

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## Publisher's Announcement.

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## GOVERNOR GLENN AT NORFOLK.

Governor Glenn altogether captured Norfolk and the Jamestown Exposition last week. His great speech in the auditorium at the Exposition grounds is said to have been masterful beyond description. Some of the people from Scotland Neck who heard him say that Governor Glenn's powerful speech and the enthusiasm it aroused was equal to the occasion when William Jennings Bryan was first nominated for President in Chicago. Governor Glenn outclassed every one else who has spoken at the Exposition.

The Norfolk papers were highly complimentary in reporting the occasion. We have not the space to print the entire report; but give space to the following very complimentary paragraph by the Virginia Pilot:

"The stellar, ever shining light in the North Carolina Day celebration yesterday was Governor Robert Broadnax Glenn, of the State, who has leaped into national fame because of the fight with the railroads and forcing them to obey the State laws. He was the orator of the day, the idol of the hour, and not even was President Roosevelt, the great national friend of the Exposition, received with greater enthusiasm than Governor Glenn.

"His friends declare his speech yesterday was the best effort of his life. By his earnestness, sincerity, his masterful eloquence he held spell-bound three thousand people in the auditorium. He swayed them backwards and forwards, from laughter to tears. At times the wild tumultuous applause was so great that the building apparently shook, again the silence was so great a pin could be heard drop to the floor. Throughout his entire address, lasting over an hour, his hearers hung on his words. He was listened to more intently than any speaker who has delivered an address from the auditorium platform.

"The throng that heard him was immense. Never before in the history of the Exposition had the auditorium been so densely packed. President Tucker, of the Exposition Company, in his address of welcome, said it was the greatest crowd which ever filled the big building. And it was. There was not a vacant seat; the aisles were crowded; the galleries were filled—seats and aisles—and so eager were the 'Down Homers' to get within the building many of them climbed into the windows and stood there throughout the ceremonies."

## Hallfax Superior Court.

Hallfax Superior Court is in session this week, with Judge W. R. Allen presiding. He opened court at 10:30 o'clock and the following grand jury was drawn: W. D. Bass, foreman, H. A. Pope, S. C. Cook, A. E. Crawley, J. P. Parker, J. B. Laghter, A. T. Cullom, J. E. Northington, A. J. Merritt, J. H. Collins, Jr., Sterling Shaw, J. C. Chichester, J. W. Barnhill, F. J. Bonds, W. H. Arrington, C. F. Haskins, J. D. Haskins and W. E. Ramsey.

## JUDGE ALLEN'S CHARGE.

Judge Allen's charge was full and covered the entire Criminal law. He was clear in his remarks to the grand jury in regard to their duties to the State, showing the importance of their work in court.

We believe that this is the first court Judge Allen has held in Halifax in the county was welcomed by the people, for his reputation as an able Judge had preceded his coming. He made a fine impression on all who heard his charge. He is an able Judge, impartial and clear in all his rulings and the people of the county are glad to have him to preside over the interests of the State and County.

All the officers were in place, including Solister Kerr, Clerk Gary, Sheriff Patterson and his deputies. The criminal docket showed is not heavy, there being only 46 cases, and none of them being very important.

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## Peanut Growers to Organize.

To the peanut growers of Halifax: Some weeks ago, in a letter to THE COMMONWEALTH, I said that the purpose of the Peanut Growers' Association was to organize the Spanish growers as well as the growers of the large peanuts, and that organizers had not been sent into the Spanish belt up to that time simply because we had not had time to reach so far. It is true that the work was begun in Edgecombe last fall, but it was so late that we decided that it would be best to wait until we could push the work of organization to completion. So, according to my promise in the letter referred to, we are now ready to undertake the organization of the Spanish peanut growers of Halifax.

Mr. Sam T. Stancell, of Margaretsville, N. C., representative of the Peanut Growers' Association, will be at the following places next week to address the peanut growers:

Weldon, August 23, at 1:30 p. m.  
Halifax, August 23, at 4 p. m.  
Tilley, August 24, at 2 p. m.  
Scotland Neck, August 24, at 4 p. m.

I would urge that the farmers of Halifax go out to hear Mr. Stancell. It is a leisure time now, and you can afford to go out to hear of a movement which I believe has already put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the Virginia peanut growers. Two years ago, if we could get three cents a pound for large peanuts, we thought we were doing well and did not ask for more. This year we have realized between four and five cents for nearly every pound of peanuts sold. I know that the short crop had something to do with this, but not all, by any means. The most pessimistic must admit that the organization, young as it was, influenced largely the advance in prices.

Remember the places and dates and arrange to attend the meetings, ladies as well as men.

Yours for fair prices for peanuts,  
GILBERT T. STEPHENSON, Sec.  
Peanut Growers' Association,  
Pendleton, N. C.

## Farmers' Institute.

(Cont. to The Commonwealth.)  
ENFIELD, N. C., Aug. 19, 1907.

The Farmers' Institute held here last Saturday, August 17th, was an occasion of both pleasure and profit to those who attended. The number of farmers in the audience was not so large as was expected, only about one hundred and fifty being present.

The first speaker was R. J. Redding, for a number of years connected with the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Cotton and corn culture was the subject of his talk, which was plain and practical and based, not upon theory, but upon the results of many careful experiments made by the speaker or under his administration.

T. E. Brown, the next speaker, explained the subject of fertilization, the necessity for it, and the importance of study into the needs of particular soils and particular crops for plant food. Mr. Brown is strongly in favor of every farmer mixing his own fertilizers whenever possible.

The first number on the program of the afternoon session was the address of Prof. Stevens, of the A. & M. College. The importance of seed selection was one of the points brought out.

Mr. T. E. Brown, who is a successful peanut farmer of Hertford county, then addressed the audience on the subject of peanut culture. The varieties, geographical distribution, amount of yield, methods of planting, cultivating, and harvesting the crop, fertilizers and machinery needed, etc., were treated by Mr. Brown in such a manner as to show his thorough familiarity with his subject.

The Institute was closed that night with the address of Prof. Stevens, who showed the relation of science to agriculture, and pleaded for the better education of farmers and farmers' sons if they would be successful.

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## FAMILY REUNION.

### Mr. Madry's Annual Dinner.

On Thursday, August 15th, Mr. R. J. Madry gave his annual farmer's dinner at his mother's home a mile from town.

There is nothing more pleasant than a family reunion, and Mrs. Madry clings to the old time idea of having her children with her once a year. It is a beautiful custom and the occasion always furnishes an opportunity for happy greetings of the dear kin and pleasant pastime with other acquaintances. Mr. Madry, the only one of the large family who remains at the old home with his mother, unites his efforts with his good wife and worthy mother in making these occasions of great pleasure to all. The family reunion consisted of the following sons: R. J. Madry and family, six; D. A. Madry and family, five; J. W. Madry, whose family were not present, one; and sons-in-law, W. O. Bulluck and family of Rocky Mount, eight; J. E. Bulluck and family of Conetoe, three; T. L. Worsley and family of Rocky Mount, three, making in all, with Mrs. Madry, twenty-seven persons.

Besides the immediate family relatives there were many other guests from Mr. Madry's friends in Scotland Neck and community. These were gathering for an hour or two, and when all were in, the company numbered fully one hundred persons. The day was fine and the pretty home situated in the large and beautiful grove is an ideal place for such an occasion.

When dinner was announced and the guests assembled they looked upon a spread that was tempting indeed. Three long tables had been arranged under the cool shades of wide-spreading oaks, and they were laden with delicacies rich and rare, chief of which were the old time barbecue and Brunswick stew. The preparation was perfect and the service was faultless. Added to the barbecue and the Brunswick stew with their proper accompaniments of breads, were ham, vegetables, cakes, pickles and whatever else was needed to make the dinner complete.

The happy kin and the jolly guests partook of the bountiful dinner together to full satisfaction, and then there was much left. It was indeed a dinner fit for a king, thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present.

After dinner the guests scattered, some into the halls and parlor of the beautiful and well kept home to hear charming music, and some grouped under the pleasing shade of the great oaks to enjoy conversation together. Still others were driven over the fine farm to look at the crops. The broad acres of cotton, corn and peanuts showed to good advantage, and the growing crops demonstrated that Mr. Madry, with the counsel of his good and practical mother, can produce good crops notwithstanding unfavorable seasons, as we have had this year.

As the guests departed, they went deeply impressed with the fact that worthy labor and well directed business enterprise will always bring peace and plenty, as exhibited at this bountiful, well ordered home; and they breathed a silent benediction for their good host and hostess with the fond hope that all may be spared to enjoy many other such occasions together.

It is of interest to note that besides the efforts of Mr. Madry, his good wife and mother, in preparing such a royal dinner, the barbecue was prepared to perfection by Mr. J. T. O. Hyman, and the Brunswick stew by Mr. N. G. Dickens.

Among the visitors from a distance were Mr. F. P. Dunning, of Richmond, manager for Armour & Company, and Mr. J. W. Ashburn, manager of the Cotton Oil Company, of Tarboro.

## Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as the administrator upon the estate of Mrs. Pattie F. Hamlet, deceased, late of Halifax county, N. C., I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them for payment to me on or before the 7th day of August, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

B. C. HAMLET,  
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