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B. E. HILLIARD, - - - - Editor. Published Every Thursday. Entered at the Post-Office at Scotland Neck, N C , as Second Class Mutter. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, '99. -----FOUR YEARS TERM FOR COM

GEESSMEN.

Several years ago this paper declared in fayor of electing Congressmen fo four years term. Time and again we gave our reasons for it, and we hold the same reasons still.

On last Thursday Senator Harris Introduced a joint resolution providing for the limitation of the time a Presi dent shall be elected-to one term of six years-and making the term of members of the House four years.

As to the single six years term for President we have nothing to say here, but we again declare for the four years term for Congressmen. There are many good arguments in favor of the change. Indeed, it is hard to find any reasonable argument against it.

As has been pointed out time and again in these columns, it is really an injustice to a Representative to restrict his term to two years, for the time is too short in which to test his capacity as a representative of the people. member entering Congress unaccus tomed to the work of the body, finds himself unknown, without influence as a national legislator; and no matter how intelligent, how well informed on matters pertaining to the intereste o bis constituency, what his powers and capacity, he must necessarily spend quite a considerable portion of his first year or two familiarizing himsell with his duties and working himself into influence among his colleagues. This alone would be sufficient argument against the two years term.

TIME TO BEGIN.

Recently we heard some very level-CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 5, '99. eaged Democrats remarking on the EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH :--- I visdom of getting to work at once in see from the various issues of your pahe interest of the amendment; and per, that you are on the right track to ney truthfully observed that the opimprove your toon and the eatire compusition to it are giready sending out munity adjacent. I have never yet understood why it was that the towns neir secret circulare; and, therefore in Eastern North Carolina have stood the Democrats need to commence at aside and let these in the Central and mee to educate the people on the great Piedmont section push ahead with

question which they will be called upon decide next August.

They have just as many advantages as Commenting on the meeting of the the others. Purely agriculture and a State Democratic Executive Committee in Raleigh Monday night, Tuesday's alive a town. It must have manufact-Morning Post pertinently remarked : ories of some kind. These bring more "The presence of gentlemen from people, and more people create a de-Swain county, in the extreme west, to mand for the farmer's products. Scotthe seacoast, to attend the meeting of land Neck, long ago, should have had the State Democratic Excutive Coma cotton mill, cotton seed oil mill and mittee last night, is a safe indication wood working plants. For help and of the great interest people feel in the material, it has a large territory to draw contest upon which we are about to from and little competition.

enter. The committee met none too There is scarcely a town of five huaearly : work cannot begin any too soon. dred inhabitants within 150 miles of or prosecuted with any too great earn-Charlotte which hasn't its cotton mill estness, energy, systèm or determinaand other small industries. Now, note tion. From now on, let the watchthe difference-these are forging ahead, word and slegan be White Supremacy ! while the east is doing nothing more Certain and positive, the only guaran- than holding its own. In some intee of good government and peaceful stances scarcely that.

society. Pass the word along the line, I note also, that you have time and daily, at every meeting with a fellowagain written on "cowing wheat" and sentinel. The future must be assured establishing a mill. Nothing better against such conditions as have but could be done. It would make the farrecently existed, and this amendment mers more independent. It can be is the only promise we have of such done, for there who thousands of bushassurance. To your tents, O Israel !" els raised on the river during the war and sent to Richmond and Petersburg. HON. W W. KICHIN ON THE

ROBERTS CASE. Washington, D. C .- The Roberts

ase will be investigated publicly. It vas at first thought advisable to try it in executive session, but the committee has decided that the people ought to have the facts from day to day. Of source the ultimate verdict must be bat of the voting masses. From a egal standpoint, the subject is a serius one. It is a dangerous precedent o establish. But, it is said, the invesagation will develop the fact that Roberts has five wives instead of three !

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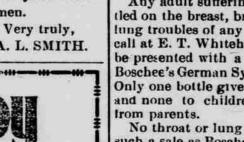
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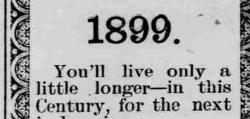
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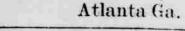


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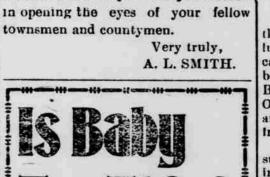
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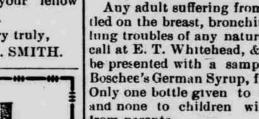
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manufacturing plants of all kinds and

sizes, leaving them to rust out with age.

Xmas for 1899 kind.

I read your paper with a great deal of interest and trust you will yet succeed



FREE OF CHARGE.

Then, masmuch as most Cong 38men are willing to serve their peop.e a second term, they emphasize such willingness by due care for the interests of the ensuing campaign ; and this more or less distracts their minds from the positive and undivided attention to their duties as a representative of the people. And apart from all these things there is much to be said against the frequency of elections.

We know that some say frequent elections are a means of getting direct expression of the people, and that this is necessary in order to keep ple; that irequently the issues change oftener than once in four years, and so a different representative might be needed to serve the people's will. But there is not argument enough in all clothed as were all other members, he this to outweigh the objections: to two demanded the right to be sworn as a years terms. If all other elections should be held once in four years along with the election for Congressmen, the country would be rid of half the disturbance, excitement and bad blood which our oft-recurring elections stir course demanded by the great majority up.

THE COMMONWEALTH hopes that that part of Senator Harris' resolution which With great respect for the gentlemen refers to the four years term for members of the House will prevail, and the tiously took, a different view of the necessary legislation will follow to relieve us of the disadyantages of the two years terms.

It is not a conclusion with us reached in a moment or a day; but on the ments they regret. contrary, it has been a subject of mature deliberation for a number of years. And we hope to see a full and free expression by the press of the country on the subject. The columns of THE COM-MONWEALTH are always open to the in- for other causes may be denied admistelligent discussion of questions of publie interests, and we shall be glad to have all phases of this question discussed

Let us hear from our readers on this in the meantime have a large working subject. These columns are open.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pro-nounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by con stantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a con-

He now occupies a seat on the floor, with his daughter, who acts as his sec-Mr. Kitchin says as regards his views : "Mr. Small and myself both voted gainst the Taylor resolution, and I uppose we did so from the same reasons. We thought it a dangerous and unauthorized precedent. Of course we lespice polygamy as much as any one, and our vote is in no wise an approval

of 1t. "The question was, to state it simply, whether we should presume and deciare Roberts disqualified by denying him membership before investigation or should refer the whole matter to the proper committee for investigation of representatives in touch with the peo- the facts and law before passing judgment upon him. He was the duly I ful of elected representative of the people of the sovereign State of Utah, possessing the constitutional qualifications, with duly authenticated credentials. Thus member. In my judgment, the only rightful power the other representatives had was to admit him, and then refer his case to the proper committee to ascertain the Insts upon which expulsion would depend. This was the

which under clamor often leads good

men to do that which in cooler mo-

proceed to unseat them one by one, and

majority for all their purposes, good or

correct the digestion and gets the baby started right of the petitions against him. This was the course demanded by the Richagain. If the baby is nursing but does not thrive, then ardson resolution, for which I voted. the mother should take the emulsion. It will have a who took, and honestly and consciengood effect both upon the mother and child. Twentymatter, the denial of membership to him before trial or investigation seemed five years proves this fact. to me in the nature of mob violence, 5oc. and \$1.00, all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Joy Unbounded.

"The fact that we are against polygamy did not justify an unusual and to This is what one sees at E. T. White my mind an unconstitutional method head & Co's as the children come in of procedure against him. If such crowds, clapping their hands at the many pretty things displayed there. procedure is to be approved, the time And the older ones alike rejoice to find may come when other representatives for Xmas presents : French Plate Mirrors, Gold Framed Mirrors, Pictures, Picture Frames, Easels, Albums, and a sion. In a great crisis a majority of thousand other such things suitable one on assembling day may thus stand for handsome Xmas presents. All at twenty-five members aside and then E. T. Whitehead & Co's. having twenty-six majority with ease

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