

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the contents of advertisements, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

Prohibition is steadily closing in on the liquor traffic. Since our last issue Plymouth, which was already under prohibition, held an election and went dry by much larger majority than before. Anson county, which was one of the whiskey strong holds in the State, voted saloons out of the county by a big majority last Saturday. Let the good work go on until the whole State shall be rid of the accursed liquor traffic.

North Carolinians are loyal everywhere. They take great pride in the triumphs of their State on all occasions. Mr. J. C. Hardy, editor of the Warrenton Record, spent some time at the Jamestown Exposition two weeks ago; and in writing of the Exposition and its impressions he rings clear for North Carolina in this pleasing paragraph:

"North Carolina stands at the head of the list every where you go around the Exposition and it made our heart leap with pride to see what a showing the grand old State is making."

DON'T CUT UP THE ROADS.

In many sections of the county work is being done on the public roads; and as this paper has before pointed out, sometimes the road bed is cut up where it should not be disturbed. It is well enough to work the rough places of the roads, but the superintendents of the roads should not allow unnecessary work. It is useless expenditure of money and puts the roads in such condition that they are not good for travel.

A gentleman said to us Monday that in his township one could trot along eight miles an hour before the roads were worked, but where they are worked one can scarcely travel faster than a horse can walk.

LET THE COTTON DRY OUT.

President Walter Clark of the Mississippi Division of the Southern Cotton Association urges farmers to let their cotton dry before they have it ginned, and we have no doubt that if his suggestions were followed by all the farmers, there would be thousands of dollars saved in every cotton county. We print what President Clark says from The Cotton Journal as follows:

"Much has been said and written of late about fixing a minimum price both for cotton and seed and about storage warehouses for both. Warehouses are undoubtedly necessary at all centers, but I desire to repeat here what I have said at many points in Mississippi. Cotton picked before frost, like wheat, oats, corn and several other agricultural products is immature and unfit for market before being properly cured. On many farms there are now no cotton pens for storing the cotton as picked and the cotton pens are growing scarcer each and every year. I find the wagons are taken to the field every morning and when a bale is picked it goes to the gin and on the market 'before it dries out.'

"This is a penny wise and pound foolish policy. Much of the cotton is picked as soon as it is open and if carefully examined it will be found that on nearly every seed some of the lint is full grown while on other parts of the seed the lint is much shorter. If this cotton is housed in a good 'cotton pen' from sixty to ninety days this immature fiber will continue to grow extracting life from the seed. There is not any loss in weight but an actual gain in lint, which also is rich creamy color, oily, silky, more even in length, much stronger and will bring higher price. There has been some loss in weight of the seed but seed thus cured will not heat and are worth 30 per cent. more than uncured seed. Nearly every good farmer knows this and yet, in a mad rush to get his cotton to market before it 'dries out' and the price drops he not only breaks the market but damages the industry. It has been my experience that nothing pays better than A Good Cotton Pen on the Farm. As to what this crop will bring, the price, as has nearly always been the case, depends entirely on the farmers themselves."

THE COTTON CROP SHORT.

From almost every part of the cotton belt comes the news that the cotton crop is short. We find the following reports in the The Cotton Journal August 29:

Mr. M. E. Kilvert says of the cotton in Mexico: "Owing to the continued drouth, preventing the irrigation of the cotton fields, the crop is cut short about one-half."

R. E. Cole writes from Arkansas: "Crops are nearly ruined in this and adjoining counties; only a few local showers since the last day of June, and none here since that date. Cotton scarcely 40 per cent of last year's crop and corn worse than that, hardly one-third of last year's crop."

W. A. Huckabee writes from Texas: "Dry weather has prevailed here throughout the year. Cotton is fast telling the tale of quite a short crop."

C. P. Montague writes from Florida: "As I see but few reports from this section of the long cotton belt, I will say that our cotton will average about half a crop. Owing to the heavy rains and hot sun it has taken the blight. I do not think there will be any cry of 'over production' this year. Let everybody hold their cotton for a fair price this fall, by working harmoniously together."

One can see from the reports from these scattered points in the cotton belt that the crop is short, and these conditions tally pretty well with the most of the cotton districts in North Carolina.

MR. KITCHIN FOR TEMPERANCE.

So far as we know there has been little said by any of the candidates for Governor in their public addresses on the question of temperance. Hon. W. W. Kitchin in a speech at Dixie in Mecklenburg county on August 29th made the following statement, which shows his position:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the great temperance sentiment that is so steadily conquering our State. For many years every saloon man in my county has opposed me and every temperance man has upheld me. In my town in August 1903 in the only election we have had on saloons, I voted the dry ticket as I shall always do. By precept and practice I am a temperance man. In joint campaign with Governor Reynolds three years ago, I advocated temperance and repelled his assaults upon our temperance legislation."

Bradford-Whitehead.

At the home of Mr. Andrew Whitehead near Rosemeath church, on Tuesday, September 3d, 1907, his daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth and Dr. Robert H. Bradford of Burgaw, N. C., were united in marriage. The wedding was a beautiful, impromptu home affair.

Every thing had the air of quiet and ease. It was a typical September morning, and while the wind played a march among the trees without, and a young lady presided at the piano within, the young couple came forward preceded by two young ladies and plighted their troth each to other. Then a few tears, congratulations and good byes, and the party hastened away to the station where the bride and groom took the train for a trip to the mountains in the west.

The bride is accomplished and pretty, a treasure worth seeking. But as to what she and the other members of the party wore on this occasion this scribe can't say. This much, however, whatever they wore was exactly suitable and chimed in for its part in making the scene the most lovely.

The groom is a young physician is two years practice, handsome and of pleasant manners, and worthy of the companion he has won.

After the bridal tour they will make their home at Burgaw where the Doctor will practice. The young couple carry with them good wishes of a large number of friends who gathered to see them married, and bade them farewell at the station, with a shower of rice.

J. E. HOLDEN.

HOW'S THIS.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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THE SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Cotton Only 61 3-7 Per Cent.

The Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association held session in Halifax on Monday, Sept. 2, 1907.

The meeting was called to order by president E. E. Hilliard, and the following townships were represented:

Butterwood, Conoconara, Enfield Faucetts, Halifax and Scotland Neck.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. W. J. B. Smith reported 75 cents membership fees from John R. Liles, C. M. Hawkins and Geo. W. Shearin.

The amount of \$11.41 was ordered to be paid to THE COMMONWEALTH for printing.

CROP CONDITION 61 3-7.

According to the reports by the representatives from the various parts of the county it was found that the estimate of the present condition of the cotton crop is 61 3-7 per cent.

Mr. Montgomery Shields, of Enfield, in some remarks before the Association, said that he believed if the South would cover its cotton bales with ducking made from cotton instead of jute bagging it would increase the price of cotton from one-quarter to one-half cent per pound. Also Mr. Shields advocated reducing acreage and doubling the amount of manure and fertilizer, which will enable farmers to make the same amount of cotton on about half the land.

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Weldon, being present, was called upon and made some very interesting remarks which were greatly enjoyed by the Association.

A motion prevailed that the next meeting of the Association be held on the first Monday in November, which will be the 4th.

It was recommended that the various township organizations hold meetings at some convenient time just previous to the first Monday in November to appoint delegates to that meeting.

By motion the meeting adjourned.

There should be at least three delegates sent from each township to the meeting in Halifax November 4th, and as many farmers as possible from all parts of the county should attend.

Mr. Andrews' Party.

Mr. A. A. Andrews, formerly a Scotland Neck boy, now of Memphis, Tenn., was here last week. He is vice-president and secretary and treasurer of the Macon and Andrews system of business colleges. They have five schools, one at Mobile, Ala.; one at Meridian, Miss.; one at West Point, Miss.; one at Jackson, Miss.; and one at Memphis, Tenn. They have recently been given control of the city schools of Memphis.

These energetic young men have made great success in their business and Mr. Andrews' friends here are glad indeed to note it.

The Memphis Appeal of August 18th gave the following account of a party with these gentlemen to the Jamestown Exposition:

"Macon & Andrews' special train, consisting of eight vestibuled coaches, diners and sleepers, under the personal supervision of Messrs. J. C. Galloway and Fred Geister, passenger agents of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis and Seaboard Air Line railroads, left Memphis Saturday at 12:30 p. m. for the Jamestown Exposition, via Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Richmond, thence by steamer down the James river to Norfolk.

"Students and friends from Kentucky, Missouri, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Indiana, Tennessee and Florida were in the party.

"Prof. G. A. Macon and A. A. Andrews accompanied the party and a delightful trip is assured. Old Point, Ocean View, Virginia Beach, Baltimore, Washington, New York and Philadelphia will be visited."

Death of Mr. N. B. Dickens.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

Died in Rocky Mount on the 21st of August, Napoleon Bonapart Dickens. The deceased was 58 years of age, a native of Halifax county, well known as a hotel keeper in the town of Halifax for a number of years, also of Rocky Mount. His wife died two years ago. They were childless. Of a large family there are four brothers and two sisters of the deceased still living. He was buried at Halifax at the Methodist church, where he had a membership of thirty years' standing. He was buried by the Massons, being one of that order, as well as an Odd Fellow.

M. J. D.

Our store will be closed Monday September 9th, until six o'clock p. m.

M. Hoffman & Bro.

Letter to C. W. Dunn.

Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir: A ten-year-old boy came into a store for a quart of white paint and said: "They are nice letters Devoe writes, a'n't they, Mr. Knight?" In Bridgeport, Maine.

"Are they what brought you here?" asked the merchant. "Yes; ma said get a quart of white; and I've come for the least-gallon paint."

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Yours truly,

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Bank Statement.

Report of the condition of The Scotland Neck Bank, at Scotland Neck in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business August 22, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$136,319.99
Overdrafts.....	2,867.05
All other stocks, etc.....	8,500.00
Fur. and fixtures.....	1,025.00
Due from B'ks & B'kers.....	11,679.98
Cash items.....	531.87
Gold coin.....	1,000.00
Silver coin.....	1,268.32
Nat'l bank & U. S. notes.....	5,500.00
Total	\$168,692.21

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits.....	6,759.88
Dividends unpaid.....	8.00
Bills payable.....	52,500.00
Time Deposit.....	19,719.34
Deposits subject to check.....	64,212.99
Cash'r's ch'ks outstand'g.....	379.50
Bond tax.....	112.50
Total	\$168,692.21

State of North Carolina, County of Halifax.

I, Frank P. Shields, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. SHIELDS, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

R. M. JOHNSON, G. HOFFMAN, N. B. JOSEY, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of September, 1907

J. E. SHIELDS, Notary Public.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF Planters & Commercial Bank

Scotland Neck, N. C., At the Close of Business Monday, September 2d, 1907.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans.....	\$24,195.01	Capital stock.....	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts.....	44.99	Deposits.....	29,288.35
Furniture & fixtures.....	2,057.30	Cashier's checks out-
Due from banks.....	5,402.27	standing.....
Cash in vault.....	4,100.36	Undivided profits.....
Total.....	\$35,799.93	Total.....	\$35,799.93

OUR GROWTH:

June 1st. Deposits (date of opening).....	\$ 5,685.98
July 1st. ".....	15,820.13
August 1st. ".....	17,028.35
September 2d (Monday) Deposits.....	20,268.35

Our deposits have gradually increased, as shown above, during the duller business months of the year, while deposits in other Banks of the State have decreased. We solicit your account, large or small. Four per cent. interest, compounded quarterly, paid in our Savings Department.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF PLANTERS & COMMERCIAL BANK

At Scotland Neck, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business August 22d, 1907.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$22,498.50	Capital stock.....	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts.....	145.32	Undivided profits.....
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,057.30	Deposits.....	11,140.00
Due from banks & bankers.....	2,006.86	Cashier's checks outstand-
Cash in vault.....	3,253.26	ing.....
Total.....	\$29,961.24	Total.....	\$29,961.24

State of North Carolina—County of Halifax. I, O. J. Moore, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of August, 1907.

O. J. MOORE, Cashier.

J. G. MILLS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Claude Kitchin, S. A. Dunn, Directors.

Dr. J. E. Masrow Littleton High School

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