

The Commonwealth.

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SAY, BROTHER THOMAS!

Our good brother Thomas, of the Franklin Times, and any other of the brethren who make the same mistake will please note that this paper is THE COMMONWEALTH and not "The Democrat." While thoroughly Democratic, it has not been "The Democrat" since the 18th of June, 1896.

NO NEED FOR LONG CAMPAIGN

The people of North Carolina do not need a long political campaign this year. Everybody is prosperous, fairly well contented and happy. We do not need to have the "awful days of reconstruction which tried men's souls" detailed in this campaign. It seems that during all these years the people have been sufficiently drilled in "the first principles" to pass on now to other things. The people need to know the difference between the present policies of the two great parties and to be shown the advantages in the policies and practices of the Democratic party over the Republican party. This can all be done in a short while, or at least enough of it to convince the people that Democracy's the best thing for us, and that will be enough. Let's not have so much campaigning, but let the people continue to go about their work and business and keep up the present contentment and happiness.

THE WAR UNCERTAIN.

It is impossible to get any correct idea of the war conditions between Russia and Japan. Japan is all the while, it seems, driving the Russian forces back, but no report can be absolutely relied upon for the next announcement will contradict it.

Doubtless the war will be long one. Conditions are favorable for it. The Japanese are quite determined in their purpose and the Russians are a great host in numbers. So there it is—undragging energy on one side and almost countless numbers on the other. What the outcome will be no one can tell. Great sympathy is felt for the Japanese all over the world and knowing this they doubtless are emboldened to fight the harder.

MURDER NEAR JAMESVILLE.

A week ago there was a murder near Jamesville. The Williamson Enterprise gives the following account: "About one hour before the murder James E. Moore and George Dorsey had an altercation in which Moore shot at Dorsey with a pistol. Then Moore tells Dorsey he will kill him that night. Moore goes to his own home, gets his gun and returns to Dorsey's house. "Then he begins to throw chunks to decoy him out, and remarks that he is ready to die, and he is heard by some neighbors nearby. "Gilbert Moore, father of the murderer, was at a neighbor's house, heard the remark and ran down there, saying he would break up the trouble if he could get there in time. Immediately upon his arrival the mother of the murdered man asked him to get James away so she could quiet her son and forthwith a gun fired from ambush which killed her son. The murderer was about 28, the murderer 22. "The sheriff had considerable trouble in finding the murderer, but he was found late in the night at a friend's house. He was committed to jail after the coroner had held his trial of inquiry, where he now awaits trial by the Superior court which convenes in September."

A GREAT TRIP OVER THE S.A.L.

Rev. William Black, of Davidson, N. C., will conduct a party to St. Louis on a special train which the Seaboard Air Line will run, and offers much inducement to those who wish to go. Three trips are proposed, and a person can take either one or all as they desire. Trip No. 1 will take you to San Francisco and return by different route, taking in many places of interest like the Yellow Stone Park and the Petrified Forest. Trip No. 2 will be cheaper and trip No. 3 will be still cheaper, taking passengers simply to St. Louis. The special train will leave North Carolina August 16th. If you feel interested write to Rev. William Black, Davidson, N. C., or C. H. Gattis, Raleigh, N. C. This said a bottle and a glass will make a person mellow, but Rocky Mountain Tea's the drink that gives you a fellow. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

A HUNDRED DROWNED.

A RAILROAD BRIDGE FALLS.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 8.—Two carloads of human freight plunged into a raging torrent that destroyed the trestle over the usually dry arroyo, known as Steele's Hollow, near Eden, about 8 o'clock this evening. Two sleeping cars and a dining car stopped at the brink of the hungry chasm filled with a boiling, seething current that quickly snuffed out probably 100 lives. So quietly had the catastrophe been enacted that the occupants of the two cars remaining on the track did not realize that an accident had occurred until they had alighted from the train. They were utterly powerless to render assistance to the victims who had disappeared in the rushing waters. On the lookout of danger, warned by the squally clouds and heavy rains to the north, Engineer Charles Hindman was running cautiously about fifteen miles an hour as he approached the arroyo which was spanned by a bridge 96 feet in length. The condition of the bridge was not known until the locomotive, one of the monster passenger type, had nearly crossed. Fireman Frank Mayfield, with a torch that the engineer and fireman had burning to ascertain the condition of the track, was in the gangway. When Engineer Hindman felt the tremor in the great machine and caught a glimmer on the water, he shouted his last words: "Put out that torch." evidently thinking that in the accident he felt certain was coming, the flames would serve to spread the fire.

THE BRIDGE SINKS.

But before Mayfield could obey, while the words were still on the lips of the doomed man, and his hands seeking the mechanism controlling the air brakes, the bridge gave way although it had been a stack of kindling wood and the locomotive dropped with the hissing of steam thirty feet to the bottom of the arroyo, crosswise to the track. The baggage car, smoking car and chair car followed the locomotive into the stream and were swept away. All the occupants of these cars except three men perished, and had not the roof of the chair car burst asunder none would have escaped. The fireman, as the locomotive went over, was thrown out, managing to grasp a piece of wreckage from the bridge, floated with that to a curve made by the caving bank and crept out of the water. He ran toward Eden, meeting on the way operator F. M. Jones and his wife, who had already started up the track. "Notify Pueblo," came the voice of the running man, "the train's gone down and everybody is killed."

GORGE OF DEATH.

When dawn came the wonder grew that four had been permitted to emerge from the raging torrent with breath still in their bodies. The end of the Pullman car Wynta extended four feet over the brink, while broken timbers and twisted rails hung still further over. The arroyo had been widened to more than a hundred feet at the point where the bridge had been. The water tore a zig-zag course across the prairie to a depth of thirty feet in several places. There was little left of the baggage car, a few rods, a truck or so, dimly seen in the muddy water, and a half buried iron safe. The great locomotive, the boiler free of the trucks, the cab and tank gone, lies where it fell. A quarter of a mile to the east, where this gorge of death debouched into the fountain, lay the chair car, windows gone, three fourths filled with mud and sand. A hundred feet farther on was the smoker, bottom up against a sand bar. A hundred and fifty feet farther on in the bed of the mountain was the coal tender of the engine and from that point on four or five miles, vestiges of the coaches, engine and tender stuck up from the bed of the stream or lay along the shore or on the islands. Red plush seats of the smoker were strewn all along the stream. Bones from the coaches were found in the sand a half mile

STOMACH TROUBLE CAUSES HEART TROUBLE.

Heart trouble is almost always caused by stomach trouble. The stomach fails to digest all the food, and the residue ferments, forming excess of gas which distends the walls of the stomach, causing a pressure on the nerves and arteries that lead to the heart. This causes the heart to palpitate or skip a beat occasionally, or both, which is usually very alarming, causing grave apprehensions. Rydale's Stomach Tablets will prevent this trouble. They digest the food and prevent gas from forming in the stomach. If there is no gas in your stomach your heart will not trouble you. E.T. Whitehead & Co.

from the bridge, and pieces of the baggage car stuck out of the water in several places. Bits of the clothing, coats, skirts and women's hats were found in the brush along the shore and the searchers scanned the foliage for bodies. Masses of earth had caved in from the high sides of the river at many places and searchers passed these with fear that bodies were buried under them, which they were helpless to reach.

Five hundred men scanned every inch of the river and its surroundings a few hours after daylight. They waded in the stream and carried out muddied bodies which were found at widely separated points, some of them miles from the scene of the accident.

SIXTY-THREE BODIES RECOVERED. (By the Associated Press.) Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 8.—Up to 4:30 p. m. sixty-three bodies have been brought to the city from the wreck of the Missouri Pacific train near Eden.

CROPS IN MECKLENBURG.

Charlotte Observer. There was the usual large number of farmers in town Saturday, and there was much discussion among them as to the state of the crops, especially with regard as to whether or not they have been damaged by the recent excessive rainfall. Queries were put to them by a number of citizens, also. It was the generally expressed opinion among the farmers that there had been too much rain and that crops in the low lands, particularly, have had an overdose of wetness. Cotton in some localities shows serious hurt. But, all in all, the farmers are talking hopefully. Corn is in splendid shape. Fruits are coming along right well now and vegetables also. A gentleman said yesterday that he had been told of a place on the Seaboard Air Line where 100 acres all in one piece are planted in corn. In another locality along the road there is said to be a crop of cotton so high and luxuriant in growth that a mule could hide himself in it. This, of course, is not a good thing, for the strength of the plant has gone too much into the stalk.

DAWSON ECHOES.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Dawson, Aug. 8, 1904. Miss Edna B. Lewis went to Enfield Wednesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Branch, who is convalescent from malaria fever. Rev. J. K. Henderson spent a few hours in Crowells Wednesday with Mr. A. B. Bobbitt. Mr. Charlie Pitt recently returned from Tarboro where he has been on a visit to his brother, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, came Friday and spent a few hours. Miss Iver Weeks went to Tarboro Friday to visit her cousin, Mr. Pitt, who is convalescing from typhoid fever in Tarboro hospital. Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lawrence, of Whitaker, came over on a pleasure drive Friday p. m. Miss Virginia Pendleton, of Scotland Neck, spent last week visiting Miss Annie Lawrence. Mr. J. D. Lawrence's house was broken into last Sunday p. m. by an unknown person who was frightened away before any valuables were disposed of. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. DeBerry spent Thursday in Norfolk. Mr. W. A. Quincey and son, Willie Boyd, went to Enfield Saturday to visit Mr. B. R. Kimball and family. Mrs. W. B. Harris and children, Norma, Brentice, Thad and Frank have returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Manning, at Kill Quick. Misses Nora and Maggie Willy attended services at Eden Sunday. Last Thursday afternoon the old Dunn homestead, occupied by Mr. Will Quincey, was destroyed by fire between 5 and 6 o'clock. It originated from a box of ashes in the cook room, and there being no one at home the fire had gained big headway before it was discovered. Most all the house and dining room furniture was saved by heroic effort. Mr. Quincey and family are now residing at Mr. S. A. Partine's.

KILLED HIS FATHER-IN-LAW.

Tarboro Southern. Bollin Varnell died Tuesday afternoon from the effects of a wound on the head inflicted by Joseph H. Phillips with a cart rung. The feeling between the two or on the part of Mr. Varnell, who was Mr. Phillips' father-in-law, was not the best and before Tuesday's altercation it is said that Mr. Varnell had assaulted Joe and thrown him down and choked him very angry about the way some tobacco that was being gathered for curing was being placed in the cart, blaming Joe. He was very abusive and used some vile epithets. He seized a piece of scantling and Joe took up a cart rung. Mr. Varnell advanced with his stick raised. Joe did not advance nor retreat, but when Mr. Varnell came within striking distance he struck him, and Mr. Varnell fell unconscious, and remained so till he died about three hours later. Mr. Phillips waived examination and was committed to jail. He is a young fellow with not a bad face, not much over 25. He is the son of Peter Phillips of Barterfield township. Mr. Varnell was regarded as a good citizen of the same locality as Phillips. He was about 57 years old. Mr. Phillips' wife and two negro boys saw the killing. Mrs. Varnell, the widow, it is said, has expressed the strong wish that Mr. Phillips be not prosecuted, the inference being that she regarded her husband as the aggressor.

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Executors Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of E. N. Nelson, deceased, late of Halifax county, N. C., I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned or to her attorneys, Messrs. Kitchen, Smith & Kitchen, on or before the 21st day of July, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. ELIZABETH NELSON, Executrix. This July 21, 1904 7-21-04

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

HAVING qualified as administrator of the estate of J. W. Bumpas, deceased, all persons indebted to his estate are here by required to make settlement, and those persons having claims against the same are required to present them for payment on or before July 8, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. S. S. ALSOP, Administrator of J. W. Bumpas, decd. This July, 1904. 7-7-04.

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HAVING qualified as administratrix of the last will and testament of the late M. Hoffman, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of the late M. Hoffman, to present the same to me on or before the 15th day of August, 1905; otherwise, this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. FANNY HOFFMAN, Administratrix of M. Hoffman, deceased. 8-11-04.

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Peter L. Powell, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me at Heathsville, N. C., on or before the 15th day of August, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will come forward at once and settle and save costs of suit. This 1st day of August, 1904. 8-4-04 W. R. NEVILLE.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

North Carolina—Halifax County: This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of William E. Davenport, deceased, to present the same to me or my attorney, W. A. Dunn, on or before the 1st day of August, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This July 6, 1904. FRANCES E. DAVENPORT, Administratrix of the estate of William E. Davenport, deceased. 7-14-04

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Notice.

HAVING qualified as administrator of the estate of the late John T. Brinkley, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same to me or to my attorneys, Kitchen, Smith & Kitchen, on or before the 15th day of August, 1905; otherwise, this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This 5th day of August, 1904. JOSEPH S. BRINKLEY, Adm'r. Jno. T. Brinkley, deceased. 8-11-04

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Land Sale for Taxes.

On the first Monday in September of the court house in Halifax County, at public auction the following lands in Brinkleyville township of the county, for taxes for 1903: Nelson Davis, Bob Tucker land, 48 acres, Peyton Lynch, part Fleming tract, 18 acres, Walter Lynch, Falling Creek, 10 acres, Harriet Taylor, home tract, 10 acres, W. C. Harper, Fishing Creek, 23 acres, E. B. Freeman & Co., Pope and House, 70 acres, W. H. Judge, B. F. Moore 17 acres, Maggie G. Thomas, Roanoke Swamp, 250 acres. W. J. Manning, Collector. 8-4-04

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