

The Commonwealth.

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FAKIRS AT FAIRS.

The Raleigh papers have had much to say, mostly by contributors other than the editors, since the State Fair concerning fakirs, gambling stands, immoral side-shows, and the like.

Some of the directors and other officials of the State Fair have held opposing views about these things; but in the main those who have taken a stand for the moral excellence of the Fair have come out ahead in their arguments and support.

To be sure, as some argue, there is no more impropriety in innocent amusements on a fair ground than anywhere else, and we doubt not that many of the side-shows in which great snakes and educated hogs and the like are seen, are innocent and in some cases those who go in may feel paid for the money they spend. But it is against the conscienceless gamblers who infest the fair grounds, and the indecent exhibitions by women and men sunken in vice of all kinds that the moral sentiment of the good people revolt; and with that sentiment THE COMMONWEALTH stands in hearty co-operative sympathy. They ought to be excluded from all fair grounds; and with that excluded there may still be left "innocent amusements" enough to keep the young people from feeling like the fair is a dull thing.

Primarily a Fair, such as we have at the State capital and in the counties, contemplates an exhibit of State and county products and resources; and to this end the best effort should be given. It is a fine opportunity for any community or county to exhibit to great advantage its products, for whatever is shown worth noticing is sure to be seen and most generally gets into the papers and serves as free advertising.

In this connection the COMMONWEALTH hopes that there will be innocent amusement enough at the Weldon Fair next week for all to enjoy, but we hope the outright gamblers and openly indecent people will be kept out.

It is well enough, however, for all to remember that you stand a poor chance anywhere playing with a sharper and a stranger at his own game.

"KEEP AT 'EM."

A letter to the editor from Mr. Ralph Darden of Elkins, West Va., is quite encouraging. Mr. Darden was for some time a resident of Scotland Neck and he keeps his eye on this town in its progress and efforts in worthy enterprises.

He says, "I have kept up closely with North Carolina progress and since my change of residence in 1891, Scotland Neck stands third in point of progress in North Carolina towns, everything considered. I leave the two first places to be filled. Can you name them?"

There is no reason why Scotland Neck should not be first."

The COMMONWEALTH wishes very much that our people could see it as our friend sees it from West Virginia, that there is no reason why Scotland Neck should not lead in State enterprise. However, candor compels us to say that while Scotland Neck is not pushing out into new industries as we should like to see, we believe few towns in the State have done better during the last ten years. We do not know how we rank in place, but we do know that all things considered Scotland Neck has done well.

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Let us "mend our hooks."

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TO PREPARE HIS MESSAGE.

Advices from Washington say that the next work for President McKinley is the preparation of his message to Congress. The material gathered by the various Department chiefs is now at his disposal and he will soon be getting at the work.

It is suggested that inasmuch as Mr. McKinley does his work "with one ear on the ground," the message will be very non-committal. Of the Philippine situation he will doubtless make general recommendations and commit himself to no positive course, but cast the chief responsibility of utterance upon Congress. So the forth coming message is expected to be a very tame document in spite of the general disturbed condition of the country since his last message was sent to Congress. He will doubtless be out spoken on one thing and that will be the prosperous condition of the country; and incidentally it will be possible to see between the lines, no doubt, that there will be strong suggestions that this is due to the wisdom of the present administration, together with the general protective policy of the Republican party.

Whatever the President may say he will not be able to make the people of the country believe that the merciless war in the Philippines is creditable to us as a nation or that the matter has been handled wisely and well. Many people outside of the President's party admired his efforts at first to avoid war with Spain; but since he has shown himself the plant tool of his bosses, that admiration and sympathy have faded out, and Mr. McKinley stands before the tribunal of the people a condemned man.

ABOUT THAT "WHEAT PATCH."

For some reason people used to call the wheat field, whether large or small, a "wheat patch." We remember now what deference our child-hood fancy paid the "wheat patch," for from that field was to come the grain to make Sunday morning biscuits.

What we really started to say is, that it is time for every farmer in the community to commence preparation for planting his wheat. This is an ideal season for wheat planting and THE COMMONWEALTH hopes to see much of it done.

We know the question of convenient mills is to be considered by our farmers, but we also believe that with a large wheat crop some one will furnish the milling facilities.

At any rate, there is to be a wheat mill near Tarboro, and it will be better for our farmers to raise their wheat at home and carry it to Tarboro to get it ground than to buy all their flour.

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KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

News and Observer, 19th. News which reached here last night gave the facts of a horrible accident about a half mile from Blanchard Station on the Cape Fear and Northern, Mr. Anger's road.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the boiler of a saw mill belonging to Farmer and Weaver exploded instantly killing two men, one the negro fireman and the other Mr. Sim Wood, a highly respected citizen of the community. Mr. Wood, it seems, was merely passing by the mill and stopped for a few moments, and while there met his death.

The boiler exploded with terrific force and the sound of it was heard by the people for a mile around. The name of the negro fireman could not be heard. The accident is supposed to have been caused by allowing the water to become too low in the boiler. [Mr. Wood was one of THE COMMONWEALTH'S valued subscribers. We had known him from our boyhood and his untimely death causes deep regrets.—Editor THE COMMONWEALTH.]

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Pritchett*. Among the new patents reported by E. G. Siggers, Washington, D. C., the following are by North Carolinians: Manufacturing cellular tires by William F. Beasley, of Plymouth; Combination Push-Button and Fire Alarm, William A. Guthrie, Fayetteville; Hammer and Elevator, Joseph C. Lassiter, Greensboro.

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RINGWOOD NOTES.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. RINGWOOD, N. C., Oct. 23, '99.

R. Nichols Garrett and Miss Irene Aycock were at church in town last night, and during the services Miss Irene left the church and joined Garrett, who was outside, and entering the buggy of Capt. Billie Williams, proceeded to Esq. L. Vinson (who had just married another couple) and were made man and wife.

Mrs. Aycock, the young lady's mother, being much opposed to the match, is the cause of the "running away" episode.

Revs. Harris and Williams, of Enfield, will have protracted services in the M. P. Church in town during this week.

Mr. John Quarls, a very popular knight of the grip, is sick at his father's home near Essex.

Rev. A. G. Wilcox baptized three persons in Rocky Swamp yesterday. Large crowd in town yesterday at church. Mr. Harris preached a good sermon.

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A DEATH AND A MARRIAGE.

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Miss Mary Cole, after years of affliction, fell asleep in Jesus last Friday and was buried Saturday, T. L. Whitaker reading the service. She was about sixty-four years old and had been a consistent member of the church at Haywood's many years.

The sick are all improving. Miss Irene Petway and Mr. Robert Skinner, of Dunn, were married on the 18th inst. in the Methodist church, which was beautifully decorated. Rev. Mr. Forbes, of Dunn, officiating. They left on the train for his home.

Presiding Elder Underwood preached a good sermon in the Methodist church last night, and Rev. Mr. Grant takes the late Rev. T. L. Abernathy's place as pastor.

Mr. Raper has moved his family to Kenly.

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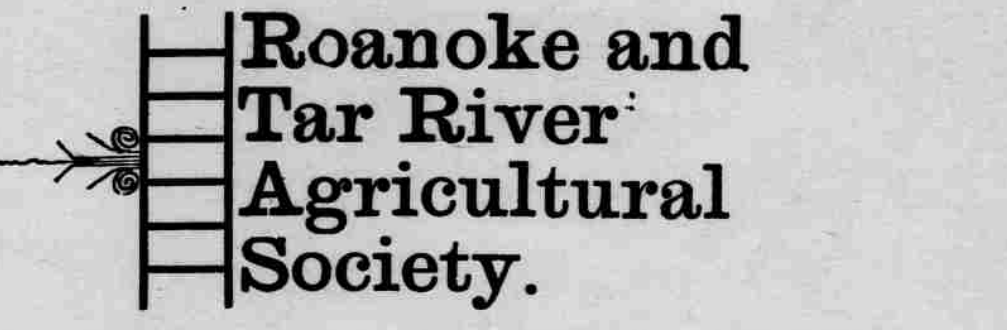
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