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The Commonwealth
THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, '99.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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pay the highest cash price for 100 car loads Cotton Seed. Have a large stock of Fresh Hulls and Meal on hand that I will exchange for Seed. 1000 bushels white corn for sale.

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Christmas Song.

CHRISTMAS BELLS WILL SOON BE RINGING. JOYOUS CHILDREN NOW ARE SINGING; EVERY ONE FILLED WITH GLEE. WAITING FOR THE XMAS TREE. WHERE THE FINEST GOODS ARE BOUGHT. BY THE COMMON WEALTH YOU RE TAUGHT. FINE DISPLAY JUST AT YOUR DOOR. WHERE? WHY? SURE, AT HOFFMAN'S STORE.

Santa Claus

Unpacks for Some People

Once a Year.

Display of

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For All.

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Bobbitt's Chill Pills are the best. Cost less than any other chill and fever remedy, and they are guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Price 25c. per bottle. Druggists.

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Nine Kiln-Dried Ceiling and Flooring at 60 cents per hundred.

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COTTON SEED WANTED!—See 8.

D. Hancock or O. K. Taylor before disposing of your Seed. Will either exchange Meal and Hulls or pay Highest Cash Price. Good Meal and Square Count guaranteed.

LOCAL NEWS.

STRONG WIND.

The wind was very strong here Monday night and Tuesday morning. It blew down the new house which was being built by Mr. J. D. Askew on 8th street east of Roanoke street.

BROKE HER ARM.

A few days ago while some other children were playing at school several ran over Miss Grace Pope and broke her arm above the elbow. It was painful but she is getting on very well.

COTTON BURKED AT TILLEY.

On last Friday a spark from a passing engine ignited some cotton on the platform at Tilley, belonging to Mr. P. C. Gregory, and sixty-six bales were damaged. The loss was considerable, but the cotton was not entirely lost.

LOST HIS EYE.

Mr. William Stamer, while working a piece of iron at the shops of the Carolina Buggy Co. Saturday was struck a severe blow in the eye. The wound was so serious that it became necessary to have the eye removed, which was done Sunday by Dr. J. P. Wimberley. Mr. Stamer is said to be getting along very well, considering the seriousness of his trouble.

MR. OGBURN'S APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, D. D., Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board Foreign Missions, Methodist Protestant Church, is to preach at Whitaker's Wednesday night; Speight's Chapel, Edgecombe county, Thursday night; Rosemeath, Friday night; Whitaker's Chapel, Saturday night; Bradford's Sunday at 11 a. m., and Enfield at night.

MR. STEPTOE HURT.

This morning Mr. W. N. Steptoe's little son Charlie, returned with Mrs. Steptoe from Kingston, where they had been for Dr. Hyatt to treat the boy's eye for the hurt he received three weeks ago. They left Charlie's overcoat on the train and Mr. Steptoe went on for it. As he came out the train was moving off, and when he jumped he received a severe hurt in his right ankle.

A Day in Tarboro.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH spent a night and a portion of a day in Tarboro recently. We enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Farrar's home, and it goes without saying that nothing was needed to make the entertainment perfect.

The people of Tarboro were their usual welcoming smile and were alive to business and enterprise to such a degree that it was refreshing to pass amongst them. There is always some marked improvement in the town; and the prospects are even brighter than they have been at all. The new railroad which has recently been opened up is quickening business somewhat, and there is good reason to believe that it will prove a fine medium through which to enlarge Tarboro's business.

Tarboro, we believe, is now leading all the towns in Eastern North Carolina in progress and general development and it is all coming largely through the cotton milling interest of the town.

There are good reasons to believe that Tarboro will soon be a real little city; and every one who stops a day in the town can scarcely fail to be so impressed.

We found it pleasant, as usual, to be there, and we always feel glad of an opportunity to go again.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co."

"Fruit of His Folly."
This popular play will be rendered at Pitman Hall Christmas night by our home talent, for the benefit of the Episcopal church. This will be a good opportunity to spend a pleasant evening. General admission, 25c.; children, 15c.; reserved seats, 35c.

STORY OF A SLAVE.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 30 cents. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggist."

We Will Order

Whatever Xmas goods or anything else you want if you cannot find it in our place of plenty, write to E. T. WHITEHEAD & Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Susan Proctor went to Washington Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Walston returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Edgecombe.

Mrs. Fannie Smith returned this week from a visit to her son in Tarboro.

Mr. A. McDowell was called to Franklin, Va., last week on account of the serious illness of Miss Eunice McDowell, his sister.

Rev. E. C. Glenn, of Raleigh, will preach in the Methodist church tonight (Thursday). The public are invited.

Miss Mattie Satterthwaite returned to her home in Washington Wednesday. She was called home by the death of her father. She was accompanied by Miss Helen Perry.

Now, Just a Word.

And the first word is "that dollar." Some of our readers owe us a dollar. Some of them owe less. Perhaps some of them owe a little more.

Once more we remind such that we have tried to be honest and faithful in giving them a paper this year worth the price. We have not missed a single week, but have sent the paper out every week, promptly on the day and almost the hour every time.

Now, we need the money due us, and we hope that every delinquent will try to make satisfactory settlement by the first of January. There is no question about the fact that most people are in better condition to pay up little dues this winter than they have been for several years; for while crops have not been quite so abundant the price of cotton has been good, and there is little excuse for not settling small accounts.

And to say no more, if all our readers will now be as faithful in settling up as we have tried to be in giving them a first-class paper, we believe we shall all round up the year reasonably happy with a bright face for the opening of the new year.

In a word, we need the money and must have it if possible.

Small-Pox About Over.

THE COMMONWEALTH interviewed Dr. J. P. Wimberley, health officer of the town, this morning. He says nineteen persons were discharged from the hospital last week, and all the remaining ones will be discharged this week except three.

The work of stamping it out by vaccination and otherwise has been effective. The trouble and danger are over and Scotland Neck is now rid of the scourge.

All may come and go in security now.

Death of Mr. Carey Barnes.

Carey Barnes, son of Mr. J. J. Barnes, died at his father's home near Dawson last Saturday, aged 18. He had been having chills for some weeks. They terminated in a yellow chill, which proved fatal. The remains were interred Sunday at the Fleming burying-ground.

Cut down in the young years of a hopeful life, the death of the son is a great sorrow to the parents, with whom THE COMMONWEALTH deeply sympathizes.

Rev. Mr. Ryder Returns.

The Methodist church of Scotland Neck is to be congratulated that Rev. O. Ryder is returned to this station another year. He has done a faithful and telling work for his people and they, with the community, welcome him back. Rev. J. E. Underwood is Presiding Elder again. Other appointments in the county: Littleton, A. B. Goodchild; Weldon, J. D. Bundy; Roanoke Rapids, A. J. Groves; Halifax, R. L. Davis; Hobbog, W. A. Piland.

Those who attended the Conference at Washington have returned and reported a most enjoyable meeting.

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' CONSTANT USE WITHOUT A FAILURE.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Santa Claus Unpacked....

Santa Claus has unpacked at E. T. Whitehead & Co's, and the happiness of many a child for the holidays is centered there.

Toys for all—Toys of every description—from a life-size doll to a crawling Spider. Beautiful Cups and Saucers, in pairs, for Xmas presents. A most beautiful display of 50 DOZEN.

Don't forget the place—E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Cascarets

Scotland Neck Temperance Association meets the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month at 8:15.

Things in Wake and Harnett.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has just taken a few days' run through Wake and Harnett counties, leaving on 6th and returning on 12th.

We found in those counties that, as in Eastern Carolina, people generally are in better spirits than for a few years past. There, as here, the crop yield was a little short this year, but the better price of cotton has so well made up for it there is apparently general contentment and a hopeful prospect for the new year.

The two railroads that have recently been built through Wake and Harnett, are opening up one of the best sections of that part of the State. The Cape Fear and North-fern road running for the present from Apex, in Wake, to Angier, in Harnett, will probably be extended to Lillington, the county seat of Harnett, and then on to Fayetteville. The Mills road running from Raleigh to Fuquay's Springs will probably penetrate another section of Harnett farther up the Cape Fear river; and these new roads will soon be a means of greatly developing that region.

The Mills road from Raleigh has not yet crossed the Wake line, but there is a fine section of Harnett, well timbered, waiting for its coming.

One very flattering feature connected with the development of Harnett especially, is the growing interest in education. Twenty-five years ago, the number of young men and young women who had gone to college or high schools since the war was small. Now, in every community there is a good number of young men and young women who have either been to college or some high school. This is serving to stimulate the spirit of education with those who have remained at home; and in many places these same young men and young women have returned from college and the high school and are conducting first-class schools at their homes. And within a very few years all this will prove quite an uplifting influence for business, agriculture, so society and religion.

To mention names would be invidious, for we cannot enumerate all who are engaged in this good work; but it was indeed pleasant to spend a few days wandering again over the fields and hills which were the scenes of happy childhood, and to shake hands with the playmates of those old days—now no longer playmates, but grown into strong and sturdy manhood taking their places in the ranks of those who are making North Carolina one of the greatest states in our great commonwealth of states.

For down-right honesty, tenacity to truth, respect for what they conceive to be the right, we believe we would rank the people of Harnett in the front rank with any people we have ever known. Harnett is destined in the near future to show a development and enterprise that will be a surprise even to those who are to participate in it.

We spent a day at Wake Forest, and there are many marked improvements in that town. Handsome buildings have been erected on a number of lots which were vacant but a few years ago; a large cotton mill will soon be built giving employment to many operatives; and already there is a quickening of business interests there. For pleasant, polite, refined and intelligent people, no place in North Carolina can surpass Wake Forest. The number of students is larger now than at any time in the history of Wake Forest; and it is inspiring indeed to look upon the student body, observe their fine deportment, the interest which the faculty show in the students and the evident appreciation of the same on the part of the students.

All told, we have seldom spent a few days out so pleasantly, and we feel helped for our work in having seen new faces; having heard new voices; and having grasped hands again with those whose presence and good cheer quicken the pulse-beat of energy and brighten the prospects for the future.

WOMANHOOD

The Time Comes to every elderly woman when an important functional change takes place. This is called "The Change of Life." The entire system undergoes a change. Dreadful diseases such as cancer and consumption are often contracted at this time.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

strengthens and purifies the entire system, and brings the sufferer safely over these pitfalls. Its effects have been wonderful. It is good for all menstrual troubles, but is especially recommended at this famous Wine of Cardui. \$1.00 a bottle.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THOMAS J. COOPER, Toledo, Ohio, says: "My sister suffered from irregular and painful menstruation and she could not get on. I bought McElree's Wine of Cardui and she has had my sister through the Change of Life."

A COLUMN OF MEDICINE TWO THOUSAND FEET HIGH.

A United States Senator's Letter.

UNITED STATES SENATOR MCKENRY, OF LOUISIANA.
Hon. S. D. McEnery, United States Senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Per-ru-na:
Per-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio:
Gentlemen—Per-ru-na is an excellent tonic. I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that you claim for it.
Very Respectfully, S. D. McEnery.



Three Car Loads Daily.

To meet the demands for Per-ru-na as a catarrh remedy during the fall and winter three car-loads per day is required. Few people comprehend what an immense amount of Per-ru-na this is. It is eighteen hundred dozen bottles of Per-ru-na, each bottle containing twenty ounces. This amounts to twenty-one thousand six hundred bottles or four hundred and thirty-two thousand ounces, or three million four hundred and fifty-six thousand doses.

Three car-loads of bottles of Per-ru-na placed end to end in a single row would extend over four and a half miles; arranged in a column one foot square they would make a column nearly two thousand feet high, four times as high as the highest cathedral tower in Europe, and nearly twice as high as the famous Eiffel tower. Remember, this amount of Per-ru-na is shipped daily to meet the enormous demand for this wonderful catarrh remedy.

The facilities of the Per-ru-na Medicine Company are taxed to their utmost to keep up this remarkable output, week after week, and month after month. This ever-increasing stream of Per-ru-na finds its way into thousands of homes in every state in the Union.

Per-ru-na is as efficacious to cure the winter catarrh of New England as the summer catarrh of Texas. Per-ru-na is an absolute panacea for the climatic diseases of summer and winter. It is the safeguard of the home amid the blizzards of Montana, and the ever-present, never-failing remedy for the ills that beset the household in the sweltering heat of Florida.

Mrs. Maggie Turner, Holly Springs, Miss., writes: "About fifteen years ago I was taken with catarrh of the head. I tried several doctors and all the patent medicines I could hear recommended for catarrh. I spent several hundred dollars and found no relief. I was gradually growing worse and was given up to die. Last September Per-ru-na was recommended to me by a friend and I began to take it. I had no faith in anything more, as I was not able to sit up, and was a mere skeleton. After I had taken one bottle of Per-ru-na I began to improve. I am now taking the ninth bottle and believe myself to be permanently cured. I have discharged all my help, am doing my housework alone, and weigh 155 pounds. Although I am 41 years old I feel as well as I did at 20."

Contractor Roberts in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman as to the merits of Per-ru-na says: "Your remedy Per-ru-na has cured my boys entirely of catarrhal troubles and now I have three of the healthiest boys in the state of Iowa, which I attribute to the good effect of your medicine. My wife had a stomach trouble which Per-ru-na also cured. Altogether for my whole family we have saved \$500 in doctor bills. I am a contractor and mason by trade and am known all over Northwestern Iowa. I have had stomach trouble which has been greatly relieved by your remedy Per-ru-na. We think it is the greatest medicine on earth."

Mrs. Elizabeth Gran, New Athens, Ill., says: "For two years I had catarrh of the nose very bad. Sometimes it was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I doctored with two physicians, but they did not help me. I read about Per-ru-na in the paper and got a bottle of it. I then wrote to Dr. Hartman and he said I should continue to take it. I took it until I was entirely well. Whosoever follows Dr. Hartman's advice will get well."

Are the nostrils stopped up? Is first one and then the other nostril stopped up? Is there a discharge from the nose? Is there dripping from the back part of the nose into the throat? Is your pain in small affected? Do you have sense in the nose? Does your nose smart? Do you sneeze often? Are you troubled with nose bleed? Do you blow your nose frequently? Is the discharge from your nose thick or thin? Is your breath offensive? Do you snore while lying on your side?

If so, you have chronic nasal catarrh and should attend to the matter at once. A short course of Per-ru-na will cure you now, but if you put it off it will take longer. Besides the disease is liable to spread to the throat and lungs.

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Wanted—A Bird Dog.

Setter, Pointer or both—one that brings the bird preferred. Must not be over 2 or 3 years old, and guaranteed never to have had "distemper." Irish or English dogs, will pay spot cash. Address A. N. Dubois, Hotel Lawrence, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Notice.

By virtue of decree filed in Edgecombe Superior Court, I will sell, on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1899, in front of the Scotland Neck Bank, in the town of Scotland Neck, Halifax county, N. C., one tract of land in Halifax county, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of William Hodges, and containing one hundred and fifty acres. It being lot No. 8 in the division of the lands of Rebecca W. Bass. Terms cash. Nov. 13, 1899. JNO. M. SHERROD, Commissioner.

DROPSY

Caused by venereal disease, or by any other cause, it is a most dangerous and painful disease, and unless treated at once, it will lead to a fatal issue. It is a disease that is often contracted at this time.

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COTTON.—QUIET.

Strict Middling,	7 3/4
Middling,	7 1/4
Strict Low Middling,	7 1/4
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Tinges,	7 1/4
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