

**The Commonwealth.**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THE COMMONWEALTH thanks its subscribers and advertisers for the business they have given it this year, and hopes to be able to serve them in the future as well or better than ever.

The best of the season to all!

**THE CLOSING YEAR.**

Scotland Neck comes to this, the end of the year and the closing year of the century, with the finest year's record in its history for material prosperity and development.

Since the first of January, 1900, there have been many changes in the town, notably in buildings. A number of handsome residences have been built or remodeled, the handsome Futrell brick building on Main street with its four beautiful store rooms has been built, also the handsome new brick building on Main street, built by E. T. Whitehead & Co. for their drug store, is about completed; and many other buildings of various kinds have been added to the town.

East Scotland Neck has also sprung up, a beautiful suburb of the town east of the railroad, where a number of nice houses have been built, and it still progresses.

The business of the town has been much larger in volume during the year 1900 than ever before. Almost every one who has endeavored to do business at all has prospered.

Truly the hand of God has been lavish in dispensing rich blessings to the people of Scotland Neck this year. The greatest cause for regret and sadness lies in the fact that we have lost a few of our best and most well-beloved citizens; and yet in this we have the pleasant recollection that they left good and noble records.

All things considered, Scotland Neck as a town has never known a year of such prosperity and blessings, and THE COMMONWEALTH warmly congratulates all on the good strides made by the good people of this good town and community.

Before another issue of THE COMMONWEALTH appears we shall have crossed the line of the old century and shall have stepped into the new.

By reason of the favorable circumstances of our people, they all look forward to the coming year and the opening of the new century with bright hopes, and it is good to be in such a frame of mind; for those who are clad in the bright robes of hope are ever happier and do better work than those who are shadowed in gloom.

THE COMMONWEALTH delights to preach the gospel of hope. It is the best and only true philosophy of advancing life. And if, in the whirl of events of the passing year, some of us have not been as prosperous as most others, let us still hope for better days, and trust the good hand of God to lead us in better ways for the future. We all should be willing to stop awhile and cast about in our minds the many reasons we have for being grateful to God for his mercies in the past, and cast ourselves on his guidance and trust for all we need for the time that is yet to come.

**WE LOST WORTH BAGLEY.**

Perhaps we may not have war with China and then perhaps we may. It is the opinion of good and clear thinkers that a war with China would mean greater disaster every way than our war with Spain.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

We had been living under the impression that there were no disasters for Samuel in the Spanish war.—Greensboro Telegram.

We lost Worth Bagley and many others. Is not the loss of such noble young men to be considered?

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, and we can't live without food, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

**INTO NEW QUARTERS.**

Before another issue of THE COMMONWEALTH is printed we shall have moved into new quarters. There will be no difficulty in finding us, however, for the move will just be out of one building into the next. Our offices will be in the handsome new building just completed by E. T. Whitehead & Co. on Main street just in front of Hotel Lawrence.

The way to our new office is up the stairs stairway which led to the old office. At the head of the stairs turn to the left down the broad new hall-way, and you will find THE COMMONWEALTH at the end of the hall. We have handsome quarters and while feeling comfortable ourselves, we shall try to make it comfortable and pleasant for all who call on us.

As a matter of course, moving all of our machinery will break into our regular routine of work for a few days, but we shall soon be settled down—and hope to do more and better work than ever.

**"MISERY LOVES COMPANY."**

Mr. W. M. Grier, who has been editor of the Gastonia Gazette for 16 months, retires and Mr. W. F. Marshall, who was its editor eight years prior to selling out to Mr. Grier 16 months ago, becomes editor again. His salubrious style is characteristic of his laconic style. It is this: "In trouble again."

"Very Respectfully,  
W. F. Marshall."

Brother Marshall's return to the editorial work revives many pleasant memories. We feel like quoting to him the hackneyed sentence which heads this article, but really we see no application. It just simply pops up and we feel like saying it. Then we remember what some one has credited to the sayings of the late Governor Holden that "when a man once gets printer's ink on his fingers he can never get it off."

But we wander from the memories of Editor Marshall—but no matter about that—we can write him a letter about our college experience. Our readers generally could not appreciate what we might say.

We regard Mr. Marshall as one of the brightest and best equipped newspaper men in the State and we heartily welcome him back into the editorial circle.

**PASSING OUT OF ITS "TEENS."**

The Henderson Gold Leaf has entered upon its twentieth volume. It is one of the most attractive weeklies in the State. Editor Manning gives his readers a most excellent paper and his local constituency appreciate it, if one is to judge from his advertising columns.

As the Gold Leaf passes from its teens into the higher numbers may its usefulness and prosperity grow apace with its lengthening years, and may it live long to do good in the new century.

**TO EDIT A NEWSPAPER.**

News has gone out from Lincoln, Nebraska, the home of Hon. William Jennings Bryan, that he will edit a weekly newspaper to be named "The Commoner."

Mr. Bryan recently gave out the following:

"I have, for several years, had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions I have taken this method because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic and political problems. The paper will, at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past."

"I expect to lecture, occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students; but, my principal work will be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say with the pencil."

"The paper will be called The Commoner and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. I shall be publisher and editor. Place of publication Lincoln."

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**MR. J. G. POWELL'S HOUSE BURNED.**

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Tillery, N. C., Dec. 18, 1900.  
About 11 o'clock this morning fire was discovered on the roof of the kitchen of the old Ellen homestead, occupied by John G. Powell.

Mr. Powell and the farm hands were all down at Mr. Powell's river farm, and no one but women and children at home.

One of the boys was sent to Tillery for help and in the meantime the women carried all the movable effects in the main building out of danger.

Help went promptly from Tillery but no water was available the well being inside the burning kitchen.

The building was completely destroyed, as were the contents of the two story kitchen attachment.

All the outbuildings were saved. There was no insurance on either building or contents.

Mrs. Powell is prostrated from nervous shock.

Mr. Howard Weld and family leave this week for the North Returning shortly they will move to Charleston, S. C.

Mr. T. B. Higgins leaves this week to spend the holidays in Buffalo, N. Y., returning with his family about Jan 1st.

**ROUNDER.**  
**A MAN WANDERING IN THE WOODS.**

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Enfield, N. C., Dec. 18, 1900.

Mr. W. C. Whitaker found a man without coat and hat in the woods near his house last Friday, having been wandering about in this condition for three days. He furnished him with coat and hat and got him to go to the house and eat something and then he took him to Enfield and turned him over to our officers and they soon received message from friends in Wilson to take care of him and they would pay the bill. He had been working for Hackney Bros. and left for Wilson Sunday.

Will soon have a knitting mill in operation here.

Dr. Stallings has sold the Hotel to Mr. W. J. Burgess.

Mr. Cole has sold his residence to Mr. F. W. Gregory.

Mr. D. D. Bryan has opened business at the old Whitaker store.

Mrs. Petway is very sick and Dr. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, was up to see her to day.

Ricks & Bro. have sold their store to Mr. C. E. McGwigan.

Great quantity of peanuts sold here this season at good prices.

T. L. Whitaker.

**A TIMELY SUGGESTION.**

Raleigh Post.

The Lenoir Topic recalls a matter which has been suggested before, and which merits the attention of the next general assembly. The Topic says "some way ought to be provided for supplying the place of a judge who is provisionally hindered from being present at court."

Providence is not always responsible for the failure of a judge to reach and hold court, nor for his leaving frequently before his work is finished, but there are occasions when, from one or another good cause, the presiding judge is unable to reach a county and hold court. In such emergencies we agree with our contemporary that there should be some provision for supplying the appointment. In some States members of the bar present are permitted to choose a temporary judge, and thus public business is carried on. It is claimed, too, by this means a decided improvement in the presiding officer is frequently secured.

It is a subject the legislature can contemplate with propriety.

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**WINTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Winterville, N. C. Dec. 18th, 1900.

The demand for educated boys and girls grows stronger each successive year and promises to continue growing in the future. Boys and girls can afford to start in life poor, but can't afford to start without a practical education.

The Spring Term of Winterville High School will open January 7th in their new building with eight rooms and will be furnished with best patent desks and blackboards.

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Should any parents wish to locate here for the purpose of educating their children lots can be purchased on easy terms. For further particulars address, A. G. Cox, Sec. Pro-tem, or G. E. Lineberry, Principal. Winterville, N. C.

**POSTMASTER J. J. MARTIN DEAD.**

The Tarboro correspondence to the News & Observer dated Dec. 18, says: "Mr. J. J. Martin postmaster at this place and Republican nominee for Congress in the last campaign, died here this morning at 4 o'clock. Mr. Martin's health had been failing for a long time, and on account of feebleness he was unable to go into the last campaign. He was for several terms Congressman. He held the office of solicitor for several years, and has been postmaster here for two terms. The remains were taken to Williamston this afternoon, where the funeral services will be held tomorrow."

**Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.**

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Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also a convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Halifax County,  
In the Superior Court.

Millie Johnson  
vs  
Andrew Johnson

To the defendant Andrew Johnson: You will take notice that an action entitled Millie Johnson vs Andrew Johnson has been commenced against you in said Court. The purpose of the action is to obtain an absolute divorce from you on account of your having abandoned the plaintiff without cause prior to the first day of January, 1899, and living separate and apart from her for more than one year prior to that date, and you are required to be and appear at the next term of the Superior Court to be held for said county at the Court House in Halifax and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed in this action within the time required by law, and let the defendant take notice that if he fails to answer or demur to the complaint within the time required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief asked in the complaint. This Dec. 14th, 1900.

STERLING M. GAIT,  
Clerk Superior Court.  
12-20-00

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