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In view of the continued rains and the poor crop prospect here, a gentleman who has travelled in other parts of the State said recently that almost every spring the farmers in East Carolina say that they will probably not make half a crop. He seemed to think that if farmers here should make a full crop every year there would be a superabundance of products.

A great many people in this region are inclined to feel and say that this is a disastrous year thus far, and it does really seem so. But how much worse the lot of the millions of Chinese who are perishing by reason of the famine there! After all, this is truly a goodly land and as a people we ought to be happy and grateful to God for the abundance of our good things. A few short weeks or months of disappointment should not depress us, when we remember that our land is blessed perhaps above every other land in the world.

WHAT ARE THE FARMERS DOING?

On the fourth day of May the Halifax branch of the Southern Cotton Association held a regular meeting in Halifax. At that meeting there seemed to be some enthusiasm for the ten million dollar stock company proposed by the Southern Cotton Association for the protection of the price of cotton. Blanks were distributed for the purpose of securing subscriptions, but only two have returned their blanks with any result. It was understood, we thought, that all would report in ten days or two weeks, but they have not reported in five weeks.

A letter from Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, says that he believes the holding company plan is the thing the farmers ought to push through the Association, and he expresses the hope that Halifax farmers are making good for the one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollar stock for which this county was asked.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH, as president of Halifax county Association, would be glad to hear from those appointed in the various townships to secure subscriptions. If we are to do our share in the work let us not lag, but let it be done at once.

From time to time we have explained the plan in these columns, and we believe it will be the means of securing for the farmers a good price for their cotton when all other plans have failed. Some of the level-headed men in the county, after hearing Mr. E. D. Smith's great address in Enfield on April 16, said that this plan of raising a fund for holding cotton for good prices is the best movement yet made by the Southern Cotton Association.

Let us have some new activity in this work, and let the farmers stand together in their efforts to secure better prices for their cotton. It is perfectly right for them to do this work. Indeed, if they can, by standing and working together, secure the good prices to which they are entitled for their product, they are untrue to their own interests and the welfare and comforts of their wives and children if they do not do so.

This is not a matter to be lightly regarded, and it behooves every farmer in the county and State to pay heed to it. And not the farmers alone should feel and take an interest in this matter, but merchants, manufacturers, professional men and all should pay heed to it and help in the great movement. When the farmers do well all others may do well; but when the farmers fail all others suffer. There is no exception to this rule, unless you consider the cotton gambler who raises or depresses the cotton market for his own interest.

Again we call upon the members of the Southern Cotton Association

in Halifax county to look after this work in their townships. Let the township officers look after the organization, and let us have reports to THE COMMONWEALTH from the various townships, showing what has been done and the interest that is being manifested by the members of the Association.

MAIL ORDER BUSINESS.

The Merchants' Journal prints an interesting editorial concerning the mail order business, and calls attention to the fact that too much money goes from communities about us to mail order houses in Chicago, New York, and other places.

The remedy pointed out by the Journal is that merchants in the home towns should make more effort through their local paper to inform the public of what they have to sell and at what price they sell it.

We think that every member of the Association in the State can find good instruction from this editorial in the current number of the Merchants' Journal. It suggests a more liberal patronage of the advertising columns of the home paper and a closer relation with its editor.

As to Scotland Neck, it has often been expressed that its business men do less advertising as a whole than in any other town of its size in the State.

THE COMMONWEALTH fully appreciates the patronage of those who use its columns, and we would not have any man spend a dollar in patronizing this paper who does not in some way realize a good return for his expenditure; but we do believe now, as we have believed for a long time, that by properly using space in our advertising columns the merchants of Scotland Neck would stop many a dollar here at home that goes to Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other such great mail order houses in the North and West.

THAT TALKING BABY.

On the first page of this paper is printed an account of how a nine-day old baby in Virginia talked. The following news item to Sunday's Charlotte Observer confirms the report:

High Point, June 8.—A few days ago the whole country was startled by a statement sent out from Virginia to the effect that a nine-day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Brewer, of Fox, had uttered words which could be easily understood, and ament the ridicule of the press and people of the country gave the statement a letter from the parents of the child has been received by Mr. C. A. Lain, of High Point, which reiterates and establishes the truthfulness of the assertion as set forth in the original dispatches. The letter to Mr. Lain is herewith printed verbatim et literatim and bearing the date of June 5th:

"My Dear Friend: I will answer your kind letter. You wanted to know if our baby talked. Yes, it talked a few words as plain as any one could speak. It seemed to us that there was not but three that heard it—me and Ransey Darnell, and Betty Brewer and Mrs. Thomas Brewer and her daughter, Bessie, who was on the bed asleep. We thought it would talk right on and it did not and it did not live but a short while; and it spoke the word 'heaven' three times and looked up and said 'howdy' three times, and said 'help me' three times. I want you to know it is a bad mistake about the people leaving the house. We have six letters to answer this morning before the mail passes.

"Yours truly,
JEFF BREWER AND WIFE.
"P. S.—You have heard several mistakes about it."

HAIL STORM IN MARTIN.

(News and Observer 11th.)
Williamston, N. C., June 8.—There was quite a severe hail storm near Spring Green, about six miles from here. The storm did a great deal of damage to the crops as well as to the farm lands.

Mr. J. N. Taylor was in town buying tobacco flues and stated his crop was damaged considerably, and that his land was damaged at least \$75.

There was another hail storm in this county, seemingly starting about the farm of Mr. Eli Taylor, passing over the Leggett farm and also the farm of S. N. Yarrell, going in the direction of Jamesville. While there was a large quantity of hail, there was no serious damage.

Reports from the rural carrier on Number Four Route and several other gentlemen late yesterday afternoon, information was gained of the destructiveness of this storm as it neared Jamesville. In Gardner's Creek section a great deal of damage was

done to crops of all kinds, and at Jamesville trees were dismembered and debris piled up in the street. Below Jamesville and in Lilly's School House section, crops were destroyed. One field of tobacco, and the plants were about knee high, was cut down as clean as if it had been done by a mowing machine. Cotton was destroyed, and the farmers were out hunting for cotton seed. This latter section was nearly cleaned of all growing crops.

News Afloat.

A prohibition election will probably be held in Asheville this summer.

Hon. Alton B. Parker will deliver an address before the State Bar Association in Hendersonville July 10.

At the University Commencement Governor Glenn and ex-Governor Aycock were each give the degree of LL. D.

The Asheville Citizen says that fire of unknown origin, in Asheville Wednesday night, almost totally destroyed what is known as the "leach house" of the Hans Rees Sons' tannery, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire plant. The loss, which is estimated from \$60,000 to 75,000 is said to be fully covered by insurance.

Charles Hayworth, night watchman for the Myrtle Furniture Company at High Point, fell into a vat of boiling water last week from which he died a few hours afterward. Hayworth was making his rounds on the outside of the building, where the vats are located for veneering purposes, when he stumbled into what proved to be his death trap. He was rescued by the day fireman, who happened to be close by. Hayworth was 35 years old and leaves a wife and child.

At the preliminary trial held in Henderson a few days ago, Dr. D. S. Rowland, the Raleigh physician charged with the murder of his 11-year-old son, came clear, the chemist testifying that there were no traces of poison found in the boy's stomach. He was immediately re-arrested and committed to Raleigh jail on the charge of having murdered by poison Engineer Robert C. Strange whose widow Dr. Rowland had married within a very few weeks after Strange's death.

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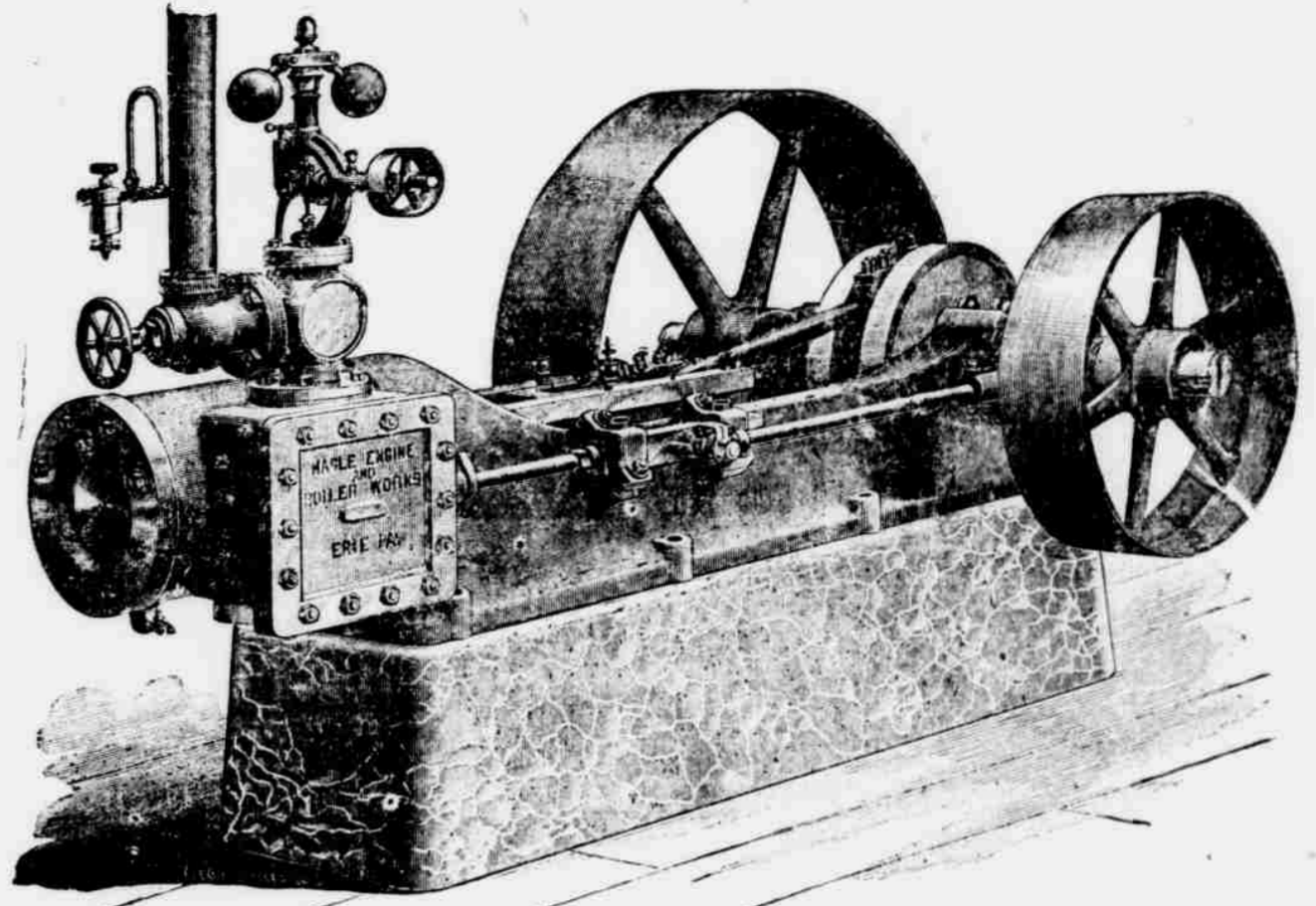
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CLAUDIA KEEL, Executrix.
A. PAUL KITCHIN, Attorney.
6-6-07

Executor's Notice to Creditors

Having this day qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Bettie V. Johnston, deceased, late of Halifax County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, duly proven, on or before the 18th day of May 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of May 1907.
J. A. WHITE, Executor.
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