

The Commonwealth

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The investigation into the terrible railroad wreck near Hamlet Sunday night cannot be too thorough. Whoever is to blame for the awful tragedy ought to suffer for it. Those who have in their charge the safety of human lives should be held to strict account for all such occurrences.

Rev. J. C. Rowe, pastor of the First Methodist church in Salisbury, gently reproved a drunken man for profanity some days ago, and while the divine was not looking the drunken man dealt him two heavy blows which knocked the victim heavily against some store counters. All of which goes to emphasize what every reasonable man ought to know, that the less you have to say to a drunken man, the better it is for you and him.

Two important questions were settled in Wake county last week. One was the contest in the primaries between H. C. Olive and J. C. Drewry, candidates for the State Senate. Drewry came out ahead and will be Wake county's Senator. The other matter settled was the indictment, against M. T. Norris, a prominent business man of Raleigh, charged with burning a house which belonged to his wife. He was acquitted after a trial which lasted from Tuesday until Saturday night.

The death of Russell Sage at Lawrence, L. I., last Sunday removed from the financial circles of the country perhaps one of the most striking characters that have figured in finance in this country for a century. He commenced life a poor boy, the son of poor parents who lived on a small rented farm, but died one of the richest men in the world, perhaps. The amount of his millions is said to be a mystery in Wall Street. Being asked in his old age why he continued to work, though so rich, he answered that he just had to keep at it. He would have been 80 or 90 years old August 4th.

UGHT TO WORK BOTH WAYS.

To the man who does the desk work for a newspaper—reports happenings, records death, tells about marriages in which are always handsome grooms and beautiful brides, and also writes editorials on things in general—we say, to the man who does all these things and many more, there seems to be great inconsistency on the part of his readers.

The public expect the newspaper man to praise and say good words for certain things and persons, and also to criticize certain other things and persons. When he says good words for and praises certain persons and things it goes as a matter of course, and nothing is said about it; but if he criticizes certain other persons and things, he is charged with being too censorious.

Now, why do not the readers of a newspaper commend or condemn the newspaper man as freely as they expect him to commend or condemn others? They may do it among themselves, but they seldom go to the editor personally and commend him for what he says which they appreciate or tell him what he has said which they do not appreciate.

This paper has endeavored to say nice things for many people during the past twelve months, but seldom indeed has there been an expression to its editor of commendation or condemnation. One thoughtful reader a few days ago commended us for our paragraph remark about how the two daily papers in Raleigh are constantly nagging at each other about things which do not generally concern their readers, and we appreciated his commendation. We would appreciate a friendly criticism by any subscriber, or reader, if it were given in the spirit of trying to help us, or the public through us.

Now, neighbor, if you have any commendation or condemnation of this article, please be kind enough to come to the editor with it first.

What we mean to emphasize is this: That the public expect praise or condemnation for persons or things, as the case may be, but do not treat the newspaper man personally as they wish him to treat them.

Save! Save! 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.

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION FOR FARMERS.

Mr. Gilbert Stephenson contributes a two-column article to the Rich Square Times advocating an organization among the farmers for better prices for peanuts. He argues that farmers do not get what the peanuts are worth. He says that a Massachusetts man told him that he pays fifteen cents per pound for peanuts, while the farmer gets less than four cents per pound.

Mr. Stephenson thinks that such a discrepancy between the price of peanuts to the farmer in North Carolina and the consumer in Massachusetts is too great.

We think his protest is well put and if organization amongst the farmers for better prices for this product will remedy the wrong, let them have the organization.

NOT TOO EARLY.

There is always more or less difference of opinion amongst farmers about how late to cultivate certain crops. Some think it best to lay by early and some think it best to cultivate later. This season the opinions of two good farmers in this community have differed very much concerning how late corn should be plowed.

The agricultural editor of the Smithfield Herald writes as follows:

"At this season of the year when farmers have worked for a long time without any vacation it is but natural for them to want to get through with their crops and many of them get in too much hurry to lay them by. It always pays to work crops reasonably late but it is more important this year than usual on account of the late cold spring which made the crops slow in starting and behind in their growth even as late as this. We know some of the best farmers who try to give their cotton one plowing in August every year. A few limbs here and there may get broken but it pays to plow it late. You want your cotton to grow late and many a time it stops growing because the plow stops running. Of course the last two or three plowings should be very shallow. Our rule is to give all cotton a plowing as late as the last week in July, and late planted cotton should be plowed one time in August. Have you laid by your cotton? If so it might be the best thing you could do to give it one more plowing."

TEMPERANCE WHICH MEANS IT.

We have now been editor and publisher of a newspaper nearly fifteen years and no whiskey advertisements have ever appeared in our papers, though many have been offered us and we needed money.—Roanoke Chowan Times.

The above declaration is by one of the most conscientious editors in North Carolina, Mr. A. J. Conner, who publishes the Roanoke Chowan Times at Rich Square, N. C.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH is glad to answer back to brother Conner that since Dec. 23, 1887, the time the present management commenced, neither has this paper printed any whiskey advertisements, though "they have been offered us and we needed money."

The Rich Square Times is only one of a goodly number of secular newspapers in the State that will not publish whiskey advertisements. They refuse to print them, not because of any unkind feelings towards those who seek to place the advertisements, but because they believe the liquor traffic to be a great evil and therefore they will not aid the business though they could get good pay for doing so.

And say what you may about the great spirit of temperance that has swept over North Carolina during the past few years, it cannot be denied that the public press of the State has had much to do with creating and spreading such sentiment. And in this THE COMMONWEALTH modestly claims its share in whatever degree it has been influential at all; for it will soon be nineteen years since any whiskey advertisements appeared in its columns.

If the press of the State will keep up its work and live up to its precepts, like Editor Conner, the evil of the liquor traffic will finally be greatly curtailed, though it may not be entirely wiped out.

Try a little KODOL FOR DYSPEPSIA after your meals. See the effect it will produce on your general feeling by digesting your food and helping your stomach to get itself into shape. Many stomachs are overworked to the point where they refuse to go further. Kodol digests your food and gives your stomach the rest it needs, while its reconstructive properties get the stomach back into working order. Kodol relieves flatulence, sour stomach, palpitation of the heart, belching, etc. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

AWFUL TRAIN WRECK.

There was an awful train wreck one mile from Hamlet Sunday night about 8 o'clock, in which fifteen persons were killed, two whites and thirteen colored, and twenty-three injured. It was perhaps the worst disaster of the kind in the history of the Seaboard Air Line system. Train 44 from Charlotte to Wilmington collided with an extra freight. The responsibility seems to rest on the operator at Rockingham or the operator at Hamlet, but it has not been decided at this writing.

The following concerning the accident is taken from the Raleigh Evening Times of Monday:

According to the statement of Raleigh people who were at Hamlet last night, the wreck on the Seaboard was expected before it happened, and there was a moment of fearful suspense and excitement in the telegraph office. Indeed, orders were sent out for a wrecking train before it was known that the fatality had occurred.

Mr. Baxter Durham and others were waiting at Hamlet to return to Raleigh when it was noised around that there was danger ahead. The freight had left Hamlet, bound south, and the passenger, No. 44, had left Rockingham for Hamlet, a distance of six miles, with no station intervening. There are many sharp curves, and railroad men realized that nothing on earth could prevent a disaster.

While the crowd around the station was waiting the flagman from the freight came running back with the news, and hundreds of people started on foot for the scene. The trains met on the line between Hamlet and Atlanta.

"When I got to the wreck," said Mr. Durham, "there was a sight the like of which I had never seen before. As the two locomotives came together the baggage car on the passenger reared up, telescoping the second-class coach, which was literally crushed into splinters, and it appeared then that every person in the car had been killed. So far as I could ascertain no passengers in other cars were killed. Every person in the second-class coach, however, was either killed or maimed.

"There was prompt work in removing the dead and dying. Most of the victims were negroes, and among them were many women."

Different reports were circulated as to the cause of the wreck and the responsibility. About the only thing certain is that the freight was allowed to pass Hamlet and the passenger was sent from Rockingham, almost at the same time, when there was no way by which they could safely pass on the six miles of track.

WHITE HEN'S LONG RIDE.

Norfolk Landmark.

Three hundred and sixty miles on the truck of a passenger car, running at the rate of about forty-five miles an hour, is an experience yet unheard of, but if chickens could talk there's one in this city to-day that could furnish enough reading matter to fill columns. That chicken reached Pinner's Point last night on the rear truck of the mail car on passenger train No. 48 over the Atlantic Coast Line from Wilmington, N. C. It is a white hen and it is none the worse for the trip. This venture some folk say is now the property of Captain Edgar Hart, who brought the train to this port, and he vouches for this story.

Shortly after train 48 pulled out of Wilmington in the morning Captain Hart's attention was called to the feathered hobo, roosting comfortably on the truck of the mail car. It was a sort of novelty and as there was no chance of collecting a fare from the pan-handler, the generous-hearted conductor agreed to see how far the hen would ride. At every stop a peep was taken under the car and there still sat the bird. Passengers got out to look at her and station agents noted the novel sight, but the tramp chicken was not disturbed, and when Pinner's Point was reached permitted Captain Hart to lift her from her seemingly comfortable perch.

"Not a feather was soiled," declared the captain, "and I am going to take this hobo back to Wilmington at my own expense."

WANT TO BRIDGE ROANOKE.

Norfolk Landmark, 17th.

Application was made yesterday to Major E. E. Winslow, United States Engineer, by the Halifax and Southampton Bridge Company, for permission to bridge Roanoke river about two miles from Weldon. The plans as submitted call for a solid structure forty-five feet above mean low water. The bridge will be of the highway type. Major Winslow will hold the plans here for a week for inspection by any party interested.

A TRAGIC FINISH.

A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in the great North Sea dyke, which a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire province of Holland. In like manner Kenneth Molyer, of Vanceboro, Me., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed until a tragic finish was only averted by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by a neglected cold; but Dr. King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure, at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

Chicago, June 1st, 1906.

Mr. Edward A. Ferguson, Mgr.
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Dear Sir:—I am highly pleased with the annual dividends the Union Central is paying on my \$50,000 Ten Payment Life Policy. The cost has been reduced from \$2,881.50 in 1900 to \$2,437 in 1906, showing large increasing dividends each year. This excellent result is what induced me to increase my insurance in the Union Central to your limit, and my only regret is that my entire line is not in your company.

Very truly yours,
WM. WRIGLEY, JR.
The foregoing letter by a large policy holder in the Union Central Life Insurance Company, emphasizes the fact that this company is outstripping other companies in large dividends. Mr. Wrigley carries large insurance and has all in the Union Central that the company will carry on any one life, and yet he says he regrets that his entire line of insurance is not in the Union Central. The more it is studied the clearer it is that the Union Central leads in fine dividends. If you wish a policy in this leading company, I shall be glad to have you call on me or write me, and I will take pleasure in attending to it for you.

E. E. HILLIARD, Agent,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

MAY MAKE OWN MAIL BOXES.

From the Windsor Ledger we clip the following item which will interest persons along rural mail routes:

"Postmaster General Cortelyou has issued an order, to go into effect August 1st, rescinding the regulation under which patrons of rural mail routes are compelled to purchase boxes from one of the 200 listed manufacturers, who have put upon the market 300 different styles of boxes, approved by the department, costing from 50 cents to \$4 each.

"Patrons of rural routes will be permitted to construct their own boxes, provided that in doing so they conform to the requirements of the department as to size, durability, safety and protection from the inclemencies of the weather. In order to maintain the government protection of the mail placed in rural boxes the patron must secure the approval of the postmaster of the office which serves the route, and paint on the box the words 'Approved by the Postmaster General.'"

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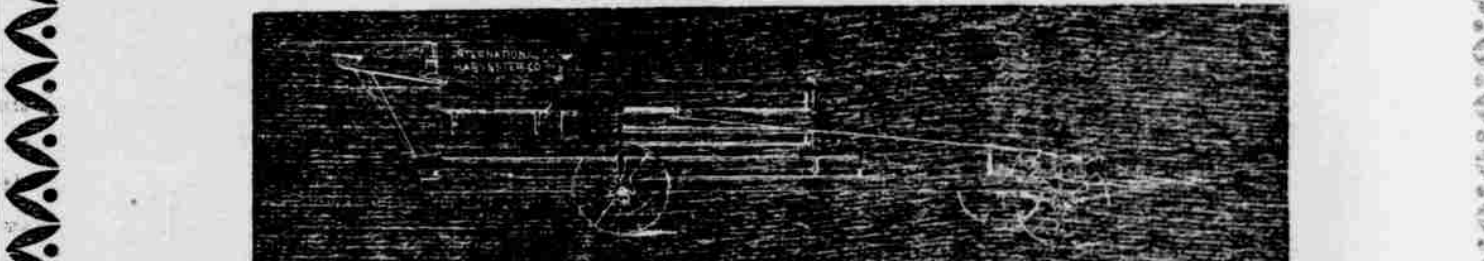
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of C. V. Gray deceased. This is to notify all persons holding claims against said Estate to present them on or before July 1st, 1907, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to me.
R. M. JOHNSON, Executor.
July 1, 1906. 7-5-61

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Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me as Executor of W. A. Dunn by that Deed of Trust executed to the said W. A. Dunn by Irying Clark and wife Clara Clark, on the 17th day of February, 1888, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax county, in Book 97 at page 374, and by virtue of the statute in such cases made and provided, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck, on the 4th day of August 1906, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tracts of real estate, lying, being and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to wit:

The Scotland Neck Bank

Scotland Neck, N. C.

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FRANK P. SHIELDS, Cashier
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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.

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