

The Commonwealth.

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SCOTLAND NECK IN 1903.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH was asked by the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer for a brief statement of Scotland Neck's prosperity during the year 1903, and for a forecast for 1904.

We hurriedly prepared an article which appeared in the News and Observer Sunday, January 3rd. We here reproduce it without change, and will thank any of our readers to enlighten us on any errors or in anything that should have been added:

"Editor News and Observer:— 'You asked for a brief statement of Scotland Neck's progress during the year 1903 and a forecast for the year 1904. The town has made progress in several ways, but the most marked progress has been in our graded schools.

"In April an election was held on the question of bonds for graded schools and electric lights. While there was active and strong opposition to the measure it was carried by a good majority. There was at once a bond issue for \$20,000, \$10,000 for graded schools and \$10,000 for electric lights. The town commissioners offered for sale the \$10,000 for lights but only \$7,000 of the possible \$10,000 for graded schools. These bonds were advertised and Dr. S. Hassell, one of the practicing physicians of Scotland Neck, was the successful bidder, and now holds the \$17,000 in the town's bonds.

"The board of trustees for the graded schools named in the legislative act which provided for the bond issue are: J. P. Futrell, M. Hoffman, A. McDowell, A. L. Purrington, O. K. Jaylor, J. S. Bowers, J. A. Kitchin, N. B. Josey and E. E. Hilliard. As soon as the board could do so after the election they organized and went to work to prepare for the schools.

"They leased the building of Vine Hill Female Academy for twenty years, moved and remodeled the buildings and opened the school on the 12th day of October. The building was well arranged, the most modern and improved desks and graded seats placed, and a corps of able teachers has made the school a most remarkable success under the leadership of Prof. C. W. Wilson as superintendent.

"The school has nine grades and its work has given Scotland Neck a great lift in educational life. Perhaps no graded school in the state has more spacious and attractive grounds. Besides the graded school for whites the board of trustees provided a good building for the colored children and the colored school has been as satisfactory to the colored people as the other school has been to the whites.

"The town commissioners, to whom was given the work of putting in electric lights, some weeks ago closed the contract with a Norfolk company for putting in the plant and they will have the town lighted with electricity by March or April.

"They have purchased a site for the power house and the work will soon commence. The plant will be as well equipped as any in the State.

"The Scotland Neck cotton mills have contracted for a lot of new machinery and will enlarge their plant, which is already one of the best knitting mills in the State. New machinery has already arrived and will soon be placed. These mills will soon put in an electric plant of their own and will do most of their work by electricity.

"Besides the public improvement in the town there have been some handsome private residences built, which show good progress.

"I am informed that there are not houses enough in the town to meet the demand of those who wish to move here. The fine educational advantages found in our graded school are attracting good people to the town.

"The business men have done well, and there has not been a failure here for quite a long time. The general trade has been good, and the old year was rounded up most satisfactorily to all. One condition of a town's development is the state of contentment of the farmers, whose work and business help support it, and it is a gratifying fact that the farmers of this community have done well and are well satisfied.

"Already it is known that there are plans for new buildings, both for business and residences. Some new firms will open up with the new year, and there is good reason to expect better things for the town during the year of 1904 than have ever before been known here.

"Growing out of an election for prohibition in September there sprang up two opposing factions, but a satisfactory compromise was effected whereby at the end of 1904 the saloons will be closed and the town will have either prohibition or a dispensary, according to a vote a mass-meeting shall decide.

"The health of the town has been quite good and the prospects for the future are quite gratifying in many respects."

PARKER-SATTERTHWAITE.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. SPEED, N. C., Jan. 11, 1904.

At the residence of Mr. J. W. Satterthwaite, of Speed, N. C., on Wednesday, January 6, 1904, at 8 p. m., Mr. Dorsey H. Parker led to the altar Miss Mollie Satterthwaite, Rev. Mr. Merrill, of Hobgood, performing the ceremony.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with mosses and holly. The marriage was a quiet one, only a few friends being present. No prettier or sweeter maid ever plighted her vows. The groom is the popular agent for the A. C. L. at Speed, N. C. He has many friends here who wish him much happiness and a full share of prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker will reside with the bride's parents for a while.

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A FINE RECORD.

Tuesday's News and Observer gave the interesting news item that the State Prison has \$50,000 surplus. It was proposed to lend the money to the State, but State Treasurer Lacy said that the State does not need it.

The sheriffs throughout the State are making such fine collection of taxes and such prompt settlements that the State Treasurer has all the money he needs.

There is pleasant contemplation in all this. It is quite gratifying that the management of the State Prison is such, under Democratic administration, that it can have a surplus of \$50,000. No longer need it be said that the pecuniary is a burden to the State.

It is also gratifying to know that the people of the State are paying their taxes so well that sheriffs can make prompt settlement with the State Treasurer. It all goes to show that the year 1903 was a great year for North Carolina.

THE COMMONWEALTH said last week that the year 1903 was the crowning year of many decades, and the more we learn of the results of the labors of our people in almost every field of endeavor the more are we convinced that it is true. Really no one has yet been able to even approximate a just estimate of what was accomplished during the year just closed.

It was indeed a great year and the prospects for this year are truly flattering.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Washington steam laundry was burned last Friday night.

Small-pox exists in twenty counties in the State. In Davidson county the scourge is said to be terrible.

Miss Ruth Cleveland, eldest daughter of ex-President Grover Cleveland, died at her father's home in Princeton, N. J., Jan. 7th. She was 12 years old last October.

Gen. John B. Gordon died at his country home, Biscayne, Fla., last Saturday night. He had been ill three weeks. He was 71 years old and was one of the most beloved officers in the army of the Southern Confederacy.

The following unusual accident was related in a correspondence from Asheville to the News and Observer Tuesday:

"A very painful and unusual accident happened to Rev. W. T. Capers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, yesterday morning shortly before the hour for service. Mr. Capers had left the rectory adjoining the church to fill his pulpit, and upon entering the church the heavy oak door slammed against his hand, catching the middle finger between the edge of the door and the door facing, cutting it entirely off at the first joint. Mr. Capers was to have preached the first of a series of sermons on 'The Creed' yesterday morning, and even after the hand had been dressed insisted that he was able to enter the pulpit, but the physician thought that owing to the severe shock caused by the accident, it would not be safe for Mr. Capers to deliver his sermon and told the patient that he must not attempt it."

BIG RACKET?

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Jane Clark vs Harry Clark. North Carolina, Halifax County. Action for Divorce in the Superior Court.

Harry Clark, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above named has been commenced in the Superior Court, for Halifax county, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the January term of the Superior Court, to be held at the court house in Halifax on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1904, 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.

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W. A. BRANTLEY, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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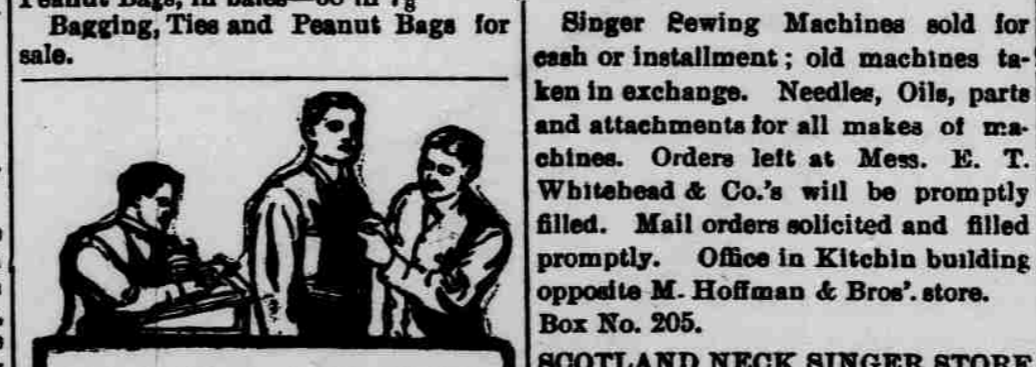
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