

The Commonwealth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1903

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Cheap Second-Hand Pianos Call on L. W. BAGLEY.

CLEARING AND XMAS SALES.—Commencing Dec. 3, we shall conduct Special Clearing-Up and Xmas Sales until Christmas.

BARGAINS IN RUBBER SHOES.

Nice lot of Children's and Misses' Rubber Shoes at 25 and 35 cents. Also lot of Ladies' Rubber Shoes at cut prices.

M. Hoffman & Bro.

Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mullers, and many useful Christmas Presents are to be had at Hoffman's for less than you can buy them elsewhere.

M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Our line of Cloaks is again complete and we can show you a better bargain than anywhere else in town.

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Asparagus Plants.

Nice lot of Palmetto Asparagus Plants; Brandywine and Excelior Strawberry Plants. Asparagus Plants \$1.00 per hundred; Strawberry Plants 50c. per hundred.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Coming, Going and Whereabouts of Our People and Other Folks.

Mr. P. V. Tillery, of Tillery, was here some days ago.

Mr. W. C. Harper is home from Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Dorothy Vann, of Raleigh, is here visiting friends.

Mr. Theo. House, of Greenville, has been here this week visiting friends.

Mr. L. T. Vaughan came from Churchill where he has been teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Allebrook, of Richmond, are here visiting relatives.

Miss Nannie Smith came home from St. Mary's at Raleigh to spend Christmas.

Mr. H. E. Ray, of Williamston, is here spending the holidays with his sons.

Mr. W. L. L. Hall came up from Greenville this week to visit his home people.

Mr. John W. House who has been in school at Buies Creek, is here for the holidays.

Hon. Claude Kitchin is home for the holidays. He will return to Washington about January 4th.

Miss Helen Perry came down from Roanoke Rapids Saturday. She is the guest of Mrs. A. C. Livermon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kitchin have gone to Biltmore to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kitchin's home people.

Mr. J. W. Boone, of Tarboro, was here some days ago. He remembered THE COMMONWEALTH substantially.

Miss Margaret Shields has gone to Boston to spend the holidays with Miss Sadie Perry, who is a student at Harvard.

Mrs. E. B. Higgs and children, of Greenville, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Higgs' mother, Mrs. Shields.

Mr. John B. Bagley who is taking a course in textile studies at the A. & M. College in Raleigh, is home for the holidays.

Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest, is here spending the holidays with his son, Mr. J. G. Mill, and his daughter, Mrs. Claude Kitchin.

Mr. S. F. Dunn has been in Richmond several days at the bedside of his brother, Mr. A. S. Dunn, who has been critically ill in a hospital there for two weeks.

Mess. Edwin Josey, Wait Bagley and Wilson Price, students at Wake Forest, and Mr. Hugh Johnson who is a law student there, come home some days ago to spend the holidays.

Misses Kate and Bessie Futrell, Emily S. Biggs, Annie Josey and Nonie Williford came Tuesday from the Baptist Female University at Raleigh to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. Rom Bryan, who has been some months in the West, came home last Friday. He went as far as Seattle and saw a good deal of the West, and was favorably impressed with some parts of the country.

Rev. M. L. Keeler Resigned.

Rev. M. L. Keeler, pastor of the Baptist church, who was called to the pastorate of the Morganton Baptist church, has resigned.

Those letters.—The little folks have taken much of our space this week in their letters to Santa Claus. We are glad to print their little letters.

We are sending out statements to our delinquent subscribers, and not simply for the fun of it. We want what they owe us and hope they will respond promptly to our statements.

FREE ALARM.—Friday night just before 9 o'clock the alarm of fire was given at the Scotland Neck hotel. There was some excitement for a few moments, but it was soon over as it was only some soot burning in a fire.

FREE AT MR. McDOWELL'S.—This morning about 8:30 o'clock the fire alarm was given at Mr. A. McDowell's residence. Burning soot from the chimney had fallen on the shingles which had caught fire near the chimney. When help arrived there seemed little hope of saving the house, but heroic efforts succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The damage to the house carpets and furniture was considerable.

Approaching Marriage.

The COMMONWEALTH has received the following marriage invitation: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Pritchard request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Eva Hortense

Mr. Nathan Wilson Walker on Tuesday morning, December 29th at half past eight o'clock at home

Scotland Neck, North Carolina. There have been no invitations sent out in town. The friends of the family are invited.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A BOX is the value of H. A. Tisdale, Smerston, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for twenty years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieving and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching, and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Schools Take Holiday.

The graded schools suspend for the holidays on Wednesday, the 23rd, inst. Work will resume Monday, January 4th, 1904. All who expect to enter for the spring term are urged to be present on that day. Any delay means a loss of time. There are many other children who ought to be here. Let us be in promptly after the holidays and begin the new year for success.

C. W. Wilson, Supt.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

THE COMMONWEALTH promised the children last week to print their letters to Santa Claus. They believe in him and are confident that he reads THE COMMONWEALTH. Doubtless he will read each little letter addressed to him through these columns, and is full rich enough to supply every want of the blessed army of expectant children. May each little tot feel rich tomorrow and have a Merry Christmas!

WANTS A DOLL, A TRUNK AND SOME CANDY. Scotland Neck Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a doll and a trunk and bring me some candy. SADIE KITCHIN.

WANTS A BUREAU AND WASHSTAND. Hassell N C Dear Santa Claus— Please bring me a bureau and wash-stand, and a doll that will go to sleep, also candles and lots of sweet things. Fondly LOUISE SALSBURY.

WANTS A TRUNK AND A STOVE. Hassell, N. C. Dec. 21, 1903. Dear Santa Claus.— Please bring me a doll trunk, doll stove, &c. Affectionately JULIA CHERRY SALSBURY.

WANTS A CARRIAGE AND A FINGER RING. Scotland Neck, N. C. Dear Santa Claus Bring me a doll carriage and a finger ring and soforth. LENA SMITH CHERRY

WANTS A PONY. Dear Santa Please bring me a little pony a nice bridle and a suit of cloths please dont forget Papa and mama. HARVEY PITTMAN

WANTS A SUIT OF CLOTHES. Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec 18 1903 Dear Santa Claus: bring me a suit of clothes and a drum and some confectioneries. Your little friend, WILMER HOPKINS.

ASKS FOR A GOAT. Dear Santa Claus Bring me a goat some Harness pair plow lines—Mr Henderson says if the goat comes down his chimney in his room its his goat you bring him to Douglas room with a roap on him bring me some Apples oranges candy and nuts I don't fight sister now I am a good boy. DOUGLAS LAWRENCE.

DESIRES PISTOL AND FIRECRACKERS. Scotland Neck N C Dec 19 1903 Dear Uncle Santa Claus you have been so kind to me for good many years I hope you will continue on. bring me a pistol and some fire works candy and nuts. please remember my little brother. SAMMIE MOORE.

WANTS GOOD THINGS. Hobgood, N. C., Dec. 19, '03. Dear Santa Claus I want you to bring me a plain ring and some nuts, raisins and some apples and oranges, candy, a doll and a carriage. I am eight years old. good night. MARIAN WHITE.

RUBBER BOOTS FOR HIM. Hobgood, N. C., Dec. 21, 1903. Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a pair of rubber boots and a Buster Brown book. I am 6 years old. CHAUNCEY LEGGETT.

PROPOSES TO BE A CYCLIST. Hobgood, N. C., Dec. 21, 1903. Dear Santa Claus— I want some nuts, candy, raisins, oranges, fire crackers, roman candles, and a bicycle. Good bye. WILLIAM P. WHITE, JR.

ASKS FOR A DOLL. Scotland Neck N C Dec 18 1903 Dear Santa Claus Please bring me a doll carriage and a big doll baby dressed in white with a piece of pink ribbon around her waist like one miss maud showed me at morticks. Lovingly Leona Boyette.

A GO-CART THE THING. Hobgood, N. C. Dec. 21 1903. Dear Santa Claus please bring us a go-cart and some fire-works. if you think that you will have enough money left you might bring me some other things but bring the go-cart anyway. Buddy wants a box of tools be sure to bring a horn a peace and some fire works. Your little friends HAZEL AND FRASIAS ARMSTRONG.

MUSIC BOX ASKED FOR. Hobgood N C Dec 21 1903. Dear Santa Claus I want you to bring me a music box, and some nuts and apples. I want you to bring me a gun if you can. I am nine now. now I must close. Your loving little boy, HUBERT COX.

DESIRES A LITTLE BELL. Hobgood N C Dec 21 1903. Dear Santa Claus. I want you to bring me a little carried and a doll and a little Bed I want you to bring me a little Baby a little Bell I am six years old. HELENE WHITE

WRITES FOR CUP AND SAUCER. Spring Hill N. C. Dec 18 1903. Dear Santas I want you to bring me a cup and sauser a picture a doll trunk pair of red gloves and a doll lamp and so-

WANTS NUTS AND ORANGES.

Dear Santa Claus please bring me a work Box and a Flat Iron and a lamp and som nuts too, and some apples too. BESSIE DICKENS

NOAH'S ARK FOR ONE. Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 21st, 1903. Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me Noah's Ark, a drum some confectioneries and fire-works. ROBERT MADRY.

SKATES, RUBBER BOOTS AND A GOAT. 14 Franklin St. CORTY, Pa. Dear Santa Claus. Will you bring me a pair of skates, rubber boots, sled and a story book. Carl says bring him a real bully goat like Jimmie Shields and a mule that can go as fast as uncle Johnnie's horse. Your little friend, JOSEPH POPE.

WANTS A DOLL TOO. Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 21, 1903. Dear Old Santa Claus I send you a Christmas greeting and hope you will not forget to come to see me. I want you to bring me a doll and doll cradle, and a little rocking chair for myself. Be sure to bring me some candy and fruita. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. ALMA MAY BRASWELL.

WANTS A TRAIN. Scotland Neck N C Dec 21 1903 Dear Santaclaus Bring me a toy train and some Fire crackers and some christmas candy GUTHRIE MADRY

A LITTLE POET (?) Dawson, N. Car. December 21, 1903. Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a note To tell you what to bring, A nice little tricycle, Is the very first thing. And then I want a piano, Just as white as snow, With a little row of keys; Oh! Santa, you know. I want a hammer, too, If you just can, I must learn to work, For I'm Grandpa's man. I want some candy and bananas And a nice little ball, Oh! Dear Santa Claus, I believe that is all. P. S.—Now, Santa, I won't be greedy, But you are so free, Please bring a rattle box For Buddie Marion Lee. Your little friend, WILLIE BOYD QUINCY.

WANTS A B. C.'S. Scotland Neck Dec 19 1903 Dear Santa claus bring a book with A B C in it, and a doll and a doll carriage and a lot of pretty things SUSIE BRACY

WANTS A RED APPLE. Dear Santa please send me a great big red apple and other goodies. LILLIAN EARLE PARTINE Dawson N C

WANTS PISTOL AND "NEGRO TOES." Dec 19, 1903 My Dear Santa Claus We are little boys who love you dearly and want you to bring us a pistol and three boxes of caps to shoot and bring Jese a horse and wagon and the little baby a rattler; and some candies and niger toes. Your little boys MARION AND LOYD PARTINE Dawson, N. C.

WISHES A BIRD. Scotland Neck Dec 19 1903 Dear Old Santa Please bring me an A B C book with a lot of pretty things in it, and a bird and a good many nice things your little friend LUCY BRALEY.

Scotland Neck Graded Graded School Observed North Carolina Day. On Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, 1903, the pupils of the Graded School met for the first time in the Assembly Hall where "North Carolina Day" was observed by appropriate exercises. The object of North Carolina Day is to give the pupils of every school in the State a more general knowledge of North Carolina history and to encourage a more loyal love for the "Old North State." The subject for this year was Cape Fear Section. The programme, consisting of recitations, declamations, readings, instrumental solos and choirs, was rendered by the pupils of the Sixth, Seventh, Eight and Ninth grades. Only a short time had been given to preparing the programme, but each part was well done and much enjoyed by the whole school.

IT KEEPS THE FEET WARM AND DRY. Ask today for Allen's Foot Ease, a powder. It cures Chilblains, Swollen, Sweating, Sore, Aching, Rump feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Entertained Her Class.

Last Friday night Prof. C. W. Wilson entertained his Baraca Bible class at the Scotland Neck Hotel. The entertainment was from 9 to 11 o'clock. About forty-five were present and a few of the class could not attend. Oysters and coffee were served.

Mr. F. P. Shields, as toast master, spoke to the topic, "The Baraca Class." He called other speakers—Mr. W. A. Dunn who responded to "The Young Man's Influence."

Rev. M. L. Keeler responded to "The Moral Force of Education," and E. E. Hilliard spoke of "Worthy Ideals."

It was a pleasant occasion and was greatly enjoyed by the young men who are greatly interested in the class and the study of the Bible.

SCOTLAND NECK MARKET.

December 21, 1903 COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Table listing market prices for various goods: COTTON 13c, PEANUTS 90c, POTATOES 50c, CORN 75c, FODDER \$1.00, PORK 9c, HAMS 18c, CHICKENS 20 to 25c, EGGS 25c, BUTTER 25 to 30c.

A COSTLY MISTAKE. Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver and Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

Slave To Morphine From Doctor's Orders. Habit Worse Than the Disease. Dr. Miles' Nervine Cured Me.

When the nervous system has been shattered by the use of deadly drugs there is nothing to equal Dr. Miles' Nervine in restoring it to health and normal activity.

"I feel so grateful for what Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine has done for me that I must tell it for that part of humanity that suffers as I have. During the three years I suffered from nervous prostration I found no relief except when doctors gave morphine. To get rid of suffering I took morphine myself as it was the only thing that would give ease, and now you, who point with scorn at morphine using, how could you, when in such agony, knowing it about the only thing that would give relief, resist it? I knew it was a terrible habit and I knew of its deadly grasp, but I never fully realized its significance until I had used it a number of months. Oh, the misery of being addicted to such a habit. I resolved then and there to quit it and resolved I would never be a slave to any such demon. About this time I happened to notice Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine advertised and ordered a bottle. After using five bottles I can truthfully say I am cured of using morphine. Now, however much persons may doubt it, God is my witness I am cured—Mr. Thompson's words are unadorned but I feel it my duty to give it for the benefit of the suffering."—MATTIE PHILLIPS, Prescott, Ark.

All druggists sell and guarantee first the Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases.

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Advertisement for Rheumacide. SUFFERED A THOUSAND DEATHS. Five Physicians had done their best to cure James Wilkes, of Dillon, S. C., who had one of the most terrible cases of RHEUMATISM on record. They all failed until one doctor prescribed— RHEUMACIDE. IT CURED HELPLESS CRIPPLE. Mr. Wilkes writes in the course of a long letter, dated August 18, 1902: "My legs were drawn back until my feet touched my hips. I was as helpless as a baby for nearly 12 months. The muscles of my arms and legs were hard and shrivelled up. I suffered death many times over. Was treated by six different physicians in McColl, Dillon and Afton, but none of them could do me any good, until Dr. J. P. Ewing, of Dillon, told me to try your RHEUMACIDE. I began to take it, and before the first bottle was used up I began to get better. I used 24 bottles and was completely cured." FREE TRIAL BOTTLE SENT ON APPLICATION TO BOBBITT CHEMICAL CO., PROPRIETORS, BALTIMORE, MD. FOR SALE BY E. T. WHITEHEAD & CO.

BILIOUS COLIC PREVENTED. Take a dose of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be ward off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood. Administrator's Sale of Personal Property. I shall sell for cash at auction at the Pine Tree Farm on Posanoke river, on the 18th day of January, 1904, a large lot of Mules, some Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Corn, Fodder, Peanut Vines, Cotton Seed, Carts, Wagons and Farming Implements. This Dec. 15, 1903. J. P. WIMBERLEY 12-17-03 Adm'r C. T. Lawrence.

XMAS GREETING! To our many Friends and Customers: We wish to say that we have a nice line of useful articles for Christmas, such as Garland Cook Stoves, Favorite Heaters, Turkey and Partridge Roasters, Guns, Hunting Coats, Leggings, Buggies, Harness, Saddles, and so forth. You will do well to invest some of your Xmas money in some of these useful articles. We guarantee satisfaction in every trade made with us. We have endeavored to handle such goods as our customers needed, and in dealing "square and fair" in "facts and figures," and by so doing our trade has substantially increased. We thank you all for your confidence and liberal trade, and wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Xmas Goods And Other Things! OUR Xmas Goods are now in and they are going fast. Come and get what you want while they last. Besides these there are many other things that you may need in your house. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. W. ALLSBROOK, SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

1903 Christmas 1903 Is it something nice that you want? Then you can find it in the following Great Display of Holiday Goods. Beautiful line of Pictures. Burnt Leather Goods in Purses, Portfolios, Card Cases, Sofa Pillows, etc. Ladies' Fine Purses and Handbags. Beautiful Toilet Cases. Beautiful line of Hanging Lamps. Gold Plated Clocks. Handsome Display of Jewelry and Silverware. Dazzling Cut Glass—every piece a beauty. Sterling Silver Handle Umbrellas—up-to-date assortment. See our Clocks that Run Four Hundred Days. Our Chamber Sets are Surprisingly Beautiful. Christmas approaches and we have a most beautiful and attractive collection of Christmas Goods, suitable for Christmas Gifts and Home Adornment. If you don't see what you want call for it anyway. E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, North Carolina.