

The Commonwealth.

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A WORD TO THE FARMERS.

It is generally admitted that all classes of people throughout the country are in better condition than they have been for some years, and the prospects for the future are also brighter than usual.

This is true of Scotland Neck and community as well as of other communities. It is peculiarly true of our farmers, and it is to these THE COMMONWEALTH wishes to offer some suggestions.

In the first place, the situation demands careful consideration; for the farmers, having pulled themselves out debt by dint of energy and economy, and now occupying a position somewhat of independence, owe it to themselves and their own interests to maintain this position of independence.

Any unwise move on their part might drop them back where they have been for several years; and it is the impulse of every good citizen to hope and make effort that such shall not be the case.

Now, the question with the thoughtful farmer is, What shall I plant? And just here the farmers will be in great danger of making a mistake this year. The price of cotton has been so much better this season than usual and farmers have "come out," as they say, so much better than they anticipated, they are in danger of counting too much on one crop and thus overdo the matter in planting largely in cotton to the exclusion of other crops.

THE COMMONWEALTH has all the while counseled the farmers to diversify their crops, and we believe that they will show great wisdom in doing so this year. From the good prices of cotton all over the country the tendency will be greatly to increase the acreage in cotton. This done by the farmers throughout the South generally, and the price of cotton will almost surely drop back much below what it has been this winter.

By reason of the low prices of tobacco there may be a tendency amongst the farmers to decrease the acreage, and this in turn will bring better prices for tobacco by reason of the reduction in its tobacco acreage.

Also the good prices for peanuts may have a tendency to cause the farmers to increase that acreage, which again would have a tendency to bring down the price.

What we regard as the wise course for the farmers is, to pursue the even tenor of their way, varying very little from what they did last year, giving the benefit of the doubt to clear indications as they now appear. And these indications are that cotton will probably fall a little in price for next season and tobacco will probably rise a little, and peanuts will hold their own perhaps.

ENFIELD'S GOOD BUSINESS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. ENFIELD, N. C., Jan. 8, 1900. Mrs. C. Pittman, our postmaster, surprised us by marrying Mr. Hatcher, of Virginia, early last Wednesday morning. They took the early train for his home.

Another surprise—Miss Lela Anderson married Mr. Sumlin, of Wilmington, last Friday night and they left yesterday for his home. Randolph Bros., have moved into their new store.

Mr. Jas. Branch, who has been clerking for Randolph Bros., is clerking for Meyer. Mr. W. H. McDonald has moved to the place he bought of Dr. E. L. Hunter. Rev. J. D. Williams has moved to the place he left.

Merchants here say they have had the best trade the past season they have had in ten years and they are feeling good. The case against Mr. J. G. Moore and a negro for running a moonshine distillery near your town came up before Justice Robertson yesterday.

Mrs. I. Wood has been sick some weeks with typhoid fever. Mrs. V. Heptinstall has been very sick from having congestive chill. Mr. W. C. Whitaker, wife and two boys have the pneumonia, all doing well except Mr. Whitaker who is very sick, but the physician thinks there is change for the better.

Rev. W. E. Swain is here looking after the estate of the late Mr. Sprull of Kingwood. THREE BOYS DROWNED. Last Saturday three boys, Mial Williamson, aged 16; Edwin Lee, aged 11; James Hinton, aged 15, were drowned in Hinton's pond near Raleigh.

MILLIONS GIVEN AWAY. It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases.

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Notice of Dissolution. Notice is hereby given that the firm of Whitley and White, doing business in the town of Hobgood, N. C., is by mutual consent this day dissolved.

Notice. State of North Carolina, County of Halifax. Superior Court—Before the Clerk. John G. Powell, Administrator of Martha F. Pope, and John G. Powell and wife Rosa.

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DON'T WAIT A MINUTE. Good Watches. We want your name for Pastime, a bright, clean, illustrated story and humorous paper for the family circle.

Notice. By virtue of power in me vested by that Deed of Trust, which was executed to me by John E. Boyette, which is duly recorded in the Register's office for Halifax county, in book 121, on page 420, I shall sell for Cash at auction in the town of Scotland Neck, on the 3rd day of February, 1900, the property therein described, to-wit:

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By virtue of power in me vested by that deed of trust which was executed to me by William Hodges and his wife Maria, which is duly recorded in the Register's office for Halifax county, in book 106, on page 609, I shall sell for cash at auction in the town of Scotland Neck, on the 20th day of January, 1900, that part of the property therein described as follows:

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of James B. Sprull, deceased, all persons indebted to his estate are hereby notified to make settlement, and all persons having claims against his estate are hereby notified to present the same before January 1st, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar. Claims may be presented to my attorney, S. S. Aloop, at Enfield, or to myself at Ocoosa, Alamance county, N. C. 12-14-01. H. E. SWAIN, Executor.

WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. AND ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY OF SOUTH CAROLINA. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: DATED, Train Name, Time, etc. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:12 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 4:43 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:41 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:45 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6:40 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:20 a. m., Red Springs 9:53 a. m., Hope Mills 10:42 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 10:55 a. m., returns leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., Hope Mills 4:55 p. m., Red Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:15 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

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