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NEEDED AT THE COURT HOUSE

To every one who goes to the court house in Halifax, it must be plain that there is needed a well in the court yard.

People go to the court house from all parts of the county at all times of the year ; and there is not a public well or pump in the town of Halifax at which one can get a drink of water either for himself or his horse. To get a drink of water in the town one must go upon some private premises.

Tuesday of this week we met two friends on the main street of the town looking for a well or a pumpt at which they might get a drink of water. We told them they would have to go into some one's yard in order to get water.

Now, THE COMMONWEALTH believes that, inasmuch as there is no public well in the town of Halifax, the county commissioners ought to make reasonable expenditure from the county funds in order that the people of the county may be able to get a cool drink of water when they are at the court house.

We do not wish to be understood as adyocating any unnecessary expense in the county or any unwarranted disbursements of the county's funds; but we believe every citizen of the county would commend the county commissioners in any reasonable expense for a well in the court yard.

they go through sun and dust and fatigue to the court house; and the people will be glad to find a good we'l of water the next time they go there.

FROM TRINITY COLLEGE.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

LIVES OF DISTINGUISHED MAGAZINES RECEIVED. NORTH CAROLINIANS.

This valuable book, compiled by Mr. W. J. Pcele and published by the North Carolina Historical Society, has received many pleasing comments by them all.

The Biblical Recorder recently reviewed the book, and said in part : North Carolina has been blessed with

a few great lives; she has given as College. many, if not more, to other States. Whether amongst her sons and daughters any of the New World's greatest are to be numbered is a question which

North Carolinians are apt to dispute with others. There are North Carolinians who say that her sons have had equal chance with those of Virginia; but we hold us above that: I is shame to say that one's native heath is against one's birth. North Carolina is not a Nazareth. Greatness may oc-

casionally appear accidental, but when it does the matter of locality is not the determining incident: We would beheve that had the sons who won fame beyond her borders made their careers at home, the State would have been as worthy of them as the land of their adoption,-for that enables one to say that those who stayed at home and became great, did not do so simply be-

cause they stayed at home.

ives, but not many if one is scrupulous of the word. Of good men and women, Boston. women with all the worthy greatness of the world in them, no state has been

blessed with more. Nevertheless she

can hardly lay claim upon any of the ed in Chicago, and edited by Opie first ten of America's great men or Read, is making rapid strides in the women, whether on the rolls of states. public fayor. It is the only ten cent men or men of letters or inventors or magazine in Chicago devoted excludiscoverers, unless it be - and we are sively to American literature, and is inclined to hold it-that Nathaniel certainly supplying the need for a Macon, "last of the Romans," is ranked western magazine. Each month the with Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, magazine presents an interesting table Monroe. Hamilton, Adams, and any of contents, consisting of short stories, three others whom one may choose to sketches of travel, and articles of gen-

add. And the pity is that to those who eral interest, and profusely illustrated ; The weather is getting warm and have achieved greatly for us, and to but in addition to this each number man and beast both need water when those who were great without getting contains an article of a philosophical, into offices of greatness, we have not economic, or scientific nature. The even ourselves given them the honor leading article in the May number is injuries." due. Perhaps the fact that we had "Weltmerism-The New Era in Healnone at the very top has kept us from ing." This is a capable review of the seeing those who deserve richly of our Weltmer Method of Magnetic Heating, love and veneration. But this should the new science that is creating so Powder. Why? not be. much interest in the United States and

At any rate let no man tolerate the Europe. The article takes up the notion that North Carolina has not question from a scientific standpoint, been blessed and greatly blessed the and shows the fundamental principles world with good and great men. And upon which the science is based.

GOLD IN EASTERN CAROLINA.

WAKE FOREST STUDENT.

The May number of the Wake Forest Student has been received. It is perhaps the best number of the year. It shows a variety of literary thought nine hundred dollars and is the prothe press of the State, and it merits that makes it a most attractive journal, duct of six days' run of a part of the

well worth the subscription price as such ; and it is particularly interesting mines. to those who are concerned about the welfare and progress of Wake Forest

SEMINARY MAGAZINE.

The April number of the Seminary tween \$35 and \$10 per day, thus leavng a very fair margin of profit. Magazine, of Louisville, Ky., has reach Several of the mines of this wondered us. It comes rather late but it ful belt are now being developed, and contents show it to be an interesting number. The number is well supplied with good and interesting reading of a general nature, besides matters of pecial concern to those interested in

the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. .

THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE.

The May number of this most excellent periodical is before us. Its contents show quite a variety of reading matter by strong and able writers. "Stories of a Confederate" is a most interesting serial paper, the present number giving the seventh article. This is

among the best of the cheap magazines North Carolina has produced great of the day and is well worth the price. Published by the W. W. Potter Co.,

CARTER'S MONTHLY FOR MAY.

Carter's Monthly Magazine, publish-

them here to jail Sunday evening.

keepers of America use Royal Baking

ENFIELD NOTES.

The Rocky Mount Argonaul says : ondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) (Corres) ENFIELD, N. C., May 8, '99. "A beautiful har of Nash county gold is now on exhibition at the Planters' We are soon to have telephone con-

Bank. Its value is between eight and nection with your place, and already have it with Henderson and other places.

Mr. A. S. Dunn has put up a saw stamps of gold mill at Mann-Arrington mill here to saw oak and other timber. Mr. M. T. Wood has moved to the This means \$150 per day, which will

house he bought of ex-Judge S. Whitbe largely increased when repairs on aker, and seld his house on Railroad mill are completed-which will be the street to Mr. Cole, who is having it first of next week. The operating expenses average be painted before moving.

Mr. I. Wood has built a warehouse on Franklin street.

Rey. J. D. Williams is conducting a meeting in the M. P. Church, assisted by Revs. Abernetby and Herring.

Mr. J. H. Parker and Miss Callis Whitfield are still quite sick.

We are glad to know they are boring an artesian well here. Mrs. Knight, of Rocky Mount, is on

visit to friends here.

Several will go from here to the Confederate re-union at Charleston this week.

Our neighbor, the Roanoke News, has entered upon its 34th yolume. I is among the oldest and best weekly papers in the State, and from all appearances it is quite as prosperous. It s over elert to local news and county nterests and does good service for its patrons. We congratulate our good and pleasant neighbor and wish it continued success.

Beware of the Doctors' Patchwork; You Can Cure Yourself at Home.

There is not the slightest doubt that the doctors do more harm than good in treating Contagious Blood Poison; many victims this loathsome disease would be much off to-day if they had never allowed them-selves to be dosed on mercury and potash, the only remedies which the doctors ever give for blood poison.

The doctors are wholly unable to get rid .

this vile poison, and only attempt to heal up the outward appearance of disease-the sores and eruptions. This they do by driving the poison in system, and endeavor to keep it shut in with their constant doses of and mercury. The mouth and throat and other delicate parts then ininto sores, and the fight is continued indefinitely, the drugs doing these more damage than the disease itself.

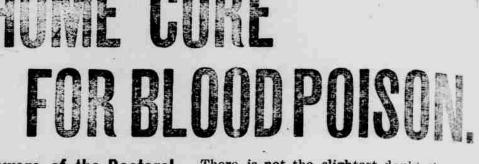
Mr. H. L. Myers, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I had hundred dollars with the doctors, when I realized that they could do me no good. I had large spots all over my body, and these soon broke out into running sores, and I endured all the suffering which this vile disease produces. I decided to try S. S. S. as a last resort, and was soon greatly improved. I followed closely your 'Directions for fell Treatment,' and the large splotches on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I was soon cured perfectly and my skin has been as clear as glass ever since. I cured my-self at home, after the doctors had failed completely." It is valuable time thrown away to expect the doctors to cure Contagious Blood Poison, for the disease is be-yond their skill. Swifts Specific—



S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD

-acts in an entirely different way from potash and mercury-it forces the poison out of the system and gets rid of it entirely. Hence it eardisease, while other remedies only shut the poison in where it lurks constantly undermining the constitution. Our system of private home ment places a cure within the reach of all. We give all necessary medical and vice, free of charge, and save the patient the embarrassment of publicity Write for full information to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.





are showing up very much above the most sanguine expectations. A new vein has been struck on the Culpepper, which shows 18 inches of wonderfully rich ore, free gold, being

visible on nearly every piece of ore taken ont. The Mann-Arrington mines are also

opening up very well. Immense bodies f good ore are now in sight. An era of successful mining opera-

tions has now been inaugurated and

Bears the Signature

A CONSTABLE KILLED.

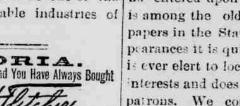
A special from Greenville to the News and Observer date 8th says : "Saturday night at Bethel, this courty, Constable Elijah Bryan was trying to quiet a crowd of boisterous negroes when four of them assaulted him. He was struck on the head with a rake and cut several times with knives.

"Another white man, Lohe Speight, vent to the assistance of the officer and was also seriously cut. A posse captured three of the negroes and brought "Constable Bryan died later from his

Probably three quarters of the house-

The Kind You Have Always Bought

gold mining will soon be one of the argest and most stable industries of Eastern Carolina. CASTORIA.



DURHAM, N. C., May 8, '99. Dr. B. C. Stather, lecturer on American Constitutional History at Johns let us one and all be glad for a book at Hopkins University, lectured before the Historical Society of Trinity Collast, that using the modest word "Dislege, Thursday evening, on "Success of tinguished," sets forth to show us and the American Revolution." Dr. Stather is a very interesting lecturer and his visit to the College was very much enjoyed.

Mr. M. B. Odell, Dr. T. M. Ivey and Rev. N. M. Jurney, members of the building committee of the Craven Memorial Hall, met at the College Wednesday and formally accepted the building from the contractor. The chairs and storage furniture are being put in, and everything will be in readiness for commencement. The programme of commencement has been changed and the sermon will be preached by Bishop Duncan, Monday evening, June 5th. The Alumni Address will be delivered Tuesday, June 6th, 10:30 a.m., and at this time the Memorial Hall will be presented to the Board of Trustees. This change in the programme was made in order to give the Alumni a more prominent hour, as an unusually large number of Alumni and old students will attend this year.

Graham.

Company.

Prof. Edwin Mims will deliver an address at the closing exercises of Roxboro Institute.

Mr. H. M. North, of the Senior Clars, will take charge of Central church in Raleigh during the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Glenn, whose health has failed. Mr. North will begin his work after commencement.

Pres. Kilgo is in Nashville this week attending a meeting of the Board of Education of the Southern Methodist church. While in Nashville he will address a grand rally in the interest of the 20th century educational fund.

Prof. Heritt attended the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference at Greensboro last week, and delivered an address on the literary work of the League.

At the municipal election at Trinity Park the following were elected : Mayor, Dr. J. S. Bassett; commissioners, Dr. J. C. Kilgo, S. A. Stewart, S. H. Sparger; Constable, Johnathan Peele.

What would be the grocer's interest in trying to sell you some other brand of baking powder for Royal? Because it costs him less? If it costs less is it not cheaper made and interior?

Star to-day publishes a complaint from murder of young Robert Turnage, near but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, a number of Federal prisoners incar- Farmville, week before last. Five ar- bruises and burns, for which it is nn-The Smithfield Herald has entered cerated in the State penitentiary at rests have been made, four negroes and head & Co upon its 18th volume, and gives evi- Raleigh, N. C. The prisoners were or one white. Though the excitement is This famous Roan Staliton of Dr. J. C. Braswell, of Whitakers, dence of a prosperity commensurate dered to work at some brick yards still intense, it is thought that the law will make the season at Scotland with its growth in years. It is a good eight miles from the prison and re- will be allowed to take its course. The Neck until June 15th. Price \$15 weekly and by its enterprise and push tused to comply, claiming immunity motive of robbery has been discarded, LAND FOR SALE, for insurance. it has placed the good people of Johns- under the law from labor outside the and it is now thought that jealousy 5 -11-2t. ton county under obligations to it for prison walls, whereupon they were was the cause, there being a woman at FULL LINE OF years to come. It is doing a most ex- flogged for insubordination. The com-Court Notice. 1 have at Dawson's X Roads, Halifax county, three seperate tracts Spring & Summer Goods cellent work for its community. the bottom of it." plaint was submitted to the Attorney of land for sale, one containing 228, one General and an investigation has been Upon authority of Judge W. A. Proof of the pudding iles in the cating, 50 and one 27 acres, which I will sell Hoke I hereby give notice that there ordered. CASTORIA for three dollars per acre. of it. Proof of BOBERTS' TASTELES will be no first week of May term of CHILL TONIC lies in the taking of it. E. BAUGHAM, Superior court for Halifax county. For Infants and Children. DRESS GOODS, Dr. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is a speedy 4-27-3t. The second week of the court will be Rich Square, N. C. COST NOTHING if it fails to cure. 25 and efficacious care for croop, whoop-The Kind You Have Always Bought held beginning June 5th. Jurors, Clothing, Dry Goods, cents per bottle if it cures. Sold strictly ing cough and oronchitis. No child witnesses and suitors for first week PISO'S CURE FOR should be left to suffer the tortures of need not attend, but those for second on its merits by Bears the GURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. these ailments, when patents can get week will attend June 5th. Signature of E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists. a. N. Thitcher. this wonderful remedy for only 25 cts. STERLING M. GARY, Shoes, Hats, and a Fine Line of Neck-wear. 1st, '99. Clerk Superior Court. Mar 7 1 4

INCENDIARY AND DEATH.

our children somewhat of the charac-A special from Rocky Mount to the ters of some of the sons of North Caro- News and Observer Monday night gave lina. And if there is a touch of a the following distressing account of an sense of lacking, let us be sure that incendiary's work : from the louns of our Commonwealth

"At Cool Spring farm, six miles from shall yet spring a greater than they all. here in Edgecombe county, at 11 The method of the book before us is o'clock last night the residence of Mrs. simple, and it has its merits eyen here. Turner W. Battle, together with all the It is not the work of one man. In. furniture, was entirely consumed by stead we have the life of some distin- fire, which it is supposed was of ingaished son written by another, more cendlary origin. Mrs. Gordon Bator less distinguished. And the life set the, of New York, who was on forth is embellished with some literary visit to Mrs. Battle, her husband's production of its subject. For exam- mother, was quite severely burned ple William A. Graham writes of Geo. about the arms and chest in escaping E. Badger and Thomas Ruffin, and at from the second story. This lady lost

the end of the sketch of Badger is giv- her entire wardrobe and jewelry and en his great speech on Slavery and the over four hundred dollars in money. Union, and to that of Ruffin 1s added Mr. Joseph Bunn, Mrs. Battle's grand-

one of his most notable "opinions." son, whose home is also at Cool Spring, In turn Montford McGenee writes of was seriously if not fatally hurt and Union Central Life Insurance Comburned. In the successful effort to The work is on the whole very well rescue Mrs Gordon Battle he was com-

who has three of the choicest subjects, window, breaking both ankles, besides are not surpassed. The sketch of Macon receiving internal injuries. Rev. Gasis also excellent. And the others are ton Battle and wife and Mrs. Turner

good-some of them would be better if W. Battle were on the first floor and their subjects could suffer it. In at thus escaped without injury. Young least three instances the subjects fall Bunn's efforts were heroic and the

so far below their fellows that one can- whole community deeply sympathize not expect much of the men who had with him and the others of the family. the writing of the sketches. But there The building was partially insured, the is not a subject unworthy of being amount being \$1,240. handed down, nor a sketch not richly "Only a few years ago the fine an-

worth the reading. cestral home of Capt. T. W. Battle was The mechanical work is most worth- totally destroyed on the came site and ly done. Print, binding and paper are by the torch of the incendiary. all that could be desired.

DEATH OF MR. BUNN. We advise our readers to get this "Later-Mr. Joseph Bunn died at 1 work for themselves, for their children, o'clock this atternoon from injuries retor North Carolina and for the men ceived at the Cool Spring fire last night. whose deeds it records.

I have been a sufferer from chronic DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP prevents pneumonia or inflammation of the diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At lungs. This celebrated remedy will last I found one remedy that has been the best medicine for all study of long berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea trouble and costs but 25 cts. a bottle. Remedy .-- P. E. Grisham, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by E. T. Whitehead &

Washington, May 8 .- The Eyening

PAID IN FIFTEEN DAYS

Mr. Heary B. Dickens, who had a policy in the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died at his home in Scotland Neck, N. C., March 21, 1899, and the check was drawn for payment of the claim April 5, 1899. The company was notified of the death, papers for proof of death were sent to E. E. Hilliard, the Company's agent here, the same were filled out, forwarded to Raleigh to the State Agent, Mr. Carey J. Hunter, who sent them to the home office in Cincinnati, the check drawn for payment without a hitch, all in exactly fifteen days; and on April 8th the check was paid to Mrs. Dickens, widow of the deceased, who freely gives the following

TESTIMONIAL.

Scotland Neck, N. C., April 8, '99. Mr. E. E. Hilliard,

Dear Sir :- My husband, Henry B. Dickens, who died on March 21, 1899, was insured in the

pany for \$500. Without any care to done. 'The three sketches by Graham, pelled to jump from the second story for I was so troubled over the loss of my husband I scarcely knew what was done, the proofs of death were sent and a check for \$500 in full settlement of the claim was promptly forwarded, which reached me to-day.

> I gratefully recognize the wise provision which my kind husband made for me against this hour of helplessness and dependence. I am glad he took his insurance in the Union Central and I most heartily thank the Company for the full and prompt settlement they have made, and gladly recommend it to any and all who wish cheap, and at the same time, safe and sound insurance.

> > ELIZABETH M. DICKENS.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they enducd during ter, and they begged for it. Afterthe war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York connty, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, every little while until after 12 or is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," Remedy on Thursday night, and Sathe says, "and procared a botile of urday ni ht she was resting quietly. Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so I shall continue to use it for my childmuch good that I would like to know icu. A special from Snow Hill to the en bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it

to his friends and neighbors, as every been much stirred up over the foul every home, not only for rheumatism, family should have a bottle of it in

