

# 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 views of correspondents, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. THE COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

## IN THE INTEREST OF TEMPERANCE.

At no time during the twenty or more years that this paper has been under the present management, has the editor failed to speak in behalf of temperance. He has urged it early and late, in season and out of season. He has never minced at the question, and his position has always been known. He has, however, refused to deal in personalities, and has always scrupulously avoided politics. In the present fight his sympathy and influence are in the cause of prohibition, and he wishes to do all he can in every legitimate way to further that cause.

He, therefore, appeals to the voters of Scotland Neck, and the good people at large, to champion the cause and not the leaders. This is a fight between prohibition and saloons, between temperance and intemperance, between good and evil; rather than between the leaders and sympathizers on the one side or on the other. We fear that many are allowing their prejudices and personal animosities to direct them in this matter. On the street recently, we heard a man say that he did not want whiskey here, yet he is going to vote for saloons. Does not want whiskey, does not want saloons; yet he is going to vote for them! And why? Because he does not like certain men on the other side, because, perhaps, some disconnected phrase or statement, which he construed as directed against him or some of his friends, has been brought to his ears in such a way as to create a wrong impression. Now, we appeal to all fair-minded men to stop for a moment and consider where they are. This is a moral issue, to bring good or evil to our town and community. Do you stand for the good? Do you stand for morality? Then would you allow a personal feeling for, or against a man or men on either side, to influence you to vote against what you think right simply because a friend is on the wrong side, or, perchance, because you have a personal grievance against some one on the right side? It is wrong to deal in personalities even when individuals alone are concerned, but it is beyond all reason to attempt to settle questions of general interest on personal grounds. When a man votes saloons or prohibition, he votes a general issue, separate and apart from every individual on either side, he does not vote for a man; for no individual, as an individual, is concerned. There is no such election on hand. My voting prohibition is one question—of belief, of principle, of right; my voting for a certain man in a state, or county, or town election is another question. If my friend gets on the wrong side he is no less my friend, but I shall not vote with him because he is my friend. If my enemy gets on the right side, I shall not change my position in order to oppose him. Friends, let us take a just, an impersonal, a sensible view of this matter and vote as we truly think right!

**DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED**  
By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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## PUBLIC MASS MEETING.

### Rev. G. T. Lumpkin Sets Himself Straight.

At a meeting at Madry's new warehouse, on Tuesday night, Mr. Lumpkin explained his position in regard to several charges which are afloat against him in regard to what transpired during the fight before the House committee during the Legislature. In the beginning Mr. Lumpkin stated that he regretted to do what he was about to do, but that he had been forced to do so, by certain false charges. He had hoped to settle a general issue without regard to persons. He now proposed to rehearse the matter from beginning to end and prove each step by men in the audience. He first showed that Mr. Kitchin had misled the voters of Scotland Neck in regard to his position on the whiskey question, by certain statements made to Mr. Whitley, Mr. Pittman and himself prior to his election. He showed that Mr. Kitchin had afterwards, in the Legislature, introduced a bill bringing about an election in Scotland Neck, when all the voters here thought Maj. Neal had done it. He dwelt upon the discourtesy with which Mr. Kitchin had treated the committee which went to Raleigh to meet him on the matter—that he had refused to see them, putting them off from time to time, until the meeting of the House committee. He showed how Mr. Kitchin had repeated these actions from time to time.

He said that Mr. Kitchin had agreed to leave the purging of the two petitions to a committee of three, or as many of them as could be present, and that Mr. Morrisett alone had gone. That after purging the two lists the Prohibitionists had had a majority and still Kitchin had refused to keep his agreement. He said that he had been criticised as a minister of the gospel for taking part in this fight, but showed that his every visit to Raleigh had been caused by requests from Mr. Kitchin, either by telegram or letter, and he read the letters and telegrams. Mr. Lumpkin further stated that the prohibition element had made repeated attempts to agree with Mr. Kitchin and thus avoid what had already come—a fight; but every effort had been in vain.

He introduced a written statement from Mr. Hilliard showing that he (Hilliard) had not abandoned the cause of temperance because it was hopeless, thus refusing to return to Raleigh the second time; but that he had returned the second time, and would have returned the third time had he not been sick in bed. Mr. Hilliard further stated that he did not read the original petitions in full, but took Mr. Kitchin's footing-up, and that he and Mr. Sam Kitchin had come to no agreement then, but had agreed later to leave the petitions as they were.

After Mr. Morrisett rehearsed the names that had been cut off of each petition and showed how each had stood finally, Mr. Lumpkin explained the origin of the expression "rabble", which has been so often referred to. He showed that it was never intended to refer to the qualified voters of Scotland Neck, but to certain outsiders whose names had no business on either petition.

When Mr. Lumpkin had taken his seat Mr. Albion Dunn made an excellent speech, in which he answered clearly several arguments which have been used on the other side. Want of space forbids our dwelling on the matter further.

### Halifax County Southern Cotton Association.

The regular session of the County branch, according to appointment of last meeting, will be held in Halifax on the first Monday in November. A full attendance of every township in the county is desired, as important business, concerning the crop of 1907, will come up. It seems needless to have to urge farmers to lend their aid and co-operation to a matter so full of importance to themselves. Let every township attend to the matter promptly.

Kinston Lumber Co. loses about \$12,000 in the recent burning of their three kilns and some lumber.

Thomas A. Edison, the great American inventor, says "Fully eighty per cent of the illness of mankind comes from eating improper food or too much food; people are inclined to over-indulge themselves". This is where indigestion finds its beginning in nearly every case. The stomach can do just so much work and no more, and when you overload it, or when you eat the wrong kind of food, the digestive organs cannot possibly do the work demanded of them. It is at such times that the stomach needs help; it demands help, and warns you by belching, sour stomach, nausea and indigestion. You should attend to this at once by taking something that will actually do the work for the stomach. Kodol will do this. It is a combination of natural digestants and vegetable acids and contains the same juices found in a healthy stomach. It is pleasant to take. It digests what you eat. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

## A Weldon Firm Secures an Injunction.

A recent dispatch to the News and Observer says: "Judge Pritchard, of the Federal court, to-day issued a sweeping injunction restraining the State commission from winding up the affairs of the State dispensary or paying out any money belonging to it. The injunction ties up about \$750,000 which the commission has on hand for the payment of claims against the dispensary. The injunction was secured by a wine firm of Weldon, N. C., which has a small claim against the State dispensary, who applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the commission, appointed by Governor Ansel, to wind up the affairs of the dispensary, to pay their claim, and in the mean time the commission is enjoined from paying out any money on other claims."

### Letter to W. N. Stepien.

Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Dear Sir: Such experiences as this are occurring all over the country. Judge I. D. Fairchild owns two houses, exactly alike, in Lufkin, Tex. J. M. Torrence painted both houses, one Devoe, 15 1-2 gallons; the other with another paint sold at same price; 25 gallons. That 25 gallon paint is weak and 15 per cent whiting; that's why it took 9 1-2 gallons more. You can learn for nothing what he had to pay-for.

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVOE & Co.  
P. S. E. T. Whitehead & Co. sell our paint.

That was a most horrible disaster which recently occurred in Indiana, when a village of 1000 people was literally destroyed by the explosion of a powder factory two miles from the town. It is said that 40,000 kegs exploded, injuring practically 500 inhabitants and killing 50 people of the town. The concussion was felt nearly 200 miles away. Buildings were destroyed two miles away.

It comes put up in a collapsible tube with a nozzle, easy to apply to the soreness and inflammation, for any form of Piles; it soothes and relieves pain, itching and burning. Man Zan File Remedy. Price 50 cents. Guaranteed. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

In the recent election at Snow Hill, Greene county the "wets" won by a majority of two.

### HARD TIMES IN KANSAS.

The old days of grasshoppers and drouth are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of to-day; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold cure and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

**Wood's Seeds.**  
Seed Wheat, Oats, Rye and Barley.  
We are not only the largest dealers in Seed Grain in the South, but we sell the best, cleanest and heaviest qualities. Our stocks are secured from the best and largest yielding crops, and our warehouses are fully equipped with the best and most improved machinery for cleaning. If you want superior crops  
**Plant Wood's Seeds.**  
Prices quoted on request  
Descriptive Fall Catalogue, giving full information about all seeds, mailed free.  
**T. W. WOOD & SONS,**  
Seedsmen, - Richmond, Va.

**\$3.00 to Richmond and Return**  
VIA  
**ATLANTIC COAST LINE**  
Account Virginia-Carolina Foot-Ball Game.  
Tickets on sale for night trains October 25th and for trains scheduled arrive Richmond before noon October 26th, 1907.  
For further information communicate with Agent or write  
T. C. WHITE,  
Gen. Pass. Agt.  
W. J. CRAIG,  
Pass. Traffic Mgr.  
Wilmington, N. C.

**POSTED!**  
Pocosin Land.  
All persons are hereby forbidden, under penalty of the law, to Hunt Trap, Fish or Trespass in any form or manner whatsoever on my land known as the "Pocosin Land," containing about 1200 acres, and bounded as follows: By the land of Chas. Pender, C. W. Albertson, the river road from Spring Hill to Edwards' Ferry, the land of G. K. Moore (known as the Ben Smith land) and the Chas. Turner place. Let it be understood that this notice applies to all persons, friend and foe alike. This September 16, 1907.  
S. B. KITCHIN.  
9-19-07

## Notice.

By virtue of power vested in me as commissioner, by an order of S. M. Gary, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, North Carolina, made on the 21st day of October, 1907, in that proceeding to sell the land for assets, now pending in the Superior Court of said County, before the Clerk, and entitled "R. J. Shields, administrator of R. J. Staton, vs. T. M. Staton and wife, Ida; J. F. Staton and wife, Annie; L. E. Whitehead and wife, Mary; Mrs. Laura A. Shields; Fannie Staton; Hugh Johnson, trustee; and Noah Biggs and R. M. Johnson as "Biggs & Johnson." I will on the 22nd day of November, 1907, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the town of Hobgood, N. C., in accordance with the terms of said order of sale, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder, in separate tracts, as described below, the following described land, lying and being in Halifax County, North Carolina, to-wit:

- (a.) One tract of land known as the "R. J. Staton Home Place" containing two hundred acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of K. Leggett, W. P. White, George Debrule, and the "Hackney Place."
- (b.) One tract of land composed of two smaller tracts, the "Lamb Savage" tract ( acres), and the "Ballard" tract ( acres) bounded by the lands of W. R. House, L. E. Whitehead, the "Bland" tract, and the Hope Bell and Davenport tracts, containing two hundred and seventeen acres, more or less, both tracts together, being known as the "Big Field."
- (c.) One tract of land composed of two smaller tracts, "Bland Hill" (11 acres) and "Bland" land (53 acres), bounded by the lands of W. P. White, Wm. Barfield, and "R. J. Staton Home Place," containing 64 acres.
- (d.) One tract of land composed of three smaller tracts, "Davenport Place" (75 acres) and two Hope Bell Places (12 1-2 acres each), bounded by the lands of Nannie Savage, Hope Bell, and the Bland land, containing ninety eight acres, more or less.
- (e.) One tract of land known as the "Jones Land", bounded by the lands of W. T. Jones, W. C. Harrell, R. W. Hyman, and James Bland, containing twelve acres, more or less.
- (f.) One tract of land, known as the "Billups" or "Allsbrook" tract, bounded by the lands of Lloyd Simmons, W. R. House, Louise Bryant, the "O'Neal Place," and the lands of Willoughby Bradley, containing one hundred and sixty five acres, more or less.
- (g.) One tract of land, known as "Cane Ridge," bounded by the lands of K. Leggett, Austin Shields, and "Job Cobb," and containing forty two acres, more or less.

This the 22 day of October, 1907.  
HUGH JOHNSON,  
Commissioner.

## A Proclamation by the Governor.

### \$200 Reward!

State of North Carolina, Executive Department.  
Whereas, official information has been received at this Department that N. F. Minshew and Lamb or L. L. Savage stand charged with the murder of Ellis Merritt on the night of August 14th, 1907, in Halifax county. And whereas, it appears that the said N. F. Minshew and Lamb or L. L. Savage have fled the State or so concealed themselves that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them:  
Now, therefore, I, R. B. Glenn, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my Proclamation, offering a reward of TWO HUNDRED (\$200) DOLLARS for the apprehension and delivery of the said N. F. Minshew and Lamb or L. L. Savage to the Sheriff of Halifax county at the Court House in Halifax, N. C., and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminals to justice.

Done at our city of Raleigh, the 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and seven, and in the one hundred and thirty-second year of our American Independence.  
R. B. GLENN.

By the Governor:  
A. H. ANASTORON,  
Private Secretary.

**DESCRIPTION.**  
N. F. Minshew age 40, about five feet nine inches high, weighs 160 pounds, dark and sallow complexion, but stooped shoulders, clean shaven, but can grow heavy beard, wears eight or nine shoe, few white or brown spots around mouth, very dark hair.  
L. L. Savage, age 37, height about five feet seven inches, weight 155, short neck, laid head, down-cast look, number seven shoes.

### "THE LEE"

97 Bank St., Norfolk, Va.  
Jos. J. Lawler, Prop.  
Two minutes from trains to Exposition Grounds and all Summer Resorts.  
Lodging \$1 per day or \$5 per week. Reasonable reduction when several persons occupy same room.

**Cures Biliousness, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Torpid Liver and Chronic Constipation.**  
Pleasant to take  
E. T. Whitehead & Company, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

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IS FULL OF  
**New Buggies**  
STYLE IS RIGHT  
QUALITY IS RIGHT  
PRICE IS RIGHT  
Will be Glad to Prove This.  
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We have a full line of field seed, such as:  
**Clover, Timothy, Orchard Grass, Seed Oats of all kinds, Seed Wheat, Seed Rye, etc.**  
Also sell feed, and poultry supplies. Write us for samples.  
**N. R. SAVAGE & SON,**  
Seedsmen  
Richmond, - Virginia.  
**Executrix Notice.**  
Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of the late W. A. Staton, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same with me or my attorney, Albion Dunn, Esq., on or before the 26th day of September, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This September 23d, 1907.  
OLIVIA STATON,  
Executrix W. A. Staton.

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Laxative Fruit Syrup  
Cleanses the system thoroughly and clears sallow complexions of pimples and blotches. It is guaranteed.  
E. T. Whitehead & Company, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

**JUST RECEIVED, A**  
**Car Load of Sewer Pipe!**  
If you have Bridges to build or wells to curb you will find it to your advantage to use Sewer Pipe. It will last a generation or two and costs very little more than wood.  
We have in Stock and Ready to Deliver One  
**Little Giant Peanut Picker No. 2.**  
We have just received another car load of the **CELEBRATED**  
**Indian Rock Lime**  
Remember that the Indian Rock Brand stands for the highest grade building lime. This is the lime that slacks well and will always satisfies  
The best thing on four wheels is the  
**Hackney Wagon!**  
We have them at the old price, and that means many dollars in your pocket.  
If you wish to purchase bridal presents you should not fail to come and look at our beautiful display of  
**CUT GLASS**  
**BUCK'S HARDY HARDWARE CO.**  
"THE HARDWARE HUSTLERS"  
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