

# The Commonwealth.

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## AGAIN AT THE DESK.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH is again at the desk, after spending three weeks resting at Buffalo Springs, Va. We spent the time most pleasantly in the home of Mr. R. G. Blanks, and we are under obligations to him and his good wife and his aged mother for their kind treatment and good attention while there.

There are many striking things about the Blanks family, and among other things worthy of note is the fact that Mr. R. G. Blanks, who is now a little past fifty years old, has never been absent from his mother a week at one time in his life. He is her youngest son and the affection between them is beautiful in her very old age and in his years of middle life.

For the entire community about Buffalo, we freely say that we have never mingled with more pleasant people anywhere. They are all kind and clever to a marked degree.

The water from these famous Buffalo Lithia Springs is fully entitled to its great reputation as a specific.

Perhaps not a single person for whom it was used as a specific has ever been there and drank the water freely and a reasonable time and has gone away without some benefit. Its healing powers are great and its use has blessed thousands who have gone to the springs as well as thousands more who have drunk the waters at their homes, in many cases a thousand miles from the springs. We were told while there that more North Carolinians visit the springs every year than persons from any other single State, even more than from Virginia.

It is especially pleasing to hear every one speak so highly of the noble Christian character of Col. Thomas F. Goode, the proprietor of the springs. His home is at Boydton some twelve miles away and he is seldom seen at the springs, but every employe who knows him and every resident of the community speaks in the very highest terms of Col. Goode's kindness to all people. While the water is valuable and in great demand, Col. Goode is generous to many who go there under circumstances of distress. He is one of the rich in this world who are kindly disposed and generous to the less fortunate.

Last week the first election was held in Virginia under the new State Constitution.

County officers and members of the House of Representatives, and half the State Senators were voted for. There was no special enthusiasm over the election, and at Buffalo precinct only about half of the registered voters voted.

Virginia is now under the Australian ballot system. The names of all candidates of both parties, the regular nominees and the independent candidates, are on the same ballot. The voter takes a ballot at the window and goes into a private room where he erases the names of those he does not wish to vote for. Then he returns and places the ballot with one of the judges of the election, who places it in the ballot box, generally folded. When the voter goes into the private room to mark his ballot he may be accompanied by one of the judges of the election who will explain the ballot if it needs any explanation.

The election was very quiet and some of the judges remarked on the difference between elections now and some years ago. Not a single negro voted at Buffalo precinct.

The people of Virginia have a dog tax. Heretofore it has been at the option of the county supervisors whether or not they would impose the dog tax, but by the terms of the new Constitution the tax is mandatory throughout the State. The dog tax goes to pay for the sheep and hogs destroyed by the dogs in each county. Halifax county had the dog tax a year which amounted to \$1,800 and this amount was not sufficient to pay for the sheep, hogs and stock killed by dogs in that county.

We saw some old Confederate soldiers who spoke highly of General Matt. Ransom, for they knew him in the Civil War. Mr. James Watkins said he had a brother who was a physician stationed at or near Scotland Neck during the war, and remembers the place and people here pleasantly.

## TRYING TO PLAY A FARCE.

The people of Raleigh voted for a dispensary a few weeks ago. The majority against open saloons was overwhelming, but it seems that the city aldermen are trying to play a farce. By all considerations of the principles of Democracy they should have appointed to manage the dispensary men whom the dispensary people recommended; but they rejected them and appointed men who were recommended by the whiskey people. This was a very serious blunder, and the Raleigh aldermen will be condemned for it by right thinking people throughout the State.

## CONGRESS IN SESSION.

The Fifty-eighth Congress convened in extra session last Monday. The House is said to have assembled the largest membership in its history, the most of the members being present.

Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, was elected Speaker.

The Democrats nominated Mr. John S. Williams, of Mississippi, for Speaker, which means that he is their chosen leader on the floor of the House.

Senator Mark Hanna's desk was graced with a great floral offering in acknowledgment of his victory in Ohio. The design was said to be one of the most pretentious ever seen in the Senate chamber. It was a shield four or five feet high of blue immortelles in which was wrought the American eagle. It bore the inscription: "Senator Mark Hanna, from his friends, the Irish Democrats, of Cleveland."

Senator Gorman's victory in Maryland was also recognized with a handsome floral offering, two feet in diameter, roses, carnations and chrysanthemums.

Nothing was done in either house of Congress the first day further than exchange of greetings and organization.

## PROGRAMME.

Fourth annual meeting State Literary and Historical Association, Wednesday, November 11, 1903, 7:30 p. m., Commons Hall, State Capitol, Raleigh, N. C.

1. The Enrichment of Country Life. (President's Address)—W. L. Poole, Wake Forest.
2. North Carolina Bibliography: The New Year's Literary Record.—R. F. Beasley, Monroe.
3. The Career of Sir Walter Raleigh.—W. J. Peelle, Raleigh.
4. A Study of North Carolina Poetry.—Hight C. Moore, Chapel Hill.
5. Material for the Study of North Carolina History in Trinity College.—H. B. Adams, Jr., Durham.
6. Rural School Libraries. Discussed by J. M. Way, Ashboro.
7. Report on Hall of History.—F. A. Olds, Raleigh.
8. New Business; Election of Officers.

## FIRE IN WARRENTON.

Warrenton, N. C., Nov. 9.—Our town was visited by fire this morning about 1 o'clock. The alarm was given and the people turned out to find the E. Bugger place, owned and occupied by Mr. A. D. Harris, on fire. The people and fire company fought bravely, but they could not control the flames and the large building was burned to the ground. The building was insured for \$1,000 and the furniture for \$250. Much of the furniture was saved. Mr. Harris estimates his loss at about \$1,000 above the insurance. None of the nearby buildings were damaged. The fire is supposed to have been caused by rats.

## EDITOR WALKER'S BROTHER KILLED.

The following special from Littleton under date of Nov. 9th, appeared in Tuesday's News and Observer: "Mr. John Walker, the engineer of the Santa Fe train wrecked near Pueblo, Col., on October 30th, and who died in a hospital in Lejunts, Col., today, was a native of Warren county. His brother, T. R. Walker, editor of the News Reporter, leaves tonight to attend the burial services in Kansas City, Mo., the 12th, instant."

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## WINTERVILLE NEWS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. WINTERVILLE, N. C., Nov. 10, 1903. The attendance upon the Free Will Baptist conference at Reedy Branch church, near here, during the past week was tremendously large as it always is.

A. G. Cox Mfg Co. never have occasion to make special runs on HUN-SUCKER Buggies. They run themselves. In fact it seems impossible to make them fast enough to supply the demand.

Mrs. F. Rodkey and little daughter, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Browning and Miss Nellie Keck of Atlantic City, N. J., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fair since Tuesday, all left for their homes Friday morning.

Farmers! There's no money in politics save for the few, but in our great bargains there's money for you. Right at this time we are making a special run on Wire Fence. Make us prove it.

A. G. COX MFG CO. Mrs. Minnie Darden, of Plymouth, has been visiting Mrs. A. D. Johnston during the week.

C. A. Davis, of Eureka, spent Friday here on business. He is one of A. G. Cox Mfg Co.'s most successful agents.

A LETTER! Bull Head, N. C., Oct. 22, 1903: A. G. Cox Mfg Co., Winterville, N. C., Gentlemen:—I have been handling the "Economic" Back Bands for five years and find them to be all right. Yours truly,

J. R. Mewborn. Mrs. James Meeks and Miss Nannie Meeks were visiting at Rowan Cooper's this week.

It snowed Friday. Maybe you saw it. Anyhow, it snowed.

A nice Buggy Robe feels just as good as it looks these frosty mornings. Come see Hunsucker's line, large assortment before purchasing.

Thursday A. G. Cox Mfg Co. made a direct shipment of 8 Cox Cotton Planters to Texas. This is about the earliest shipment ever made. Should the present high prices of cotton continue the coming season bids fair to be the largest in the history of the planter.

Mrs. James Kinton, of Greenville, was the guest of Mrs. R. G. Chapman Wednesday night.

Miss Hattie Kittrell and Lala Chapman went over near Ayden and spent the afternoon Wednesday with Miss Daisy Mumbler.

UP TO DATE. The quality of Tar Heel & Oak Wagons has been up-to-date all the while, as numberless customers will testify. To please some people who want them to look like western-make wagons, we are now taking special pains with the finish of them. A visit to our show room would doubtless make you feel like you were in some western establishment. Those who are skeptical can call and see for themselves.

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## NEGROES RETURNING TO AMERICA.

Richmond Times-Dispatch. The Georgia newspapers contain letters from some of the negroes who left Irwin county, Georgia, last February for Liberia. Of the fifty-six persons in the party more than half have died of climatic diseases. The rest would have starved to death by this time, but for the charity of their friends at home and the goodness of the native officials. They all want to get back to the United States as soon as possible. Indeed, those who have money, or friends who can furnish them money, are en route now.

## QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. You can get this reliable remedy at E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO'S. Price 25c and 75c.

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## Notice.

State of North Carolina } County of Halifax. B. R. Joyner } Summons for Relief.

TO the defendant, Maria E. Joyner: You will take notice that an action entitled B. R. Joyner vs. Maria E. Joyner has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax county against you. The purpose of the action is to obtain an absolute divorce from you for abandonment without cause and willful abandonment prior to the first day of January, 1903, such abandonment having been for more than two years. And you are hereby notified to be and appear before the judge of the Superior Court at a court to be held for the county of Halifax at the court house in Halifax on the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in September, 1903, and answer the complaint which has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for said county within the first three days of the term, and the defendant will further take notice that if she fails to appear and answer the complaint or law, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, and for the costs of this action. This Oct. 30, 1903.

S. M. GARY, C. S. C. for Halifax Co.

## SPECIAL RATES

VIA Seaboard Air Line Railway Commencing Oct. 15th, 1903, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will place on sale round trip winter tourist tickets to all Winter Resorts in the South and Southwest. Tickets will be sold up to April 30th, 1904, with final return limit May 31st, 1904. For further information apply to local agent or address, Z. P. SMITH, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

## Notice!

Having qualified as administrator C. T. A. of the estate of the late J. S. Medlin, all persons are hereby notified to present claims against the estate to me or to my attorneys, Kitchin & Kitchin, on or before December 1st, 1904; otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

All persons owing the estate will please make immediate settlement. This Nov. 2, 1903.

E. T. MEDLIN, Adm'r, C. T. A.

## TAYLOR, PIONEER GROCER.

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Fannie A. Pope, deceased, late of Halifax county, State of North Carolina; this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the first day of October, A. D. 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

This October 1st, A. D. 1903. MARY J. NIGHTINGALE, Administrator. Pittman & Kerr, Attorneys. Warrenton, N. C.

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