

The Commonwealth.

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THE ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The annual statement of the finances of Scotland Neck, elsewhere printed, shows well for the retiring board of commissioners.

It will be seen that notwithstanding they spent over two thousand dollars on the deep well since last May and have made a purchase of street property of over a hundred dollars, purchased a male and cart for the town at a cost of more than two hundred dollars, they still have more than eight hundred dollars in the treasury. It may be noted that this has all been done on a tax of 35 cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property, which has been the rate for several years.

The old board has done well and turns the town's interest over to the new board of commissioners in good condition. The retiring board found the town in debt two or three years ago, but leaves the town treasury several hundred dollars ahead.

The new board assumes control of the town under peculiar and somewhat trying conditions. There has been a hard and bitter contest in the town over the question of issuing bonds against the town for a graded school and electric lights. The new board of commissioners comes from the number of those who favored and help carry the question of bonds; and in addition to the responsibility of carefully manipulating all these things, this new board will be under the keen criticism of the opposition, which is a thing but natural and to be expected.

The new board, therefore, needs to start out on its best mettle and will have to keep it up.

But notwithstanding all these things, there is no reason why Scotland Neck should not continue to have good and satisfactory government and come out every year in as good shape as it has this year. If all the citizens of the town will bury their prejudices and animosities and turn together with one determined purpose, the next two years will be the greatest in the town's history.

ABOUT CARNIVALS.

The carnival which was held in Raleigh last week seems to have been on a little higher plane than such performances usually are. And yet, according to the report made by the News and Observer through an interview had with many business men, there is reason to believe that Raleigh was little helped, if not much hurt by the carnival.

Almost every one said that the amusements were nice, with the exception of one indecent show which was shut up, or made to conform to decency; but in matters financial it did Raleigh little or no good.

A gentleman who was there and made some observations of it all said in THE COMMONWEALTH office this week that it will take Raleigh some months to overcome the set-back which the carnival gave the city.

The opinion of a majority of the clearest headed men in every town where such street exhibitions are held is, that the towns which have them once are satisfied with the experience and wish it no more.

GORMAN TO THE FRONT.

Senator Simmons is reported as making effort to bring forward Senator Gorman, of Maryland, as the Democratic candidate for President. The suggestion is meeting with considerable favor in many places.

The Charlotte Observer says: "It is a pleasure to see Senator Simmons advocating for the Democratic presidential nomination so worthy and so available a man as Senator Gorman. The Marylander is one of the bulwarks of the national Democracy and his nomination would be acceptable to all elements of the party. He voted for Bryan both times, so that his regularity is unimpeachable, and yet he is justly regarded as safe by that large body of independent voters without whose support no man can be elected President."

FEW EVIL DOERS.

Who says that Scotland Neck is not the best town in the land? The report by the town treasurer, elsewhere printed, shows that for the past year the fines against law breakers in the town have amounted to only twelve dollars!

Where's the town of sixteen or eight-hundred people that can beat this?

THE BERRY BUSINESS GOOD.

The Goldsboro correspondent to the Raleigh Post of Sunday said:

"Mr. Jno. R. Bell, of Mt. Olive, was in the city to-day. He says that the strawberry crop will net the farmers more money than last year. The vines keep bearing and the berries are selling to-day at \$2.50 to \$3.00 a crate, and buyers are anxious for them at that price. He remarked in a jocular way that the income tax was the only worry that the strawberry planter had now. Some are afraid that their incomes will be such as will compel them to pay a tax. With all seriousness he said that there were plenty of negroes who owned a little patch of land walking around in the community with \$500 in their pockets and a few had considerably more in the banks."

"Everybody in the strawberry district is in a prosperous condition, even down to the day laborer. The merchants who sold goods on strawberry time have had good collections and are now selling quantities of dry goods and clothing at good prices for the money. The land owner who leased land for the money, as they do in the trucking districts, has got his rent and the renter is still selling his products at a good profit and laying aside money to complete his other crops, all of which will be his own. Perhaps nowhere else in the State does such a prosperous condition exist among the farmers."

DAWSON FUN.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

DAWSON, N. C., May 11, 1903. Mr. R. C. Young, of Dunn, was pleasantly entertained at the home of his aunt, Mrs. O. C. Stallings, last week.

Miss Eva Shaw returned to her home near Enfield Friday, after spending two weeks here with her friend, Mrs. Willie J. Partin.

Miss Gattie Barnhill spent last week in Crowell visiting her aunt, Miss Fannie Pope, who is very ill.

Mrs. W. T. Vanlandingham and little son, William Thurston, spent Wednesday in Scotland Neck, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Noah Biggs.

Mr. Geo. Harris, of Enfield, paid a pleasant call to his home people Thursday.

Miss Edna Lewis spent Wednesday in Scotland Neck.

Mrs. Balfour Dunn is on the list of our sick people.

Mrs. Lafayette Leggett, of Enfield, attended services at Deep Creek, Saturday morning.

Mr. O. P. Stallings, of Enfield, was among our Friday's callers.

Little Jesse Manley Partin and William Thurston Vanlandingham are having trouble in cutting their teeth. They have been sick for several days.

Mr. L. E. Deberry went to Crowell Friday night to fish in Hales' mill pond.

Mrs. John D. Weeks, of Scotland Neck, was the guest of Mrs. C. E. Pope Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Pittman, of Crowell, was a welcome visitor at Sunday-school yesterday.

Miss Anna Marks, of Spring Hill, brightened our Sunday-school Sunday morning.

Mr. Ed. Fleming, of Neal's, was among the many visitors here yesterday.

Mess. William and Tom Pope, of Crowell, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Ernest Lawrence, of Tillery, visited Mrs. J. D. Lawrence a day recently.

On last Tuesday night the usual fox hunters paid a call in the moonlight causing the poor old foxes to lose a good night's rest. They were in hot pursuit when one of the number, thinking he was near him, kicked at a dog which he supposed to be the fox, and had the misfortune to lose his false teeth, but was lucky enough to recapture his teeth, also the fox.

Mr. Joshua Robertson, of Scotland Neck, had his best girl at Sunday-school yesterday. We congratulate him in having such an excellent young lady for a special friend.

Miss Rosa Vick, of Enfield, attended services at Deep Creek Sunday.

Miss Katie Weeks, of Scotland Neck, visited her friend, Miss Mamie Barnes, Sunday.

Mr. J. D. White and family visited near Scotland Neck yesterday.

Mr. B. R. Kimball, Jr., of Enfield, gave us a call recently.

Our Sunday-school still continues to increase, which we delight in. There were twenty-one children present Sunday under ten years of age. We invite all who can to attend our Sunday-school—we assure them a hearty welcome. We have little complaint of the heavy frosts not being promptly

WIDOW BLINK'S LETTER.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., May 11, 1903.

Dear Mister Kommonweeth, I has bin ankshus too rite yu a letter for some time but kep waitin thinkin perhaps a nuzer paper wood start up at this place, but now so menny things is happenin an kummin toe pas that I hasten toe rite an tell yu awl about em aloze thay slyps mi memery an I fergets em. I wood furt like toe tel yu bout our town but xpekks yu has bin hear an noze awl erbout it, enny how we has got the beetnest little ste-year ole town in the stat, an if yu could kum hear sum Sundry an se the purty gals in thar Sundry skores awl drest out toe kilt, an the yung men in thar ole kites an patent lether shuze yu wood think yu had dun struc Nu York on a naugrashun da, an spekin of nau-grahun da minis me toe tel yu bout our lekshun we had tuther weke, but reley thar leat much toe tel, bein as thar wont but won set of kanidates an moast awl of em was lekshunearin toe beet the ban, ferin thar wood git beet. Thar ar Mister Gayle he got the first place an was unanymusly lekkt mayer, an awl em ole kommissioners was kep in cept won an Mieter Wallin Bas was tuck in to fill his place. I am longin fer the da tce kum whin femal wimmen kin hav a sal in the gubv ment of these lekshuns an thin yu wil se things humm.

They do sai that thar is goin toe be an old mades konvenshun at this place in the neer fucher an ise powful ankshus to be thar an speck hay wil let me kum bein as ise a widdar an thud kuzen of a old mades step-farther. They do sai that awl of em ole mades specks to be remodily by sum Professor or nuther, so that they kan be yung agane, but I nose sum what alit nuthin in but skin an bones an 'wood not sprize me atall if they wood kum out of that shene made up intoe shu strings an kollar buttons.

I had thort that we had the fins warter power in the Stat tel I red the Weldun paper an times that we jest sint in it. But Weldun is gwyne toe let us hav a lectric line out hear in exchange for our warter power whot she have dun tuck. Yu se, Mr. Editur, Weldun doant like us wurth a sent an doant menshun our town unless she is bou to; but we sint got nuthin tall gainst her and hopes that she may gro an prcsep an in tyme be as big as Roanoke Rapids. An rite here I kaint help disclainin in the wurd of the poet when he says: "Weldun, Weldun, I've bin thinkin Whot a happie place you'd be If awl the town of Roanoke Rapids Shuld git washed into the sea!" Hopin that these fu lines wil not talk up two mutch spacie in your valberul paper, an promisin to rite at sum fucher tyme, I kicze.

Yore fren, BALINDER BLINKS.

GOV. AYCOCK FRIDAY.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

WINTERVILLE, N. C., May 12, 1903. Gov. Aycock will arrive on Friday morning's train to dellyer commencement address for Winterville High School.

SPECIAL—Those purchasing Handy Tobacco Trucks get special prices on Tobacco Flues. We are making both all the while and advise placing orders at once. A. G. COX M'FG Co.

Two train loads of gravel were put off here Saturday for the benefit of side track on West Railroad street.

Mr. Perry, supt. Va. and Car. Telephone Co., of Greenville, was here yesterday inspecting our phones. Mr. Perry is a very clever gentleman.

The A. G. Cox M'fg Co. have just got in a mammoth Double Surfacer Planer and Macheer, weighing several thousand pounds. It was tested yesterday afternoon and works perfectly.

It is seldom you see men more enthused than they were over the no-tence law election held here yesterday. While the liquor question is of vastly more importance, we venture the assertion that a prohibition election would not have excited half the interest.

Bob Green came all the way from Greenville Sunday, and to put it in the language of the boys, "Split our streets wide open!" It was quite a delight to some of the little folk, or they looked that way as they sailed along the street. Some of the Winterville boys say they would not object to his taking one or two young ladies at a time, but think he tries to take on too many. It makes them feel lonely. Come again, Robert, and either let your automobile bring you or you bring it.

A. G. Cox M'fg Co. made ashipment of Handy Trucks to South Carolina this morning. They have figured the cost down so close with the aid of improved machinery which has just been installed, that it is possible to ship them to other states and then sell them cheap as others.

Great preparations were made for the ice cream supper given at the girls' dormitory last night by the Philanthropic Society in honor of the Vesper Literary Society. The occasion proved that the preparations were good to

DEATH OF MRS. WEBB.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. HALIFAX, N. C., May 11, 1903. We are pained to note the death of Mrs. M. J. Webb, which occurred Saturday afternoon and was buried Sunday afternoon in the M. E. churchyard at Halifax.

She leaves a husband and four children, a mother, two brothers and two sisters—Mr. M. J. Webb, Mrs. Livesay, Messrs. John and George Livesay, Miss Mollie Livesay and Mrs. Chasing, of Greensboro, to mourn their loss. She was loved and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mrs. J. Ed Fleming returned Tuesday from a visit to Manchester.

Mr. D. H. Dickens and family visited friends yesterday.

Mr. E. S. Hargrove and daughters, Misses Mattie and Lizzie, visited the family of Mr. E. L. Stephenson Sunday. Miss Annie Bradley came up to see Miss Ethel Stephenson yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. Fleming and daughter, Miss Bessie, visited friends in Enfield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hargrove visited the family of Mr. J. G. Moore, of Dawson, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jim Stephenson and sister, Mrs. R. N. Barnes, of Dawson, visited parents here Sunday.

Mr. G. A. Pittman, of this place went to Enfield Friday.

Misses Alice and Bessie Fleming visited the family of Mr. W. T. Eure Sunday.

Mr. Albert Bobbitt, of Crowell, passed through this place yesterday.

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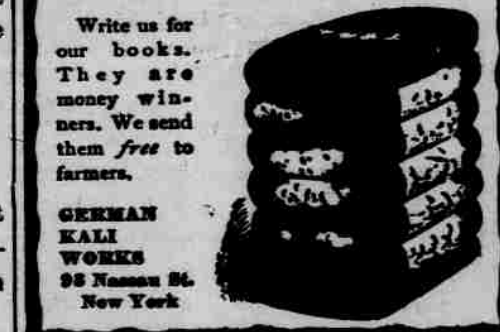
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of C. T. Lawrence, all persons having claims against his estate are notified to present them to me or to W. A. Dunn, my attorney, by or before the 20th day of May, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons are earnestly requested to present their accounts at once. This May 12, 1903. J. P. WIMBERLEY, Adm'r C. T. Lawrence.

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Best Layer Raisins " 12c
Brazil Nuts " 12c
Best Dried Apples " 7 1/2c
Best Lard " 12 1/2c
Best Hominy and Grits " 3c
Rice and Starch " .5c
Seedless Oranges per doz 25c
Best Loose Pickles " 10c
Best Corn and Tomatoes per can 10c
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White's Mill For Sale.

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This April 18th, 1903. 4-23-01. W. A. DUNN, Trustee.