

WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS.

THE CHRISTMAS TIME.

THE COMMONWEALTH will not appear next week. We give holiday to printers, and so a week in advance we tender Christmas greetings to all our readers.

We sincerely wish every one a "Merry Christmas," and trust that while all make merry during this festive season, we may all keep constantly in reverent remembrance Him in whose name the day and season are celebrated.

It is a sad reflection that so many people have fallen into habits and practices at the Christmas time which dishonor God and insult the very name of Christ. The real significance of the day and the time has been forgotten by so many. Revelry and drunkenness, disorder and bad conduct generally is the only thing that some put into or get out of Christmas.

May there be less of such this season, and may the people all remember the glad tidings of great joy and the peace on earth to men which the birth of the holy child Jesus brought to earth nineteen hundred years ago!

With this wish and this hope we repeat a "Merry Christmas" to all!

LETTER TO E. T. WHITEHEAD & COMPANY.

Dear Sir: You have taken the agency of Devco Lead and Zinc paint—the "Fever-galton"; wears longer!

It is fair to tell you that it is going to lessen the amount of paint used in your town for each job; but it is going to more-than-double the satisfaction that people have found in other paint; and you are going to increase your business by getting more jobs.

It has never failed to do it. W. B. Arnold & Co., Waterville, Maine, bought \$105 of Devco lead and zinc in 1898. In 1901 they bought \$1155. Dug Brothers of Louisville, N. Y., bought \$29 in 1899. In 1901, \$1991. Fowler & Sellers, White Plains, N. Y., \$1893, \$166; 1901, \$1762. Leggett & Pedia, Glens Falls, N. Y.—1899, \$382; 1901, \$3796.

You can't know too much about a paint that's going to increase business like that, and do so much for the people of your town. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & CO., New York.

Sick Blood

Feed pale girls on Scott's Emulsion. We do not need to give all the reasons why Scott's Emulsion restores the strength and flesh and color of good health to those who suffer from sick blood.

The fact that it is the best preparation of Cod Liver Oil, rich in nutrition, full of healthy stimulation is a suggestion as to why it does what it does.

Scott's Emulsion presents Cod Liver Oil at its best, fullest in strength, least in taste. Young women in their "teens" are permanently cured of the peculiar disease of the blood which shows itself in paleness, weakness and nervousness, by regular treatment with Scott's Emulsion.

It is a true blood food and is naturally adapted to the cure of the blood sickness from which so many young women suffer.

Image of Scott's Emulsion bottle with text: We will be glad to send a sample to any sufferer. Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York.

TAYLOR, THE PIONEER GROCER

Having been the first one to open a FIRST CLASS Grocery Store in Scotland Neck, and having for eight years studied the wants of the trade, we feel that we should be in a position to know better than anyone with less experience, just the kind of goods the people want. GIVE US A CALL. Satisfaction GUARANTEED.

O. K. TAYLOR. Scotland Neck, N. C. DR. WIMBERLEY'S CERTIFICATE. This is to certify that I have used Hancock's Liquid Sulphur in my practice and have tested it sufficiently to know it to be a remedy of great merit. Have used it with curative results in cases that nothing else would benefit. J. P. WIMBERLEY, M. D., Scotland Neck, N. C., Oct. 27, 1902.

Excess Of Smoking Affected My Heart

So I Had To Sit Up To Breathe. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Cured Me.

There is nothing that has a more deleterious effect upon the cardiac or heart nerves than the excessive use of tobacco. Pain and tenderness around the heart, an oppressive feeling in the chest, choking sensation in the throat, discomfort from sleeping on the left side and smothering spells at night when the sufferer has to sit up in bed to breathe are the most common symptoms of a weak heart. Smokers who feel these symptoms and who do not understand their meaning should be warned in time, by the following experience: "I was greatly troubled with an affection of the heart, due to excessive smoking. On writing to you for advice I was directed to begin a course of treatment which included Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, Dr. Miles' Nerve and Nerve Liver Pills, together with bathing, etc. I faithfully followed the directions given and am pleased to say that my cure is complete and permanent. Before beginning the use of your remedies I was so nervous I could not keep my hands still and suffered greatly from severe pains around the heart. Many times at night I would be forced to assume a sitting posture to get my breath, and for the time being it would seem as though my heart had stopped beating. From the splendid results achieved in my case I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, Restorative Nerve and other remedies to all sufferers from heart or nervous troubles."—Yours truly, ELIJAH HALL, Dothan, Ala.

Notice.

By virtue of power in me vested by the will of William Hodges which is on record in the office of the clerk of the Superior court for Halifax county, I shall sell for cash at auction in Scotland Neck, on the 10th day of January, 1903, between 12 and 1 o'clock, the following described real estate, to-wit:

That tract of land known as the Hackney tract, containing sixty acres more or less; that part of the tract of land known as the Strickland tract not heretofore set apart to the devisees of the said William Hodges, and containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, and seventy-seven acres of land, a part of the William Hodges home tract, beginning at a small sweet-gum thence South fifty-five East thirty, thence South eighty-six East thirty, thence South six West forty-five, North eighty-one West twenty-eight to the beginning. Also the mill, gin house, press and engine now on the Hodges plantation.

This December 11th, 1902. J. W. LEGGETT, Executor of William Hodges. 12-18-10-18.

Three Reasons

Why you should Patronize your home Optician:

- 1. You do not have to pay his expenses from one town to another, high price hotel bills, etc. 2. If you find that your glasses do not suit you after wearing them awhile or that the frames need a little adjusting, you do not have far to go to find him and pay another price to get what you want. 3. The foregoing is proof enough that I can sell you the same lenses for less money, or better frames for less money than the traveling optician can. I use nothing but the Best Lenses.

H. W. MIXON, Scientific Optician. Scotland Neck, N. C.

NEW SPARKLES.

E. T. Whitehead & Co's A NEW SUPPLY of everything in our Jewelry Department. We have Fine New Clocks; Watches, Scarf Pins, Ladies Lace Pins, Babies' Pins, Cut Glass, Birthday Presents, Wedding Presents, a Big Lot of Silverware, and Full Trays of maher Sparkling Beauties. All pretty, attractive and CHEAP. E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO.

McDuffie's Turpentine and Mutton Suet Lung Plaster is a certain cure for whooping cough, easy and comfortable.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Image of Swamp-Root product and text: SWAMP-ROOT. Home of Swamp-Root. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy.

CAUTION!

This is not a gentle word—but when you think how liable you are not to purchase the only remedy universally known and a remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1868 for the cure and treatment of Consumption and Throat and Lung troubles without losing its great popularity all these years, you will be thankful we called your attention to Boschee's German Syrup. There are so many ordinary cough remedies made by druggists and others that are cheap and good for light colds perhaps, but for severe Coughs, Bronchitis, Croup—and especially for Consumption, where there is difficult expectoration and coughing during the nights and mornings, there is nothing like German Syrup. The 25 cent size has just been introduced this year. Regular size 75 cents. At all druggists.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Miss Emma L. Howard, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior court for Halifax county, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me at Scotland Neck, N. C., on or before the 20th day of November, 1903, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate settlement. J. P. WIMBERLEY, Executor. Nov. 18, 1902. 11-20-02.

Notice.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Halifax county rendered on the 20th day of November 1902 in a special proceeding to sell land for division wherein N. H. Shearin, J. W. Bobbitt and others were plaintiffs and R. H. Morris and Wm. H. Morris were defendants, I will on the 20th day of December, 1902, sell to the highest bidder for cash in the front of R. H. Morris' store in the town of Littleton the following described land: One lot in the town of Littleton bounded on the north by New Street, on the east by Olive White, on the south by Mrs. Jackson, on the west by J. J. Williams, being the residence of the late J. J. Bobbitt, containing 1/2 acre. One other lot in Littleton township in the aforesaid State and county bounded on the north and east by the Halifax road, on the south by Howard Browning, on the west by the Alston Road, containing 21 acres known as the J. J. Bobbitt field. This the 20th day of Nov. 1902. S. G. DANIEL, Commissioner.

J. W. Perry Co., COTTON FACTORS.

Table with columns for Cotton types (Strict Middling, Middling, etc.) and prices. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16, 1902.

Good farm in Warren. A good farm for sale in Warren county 2 1/2 miles from Macon, N. C. 400 acres. 200 acres cleared, balance in woods well timbered with cord wood. Good land for Tobacco, Cotton and Corn. Tenant houses and good water. Terms: One-fourth cash, balance in one, two, three and four years. Apply to HILLIARD & HOUSE, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Image of Cascarets product with text: CASCARETS. CASIDY CATHARTIC.

A Golden Rule of Agriculture!

Potash. In the fertilizer spells quality and quantity in the harvest. Write us and we will send you, free, by next mail, our money winning books.

Image of a horse and text: GERMAN KALI WORKS, 93 Nassau Street, New York.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Armaica Sanders against Arpha Sanders alias Henry Thomas. Action for Divorce. Orpha Sanders, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court for Halifax county to dissolve the bond of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the February term of the Superior court of said county to be held at the court house in Halifax county on the sixth Monday before the fifth Monday in March 1903, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. S. M. GARY, Clerk Superior Court. 12-11-02.

Undertakers Supplies Full and Complete Line.



Coffins, Caskets, Burial Robes etc. Hears service any Time. N. B. JOSEY. Scotland Neck, N. C.

Fine Farm for Sale.

260 acres five miles from Halifax and seven miles from Enfield. 5 horse farm open land, 25 acres well timbered, and 100 acres of fine tobacco land. Good buildings, small orchard and excellent water. Terms: One third cash and balance in one, two, three and four years. Price made known on application. HILLIARD & HOUSE. \$100 REWARD \$100.

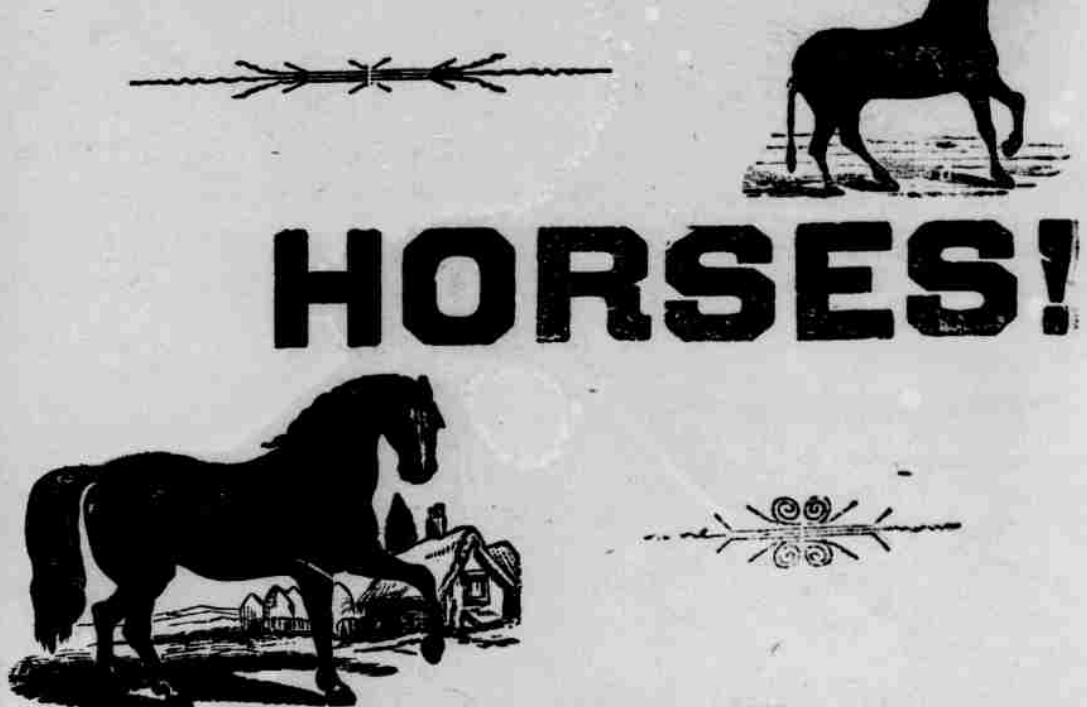
To the Public.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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MULES and HORSES!



We will keep constantly on hand a good line of Stock to select from. You will find that we now have some of the best horses we ever handled. Come to see us, we want and are determined to please you. Not a more complete line of Buggies, Wagons and Harness in the County. Up-to-Date--They are. PRINCE & CO. Scotland Neck, N. C.

It won't chop wood. but Sargent's Gem Food Chopper will chop raw meat, cooked meat, vegetables of all kinds, fruit, crackers, bread, eggs, cheese, nuts, figs and other foods, and It will chop them all rapidly, easily, coarse or fine, in uniform pieces, without mashing, squeezing, tearing or grinding. FUSSELL-HARDY HARDWARE CO. "The Hardware Hustlers" Scotland Neck.

The First National Bank of Weldon.

The only United States Depository in this section of Eastern North Carolina. In view of the approaching fall season we beg respectfully, to call your attention to our facilities for transacting a general banking business. We have correspondents in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, Petersburg and Norfolk, Va., and in the principal cities in this State. We make collections with promptness, and at low-banking rates, and are desirous of being of use to the business community in this section of North Carolina. We allow interest on deposits in our Savings Department and compound the same twice a year on sums of one dollar and upwards.

Write Quick for FREE Scholarship. DON'T TOBACCO SPIT and SMOKE Your Lungs! You can be cured of any form of tobacco using easily, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor by taking WILD-BIRD, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 250,000 cured. All druggists. Care guaranteed. Sole Agents: WILD-BIRD, 722 Broadway, New York.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. It cleanses and soothes the scalp, removes dandruff, and keeps the hair soft, silky, and falling out. Sold by all druggists. Very cheap.

STOPS PAIN. Ever since the first appearance of my miseries they were very irregular and I suffered with great pain in my hips, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the past month I have been taking Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and I passed the month in period without pain for the first time in years. NANCY DAVIS. What is life worth to a woman suffering like Nanie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes to-day who are bearing these terrible menstrual pains in silence. If you are one of these we want to say that this same WINE OF CARDUI will bring you permanent relief. Consult yourself with the knowledge that 1,000,000 women have been completely cured by Wine of Cardui. These women suffered from leucorrhoea, irregular menses, headache, backache, and bearing down pains. Wine of Cardui will stop all these aches and pains for you. Purchase a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui to-day and take it in the privacy of your home. For advice and literature, address giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

BETTER THAN A PLASTER. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side and chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store Hobgood. CASTORIA. The Food That Always Keeps You Well.