

The Commonwealth

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Mr. W. C. Douglas, Democratic nominee to the Legislature from Wake county, has expressed his purpose to have the present libel law changed.

COTTON 829.

The Government report on the cotton Friday, August 3rd, was 82.9. It was reported that it was expected, and so the report was a little better than was expected.

There is no telling now what will be the condition of the cotton crop the rest of September. Local conditions about us are not always an index of the general condition of the crop.

ONLY ONE POLICEMAN.

Wherever temperance is fairly and squarely tried with good will for the cause it comes out in triumph. The Smithfield Herald makes the following observations concerning Johnston county Democratic convention day:

"The good effect of our temperance laws was seen here Wednesday. With two thousand people in town only one policeman was on duty and not a single arrest made. With saloons as formerly there would have been probably seventy-five to a hundred people and perhaps a dozen fights. It does seem that a blind man could find out the difference."

MEANNESS UPON MEANNESS.

More of the meanness of the late Russell Sage is disclosed daily, but none of the stories told upon him reveal more of his niggardliness, leading to criminality in the way of petty theft, than those, condensed by the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot from the New York Press:

"To save time the Western Union Telegraph Company serves a free lunch to its operators, and Mr. Sage appeared every day at a certain hour. (He was a large holder of Western Union stock.) A seat was kept for him at a certain table up to the last day he came down town. He never paid fare on the elevated railroad because he was a director, and the ticket-takers had instructions to let him go by without paying. He invariably helped himself to newspapers from the stand at Fifth street in the morning when on his way down town, and did the same at Rector street when he was going home in the afternoon. He took his newspapers for a generation in the same way, of the same men, and they never dared say a word about it. He always compelled the bootblacks on the elevated station to shine his shoes for nothing. At first, years ago, they used to remonstrate. He would climb into one of the chairs and wait until they served him. If they demanded pay, he would threaten to have them put off the platform."

Upon this our Norfolk contemporary submits this comment:

"Why should the memory of such a man be treated with respect or even with forbearance? He was a petty thief, using his place and power to grind the faces of the dependent poor, and the grave should not be permitted to serve as a palliator of such surrender to a degraded and degrading passion. There is no place here for the blotting tear of the recording angel."

No. And this animadversion is just. Such a creature deserved no respect while he lived. His memory deserves no consideration since he is dead. His life was of no value except as since his death it furnishes in retrospect a horrible example. Profitless as it was while it continued, the world is entitled to such good account as it can now that it has closed.

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NATURE'S GREAT WONDER.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Buchanan, Va., Aug. 3, 1906. Among the great natural curiosities of America there is no greater than the famous Natural Bridge. Among the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia rushes a small stream, Cedar Creek. Here, stretching its arch of solid rock some two hundred feet above the creek, is the Natural Bridge. As one stands on the banks of this stream and looks up at the rocky arch with nothing but sky above, or stands upon the Bridge and peers down upon the stream in its rocky bed, he can but realize that here at some time in the distant past the Divine hand touched this then secluded spot and transformed it into a garden worthy the admiration of a god.

Here perhaps, under the shadow of this massive arch, the Red Man built his wigwam, danced his war dance, and smoked his pipe of peace. Here perhaps the early settler, as he gradually pushed his way westward, looked in awe upon Nature in all her simplicity, and, wondering, thanked God that Liberty was still granted a most select resting place. Here perhaps the youthful Washington stood and imbibed from Nature all that grandeur of spirit which directed his after life; for many legends are rife concerning his boyish sports. One says that he climbed its rocky wall and placed his name higher than man has since dared go unassisted. Another tells how he threw a silver dollar over the arch—a thing which has not since been accomplished.

Whether these legends be true or false, they have their effect on the visitor, for, following the example of Washington, he has placed his name in every conceivable place. The modern college ball player has likewise attempted to imitate Washington in the throwing of a silver dollar.

Words cannot express the beauty of this spot, and there is but one thing to mar its natural attractiveness—it is so surrounded by fences that one traveling the county road would cross the bridge without knowing it. It is owned by a stock company and a hotel is situated near by. All strangers entering the park are charged admission and required to register at the "Bridge House," so that there is a complete record of all visitors since the work of man thus surrounded it.

It is surprising to know how many thousands of travelers go so far out of their way (for it is three miles from the nearest station) to see this spot. One finds names from all parts of the world. It goes to show that here we have one of the world's greatest natural curiosities, and it is well worth the traveler's while to turn aside from the hurry and bustle of the commercial world and watch the marks of the Divine hand in the natural world.

ITALIANS SHIPPED BACK.

Fayetteville Observer. The Italians who were brought from Philadelphia to work in one of the mills of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company, and whose importation caused almost a general strike of the company's employes, have all been shipped back to Philadelphia. One car load never reached Hope Mills at all, but when they reached Fayetteville, night before last, they were stopped by a telegram from the officials of the Hope Mills company, and spent the night in the court house under the care of Sheriff Marsh and deputies. They were sent North last night. Speaking of the Italians at Hope Mills, the Scottish Chief, of Maxton, says:

"The Hope Mills Manufacturing Company employed seven Italian boys in Philadelphia recently and the first of this week they were put to work in No. 3, and the whole force went to swimming in the pond, fishing, etc. "A young Italian at Hope Mills went to a man's corn field a few days ago and took all the roasting ears and apples he could carry away, and when asked where he got them said: "They grew in the woods up yonder."

WHICH IS BETTER?

The Commoner. A few years ago there died in a little Illinois town a man who left comparatively little money, but he left something immeasurably better than money. He left the memory of a well spent life. He left a magnificent college which his energy and his money had in large part created. He left thousands of men and women and children who gathered around his bier and wept for the friend and neighbor and benefactor who had gone before. He left a big family of sons grown to manhood, every one of whom is a model citizen—a strong, Christian man. He scattered sunshine wherever he went. During his life time he made lots of money, but he spent it royally—not in selfish pleasure but helping his fellows.

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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.

THE SOUTH'S PROSPERITY.

Progressive Farmer. It is a fact which people of our section should constantly keep in mind that in relative rank among the States in population, agriculture and manufactures, North Carolina made a greater gain in the census decade 1890-1900 than any other old State in the Union and greater than any State or Territory, new or old, excepting only the newly settled areas of Montana and Oklahoma, while Virginia and South Carolina were also included in the seven other States making a net gain in rank. A new fact which emphasizes the remarkable prosperity of The Progressive Farmer's territory is the statement just given out showing that in net increase in postoffice receipts for the year ending June 30th, South Carolina led all the States in the Union with a percentage of 79, while North Carolina and Georgia followed with a net increase of 72 per cent. The South is undoubtedly developing more rapidly at this time than any other section of the country—and the basis of Southern prosperity is the farmer.

CROAKERS AND BOOSTERS.

Elizabeth City Tar Heel. A croaker is a curse to any community. The man who stands around and continually prophesies the downfall of his community and its utter lack of prosperity, is not one of its constructive forces. We all need to cultivate the high art of looking on the bright side of things and of helping to make things bright. Those who continually say that any town or community is a dead place, themselves help to kill it. No town can stand such talk as this if it is kept up for any length of time. The "booster" is what this and all other cities need—the man who looks to the future with a confident and eager eye, expecting large things and determined to help bring them to pass. He puts his shoulder to the wheel and gives a good, honest shove, wasting no time in vain babblings or dire croakings of ruin. Give us more boosters.

HE BLOWS FOR US.

Plymouth Beacon. In no activity has there been more progress during the last twenty years than that of the country newspaper. There are now hundreds of country papers which in editorial ability, mechanical appearance, and all that contributes to inspire respect and command attention are fully abreast of their metropolitan contemporaries in moral tone, and often in editorials they surpass most of the great dailies. In times past the country editor was quite generally regarded with a half pitying contempt as a good-natured but chicken-hearted chronicler of inconsequential local affairs. All of this has changed. Country newspapers, as a class, wield the mightiest influence in the nation. The editors are men of character and enterprise, doing more for the community for less money than any other body of workers.

HOBGOOD ITEMS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. Hobgood, N. C., Aug. 4, 1906. Mr. E. F. Gray, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting his home people this week. Little Miss Clara Pope, of Spring Hill, is visiting the family of Mr. J. T. Edwards. Miss Emma Gray, of Washington, N. C., came home to-day to spend a few days with her home people.

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MRS. CHARLOTTE DREW.

By request I offer a few thoughts to the memory of this departed mother and friend who was called from the sorrows and afflictions of earth to a sweet rest in the paradise of God on Tuesday, the 24th of July.

The writer has known her for many years. She left evidences of a true Christian hope. She seemed grieved in her last days that her name was not among the people she loved so well. She was about seventy-three years old. They tell me her kind husband went to his country's call, serving in the late war as a true countender for Southern rights. As he never returned she was left with two small children to care for through the trying conflicts of war and the destitute years that followed. But she was one of energy and did many noble duties in the sight of God and her earthly friends.

Her body was laid to rest on the 25th at Kenoke cemetery, the services being conducted by Elder W. B. Strickland. She leaves one son and one daughter, Mrs. Susie Holland, with whom she lived many years. She was a kind daughter indeed, ever ready to do what she could for her mother's comfort through life until she was called home to her Friend above to rest forever. She left six grandchildren. May they ever imitate the good example of their grand mother and at last meet her in the lasting joys above to go out no more forever.

My mother dear was called to go, A form I loved so well; I hope she's gathered near the throne Where shining angels ever dwell.

A FRIEND.

DUEL AT WHITAKERS.

Whitakers, N. C., August 4.—Yesterday morning Bud Vaughan, about 18 years old, shot and killed his father, H. Vaughan, four miles from here, in Nash county, with a shot gun, after his father had shot at him five times with a pistol without hitting him.

He Vaughan was on a drunken spree. He ran his son, Bud, and the boy's mother away from home last night. They spent the night at a neighbor's and this morning Bud Vaughan went back home to feed the stock when the father attacked him with a pistol as above stated. Whiskey was the cause of it all.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

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