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The dose is one, just one pill at bedtime. Sugar-coated, mild, certain. They cure constipation.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use

BUCKINGHAM'S DYE

The Commonwealth

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Wanted
Second hand Shredder and Hay Press. Also 10 feet Shattling.
L. L. DRAUGHON,
Whitakers, N. C.
Edgecombe County.

For Sale or Exchange
for other Cattle, 6 Milch Cows.
L. L. DRAUGHON,
Whitakers, N. C.
Edgecombe County.

New Kiln of Brick.
I have now ready a New Kiln of Brick with which I will take pleasure in accommodating the public.
D. A. MADRY.

Special Notice.
All persons are forbidden to haul seines or otherwise fish in the waters on that tract of land on Beech Swamp known as the Bryant or Simmons land. May 21st, 1906.
C. M. COTTEN.

For Sale
Thoroughbred Jersey Cows.
J. HARPER ALEXANDER, Sr.
Chase City, Va.
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Special Bargains.
New Dress Goods in Woolens, Lawns and Chambrays.
Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes and Slippers in all grades at lowest prices.
Straw Hats at half price.
100 Dozen Fruit Jars in Lightning, Royal, Telephone and Mason's at Lowest Prices.
1 Car Load Pittsburgh Fencing, Heights and prices to suit.
Special Prices on Trunks.
Almost daily receiving new Furniture. Will sell at lowest prices for cash or on installments.
EDWARDS & CO.

For Sale.
100 Bushels Nice Black Peas.
R. J. MADRY.

At N. B. Josey & Co.
Just received a stock of Harrisburg Oxford—all styles.
Nice lot of fine Buggies and Runabouts.
We are agents for the best and neatest Tombstones—Give us your order.

Corby's Loaf Bread.
Corby's Washington Bread all the time.
Meadow Gold Butter.
Home raised N. C. Hams, Shoulders and sides.
W. T. TYLER.

Salve! Salve!! Spread the Salve, but let it be Pine salve, nature's remedy for cuts, burns, sores, etc.
E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

vinegar.
Good Old Country, Pure Apple Vinegar.
W. T. TYLER.

Condemned and Sold.
The town commissioners have condemned the wooden ware room immediately in the rear of W. T. Tyler's store. It was sold at auction Tuesday afternoon. The highest bidder was Mr. R. V. Kitchin at \$27.

Cured

At 70 of Heart Disease Contracted During Civil War—Veteran Grateful.
Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Effected Cure.

Heart disease is curable, but in people of advanced age it does not readily lend itself to ordinary treatment. There is, however, hope for all sufferers in Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, which we know from watching hundreds of cases and from the letters of grateful sufferers, will cure where all else has failed. It is not only a wonderful cure for weak and diseased hearts, but it is a blood tonic, a regulator of the heart's action and the most effective treatment ever formulated for improving the circulation of the blood.
"During the Civil War I contracted heart disease, and in 1896, while living in the grand old town of Lexington, Va., I grew so weak worse. I left there with my wife to visit my sister-in-law, Mrs. T. A. Kirby, at Roanoke, Va. While I said nothing to anyone I never expected to live to return to the dear old town. On reaching Mrs. Kirby's she insisted I should try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I procured a few bottles of it, also the Nervine and Tonic. After using one or two bottles, I could see no improvement, and I despaired of ever being better, but my faithful wife insisted on keeping it up, which I did. Improvement soon began in earnest and I took in all fifteen or sixteen bottles. I was restored to perfect health and while I am 70 years old, I am comparatively a boy. You see, it is a benefactor, and I cheerfully recommend Dr. Miles' Heart Cure to suffering humanity."—J. L. SLAUGHTER, Salem, Va.
All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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

Mr. N. Biggs went to Wake Forest commencement this morning.
Dr. I. M. Mercer is the guest of Mr. N. Biggs while holding a meeting here.
Mrs. Woodward, of Greenville, is here on a visit to Mrs. C. L. McDowell.
Mrs. Hawkins, of Battleboro, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Mary Tillery.
Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Josey left Tuesday to attend Wake Forest commencement.
Mr. G. C. Weeks went to the western part of the county on business Tuesday.
Mr. M. D. Allbrook went to Weldon on a visit Tuesday, and from there will go on to Richmond to visit relatives.
Miss Ethel Worsley, of Oak City, has been here some days on a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. C. Weeks.
Mr. J. H. Futrell, of Norfolk, whose loss in the fire here last week was heavy, came to Scotland Neck Monday.
Miss Mary King, of Thelma, has been here some days visiting her sister Mrs. J. B. Jones.
Mrs. J. R. Holliday, from Dawsons, was here some days ago to visit her sisters, Mesdames N. Biggs and J. M. Tillery.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, of Rocky Mount, were here some days to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoffman.
Mrs. George J. Smith, of Kinston, has been here some days visiting her sister, Mrs. W. N. Steptoe, and other relatives.
Mrs. P. L. Salisbury, of Hamilton, was here some days ago and went to Raleigh to attend the commencement at the Baptist University for Women.
Mrs. S. F. Dunn and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Tuesday for Thelma where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dunn's sister, Mrs. Stallings of Battleboro. The funeral took place in Brunswick county, Va.
Mr. J. D. Stewart attended last week in Atlanta the meeting of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers Association. He says there were perhaps eight hundred mills represented and nearly fifteen hundred persons in attendance, including mill men, seed men and those who handle machinery.
Miss Undine Futrell some days ago came home from the Baptist University for Women in Raleigh because of sickness. She was in the midst of her examinations at the close of the session but was compelled to leave because she was quite sick since she came home, but is reported better now. Her many friends regret that she had to come home before finishing her session's work.
Nothing will relieve indigestion that is not a thorough digestant. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat, and allows the stomach to rest—recuperate—grow strong again. A few doses of Kodol after meals will soon restore the stomach and digestive organs to a full performance of their functions naturally. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

MOVED—Mr. J. G. Mills has moved from the T. W. Fenner residence to Church street and occupies the residence with his brother, Mr. L. R. Mills. Also Mr. K. House is living in the residence on Church street recently vacated by Mr. W. P. Robertson.
THE EDITOR'S THANKS—The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH was out of town when the great fire occurred here last week. Our home narrowly escaped destruction and we heartily thank all who rendered Mrs. Hilliard assistance in protecting it.
BOUGHT PETERSON'S GROCERIES—Hardy Hardware Company is moving into the Peterson store and purchased a good part of Mr. Peterson's stock of groceries, the room into which Mr. Peterson moved being too small to hold them.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to assure the public of our keen appreciation of the aid rendered us in the fire and sympathy expressed for us in our loss. We sincerely thank all for every consideration and shall still do our best to serve the public faithfully and well.
HARDY HARDWARE CO.
MANY CHILDREN ARE SICKLY
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break colds in 24 hours, cure feverishness, headache, stomach troubles, teething disorders, and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address, Allen C. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.
Generally speaking the smaller man is the larger his troubles seem to be.
One Minute Cough Cure
For Coughs, Colds and Bron-

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE FIEND

More Than \$100,000 Loss

FORTUNES GONE IN AN HOUR.

The most destructive fire in the history of Scotland Neck, and doubtless in the history of Halifax county, occurred here on Wednesday night, May 16. The fire alarm was given about 12:30 o'clock and in an hour more than one hundred thousand dollars worth of property had gone up in smoke.
The fire started in a small ware room in the rear of the store on the west side of Main street formerly occupied by Riddick and Hooker and at the time of the fire occupied by John L. Hooker as manager of the business recently opened as "The Hub," belonging to Morrisett Brothers.
The building went down like straw and so did the building adjoining it north, occupied by Hancock and Lassiter.
The Futrell building, which was separated only by a stairway, though of brick, easily caught and went down in a few minutes. The fire leaped across Eleventh street and soon laid in ashes the large double store of Hoffman & Bro., on the corner, and then consumed the ware house of Hoffman & Bro. in the rear of this store on Eleventh street near the residence of J. S. Bowers.
In the upper story of the second building which caught, the store of Hancock and Lassiter, were the lodge of the Masons and Odd Fellows, and the sleeping room of Mr. R. C. Lassiter, who barely escaped with his life, being asleep when the fire occurred.
On the lower floor of the Futrell building were the stores of Hardy Hardware Company and Morrisett Bros., each store having two departments and a double front. In this building above were the mayor's office, the office of C. W. Dunn, the opera house and the law offices of Hon. Claude Kitchin, occupied by the law firm of Kitchin, Smith & Kitchin, and the insurance office of Dr. J. E. Shields.
The night was calm—almost without a breeze—and it was because of this fact that the flames were hindered from making complete destruction of perhaps twice as much property as was lost.
On the north the flames were stayed with the burning of the Hoffman store, the store of D. H. James being saved only by the most strenuous efforts. Reaching back towards Church street on the same block, the residence of Mr. J. S. Bowers barely escaped. On the south the large brick store of Josey Hardware Company had the windows burned out, and once it seemed impossible longer to hold out, so intense was the heat; and had this building caught all on the block to the N. B. Josey corner, including the Baptist parsonage and the Baptist church and the residence of E. E. Hilliard, would have been swept away. The barn and cow stalls of the latter barely escaped as it was, and all the vegetables in the garden were scorched to ruin.
The loss was heavy and the destruction disastrous as it was, but only the heroic work of men and women availed to hinder a more disastrous conflagration. It has been remarked time after time that the women worked as heroically as the men.
The losses have been ascertained as follows:
Hancock & Lassiter, stock \$6,000 with \$1,000 insurance; Hardy Hardware Company, stock \$15,000 with \$9,000 insurance; Morrisett Brothers, stock \$30,000, including "The Hub," with \$10,000 insurance and \$4,000 worth of stock saved; Hon. Claude Kitchin, law office and magnificent library \$2,800 with no insurance; Hoffman & Bro., stock \$35,000 with \$22,700 insurance, building \$6,000 with \$3,400 insurance; Mrs. Stern, buildings occupied by "The Hub" and Hancock & Lassiter, \$4,000 with \$1,800 insurance; J. H. Futrell, of Norfolk, the Futrell building, \$12,000 with \$8,000 insurance; W. L. Harrell sewing machines in the Futrell building \$125 with no insurance; C. W. Dunn and Dr. J. E. Shields, office fixtures \$150 with no insurance; May-

or's office, containing town records and map, \$75 with no insurance; Josey Hardware Company, damage to building and stock \$100 covered by insurance; Masons' and Odd Fellows' Lodge furniture, fixtures and regalia \$800 with no insurance.
Hoffman & Bro. saved all their books and papers from their safe before the building fell in; Morrisett Bros. shoved their safe into the street and nothing in it was harmed; paper and books in the Hooker safe in "The Hub" were destroyed and also \$40 or \$50 in money, and everything in the safe in the office of Kitchin, Smith & Kitchin was in good order.
The total loss of property according to the most accurate account was \$112,050.00 with \$55,900.00 insurance.

STILL AT BUSINESS

Hardy Hardware Company have opened business in the new Madry building on west side of Main street in front of the post office in the store room occupied by A. C. Peterson.
Morrisett Brothers have opened in the same building in the room occupied by Mrs. A. M. Riddick as a millinery store. Mrs. Riddick still occupies the rear.
Hoffman & Bro. have opened in a ware house on the lot in which their store was burned. All of these gentlemen will accommodate their customers and will serve the public to the very best of their ability, under the circumstances, until they can secure larger and more suitable locations.
Mr. A. C. Peterson has moved his stock of groceries into the hotel, in the office next to the Scotland Neck bank.

WILL REBUILD

Hoffman & Bro. will rebuild at the same place. They will build a large double front, two story brick building with brick warehouses near by. All ready they have engaged services of contractors and they will proceed at once to the work.
The Futrell building will be replaced, perhaps in two large separate store-rooms instead of one solid building for four store rooms.
Mrs. Stern's building, occupied by J. L. Hooker and Hancock & Lassiter will not be replaced at once.
The fire last week, together with the two fires last year, one in February and the other in August, cut down half the business houses in the town.

Still Another Fire

Saturday morning some time before day the alarm of fire was heard in the town and the people hurried out, expecting perhaps to witness another destructive fire. The heavens west of the town were aglow and the roar of the fire could be distinctly heard.
It was the dwelling occupied by Mrs. Acree belonging to Mr. D. A. Madry a mile from town. Mrs. Acree lost everything she had nothing at all being saved from the fire.
The fire started in the pantry and it was thought that it might be the work of rats, as there had been no fire in the house since the middle of the day.
Meeting in the Baptist Church
The meeting in the Baptist church deepens in interest every day. There have been quite a number of professions, and the congregations are large every night.
Dr. Mercer's sermons are replete with the most pleasing presentation of gospel truth. He is a profound scholar an attractive speaker, touchingly tender in his solicitude for the unsaved and powerful in his appeals to men to accept Jesus Christ.
All who have heard Dr. Mercer have been greatly pleased and there is prospect of a great revival before the meeting closes.
M. Hoffman & Brother's Card.
We sincerely thank each and every person who rendered us assistance at the great fire a few nights ago. The expressions of sympathy which we have received by friends at home and by letter are particularly gratifying.
We are doing business in the warehouse a little back of the site of our store which was burned, where we shall be glad to see our friends and to accommodate our customers, until we can rebuild our store on the corner, which we shall do at once.
Respectfully,
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.
May 22, 1906.

For Twenty-one Years

Bonanza, Orinoco and Farmer's Bone



F. S. ROYSTER GUANO CO., Norfolk, Va.

have been the standard Cotton and Tobacco guanos in the South—because great care is used in the selection of materials.
Ask your dealer for **Royster's** goods and don't take substitutes said to be just as good. See that the trade-mark is on every bag.

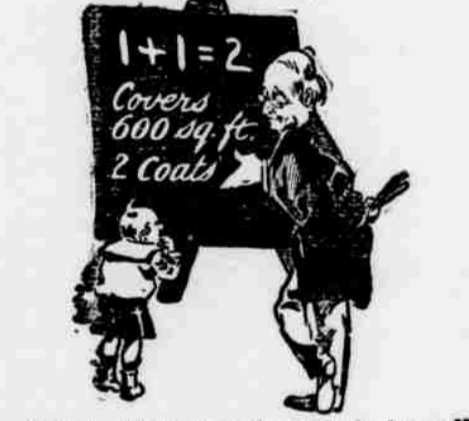
Special Request.

To all our friends who have tools borrowed from us we urge you to return them, as we need them to lend to other friends.
We have Wire Stretchers, Pipe Wrenches, and Tinner's Shears loaned out that we need very much.
Yours Truly,
JOSEY HARDWARE CO.

At Ray's this week.

Big stock of Pants, Shirts and Overalls.
Try us on Syrups and Molasses—We have the best.
Big stock of Green and Black Tea of good quality.
Well supplied with good assortment of Canned Goods.
We pay the highest prices for Chickens and Eggs.
Corby's fresh Loaf Bread received every Friday.
J. D. RAY & CO.

A Paint Problem



Paint either spreads well, looks well and wears well, or it doesn't. Wear is what determines real paint value. Any practical painter will tell you that a paint will live only as long as the oil that's in it lives. The oil is the life of paint. "Dead Oil, Dead Paint."
HAMMAR CONDENSED PAINT
It is not a "ready-mixed" paint. It comes to you in condensed form; the driers, everything necessary in it, except the oil. You buy pure, raw linseed oil and do your own mixing. Sure of pure oil that way—not otherwise. One gallon of pure raw linseed oil and one gallon of Hammar Condensed Paint will cover more area, wear longer, and give better results than any other paint made. That's strong talk, but "Hammar" is strong paint. One gallon of Hammar Paint and one gallon of linseed oil will cover 600 square feet of surface with two coats and it won't come off. Guaranteed to stick for five years or money back.
We have the exclusive agency for Hammar Paint in this place; come in some day before you paint and let us tell you why "Hammar" is the best paint, and show you how you can save at least 25% on your next paint bill.
Edwards & Company
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Hardy Hdw. Co. in Ashes

The Recent Fire almost Completely Destroyed our Stock of Hardware.

The small portion left was badly damaged. We are now without goods or cash to buy with.

WE EARNESTLY REQUEST ALL THAT ARE INDEBTED TO US TO COME FORWARD AND SETTLE AT ONCE.

We hope that no one that owes us will wait for us to ask him for money as we need it and need it now.
We have bought out the Peterson stock and will at once
Close it Out at a Great Sacrifice.

We will have some Rare Bargains to offer and you can't afford to miss them.
We propose to
Continue our Hardware Business Without a Break.

OUR GOODS ARE NOW ARRIVING DAILY.

We are sincerely grateful to the public for past favors and especially for the interest shown at and since the fire.
Yours truly,
Hardy Hardware Co.
THE HARDWARE MUSTLERS
Scotland Neck, N. C.
PETERSON STORE

The Scotland Neck Bank

Scotland Neck, N. C.

SOLICITS THE ACCOUNTS OF BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS FIRMS

A. McDOWELL, President. FRANK P. SHIELDS, Cashier.
P. C. GREGORY, Vice-President. W. R. BOND Ass't. Cashier.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

In order to encourage those who wish to make savings from their earnings, at their annual meeting on March 29, the Stockholders decided to open a Savings Department. Deposits from \$1.00 up are solicited, and all who are interested may learn particulars by inquiring at the Bank.

For bleating, belching, indigestion, etc., eat a Ring's Dyspepsia Tablet after meals.
E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS
WITH **Dr. King's New Discovery**
FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS
Price 50c & \$1.00
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The \$1.00 bottle contains 2 1/2 times the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.
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THANKS TO THE PUBLIC

We take this method of thanking the people, both white and colored, for the generous and unstinted aid which was rendered us in the recent fire.

We appreciate the many tokens and words of sympathy tendered us and heartily thank all who have thus remembered us.

We expect to be open for business again within a very few days and shall do our best to serve our friends and the public acceptably, and by the first of September we hope to be able to open business at our old stand again.

With sincere thanks,
MORRISSETT BROTHERS.