

# The Commonwealth.

E. E. HILLIARD, Editor. Published Every Thursday. Entered at the Post-Office at Scotland Neck, N. C. as Second Class Matter. THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1901. MR. BAILEY'S STRONG PAPER.

The current number of The Forum publishes a strong paper by Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, under the heading, "The Case for the South." The paper is directed especially to the people of the North, and by way of prefatory remark Mr. Bailey observes that the Northerner is yet ignorant of, and in some instances indifferent to, the conditions in the South. He was prompted to write by reason of the results of recent elections, and because the affairs of the nation will surely be in the hands of the Republican party for two years, and perhaps for several years longer, and in this party he observes that there is scant sympathy for the South. He truthfully asserts, however, that a "party that has done so much to make the South a part of the Union owes it to itself to regard the Southern people as of one common country, and to be concerned for them as zealously as for those of faithful New England."

After assuring the people of the North that in the South the valor of the Confederate veteran is a theme for unstinted praise by all, he says that one born since the war finds it hard to understand how there could have been such bitter strife between the North and the South from '61 to '65. No vestige of it now remains. He refers in a strong paragraph to the wasted conditions of the South at the close of the civil war, but says there was something more serious to the South than empty sleeves and wasted fortunes. We quote:

"Confronting that soldier was a mass of freed negroes, unversed in government, susceptible to every kind of darkness, yet invested with the high prerogative of Anglo-Saxon self-sovereignty and co-operative government. There were 4,000,000 of them, all told, 850,000 of them voters! But this is not the worst of it. The former master might have instructed his one-time slave. But from the North came another army of invasion, camp-followers and adventurers, in the name of Reconstruction, who—destroyers that they were, as unworthy the North as the South—filled the hearts of the negroes with a bitterness and a suspicion of their former masters that had not been known before. If the North wonders why the white is against the black let it read history and learn that sons of the North first set the black man's heart against the white man."

Mr. Bailey then describes the happy and prosperous condition of the South to-day, notwithstanding what we had to endure after the war, and says significantly that "the Southern people have come to this through agonies of poverty."

The writer declares that he is a friend to the negroes and does not charge them with being the intentional authors of our woes, but charges most of our troubles to the enfranchisement of an incompetent race.

We quote again: "But the South struggles yet with her political problem, thrust upon her by the greatest of civil blunders, the enfranchisement of a numerous host of ignorant men of a lower race who were incapable of the ballot, and who, it is unreasonable to hope, can be made fit for its responsibilities within two hundred years. The most deplorable effect of the war was not the loss of slaves, for from the day of the surrender until now negro labor has been as cheap as it was in slavery; not the loss of money, not the loss of hope—all these have been overcome and in their stead we have real blessings—but the enfranchisement of the negro."

It is clearly shown how the Southern whites have had to stand solidly together in politics or be subjected to negro rule, which meant corruption and anarchy.

It is shown also that the negro is incapable of positions of trust, and so what good government we have had in the South has obtained where the white people controlled.

The white people of the South having dealt with the negro and the political problems in consequence of his free use of the ballot, know better how to manage these matters than the peo-

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ple of the North, declares the writer; and he makes this clear statement about white control:

"It is clear that to Southerners the one insurmountable obstacle to progress politically has been the presence of a large body of negro voters, ignorant and irrevocably prejudiced. Having overcome in every other respect the consequences of the Civil War, within the last ten years the Southern people have made bold to devise means of overcoming this difficulty."

Describing the conditions which have made it necessary to eliminate the ignorant negro vote, he asks, "Is not the motive good? Would the noblest citizen in Massachusetts do less?"

Speaking of the constitutional amendment he says: "I declare that the amendment to the constitution of North Carolina disfranchising the negroes was ratified, not in prejudice against the negro, not for party's sake but for honesty's sake, to save the State from moral prostration, to save the people from political slavery, in the bondage of fear."

Concerning the wisdom of letting the constitutional amendment stand as the people of North Carolina have said by their votes they wish, he says:

"If, however, these measures of elimination are interfered with, my word for it the South is all but hopeless politically, unless other legal means may not be, illegal methods will prevail by common consent, against which no power that I know of can successfully cope."

Finally, in a master stroke Mr. Bailey portrays the prospects of the South's great future by reason of her resources and because of the quickened condition of industrial life, and begs that we be allowed to work out our own political problems, and boldly declares that if the South's plans should prove unconstitutional regarding the negro vote, it would be far better to abrogate the Fourteenth Amendment than to drive her back into the wilderness.

Mr. Bailey has made a strong case for the South, and our brethren in the North can not fail to see the force of his reasoning. If more such work could be placed before the people of the North it would greatly hasten the day of a more thorough understanding between the sections and of a higher appreciation of the common interests that should bind every part of this great country to every other part.

We are glad Mr. Bailey has done the State and the South such service in his able paper.

### IS IT TO MAKE A JOB?

The penitentiary board adjourned to meet on May 3rd, when it is expected that a superintendent will be chosen. No election took place yesterday, but several gentlemen appeared before the board and presented the application of some friend for a job.—News and Observer.

Along with the foregoing item it has been given out that the penitentiary board has elected Mr. E. L. Travis chairman at a salary of \$1,800.

Now, with a chairman of ability like Mr. Travis, with his valuable experience as a member of the penitentiary board for several years, the question arises as to whether or not the penitentiary needs a superintendent.

In ignorance to the contrary, we presume that the board is free to add another man as superintendent of the penitentiary at a salary, or trust the management to Mr. Travis as chairman. The latter course we think would more generally meet the approbation of the tax payers of the State.

The Commonwealth has nothing to say against Mr. Travis' appointment as chairman of the board, and at \$1,800 salary. That is all right. Mr. Travis is a man of ability and a tireless worker and is entitled to pay for his valuable services to the State; but is there needed another man on a good salary?

Since the foregoing was written we clip the following from the Charlotte News, which agrees with THE COMMONWEALTH:

"We have never been able to understand why the accounts of our public institutions should be any more difficult to keep than those of any other business enterprise. If it is the fault of the accounting in vogue, then it should be changed."

"Furthermore, we cannot understand the necessity for a manager for the penitentiary at an annual salary of \$1,800, and a superintendent too."

"The penitentiary evidently needs a practical business man at its head, and one man, of the right kind, would be enough."

### WATCH THE COMMONWEALTH.

We notice in the Manufacturers' Record three separate articles as to knitting mills in Scotland Neck. The Scotland Neck knitting mills are enlarging their plant to double capacity. The Scotland Neck knitting mills are also making improvements. We rejoice to know that our sister town is so successful with its new enterprises.—Tarboro Southern.

Our interesting contemporary and neighbor could have given the above information to its readers at least one week earlier by reading THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Manufacturers' Record is a weekly publication, and it found the news about the improvements in Scotland Neck mills in this paper, and so our neighbor, the Southerner, gave the news a week late. But we highly appreciate its kind expressions in Scotland Neck's interest. We believe they are genuine, for there has always existed the very best of feeling between the people of Scotland Neck and Tarboro.

We just wanted to suggest to our enterprising neighbor, the Southerner, how it could have avoided the week's delay in the news item.

### NOTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

For nearly fourteen years THE COMMONWEALTH under present management almost constantly has kept before the people of Scotland Neck and the county generally the importance of various manufacturing industries.

The reasons why our people should give thought to such things have been cited many times and in various ways. And while we claim no undue credit for anything that has been done in Scotland Neck or the county, we rejoice that the effort does not seem wholly to have failed. Incidentally with the good that has been accomplished directly for the people of Scotland Neck and community, the town has been somewhat advertised, as the following from the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier shows:

"The value to Southern towns of small beginnings in manufacturing, in any line that promises a fair measure of success to intelligent enterprise, is well shown by The Manufacturers' Record by a number of interesting examples. Not many years ago, for one, THE COMMONWEALTH, the weekly paper of the little town of Scotland Neck, in North Carolina, seeing that there was no growth for the town in mere trading, began to agitate for a factory or something of the kind. 'Eyen a January,' it urged, 'would be better than nothing.' Its efforts resulted, at last, in a knitting mill. Encouraged by the success of their first venture, the townspeople tried others, and now have 'cotton mills and other kinds of manufacturing establishments,' with a weekly pay roll of \$1,100—which is not much, perhaps, but represents just so much added to the weekly earnings and business of the little place, above its record-ten years ago."

### MR. WU'S VISIT.

The Southern Manufacturers' club entertained at a banquet in Charlotte a few nights ago Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister to the United States. The honored guest of the Charlotte people extended his trip to Atlanta, Ga., and it is gratifying that the Charlotte papers gave Mr. Wu a much better appearance than the Atlanta papers.

The banquet at Charlotte was a most elaborate affair and added interest to the State's industrial development.

## Dropped Dead! Heart Disease?

### No! Kidney Disease.

Every day people die of so-called "Heart Disease" or apoplexy, but in reality of an unsuspected kidney disorder. Why? Because physicians either are ignorant of its existence, or unwilling to tell the truth. In the present age there is no more fatal malady than kidney disease. We do not even except consumption of the lungs, for a kidney disease which is allowed to become fully developed is certainly consumption of the kidneys. Kidney disease is often unsuspected, as the kidneys have but few nerves, and when deranged they don't give alarm by reason of pain or distress.

Any person may have an attack of dyspepsia and attribute the disorder to a bit of indigestion, or other slight cause. An occasional darting pain will be experienced somewhere. It comes and goes often like a flash. The victim may think there is something wrong with the air, or that the weather has "broken his record." He has a headache; his rest is disturbed; he cannot keep quiet; he is fidgety. If he is a brain worker, he lays it to close application. At times his appetite is lost, while at others he cannot get enough to eat. He has what he calls catarrh; he has strange micturings; he is easily startled; he has at times a raging fever, a little pleurisy and congestion; he wakes in the night scarcely able to breathe, great beads of sweat on his brow, his heart jumping wildly.

What is the trouble? An unsuspected kidney disease, the kidney poison corroding his entire system? How can it be stopped? There is but one sure treatment. Warner's Safe Cure absolutely, permanently and radically cures, no matter how long, how severe, or how generally fatal the disease. It is a specific. It has a marvellous power over the kidneys. We challenge the world to produce its equal. Warner's Safe Cure cures, however, be taken faithfully and as directed. If so taken, we will guarantee it to produce the desired results.

# WE GET THERE AGAIN

We thought we had struck a snag to-day, when we bucked up against a large factory in competition for

## A Hundred Dollar Order

for Sash, Doors and Blinds, but we just got down to business and cleaned up Mr. Factory with Ten Dollars to spare.

**Moral:** If you don't want to save money don't "figger" with us.

Our second Car Load Lime this month just received. We are the Fountain Head for Building and Agricultural Lime.

### Another Money Saver---

"The Hallock Weeder."

The greatest money and labor saving farm implement ever invented. If you don't believe it write to H. L. Tillery & Bro. and N. L. Stedman, Tillery, N. C.; F. P. Shields, R. E. Hancock, C. T. Lawrence, J. A. Kitchin, Scotland Neck, N. C.

A big lot of Goose Neck and Elwell Cotton Hoes just in at rock bottom.



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Scotland Neck, N. C.

### STATE TREASURY SHORT OF FUNDS.

"Hind sight is better than fore-sight," men sometimes say. And it is a wonderfully expressive sentence. It seems that the late general Assembly would have done well to remember it; for it now turns out that many of the appropriations which were made by that body will have to wait until taxes are collected. Saturday's News and Observer said:

"The State is short of money, and the institutions which were voted money for buildings and improvements by the Legislature of 1901, will have to do without the improvements and new buildings for awhile, until the money is in hand to pay for these things. Of this State of affairs the heads of the various State institutions have been informed by State Treasurer Lacy, who wrote them that the taxes for the present year were utterly inadequate to meet the demands for money for special appropriations.

"When the matter is considered, it is a wonder that it had not been clearly understood before. In making the increased appropriations, the Legislature of 1901 based its calculation about the money it could vote, upon the revenue to be brought in by the new revenue law, and not by the one of 1899. The matter is put in a nutshell when it can be stated authoritatively that the State Treasury is in such a condition that all special appropriations will have to be paid from the taxes coming in during September, October, November and December.

"Treasurer Lacy's statement has already caused a Council of State to be held, at which the matter was discussed in all its bearings, and the only solution was as stated above.

"Dr. J. F. Miller, Superintendent of the Eastern Asylum, had the matter of the urgent needs of the institution he presides over presented to the Council. That money for the Eastern Hospital

was imperatively needed was manifest, and arrangements were made by which \$20,000.00 was made immediately available for the institution at Goldsboro.

### EASTERN CAROLINA NEWSPAPER PROSPERITY.

New Bern Journal, "We are again unable to find room for all the advertisements offered us, and editorial matter crowded out." The above from the Journal's esteemed weekly contemporary, the Roanoke-Chowan Times, published at Rich Square, Northampton county, is one of the most prominent and significant signs that Eastern Carolina is being aroused, and that actual advancement and prosperity is at hand.

It can be said that the local newspaper is the barometer of its community, and that its columns will indicate the degree of latitude or activity, social and commercial, that is to be found among its people and business interests.

And judging from this the people of Rich Square and Northampton county are marching ahead, and are in the progressive column.

Another Eastern Carolina newspaper, to reflect this local progress, is the Journal's nearby contemporary, the Evening Free Press.

The Free Press has entered upon its fifth year, and this when at its beginning it seemed a question of its being continued one year. But each year the Free Press has become more needed and its support more certain, and its service for its community more effective.

At Scotland Neck, THE COMMONWEALTH is another weekly which indicates advancement in Halifax county, while Elizabeth City follows in the same line for its neighborhood.

Pitt county, with the Daily Reflector and King's Semi-Weekly, are showing full columns of advertisements, which would prove progress.

These are a few places and newspapers, which show that the newspaper business of Eastern Carolina is on the advance, and naturally indicates progress of the people, and improved conditions of every kind.

For itself, the Journal would say that its columns bear eloquent testimony of how business is going on.

And with all this improvement in the Eastern Carolina newspaper field, it is an agreeable circumstance, that politics are found pretty nearly eliminated from the columns of these newspapers, and that the leading thought is, local building up.

This is a good sign for continued advancement and prosperity, for communities and newspapers.

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C. A. CAMP

### A SUGGESTION TO FARMERS.

Winterville, N. C., April 8, 1901.

Owing to the extreme scarcity of labor we would advise all farmers to arrange their tobacco rows so every eighth row will be five feet wide, and by so doing you can use a tobacco truck and thus house your tobacco with much less labor and cost. There were some trucks used in certain sections last season for housing tobacco, and we find in every section where the truck was used there will be a great demand for them this season, and orders for several hundred trucks have already been placed and many more will doubtless come in yet. If you will lay out your rows as stated above it will take no extra manure and but little more land, and if you do not use the truck you can tote your tobacco along the wide row much better, and if you are scarce of help you can use a truck. We are going to be headquarters for tobacco trucks of best style.

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