

The Commonwealth

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ELECTION TUESDAY.

While there is not much stir in this part of the State over the approaching election, it is well enough for every voter to remember that next Tuesday, November 6th, will be election day. It is the part of every good citizen to exercise his rights as a free man in casting his ballot for the men of his choice.

INTENSIVE FARMING.

There is no question about the wisdom of intensive farming, even with good labor conditions; and with labor so unreliable and uncertain as it is now, there is no other successful plan open to the farmers of this region.

Making land rich makes its cultivation easier, less expensive and doubles the yield for the same amount of labor. We have heard of a book, by some author, whose title was, "Ten Acres Enough," and there is more wisdom and logic in it than many will admit or realize.

Of course it would not be practical to reduce every farmer to ten acres, or even ten acres to the horse, but the title of such a book is suggestive.

Smaller areas and better cultivation, with larger yields will be the plan of all wise farmers in the near future—and we were about to say that it is the plan of wise farmers now.

ALL AGREE ABOUT FREIGHTS.

Whenever one mentions to a business man of Scotland Neck the subject of freight rates there is a general agreement that we ought to have a reduction that has so often been mentioned in this paper. All agree that lower freights would probably bring more people here to do business and so the volume of business would be increased and the town improved.

Students of Roman history will remember that Cato, a member of the Roman senate who feared Carthage and the power of the Carthaginians very much, always concluded every speech in the senate by a declaration that Carthage must be destroyed—"Delenda est Carthago." Whether he spoke on the tariff, free trade, the rate bill, government ownership of railroads, the annexation of Cuba, the self-control of the Philippines or the problems of how to feed and clothe the people when we shall have two hundred millions—whatever he spoke about, he always concluded his speech by the solemn declaration that Carthage must be destroyed—"Delenda est Carthago!"

So, seeing the great need of some change in freight rates for Scotland Neck and the slim chance for much increase in the volume of business as the rates are now, we feel like ending every discussion in these columns with the declaration that *freights must be reduced!*

Whether it is regarded as important or not, the people of the town just as well admit it once for all that with no change in our freight rates we shall continue to labor to great disadvantage and shall be discounted by those towns that have freight competition.

The solution of the whole matter lies in touch with deep water. When we can get that our freights will be reduced, and until we can do that they will be no less.

Can't the business men in Scotland Neck see it? Seeing it, will they put their energies together to secure the advantage which a railroad to deep water will give them?

BOYS WORTH RAISING.

The Cotton Journal tells about some white boys in Texas who put to blush the record of any cotton picking machine. They are the sons of S. B. Witherspoon, and made the following record in one day: Jake, aged 19, picked 505 pounds; Ollie, aged 17, picked 487; Vern, aged 13, picked 305; Charlie, aged 11, picked 216; Bob, aged 8, picked 202. Another family of Grooms made a better record. Ernest Groom, aged 17, picked 633 pounds; Monroe, aged 15, picked 587; Willie, aged 13, picked 366; Dullie, aged 10, picked 202 and Dewey, aged 7, picked 197.

Pinesalve cleanses wounds, is highly antiseptic, unequalled for cracked hands. Good for cuts. E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett drug store, Hobgood.

TO THE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

A movement has been started for the erection of a heroic bronze statue to the memory of Dr. Charles D. McIver, our friend and co-laborer, who has been so suddenly called to his reward at the meridian of his life of usefulness and service. He gave his life to the cause for which we teachers are giving ours. He literally spent himself for us and our cause. No man of this generation of North Carolinians has done so much to ameliorate conditions surrounding the teacher, to dignify and elevate the teacher's work, to bring the public to an appreciation of its value and importance, and to increase the teacher's salary. He was perhaps the ablest, most successful champion of our cause, and certainly none has been more unselfish. Time and time again he sacrificed his own financial interest to remain in our profession and advocate our cause. He was faithful unto death. We honor ourselves in honoring those who serve us. We inspire posterity to emulate their example and to magnify our calling by expressing in lasting and visible form our gratitude and our love to those. It would seem to me, therefore, unseemly, ungrateful and unwise if the teachers of North Carolina should not have a large part in the contribution of the funds for the erection of a lasting memorial to this great teacher and citizen. If the souls of the departed are cognizant of happenings on earth and responsive to the same divine emotions that the divine feel here, I know that the soul of Charles D. McIver would be more moved by the contributions of this fund from the meagre earnings of his co-laborers than from those received from any other source.

Believing that the teachers of North Carolina appreciate the work of this great teacher and hold him in grateful remembrance, I appeal to them to bear their part in the raising of this fund, in full confidence that every teacher will deem it a privilege and a pleasure to contribute as liberally as salary and financial conditions will justify. There are 7,005 white teachers in North Carolina. Let no teacher, therefore, fail to contribute because unable to make a large contribution, for even a small contribution from every one of so large a number will amount to much in the aggregate. Please respond promptly, for every effort will be made to raise the funds for the statue at once.

Please send all contributions by post-office order, if possible, to J. Y. Joyner, Raleigh, N. C. Write name and post-office address plainly, so that acknowledgment of the receipt of your contribution may be made.

Very truly yours,
J. Y. JOYNER,
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

HORROR AT ATLANTIC CITY.

There was a most horrible accident at Atlantic City, N. J., Sunday when a three-coach electric train while crossing a drawbridge over the water-way which separates Atlantic City from the main land, left the track and plunged into the water below. As many as fifty, and perhaps seventy-five, passengers were drowned.

The accident was thus described in a special to the Richmond Times-Dispatch:

"While running at a speed said to have been moderate, the first coach left the rails and dragged those following it over the ties for a distance of fifty feet. Suddenly swerving, the two first coaches plunged over the side of the bridge into the water, fifteen feet below. The third coach struck an abutment, broke its coupling, and for a brief time hung suspended over the water. Brief as was this period, however, it gave more than a score of passengers an opportunity to escape by the rear door. Then the car slid off and followed the other two into the water. It is believed every one in the third coach escaped alive, although all were injured."

TWO NORTH CAROLINA BOYS DEAD IN NORFOLK.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 27.—Asphyxiated by illuminating gas, Leon N. Whidbee, aged 17, and Edward Jordan, aged 20 years, both from fine North Carolina families, were found dead in the same bed in the second story room at the boarding house of Mrs. S. Ayers, No. 108, Charlotte street, this morning. Both windows to the room had been closed and the gas jet unlighted was turned on full force. Some at first suspected suicide, but this was exploded to the mind of the coroner's jury at least which after investigating returned a verdict of accidental asphyxiation.

Dee's Laxative Honey and Tar the original laxative cough syrup acts as a cathartic on the bowels. It is made from the tar gathered from the pine trees of our own country, therefore is the best for children. It is good for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Try our free offer.
E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, Leggett's drug store, Hobgood.

RIISING FROM ASHES.

Scotland Neck Fast Regaining Losses by Fire.

GREAT BUILDING ACTIVITY.

In February 1905 there was a serious fire in Scotland Neck which swept away several places of business on Main street. There was a similar fire in August of the same year at the other end of the business part of Main street which swept away as many places of business as the first fire, and perhaps more property. On the 17th of May this year there was another fire on Main street, by far the largest and most destructive in the history of the town. The last fire swept down four large dry goods stores and a large hardware store.

The last fire greatly crippled the business of three of these concerns and entirely abolished two of them. Hoffman & Bro., Morrisset Brothers and Hardy Hardware Co. managed to keep on in business but in a limited way.

RIISING FROM ASHES.

In the place of the Hoffman store which was burned last May now stands one of the prettiest and most commodious stores in this part of the State, well planned, handsomely finished and well departmented inside. On the site of the Futrell building which was occupied by Morrisset Brothers and Hardy Hardware Company has also been erected another handsome and well finished store building in which are two beautiful and spacious store rooms, one occupied by Morrisset Brothers, and the other by Hardy Hardware Company. These are very handsome stores indeed and beautifully arranged for the business they carry.

The Hoffman store does great credit to the contractors, Mess. Rose & Co., of Rocky Mount; and so does the Futrell building to the contractors who built it, Mess. Cox & Stroud, of Ayden.

Also on a part of the site from which buildings were burned in February, 1905, Mr. J. W. Madry last year erected a good store building with two store rooms, one occupied now by Mrs. A. M. Riddick's Millinery, and the other is being vacated by Hardy Hardware Co., to be occupied by Mr. A. Strickland.

Also Mess. Kitchin and Stern last year erected a nice building on the east side of Main street just above the "Brick Mill," which has six store rooms large enough for good business.

OTHER BUILDINGS IN PROGRESS.

On the site on Main street from which several buildings were burned in August, 1905, Mr. G. W. Bryan is laying the foundation for a handsome brick store next to Edwards & Co., and Hon. Claude Kitchin has commenced a nice building on the corner where Stern's grocery store was burned August, 1905.

OTHER NEW CONTRACTS.

Besides the buildings finished and occupied and those whose foundations are already laid, there are contracts for others which will be built at once. The Farmers Storage Warehouse Company has contracted for a good warehouse to be built just across the railroad east of the depot. Also Dr. J. P. Wimberly will build a handsome office on the south side of Depot street touching the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dunn. The contract has been made with the Concrete Block and Mantel Company, of Newport News, Va., and Mr. F. M. Pope, a member of the company, is here and has commenced his arrangements to manufacture the concrete blocks of which the office will be built. Also Hon. Claude Kitchin is contracting to erect a bank building on the corner of Main and Eleventh streets, just in front of Hoffman's handsome new store.

BUSINESS GOOD AND IMPROVING.

A personal canvass of the business men of the town reveals a pleasing condition in regard to business. All but two or three business men say that their business is as good as usual and perhaps better, and several say that within the past two years their business has greatly increased and a few have nearly doubled.

And when the several fires are considered and the lost time this year amongst laborers by reason of the continued rains, it may be said that Scotland Neck has had the best year in its history. One important feature in these observations is the statement by the druggists of the town, and that is, that while their general business outside of drugs has increased they have not done as well as usual in the sale of drugs. This indicates that the health of the town has been unusually good.

ELECTRIC PLANT DESTROYED.

Sanford, N. N. Oct. 27th.—This morning about 2 o'clock the electric light plant was totally destroyed by fire. The plant was in operation till 12 o'clock when it was shut down. The fire was started by shavings in the boiler room catching fire.

SURVEYING!

I am prepared to do your Surveying at short notice. Prompt attention to all calls.
JNO. G. MILLS, Scotland Neck, N. C.
10-18-14

CLAUDE DOCKERY WOULD NOT MEET CLAUDE KITCHIN.

Special to News and Observer.

LaGrange, N. C. Oct. 27.—The republican county candidates were advertised to be here today. So was the Hon. Claude Kitchin. As a result of Mr. Kitchin's appointment the Republicans had billed here for a speech the Hon. Claudius Dockery, but after a consultation with the various authorities representing both parties the Republicans absolutely refused to enter into a joint discussion: and this being an advertised day for Kitchin the people assembled, and it was a great day for the Democratic party.

Alex. Lassiter, Esq., introduced to the people Hon. Claude Kitchin, who for three hours held his audience and made one of the greatest speeches of his life. From the beginning, Mr. Kitchin, having procured the majority of the crowd, held his audience and placed before the people the real live issues of the day. Republicans, notwithstanding this township is their stronghold, in this county, listened with attention to Mr. Kitchin's speech, and it is true that through his efforts have been added many votes for Democracy. If this speaking is an indication, place Lenoir county in the Democratic column.

TROUBLE WITH JAPAN.

Norfolk Landmark.

President Roosevelt and his Cabinet have a perplexing problem confronting them in the protest of the Japanese government against the exclusion of Japanese children from the white public schools in San Francisco.

There should be no disposition on the part of the press or people of the country to complicate matters by hasty utterances of anger or hostility. Naturally, Japan is jealous of what she conceives to be (and what may really be) her treaty rights, particularly when they touch the racial pride of her people. At the same time, public sentiment on the Pacific Coast is different from what it is in sections where the Asiatic population is less. The situation is very troublesome involving racial prejudice, treaty rights, and the line separating States and Federal authority.

SUICIDE AT AYDEN.

News has come to this office by phone from Ayden that Mr. E. V. Cox, a prominent lawyer of Pitt county, committed suicide there Monday night about 9 o'clock by shooting himself in the head with a pistol.

Mr. Cox's office was in the same building with the telephone exchange, and the keeper of the exchange had just left Mr. Cox a moment before the shooting. It could not be construed as an accident as some writing was found for his sister who lives in Greenville, showing that the deed was premeditated.

Mr. Cox was thirty years old or more, was unmarried and in good financial circumstances. No reason for the rash act could be assigned. Deceased was buried Tuesday afternoon by the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

SOLICITOR DANIEL RESIGNED.

The News and Observer of Tuesday said that Solicitor W. E. Daniel, of Weldon, has sent his resignation to Governor Glenn who has accepted it and appointed Mr. John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, to fill out Mr. Daniel's term. Mr. Kerr is the nominee for the office of Solicitor in this district.

Mr. Daniel has served three terms as Solicitor and has made one of the best prosecuting officers in the State. He has resigned because he is the Democratic nominee for the State Senate.

Sale of Valuable Property.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1906.

At 11:30 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 1, 1906, in front of the offices of The Scotland Neck Bank in the town of Scotland Neck, the following property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash:

The well known "Cotton Farm"—10-horse farm—situated near Roanoke river, 6 miles from Scotland Neck, Halifax county, N. C., said to contain 400 acres arable and pasture land and 300 acres timber and wood land. Four room overseer's home, splendid set stables, good cow barn, large two-story gin house with cotton press, gin, engine and boiler, three corn cribs and good tenement houses. This is one of the very best farms of its size in Eastern Carolina, well adapted for a stock farm, and soil adapted to growth of cotton, peanuts and corn.

The "Cypress Swamp Farm"—10-horse farm—adjoining the "Cotton Farm," located near Roanoke river and 7 miles from Scotland Neck, Halifax county, said to contain 500 acres arable and pasture land, and 600 acres timber and wood land. The right man can take hold of this farm and make it a fine property. It contains a four-room overseer's home, fair stables, cow barn, corn crib and tenement houses. Even such a wet year as this we are picking a bale of cotton to the acre on our wages crop.

The "Gull Berry" Tract, said to contain 15 acres arable land and 30-acres wood land situated about 1 mile from Scotland Neck.

One Town Lot, 30 feet by 150 feet, situated on the west side of Church street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets in the town of Scotland Neck. M. A. & F. P. Shields, 10-18-14
Ex'ts Jas. G. Shields.

AT MORRISSETT'S

SEVERAL SPECIALS
... THIS WEEK ...

AT MORRISSETT'S

HARDWARE!

If in need of Cook Stoves, Ranges, Heating Stoves, Mill Supplies, Machinery, Lime, Cement, in fact anything

IN THE HARDWARE LINE

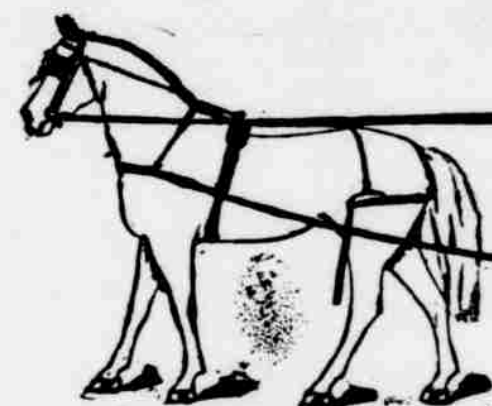
let us have your orders. We run our own dray and deliver goods promptly. Remember that we deliver all heaters sold in town and set them up. Satisfaction assured.

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The Pioneer Hardware Dealers

Scotland Neck, N. C.

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But Men Have a Reasoning Faculty

We want you to see our Buggies, Wagons and Harness and let us explain a few points to you, and

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KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE HONEY AND TAR
Moves the Bowels Best for Children
E. T. Whitehead & Co.