabbath we will expect him.

Bishop Cheshire has an appointment here for the third Sabbath; also President Kennet, of the M. P. Church the fourth Sabbath.

Probably ere that time their church, which is being erected here, will be finished. Mr. John Bishop has been somewhat indisposed, but is now well. -To-day Mr. Lucius D. Johnson and family have moved to Littleton to live. Regretting their loss to our community, we extend them our best wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

Misses Della Weller and Mary Harrison have gone to Chockayotte to visit relatives there.

Misses Prince and Jarratt from Virginia, are visiting Misses Janet Dugger, Pattie and Marie Williams, of our town.

The public schools of this township have recently closed. Teachers were probably glad of two months' terms; and will be gladder if similar terms be given them ere the close of the year.

DISCOVERED BY A WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest test, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00 every bottle guaranteed.

CHURCH CELEBRATION.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

BRINKLEYVILLE, N. C. April 3 '99.

The celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Protestant church in North Carolina will be conducted in the various churches of this denomination throughout the State during the month of April.

An appropriate program has been arranged for the occasion.

These services will be held at Bethesda on the Halifax circuit on the 2nd Sunday (9th of April).

All are cordially invited to attend. A MEMBER.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Chat. H. Hatch.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The county commissioners were in regular session in Halifax Monday.

The following accounts were allowed: W T Jenkins, election judge, 9 00; Enfield Lumber Co., rebate, 32 28; Louis Froelich, goods co home, 2 40; A H Green, serving road notices, 60; J. H. Norman, record Feb & Mch, 21 80; Jacob Clark, election judge, 9 45; B I Ailsbrook, sup. co fence, 2 50; C W Dunn, prisoner jail, notices, 3 00; B I Ailsbrook, sup. co fence, 5 00; E L Travis, attorney, 50 00; J E Fleming, wood for register, 65; Jackson Seldon, rebate on tax, 1 44; Davis Reid, lunatic expenses, 2 60; A L Stainback, prisoner to jail, 10 58; W G Purnell, prisoner to jail, 1 00; Joe Fenner, work at co home, 75; M. Cohen, drugs co home, 25 50; T N Harrison, exam'g treat book, 4 00; Hurrell's Pig House, books, 23 25; T R Hendrick, serv'g road notices, 2 40; Emry & Pierce, goods co home, 23 95; P N Stainback, goods co home, 4 50; W B Dewrey, services co home, 47 95; Hurrell's Pig House, Blanks, 5 35; J B Fitzgerald, freight ballot box, 90; F J Keeter, working road, 19 57; L D Morris, " " " " " 10 00; R H Walker, " " " " " 3 00; A B Carter, " " " " " 20 00; R G Branch, " " " " " 20 50; Walter Keeter, " " " " " 7 00; Joo T Whitfield, " " " " " 9 00; Cras Adkins, " " " " " 10 00; G V Warren, " " " " " 5 00; H L Adecock, " " " " " 8 25; J W Dreikens, " " " " " 10 00; J T Dawson, " " " " " 20 00; J S Helgepeth, " " " " " 4 75; James Billups, " " " " " 12 00; R H Pittman, " " " " " 8 75; T E Merritt, " " " " " 12 00; Thos Stainsbury, " " " " " 3 00; Alex Tillery, rebate on tax, 2 15; J B Baylor, Maridian Monument, 15 00; Commonwealth, printing register, 1 50; J A Whitehead, work on road, 15 00; Geo F Warren, prisoner to jail, 6 00; Mrs Laura Browning, rebate on tax 1 29; J A Whitehead, wood to jail, 1 00; W R Neville, supervisor roads, 62 90; W R Neville, am't for hands, 3 66; Mrs Susan Liles, allowed on list, 1 50; S M Hale, goods co home, 70; J W Northington, goods co home, 71 14; W E Spruill and T N Harrison, examining lunatic, 2 90; R Saunders, poll holder, 3 00; M McMahon & Sons, goods, 2 82; Stewart Hardy, poll holder, 2 00; Jno N Brown, drugs for jail, 19 55; S M Hale, goods for jail, 6 73; Froelich Trading Co., goods, 2 80; D C Fenner and T B Wilcox, goods for jail, 2 00; Wilcox Bros., whiskey for jail, 2 50; S A Thorne, feeding road team, 21 50; G E Matthews, examining lunatic, 5 00; D C Fenner, guarding jail, 17 00; J A House, summoning jurors, 45 00; J A House, jail account, 269 00; J A House, lunatic to Raleigh, 19 50; W R Harvey, letting out bridge, 2 00; W R Shaw, waiting on county, 10 20; W E Whitmore, prisoner to jail, 2 70; J F Quincey, holding polls, 3 60; W R Harvey, 2 days as commis'r, 6 30; W F Parker, " " " " " 5 20; J W Northington, " " " " " 6 50; J H Norman, " " " " " 4 00.

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Put Your Finger on Your Pulse

You feel the blood rushing along. But what kind of blood? That is the question. Is it pure blood or impure blood? If the blood is impure then you are weak and languid; your appetite is poor and your digestion is weak. You cannot sleep well and the morning finds you unprepared for the work of the day. Your cheeks are pale and your complexion is sallow. You are troubled with pimples, boils, or some eruption of the skin. Why not purify your blood?

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If those of our readers who reside in the most highly favored sections of this country, where the climate is healthy and invigorating, with a dry and tonic atmosphere, will look about them, they will see a greater or less number of their friends and neighbors dying of consumption, while many others have already been carried off by that dread malady. These deaths have occurred from time to time and the refreshing prairie breezes of summer; in the fair and mellow days of autumn, and also in the dry and sunny seasons of a southern winter.

Such deaths amid such favorable surroundings afford positive and convincing proof that climate alone will not cure consumption; that neither pine-laden breezes nor bracing mountain air will restore weak lungs or build up a constitution that is being undermined and broken down by the insidious germs of a fatal disease. But, on the other hand, many thousands of testimonials from grateful people all over this country, who have been cured by the Dr. Slocum System of Treatment, and are today in the enjoyment of perfectly restored health and strength, afford the most convincing evidence that this treatment, aided by favorable climatic conditions and surroundings, is a positive cure for Consumption and all other chronic diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs.

The Dr. Slocum System of Treatment (consisting of Four Preparations) is both medicine and food. The medicines used in it allay the cough and lung irritation, heal the soreness and subside the pains in the throat, overcome shortness of breath, improve the appetite and digestion, and bring comfort, rest and refreshing sleep, while its food properties are building up the constitution, enriching the blood and infusing the sufferer with new life and vigor.

No single remedy will accomplish all this, but the Four Remedies embodied in the Dr. Slocum System of Treatment will. More than a quarter of a century has been devoted to perfecting this system of treatment; every indication, every symptom in Consumption and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, will be sent you, together with free advice adapted to your case.

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Notice. North Carolina. In the Superior Court, Halifax County. Gid Johnson vs. Ida Johnson. It appearing in this action that a summons has been issued for the defendant notifying her of this action for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony and the Sheriff having returned on the summons that the defendant was not to be found in Halifax County, upon motion of J. Norwood Hill, attorney for the plaintiff, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made once a week for six successive weeks in THE COMMONWEALTH, a news paper published in Halifax County, notifying said defendant to appear at the Court House in Halifax town, North Carolina on the 29th day of May, 1899, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff which is filed in the Superior Court of said county; and let the default take notice that if she fail to do so the said complaint within the time required by law the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 7th March, 1899. SHERLING M. GARY, Clk Sup'r Court Halifax Co. 3-16-99.

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