

The Commonwealth.

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THE BLUE BACK A WINNER.

Charlotte Observer.

Some years ago the old blue back spelling book was dropped from the public schools of this State, but the experiment was brief-lived. It was soon restored and now a fairly good generation of spellers is being raised up. After a trial of a fancy method at learning to spell, the old method has been resumed at the Northwestern University of Chicago. At that institution one hundred pupils who would have graduated but for their inability to spell, have been set to studying the old blue back speller. Prof. Clark is quoted as saying that a large proportion of former graduates were poor spellers, and that it has been decided to withhold parchments hereafter until the pupils shall have mastered the art of spelling words in common use. It is not the Northwestern University students alone who show this defect, but also those who have been admitted to that institution from other schools. Professor Clark has made a list of the words which pupils who hoped to receive their diplomas last year wrestled with in vain. Among them are these, as they were spelled: Exercise, tyreny, consistant, shaddow, huries, wheather, emmence, (immense), dilemna, proceed, apperatus, volumn, dispare, dimentions, temparament, beseige, mischievous, villian, tennet, yeald, vestage, loosing (for losing), paralexed, phenomina, Britian, imence, redicullus, unessary, erronous, chalous (callous), symtom (symptom), govonor, disasterous, marvalous, etc. It was held in an editorial paragraph in The Observer a few days ago that good spelling is a gift of God, but next to the one who has this gift is the diligent student of the blue back speller. Experience has taught that the fact which some years ago displayed the old method of spelling in schools and colleges was a mistake and that under it bad spellers were being turned out at an alarming rate. What it did for the Northwestern University is only an instance of what it has done all over the country. There is but one way to learn how to spell correctly and that is to adopt the old blue back as a bosom friend and companion. To those not born with the gift the blue back speller holds out the best hope.

WINTERVILLE NEWS.

Cor. to The Commonwealth.

Winterville, N. C., Dec. 10. Land Sale—A Bargain—One farm containing 84 acres more or less. Nice tobacco, cotton or corn land, 50 acres cleared. Two good tenant houses and other buildings. Adjoins the lands of Henry Cory, Lewis Worthington and others and may be known as the James B. McGowan land. Apply to A. G. Cox.

A plague on "Old Maids' Conventions." It took our best girl from home all day Thursday and Friday and we've had no taste for butter-milk since. We believe in fair women and love 'em too, but away with woman's rights! Santa Claus Coming—To our friends, customers and the public generally we wish to state that we are carrying a nice and better selected stock of Xmas toys and confectionaries than ever before, and we earnestly solicit your patronage. Yours to please—Harrington, Barber & Co.

Mrs. H. F. Keel and Miss Hattie Nichols were visiting in Greenville Thursday.

Miss Bettie Keel spent Thursday night in the country with Miss Lethe McGlohon.

Miss Lena Dawson, of Littlefield, is spending the week with Miss Minnie Clinard.

Dr. Louis Skinner, of Greenville, has charge of Dr. Cox's patients during the latter's absence in Baltimore. Dr. Skinner was here Thursday evening.

W. A. West, of Roanoke Lumber Co. was here Tuesday.

Eld. T. N. Manning left for Dover last Thursday in order to fill his regular appointment at that place.

A BLOW IN THE BACK.

An overcoat is a necessary nuisance and the tendency to take it off on warm days in late autumn and winter is as strong as it is unwise. A treacherous wind hits you in the back and the next morning you have lumbago. Rub well and often with Perry Davis' Painkiller and you will be astonished to find how quickly all soreness is banished. There is but one Painkiller—Perry Davis'.

ABOUT THE MESSAGE.

Wilmington Messenger.

Roosevelt's first message was generally praised by papers of both parties and sections. It was well written, by agreement, independent, uncommon Rooseveltian in plan and make-up. He did not meet general expectations either as to antagonizing his party or in shooting off pyrotechnics to startle and amaze. He is too soft on trusts and leans to a high robber tariff too much to please real Democrats. The commercial element who are leaning to a high tax will like it.

If you would have an appetite like a bear, a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price, 25 cents. Samples free, at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

WAKE FOREST WON THE CUP.

The annual debate between Wake Forest and Trinity came off in Raleigh last Thursday night. The question discussed was "Compulsory Education." Wake Forest debaters took the affirmative and Trinity the negative. The debaters on the affirmative were Mess. W. A. Dunn, Jr., of Scotland Neck; J. C. Little, of Union county; O. P. Dickinson, of Nash county. The debaters on the negative were Mess. C. L. Hornaday, of Beaufort; L. P. Howard, of Mobile, Ala.; W. H. Brown, of Warrenton. Mr. F. T. Ward, president of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, presided over the meeting.

The affirmative won, the decision of the judges being unanimous and the silver cup was carried off by the Wake Forest boys for the third time. Trinity took it last year.

HALIFAX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cor. to The Commonwealth.

HALIFAX, N. C., Dec. 4, 1901. An interesting meeting was held in Halifax last night. Acting upon the suggestion of Judge Winston, who is holding court here, a number of ladies and gentlemen met at Capt. George Gilliam's to organize the Halifax Historical Society. Mr. S. M. Gary called the meeting to order and requested Mayor Thos. W. Fenner to preside. Mr. Fenner called on Mr. Gary to state the object of the meeting, which he said was to form a society to have in charge the old colonial church and to secure funds to place a suitable fence around the graves and to collect historical data. Interesting talks were made by Mr. W. A. Dunn and Judge Winston.

After consultation the chairman appointed Mess. S. M. Gary, chairman, T. N. Hill, Charles Hale, Dr. H. B. Furgerson and Capt. Geo. Gilliam, a committee to draw up a constitution and to see what steps are needed to get charge of the old church property. The committee will report at length Wednesday of next week, when a permanent society will be formed.

This is an important movement and we hope it will succeed. It is proposed to have local representatives all over the county. The amount of money needed is not large and we doubt not that the proper effort will soon result in a handsome fence around the graves and the old building in repair. It is also proposed to collect historical material, letters, pictures and other things.

The evening was made more pleasant by delightful songs by Miss Dora Sater and Mr. S. M. Gary. Misses Fannie Sater and Lou Hill accompanied them on the piano.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Our Stock is Complete, everything in Christmas Goods and everything else you may want.

Give me a call before buying your Christmas presents.

Wilson Allbrook.

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If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels open and the well. Force in the shape of violent physic or pill poison, is dangerous. The smooth, soft, easiest, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take



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KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

Notice. Having qualified as executrix of the last will of the late N. K. Pippin all persons having claims against the estate will present same to me on or before December 1st, 1902; otherwise this notice will be plead as a bar to same. All persons owing the estate will make immediate payment. This Nov. 18, 1901. CARRIE E. PIPPIN, Executrix.

Positions GUARANTEED UNDER A \$5,000 DEPOSIT. R. R. FARE PAID 200 FREE. Scholarships offered. Write quick to O.A. BUSINESS COLLEGE, Macon, Ga. 5-23-6-n.

Table with columns for Train Name, Date, and Time. Includes entries for Wake Forest and Trinity.

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

Table titled 'TRAINS GOING SOUTH' with columns for Date, Train Name, and Time. Includes entries for Weldon, Rocky Mt., and Tarboro.

Table titled 'TRAINS GOING NORTH' with columns for Date, Train Name, and Time. Includes entries for Florence, Fayetteville, and Weldon.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Yarkin Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington, 9 10 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12 20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12 42 p. m., arrives Sanford 3 05 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 5 00 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4 30 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4 20 p. m., arrives Wilmington 7 15 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8 10 a. m., Maxton 9 05 a. m., Red Springs 9 32 a. m., Hope Mills 10 55 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11 10 a. m. Returns leaves Fayetteville 4 45 p. m., Hope Mills 5 00 p. m., Red Springs 5 35 p. m., Maxton 6 16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7 15 p. m.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:15 p. m., Halifax 3:29 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4:10 p. m., Greenville 5:47 p. m., Kingston 6:45 p. m., returning leaves Kingston 7:30 a. m., Greenville 8:30 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:05 a. m., Weldon 11:20 a. m., ds' except Sunday.

Trains on Wabing on Branch leave Washington 8:00 a. m. and 2:45 p. m., arrive Parmele 8:55 a. m. and 4:10 p. m., returning leave Parmele 11:10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 12:30 a. m. and 6:15 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 4:35 p. m., Sunday, 4:55 p. m., arrives Plymouth 6:35 p. m., 6:30 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:30 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 9:55 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

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Housewives, we have that "Garland" Cook Stove that took the medal at the Paris Exposition. Carvers, Knives and Forks, Food Choppers, Turkey Roasters, etc.

In fact if you buy Hardware without examining our goods and getting our prices, you make a mistake that seriously affects your pocket book, and "that's no joke."

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Taylor's Grocery Store. Administrator Notice.

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of Eugene Steton deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me for payment by the 14th day of November 1902. Otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment. STUART SMITH, Administrator. Nov. 14th 1901. 11-14-6t.

Notice. Having qualified as executor of the will of Patsy Bell, all persons having claims against her estate are hereby notified to present same to me on or before Dec. 1st 1902, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This Nov. 23, 1901. LINDWOOD BELL, Executor. 11-23-6t.

GOOD WHEELS.

Do you, or will you need a good cart, or cart wheels, between now and spring? If you do, you can get your needs supplied, by calling on the undersigned. He will give you as much value for your money as you can get anywhere, no matter where you buy. Every pair of wheels warranted. W. A. Brantley, SCOTLAND NECK, N. C. 11-23-3m.

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W. H. P. JENKINS, Executor of Mrs. E. A. LITTLE, Deceased. S. G. DANIEL, Attorney. 11-23-6t.