

**The Commonwealth**

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**A TRIBUTE TO FRANKLIN.**

On the occasion of the two-hundredth anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth-day, the Richmond Times-Dispatch paid the following tribute to the great man:

"Men of more commanding genius were produced by the American revolution, but none more wise, more humane or more public-spirited than Benjamin Franklin.

"His reputation, like his daily work, he left to the judgment of time, neither caring nor seeking to explain or justify his actions; and time has abundantly honored him and his works.

"A master workman at his chosen trade, he soon made printing but a handmaiden to the larger ideas that belonged to his investigating and untiring mind. As editor and publisher he created a publication which was without parallel for a century, and considering the state of public facilities for distributing mail—has never been equaled.

But his enduring fame will at the last rest upon his services to his country in diplomacy and to his city, as in public spirit. The stars in their courses warred on Franklin's side in the long and trying period of his services in England and France. He might have been far less efficient than he was, and still have aided greatly in maintaining the war and concluding peace. But nothing but his own native desire to help his fellow-man could ever have stamped him as the first and greatest example of public spirit that America has yet known. His life was one long battle for progress, and the victories that he won were epoch-making. He founded the first public library; he paved the streets; he organized a fire department; he founded a fire insurance company; and in each instance he enriched the life of Philadelphia. The final judgment of the market place is nearly always right, and the instinctive honor paid Franklin's citizenship is a tribute that comes from the foundations of the hearts of his fellow-citizens. To-day, in the pride of our strength, we do well to honor Benjamin Franklin; for in so doing we set up, unconsciously perhaps, but none the less effectively, a standard for public spirit and generosity and freedom from all spirit of graft to keep those ideals vital and attractive in an age of sordid money-getting, in a monument more to be desired than many statues, and that Franklin has done this is evidenced everywhere by the honors paid the two hundredth anniversary of his birth.

"Public-spirited help to his fellow-men was the keynote of his life, and in answer to that chord, future generations have continued to rise up and call him blessed."

**SOME SOUND REASONING.**

Sunday's News and Observer showed how large crops of cotton have brought low prices, notably the crops of 1897-1898 and 1904. Then the following facts were recalled to show the folly of a big crop for 1906:

1. The world's visible supply of cotton is a million bales greater now than it was a year ago.
2. Weekly reports in the United States are larger than they were this time last year. (10,000 bales more this week than the corresponding week last year.)
3. The Egyptian crop is larger than last year and weekly receipts greater.
4. The Indian crop appears to be much larger. How much larger no one can now say, but the weekly receipts are about twice as large now as they were this time last year.
5. The guano factories report that the demands for guano now is the greatest ever known.
6. The demand for mules is almost unprecedented.
7. The winter so far has been mild and open, favorable for work.

These facts are beyond dispute. They show how easy it will be to make too much cotton, and in that event they foreshadow the sad fate of the farmer next fall when the Bears fall upon him and devour him in the pit he himself has dug.

The remedy is in the farmers' hands. MAKE ONLY A MODERATE CROP. Reduce so you will have labor enough to cultivate your crop even if it be a "gassy year." Don't go so deep in debt to make a big crop that you will have to sell as soon as you gather your crop.

Make a moderate crop—make it cheap. Let it be yours and hold it until YOU (not somebody else) thinks best to sell.

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder for the feet. It cures Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c Ask to-day.

**CAREFULLY** conducted experiments, ranging over many years, have proved conclusively that the liberal use of **POTASH** is essential to the production of big yields of full-eared corn.

Let us send you our practical books telling of these and many other careful crop-feeding tests; they are free to farmers without any cost or obligation. Send name and address.

Address, GERMAN KALI WORKS, New York—93 Nassau Street, or Atlanta, Ga.—22 1/2 So. Broad Street.

**SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION.**

REGULAR MEETING IN HALIFAX MONDAY JANUARY 27th.

President W. C. Whitaker gives notice of the regular meeting of the Halifax branch of the Southern Cotton Association at Halifax Monday Jan. 27, 1906.

This is an important meeting and all the delegates elected in the townships to attend the county meetings should be careful to attend.

If the Southern Cotton Association is to be a thorough success, it must have the attention, attendance and support of the farmers.

McCLURE'S MAGAZINE for February is quite an interesting number. There are true stories of various current topics of interest, disclosures of railroad abuses, life insurance juggling, and political trickery. Many other attractive features might be mentioned on vital subjects, to which are added articles on scientific and general interest, together with fiction.

The S. S. McCLURE Co., N. Y. Price 10 cents.

**A FEARFUL FATE.**

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s, druggists.

The reason Dr. Dade's Little Liver Pills give perfect satisfaction is due to their tonic effect on the liver. They never gripe. E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

Pinesalve is the best Salve for sores, burns, boils, tetter, eczema, skin diseases and piles. E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

Any one suffering from Kidney pains, backache, bladder trouble or rheumatism who will take a dose of Pinesalve upon retiring at night will be relieved before morning. E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

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**WHERE'S ANOTHER LIKE HIM?**

Gastonia Gazette. Beginning at noon Wednesday, a printer in the Gazette office set 13 columns of advertisements in 19 hours on the proofs of which not an error appeared. This record, which of itself will be of interest to the printing fraternity, was made by Mr. Will Marshall, the seventeen-year-old son of the editor. He had no thought of making a record until his proofs were read and showed it up.



THE above picture of the man and fish is the trademark of Scott's Emulsion, and is the synonym for strength and purity. It is sold in almost all the civilized countries of the globe.

If the cod fish became extinct it would be a world-wide calamity, because the oil that comes from its liver surpasses all other fats in nourishing and life-giving properties. Thirty years ago the proprietors of Scott's Emulsion found a way of preparing cod liver oil so that everyone can take it and get the full value of the oil without the objectionable taste. Scott's Emulsion is the best thing in the world for weak, backward children, thin, delicate people, and all conditions of wasting and lost strength.

Send for free sample. **SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS** 400-410 PRANK STREET, NEW YORK. 50c and \$1.00. All druggists.

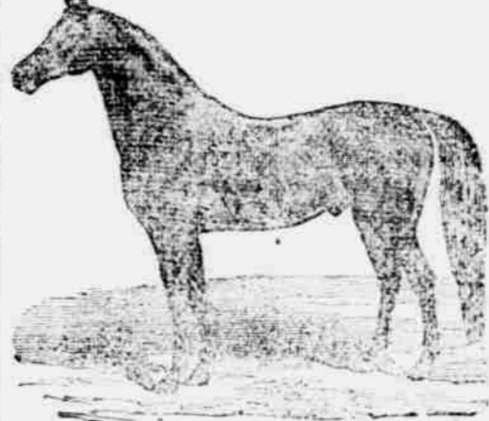
**HOLLISTER'S BECKY WOUNTAIN YOG NUGGETS** A Bony Melodius for Every People. Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor. A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Headache, Neuralgia, Stomach Disorders, Hoarseness, and all Disorders of the Throat, Lungs, and Bronchi. 25 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER'S DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE.

**Now is the Time**

That you want something good in the way of SYRUP and MOLASSES. We have them to suit you. Furthermore, we will sell you a gallon of the best Vinegar in town for 25c. Yours for business,

**W. ALLSBROOK,** Scotland Neck, N. C.

**Horses and Mules.**



We shall keep on hand for the season a full supply of

**Horses and Mules**

.....WE BUY IN.....

**The Best Markets**

**The Best of Bargains**

Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

**Biggs & Johnson,** Scotland Neck, N. C.

**J. W. PERRY CO.**

Cotton Factors, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Quotations, Jan. 22, 1906.

**COTTON—Firm.**

Strict Middling	11 1/2
Middling	11
Strict Low Middling	10 1/2
Low Middling	10
Tines	11 1/2
Stains	11
Blues	11
<b>PEANUTS—Dull.</b>	
Fancy	21
Strictly Prime	20
Prime	19
Low Grades	18
Machine Picked	17-24
Spanish	\$1.00 7 bushel
B. E. Peas \$2.80 7 bag	
Black and Speckle Peas \$1.10 bushel	
Clay and Red Peas \$1.00 bushel	
68 in. x 8 c. Bags in bales \$10/c	
10-5 6m	

**Notice.**

Having qualified as administratrix of J. J. Savage, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of December, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 21st day of December, 1905. ELIZABETH SAVAGE, Administratrix, KITCHIN, SMITH & KITCHIN, Attorneys, 12-21-05.

**HORSES AND MULES**

**ENTIRELY NEW STOCK.**

The time being at hand when you will want some Horses or Mules to meet your needs the coming season we solicit your patronage. We have Sale Stables in Scotland Neck where we will keep a

**FULL STOCK OF HORSES AND MULES**

during the entire season. Come to see us and we will show you it is a SAVING FOR YOU TO TRADE WITH US, for we get our stock DIRECT FROM THE STOCK FARMS, thereby saving you the profits that the middle dealers have to make and which you save by buying from us. It would not take much of your time to pay us a visit and get familiar with our methods of doing business. We feel that it would result in making you a permanent customer and we are SURE WE CAN MAKE IT BENEFIT YOU FOR SO DOING. We are prepared to SUIT YOUR NEEDS and what is more we GUARANTEE SATISFACTION.

**Winslow Bros. Company,**

Scotland Neck, North Carolina. 1-4-10w

**FARMING IMPLEMENTS**

"Eatam Up" and Brown's Improved Stalk Cutters, be sure and see them before you buy. Auburn and Taylor Wagons can't be beat. Syracuse Steel Beam Chilled Plows, best for the price. John Deere and Planet Jr. Walking Cultivators. Planet Jr. Hand and Horse Tools for Farm and Garden. Five hundred dollars worth of Buggy Harness and six hundred dollars worth of Buggies to select from. Champion and Climax Plows and Castings. In fact anything you need in Hardware at close prices. See our line of Keen Cutter Edge Tools; every one guaranteed. Come in and make yourself at home in our store whether you want to buy or not.

**JOSEY HARDWARE COMPANY**

The Pioneer Hardware Dealers  
Scotland Neck, North Carolina

**OUR WHITE SALE!**

Our Regular Annual White Sale  
**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**The Greatest Bargains of The Season.**

We will show the Largest Assortment of white Goods, Hamburgs, Insertions and Allovers ever shown in Scotland Neck.

**SPECIAL UMBRELLA SALE!**

40-Inch Lawns.....	\$ .10	Nice Assortment Ladies' Underwear	
" " ".....	.12 1/2	Fancy White Goods.....	.10 to 50c.
Persian Lawns.....	.10	English Mulls.....	.12 1/2 to 50c.
" " ".....	.12 1/2	English Long Cloth.....	.10 to 19c.
Checked Nainsook.....	.08	Case Lawns and Dimities, worth 18c.	.40c.
" " ".....	.10	Best Light Calico.....	5c.
" " ".....	.12 1/2	Box Hamburg, worth 40c.....	25c.
15c Madras, yard wide.....	.10	2,000 y'ds Hamburg, great value.....	10c.
20c " " ".....	.12 1/2	Handsome Laces—Linen.....	6c.
Best Light Weight Percales.....	.10	Imitations.....	5c.
1 Case Allover Embroidery.....	.50	Beautiful Orientals.....	.10c to \$1.00.
		Embroidery, Chiffons.....	

Our White Goods Department is Complete. Come Early and Get Best Bargains.

We will also close our WINTER STUFF at a GREAT SACRIFICE. Three \$15.00 Rain Coats at half price, \$7.50. Twenty Ladies' Jackets at half price, \$2.25 to \$5.00. Twenty Overcoats at half price, \$2.25 to \$8.00. Twenty-five Suits at half price, \$3.75 to \$10.00. Blankets at great reduction. Three \$5.00 Down Quilts at \$3.85. Carpet Remnants at cost. Dress Goods Remnants at a sacrifice. Fairy Flannellettes to close 9c. All Winter Millinery at half price. Thanks for past favors.

**MORRISETT BROS.,** Scotland Neck, North Carolina

**Stubborn Coughs and Colds**

Obstinate racking coughs that settle on the lungs and may develop into Pneumonia over night are quickly cured by

**FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR**

It soothes and heals the inflamed air passages, stops the cough, and heals and strengthens the lungs. **FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR** contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and is safest for children and delicate people. Remember the name—**FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR**—and insist upon having the genuine, as no other remedy is so safe or as certain in results.

**Given Up to Die With Croup.**  
Mrs. P. I. Cordier, of Mannington, Ky., writes: "My three-year old girl had a severe case of croup; the doctor said she could not live and I gave her up to die. I went to the store and got a bottle of **Foley's Honey and Tar**. The first dose gave quick relief and saved her life."

**Editor Cured of Lung Trouble.**  
W. L. Straub, Editor of St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, writes: "When coming across the bay from Fort Tampa I got wet and caught a cold that affected my throat and lungs. I neglected it, thinking I would soon recover, but I kept getting worse, until I bought a bottle of **Foley's Honey and Tar**, and it cured me completely."

Three sizes—25c, 50c, \$1.00. The 50 cent size contains two and one-half times as much as the small size and the \$1.00 bottle almost six times as much. **Refuse Substitutes.**

**SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY**  
E. T. Whitehead & Company, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.