

Santa Claus
Will visit with his train of reindeer, bringing presents, oranges, apples, Malaga grapes, etc. etc. etc. He will be in the city on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 o'clock, and will make the rounds of the city. Shall appear at the following places: Phone No. 54.

W. A. CRAWFORD,
Rocky Mount, N. C.
Cotton Seed Wanted.
Am in the market again this season and will always pay the highest cash price for your cotton seed. Mail and hulls constantly kept on hand. O. K. TAYLOR.

FRUITS AND CONFECTIONERIES.—For your holiday gifts go to J. D. Ray & Co. They have the best assortment in town.

Notice.
Scotland Neck Lodge No. 470 A. F. & M. will hold regular communication, Thursday evening, Dec. 12th 1901, at 7 o'clock, for election of officers and refreshments. All members invited.

Land Posted.
All persons are hereby forbidden, under penalty of law, to hunt with dogs on any of the lands of the late Mrs. J. D. Ray, as the "Bishop Farm," near Spring Hill in Halifax county, N. C., and bounded by the lands of the North Carolina Lumber Company, N. D. Parks and others.

J. E. Woolard
Having full control of Mr. J. M. Gray's Broker, Scroff and Babster and any unfilled orders will be filled and future orders solicited. Prices reasonable. J. S. VICK, Manager.

Bazaar!
December 12, 13 and 14. Christmas presents for old and young. Supper every night and lunch on Saturday. To be held at the office of Dr. J. E. Shields, hotel, by ladies of the Episcopal church.

At R. C. Josey's.
Fine Line of Furniture. Handsome Chairs a specialty. All suitable for Xmas presents.

AT TAYLOR'S for Xmas. Fresh Supplies of Cranberries, Celery and Fruit Cakes. All Choice and Good. O. K. TAYLOR.

Cabbage Plants.
I have a large quantity of Cabbage Plants for sale: Late Flat Dutch, Large Jersey Wakefield, Early Jersey Wakefield. Packed in baskets and shipped to any point c. o. d.

AT GRAY BROTHERS.
We have just received Currants, Raisins, Dates, Figs, Nuts, Cranberries, Citron, Mince Meat, all kinds of Fruits. Finest line of Rover's Candy ever in the town. A fresh lot of Hames and Corns Cakes, Florida Oranges and everything else you want.

Teacher Wanted.
It having become necessary to add another teacher to the primary department of Enfield Graded Schools, (white) there will be an examination of applicants for the position at my office in Enfield on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 9 o'clock, a. m. By order of the School Board. E. S. SHEPPE, Superintendent.

At Edwards & Co.'s
CHRISTMAS BARGAINS IN CLOTHING, HATS AND SHOES. Prices cut nearly half in Mens' Suits, Children's Suits, Mens' and Boys' Overcoats, Hats, Shoes and Boots. Don't forget what others say or what they advertise until you see our rare bargains. EDWARDS & CO.

Peanuts Wanted.
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sufficient to give you most delicious tea biscuit using Royal Baking Powder as directed. A pure, true leavener.

BRANSON'S ALMANAC for 1902 is at hand. It is a valuable publication and has been before the public for many years with growing favor. Raleigh, N. C.

NEW STOCK.—See Prince & Co.'s advertisement of new stock. It is ahead of anything ever brought here. They will soon open sales atables at Hobgood and Enfield.

DIED IN WILSON.—News has come that Mrs. Maria Hodges, relict of the late James Hodges, died in Wilson Tuesday. No particulars of the death were learned.

LADIES to do writing at home can get work at once, salary \$20.00 per month. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for full particulars etc. Address, Mrs. C. W. CHRISTIAN, Tillery, N. C.

REV. J. C. JONES RETURNS.—The people of Scotland Neck will be pleased to learn that Rev. J. C. Jones has been returned as pastor of the Methodist church here. He is a favorite with the people of Scotland Neck, regardless of denomination, and is a clear and forceful minister of the gospel.

Entered into life eternal at her home near Dawson, N. C., Monday evening, December 2, 1901, Nannie Applewhite, beloved wife of Joseph L. Barnes, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Applewhite, in the 32d year of her age.

Her sufferings, which had been very great for more than two weeks, were borne with patience and fortitude; not a murmur escaped her lips, and she was thoughtful and considerate of others to the last. Everything was done that medical skill could suggest, and she was faithfully and tenderly nursed by loving hands, but nothing could arrest the disease. She gradually grew worse until the summons came calling her away. No fear of death disturbed her, but with unwavering trust in his Saviour she sweetly passed into the presence of the God she loved, there to bask forever in the light of his countenance. Loving hearts went with her even to the banks of the river and in thought could follow her as with the angels sent to bear her sweet spirit home, she swept through the gates of glory, and imagine her rapture when "within the walls" her freed spirit took in the glories of Paradise. Never from childhood did she wilfully cause her parents pain or grief. She was a dutiful and devoted daughter, a tender, loving wife and sister, a faithful, conscientious mother, a kind friend and a consistent Christian. Every one who knew her loved her. How she will be missed! Her husband and little children will miss her loving, tender care; her parents, her sweet home coming, and friends her unaffected sympathy.

Early in life she gave her heart to God, and ever since has led a consecrated life. Her virtues and graces of character will ever be treasured as a sacred heritage from him who gave us in her life a sweet and beautiful example of how a Christian should die. God grant we may so live that we may meet her in that blessed home to which she has gone to be forever with her Lord.

"Father, in thy gracious keeping Leave me now thy servant sleeping." A.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind."

One More Week.
Yes, only one more issue of THE COMMONWEALTH this year; and we hope our delinquents will remember to settle with us.

It is a small matter to those who owe us a dollar or fifty cents, but several small amounts make much to us. But a word to the wise is sufficient.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required.

They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co. druggists.

Keep Your Bowels Strong.
Constipation or diarrhoea when your bowels are out of order. Chamberlain's Candy Cathartic will make them act naturally. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, etc.

A FEW DAYS OUT.

Through Wake and Harnett.
The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH spent a few days last week in Wake and Harnett. The same old hills and dales and dashing, dancing streams are there as years ago, but changes in other things are marked.

The passing of a decade or two writes new lines even on the face of nature. Familiar names are heard for which there are no answering voices; the stately forest here and there has fallen before the woodman's axe; the fields are not just as they were in the long ago. Some which were then only "poor land" are now fertile indeed, and some which were then fairly fertile are now the "pine thicket" or the sedge field.

Faces which were bright and laughingly gay have become furrowed with care; locks that were "raven" then now show the frost of years; and the then auburn hair now has the "silver threads among the gold"; the then prattling child is to-day the sturdy young man or the lithe and graceful young lady.

Some changes are pleasing while others are sad. The school bell tolls from more steeples now than then, and the children trooping their way to school know more of the modern idea of country school life; but we doubt if their rudiments of education are better founded than in the days when everyone, large and small, took at least one turn a day at the long lines in the old "blue back".

POOR CROPS ALL ALONG.
It is usual to hear from every part of the State that crops are poor, but the people of Scotland Neck and Halifax county have no conception of the destitution in some parts of other counties. In some parts of Wake and Harnett renters who pay stipulated rents did not make the rent, to say nothing of paying for supplies. While we would not be an alarmist, we say plainly that we are more convinced than ever that people generally need to practice economy more rigidly than in many years.

A. J. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Mr. A. P. Kitehin, of Roxboro, formerly of Scotland Neck, has decided to locate here and practice law with his brother, Hon. Claude Kitehin.

Mr. J. L. Scott, secretary and treasurer of the Burlington Coffin Co., was on our streets last week shaking hands with his relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. O. Allen, of Palmyra, went to Wake Forest Tuesday, being called there by the death of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Johnson.

Mess. Howard F. Jones, of Wilson, general superintendent of the Carolina Telephone Company, and Geo. A. Holderness, of Tarboro, are here to day.

Mr. S. T. Burnett, of the Hobgood community, has sold out his possessions there and left this morning for Texas where he will make his future home. Mr. Burnett is energetic and we doubt not he will show the Texans a thing or two in farming.

The following ladies and gentlemen from other places attended the German here Thursday night: Misses Dora and Fannie Sater, Helen and Orin Daniel, Julia Gregory, Mary McMahon, Virgie Nelson and Miss McNamara, of Halifax; Miss Rhienhart, of Lincoln; and Miss Ross, of Charlotte. Messrs. M. F. McMahon and Ernest Sater, of Halifax; Henry Burgwyn, of Jackson, T. B. Higgins, of Tillery, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fensler, of Halifax.

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Married in Windsor.

On Tuesday Dec. 10, 1901, at 11 o'clock, a. m. at her home in Windsor, N. C., Miss Julia Tadlock was married to Mr. Walter M. Hancock, of Scotland Neck, Rev. S. B. Barnes performing the ceremony.

Following were the attendants: Miss Mae Lewis Sprull, of Quitman, N. C., with Mr. Willie Tadlock, of Windsor, N. C.; Miss Julia Stokes, of Windsor, with Mr. W. M. Gray, of Scotland Neck; Miss Maggie Snell, of Windsor, with Mr. E. Duke Sprull, of Quitman; Miss Alice Tadlock, of Brambleton, Va., with Mr. Willie A. Tadlock, of Windsor.

After the marriage a sumptuous dinner was served to the wedding party with a large number of visitors and friends.

In the afternoon the bridal party came near Scotland Neck to the home of Mr. Thos. Hancock, brother of the groom, where a reception was tendered. The wedding supper was fine and the guests were loud in their praises of the occasion. The groom was accompanied to Windsor by Mr. W. T. Hancock and Mr. W. M. Gray, one of the attendants.

The bride is a stranger here but popular in her own community. The groom is an intelligent young farmer and enjoys the warm congratulations of a host of friends.

COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN.
RECOMMENDATION OF A WELL KNOWN CHICAGO PHYSICIAN.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, contracted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. Am glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—MRS. MARY E. MEL- ENDY, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Fire at Hobgood.
One day last week Mr. W. P. White at Hobgood lost his gin house, presses, five bales of cotton and a lot of cotton seed.

The fire was caused from a match which had been dropped on the floor. Some one stepped on it and it caught and ignited lint cotton.

DEAFNESS OR HARD HEARING ARE NOW CURABLE
by our new invention. Only those born deaf are incurable.
HEAD NOISES CEASE IMMEDIATELY.
F. A. WERMAN, OF BALTIMORE, SAYS:

Gentlemen:—Being entirely cured of deafness, thanks to your treatment, I will now give you a full history of my case, to be used at your discretion.
About five years ago my right ear began to ring, and this kept on getting worse, until I lost my hearing in this ear entirely.
I underwent a treatment for catarrh, for three months, without any success, consulted a number of physicians, among others, the most eminent ear specialist of this city, who told me that only an operation could help me, and even that only temporarily, that the head noises would then cease, but the hearing in the affected ear would be lost forever.
I then saw your advertisement accidentally in a New York paper, and ordered your treatment. After I had used it only a few days according to your directions, the noise ceased, and to-day, after five weeks, my hearing in the affected ear has been entirely restored. I thank you heartily and beg to remain
Very truly yours,
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THEY DO SAY!
That Times are Hard!
That Money is Very Scarce!
That Crops are All Short!
That Economy is Needed!

Yes, they say all these things, and they say something else: They say that it makes little difference when you go to

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For there is such a pack of Holiday Goods and every and all kinds of other goods at such low prices you forget

Hard Times!
Short Crops!
Scarcity of Money!

But the very coming to our store is "Economy," for we save you money on every purchase.

We can't tell you
All about it!

Just come and see for yourself. Your money's worth and more every time. In our great stock you can find anything you want, from a dainty Xmas present to a family outfit.

Join the crowd and come along.
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A toad under a harrow

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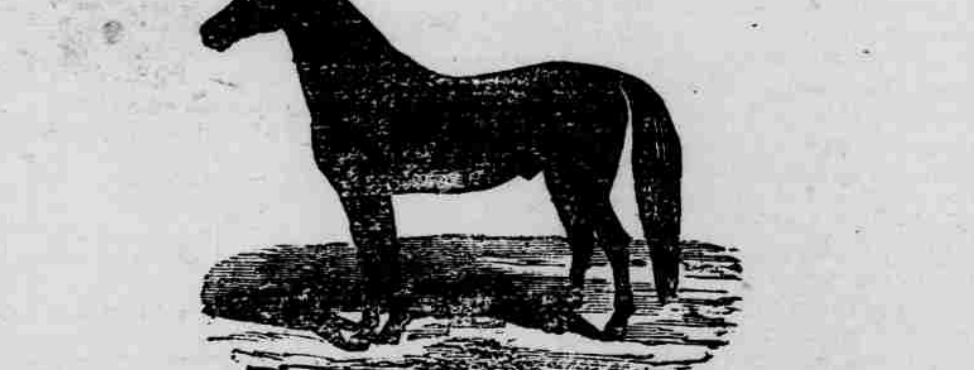
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2, 1901.
EGGS AND POULTRY.
Eggs, stiff, per doz. 23@24
Old Hens, each 30@32
Large Spring Chickens 25@27
Medium " 15@20
Small " 12@15
Turkeys, per lb. 9@10
Dressed Geese, each. 55@65
Dressed Chick, per lb. 10@12
Pheasants, each. 40@50

HAMS, ETC.
Smithfield, fancy, per lb. @20
" new " 15
Va. cured, 6 to 8 lb av'ge 14@16
N. C. cured, 6 to 8 lb av'ge 14@16
" 10 to 12 lb av'ge 12@14
Middlings, per lb 10@11
Shoulders " 10@11
Dressed Hogs, per lb 7@8

HIDES.
Dry Flint, per lb 12@13
Dry Salt, per lb 10@12
Green Salt, per lb. 7@8

PEANUTS.
Peanuts, fancy, 2 1/2 @ 3
" strictly prime. 2 1/2
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