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Publisher's Announcement.

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

THE RISING PRICE OF COTTON.

A few years ago when the movement for a Cotton Association was started many laughed at it and said that farmers, being a widely scattered class, could never be sufficiently united to affect the price of cotton. They pointed to the failure of the Farmers' Alliance as an example of the outcome of such a venture. Again, last year when cotton was forced to its normal price they declared it was not the effect of organization; rather the result of an inexplicable combination of circumstances. But this year when the panic came and cotton dropped several cents in a few days, and still farmers refused to market, there went up a mighty cry that the Southern Farmer by holding his cotton was preventing the usual influx of foreign gold, protracting the panic, and thus bringing to a stand-still the wheels of domestic commerce. Thus in a few short weeks they realized their weakness against an agricultural combination, and relinquished their position of indifference and disdain. Still the farmer refused to sell, and now the price is beginning to advance. The panic has at least served to prove that the farmer can be master of his own products, can say to the speculator "hands off" and force the market to its normal.

President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association recently reported that twenty-two warehouses and holding committees have been organized, and committees are working on thirty-five more in the State as a result of twelve months' work. The president is now on a tour of every cotton growing county in the State to encourage the farmers to build warehouses and hold cotton. There is no longer any doubt as to the result of individual co-operation, and if the farmer refuses his aid he must bear the consequences.

Barber Shop Burned.

(Williamston Enterprise.)
Last Sunday morning at 1:40 o'clock the inhabitants of the town were awakened by the alarm of fire, and soon a large crowd was on the street.

The fire was in Hyman's Barber Shop next to the Post Office. After some delay the fire engine was put to work and the danger of the fire spreading to adjacent buildings was overcome, and the fire was put out before entirely destroying the store. All the fixtures to the barber shop were practically destroyed, those not entirely burned are useless. In the rear of the shop a pressing club was conducted and a number of suits of clothing belonging to various parties were destroyed.

The fire caught in the rear room and had about consumed everything in it when it was discovered.

The building, owned by Mr. H. T. Stallings, of Jamesville, was considerably damaged but the damage is covered by insurance, there being \$1,000 on the building. There was \$550 insurance on the barber shop, fixtures, and clothing.

A Peculiar Incident.

(Tarboro Southerner.)
A few days ago, Wiley Humphrey, near Lawrence, killed a large deer, that had taken up with the herd of cattle of Carey Lawrence. This herd was in the pasture and a deer was several times seen with them in the day. Finally the natural fears for man and his environment were so much allayed that it would at night come up with the cows. Early one morning just before day, Mr. Humphrey went out and shot it.

Ginsler's Report.

The government ginner's report, issued Monday, gave the number of bales of cotton of this season's crop ginned up to Dec. 1 as 8,338,854 bales against 10,027,808 last year.

Three Held as Safe-crackers.

(Rocky Mount Record.)
Three men, Robt. Bishop, Henry Sweet and Joe Hoyt, arrested on suspicion that they are connected with the number of safe robberies in eastern Carolina recently, are in Tarboro jail and the authorities are investigating them. Photographs of the three men have been taken and sent to Northern cities to ascertain if they compare with pictures in the Rogue's Gallery.

Hoyt was arrested on the train from Rocky Mount to Tarboro last Thursday evening by Deputy Sheriff Frank Dawson, who had engaged the man in this city to go to Tarboro and play a piano in a moving picture show. While on the train Mr. Dawson studied his man and was convinced that he fitted the description of a man connected with the Colerain robbery, and he placed Hoyt under arrest. He is believed to be the advance man of the gang, who goes around and spies out the lay of the land. However, nothing of an incriminating character was found on Hoyt, but he tore his clothing into shreds and threw them out of the window that night.

On Saturday the police arrested two more suspicious persons in Tarboro and found on them two pistols, a dirk and \$40 in cash and some letters. The letters threw no light on the matter, but they were held to court to answer for carrying concealed weapons and an investigation is being made. The men claimed to have come from Norfolk and were on their way south. They admitted having been to Rocky Mount and that they had walked from Battleboro to Tarboro.

A Sensational Story About a Halifax Man.

Quite a sensational story appeared in the Raleigh Evening Times of Monday and the News and Observer of Tuesday. It came from Ashbury Park, N. J., and related that Miss Olga Sjostedt had advertised for a position as a nurse and her advertisement had been answered by T. E. Pender of Halifax county, N. C. The story stated that the young lady had accepted Pender's proposition to come to what she thought was a splendid Southern plantation. She has written a letter stating that the surroundings were very disappointing and that Pender will not let her leave. The story further stated that a special policeman had been sent from Ashbury to take the young lady back home. No local intelligence has come to this paper and we do not print the story in full.

LATER.—A phone message from Weldon gives the intelligence that a man came for the lady Monday and carried her away, and that Mr. Pender says the story was highly colored and the lady knew his circumstances before she came.

Jury List.

The county commissioners in regular session Monday Dec. 2, drew the following jury for January term of Superior Court—one week only:

L. O. Anderson, Thos. Wood, B. B. Hunter, W. H. White, C. E. Hargrove, L. W. Barnhill, I. D. Wood, C. E. Bishop, J. H. Briley, R. B. Powell, W. M. Hockaday, W. J. Everett, B. T. Walston, Geo. T. Herring, Isaac M. Lewis, June Tillery, W. L. Wiggins, W. W. Sumner, J. G. Shaw, Tom Hopkins, W. S. Ivey, W. R. House, J. L. Barkley, G. S. Sledge, Wm. Hux, J. W. Butte, D. A. Madry, Jesse Rhea, T. N. Haraison, W. D. Baker, R. D. Hawkins, W. M. Morecock, J. C. Butts, W. N. Herring, C. H. Herring, Ernest Morris.

Battle-Vick.

(Rocky Mount Record.)
Whitakers, N. C., Dec. 3.—On Wednesday, November the 27th, at 2 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vick, their daughter, Miss Sallie Elizabeth, was happily wedded to Mr. Alex Parker Battle, at a quiet home marriage, Rev. Mr. C. H. Herring officiating.

Shut Down.

(Tarboro Southerner.)
The Southern Cotton Seed Oil Mills of this place have shut down for the want of seed. The abnormally high price of seed at the opening of the season seriously cut down profits or entirely wiped them out and when oil and seed began to tumble, the free movement of seed stopped. These mills no doubt seeing such a small possible margin of profit between seed and seed products, have put fourth no effort to obtain seed. The shut down is indefinite, but hoped to be only temporary.

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 him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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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 December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$127,815.43
Overdrafts	849.72
Other stocks, etc.	8,500.00
Furniture & fixtures	1,025.00
Due from banks	32,400.22
Cash items	438.43
Gold coin	1,000.00
Silver coin	1,256.03
Nat. bank notes	4,700.00
Currency account	1,000.00
Total	\$178,984.83
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$25,000.00
Undivided profits	6,190.18
Dividends unpaid	8.00
Bills payable	72,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	18,796.67
Deposits subject to check	56,833.30
Checks outstanding	44.18
Bond Tax	112.50
Total	\$178,984.83

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:
N. B. JOSEY,
G. HOFFMAN,
R. M. JOHNSON,
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of Dec., 1907.
J. E. SHIELDS, Notary Public.

An Unexpected Wedding.

(Enfield Progress.)
A surprise was sprung Wednesday morning when, at the residence of Mr. W. V. Bobbitt, at Ringwood, Miss Mamie Johnson of that place, and Mr. Earnest E. Stallings, of Enfield, were quietly married in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

The affair was not elaborate, the only attendants being Miss Pattie Williams, of Ringwood, maid of honor, and Mr. John B. Parker, of Enfield, best man. Miss Vera Williams, of Ringwood, played the wedding march, besides rendering a beautiful vocal solo.

The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Brinkleyville. Immediately afterwards the bridal party drove to Enfield, where they took the noon train for a tour of the Northern cities.

The bride is very popular here, where she has visited several times, and has a large number of friends. The groom is a prominent young merchant of Enfield and is well known in business affairs. They will make their home in Enfield.

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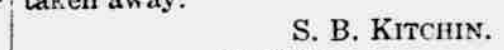
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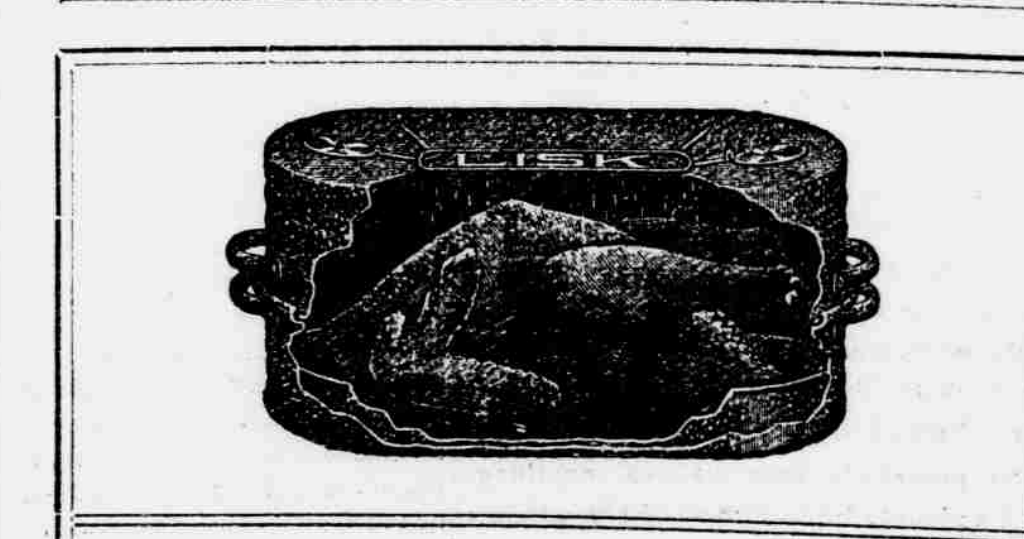
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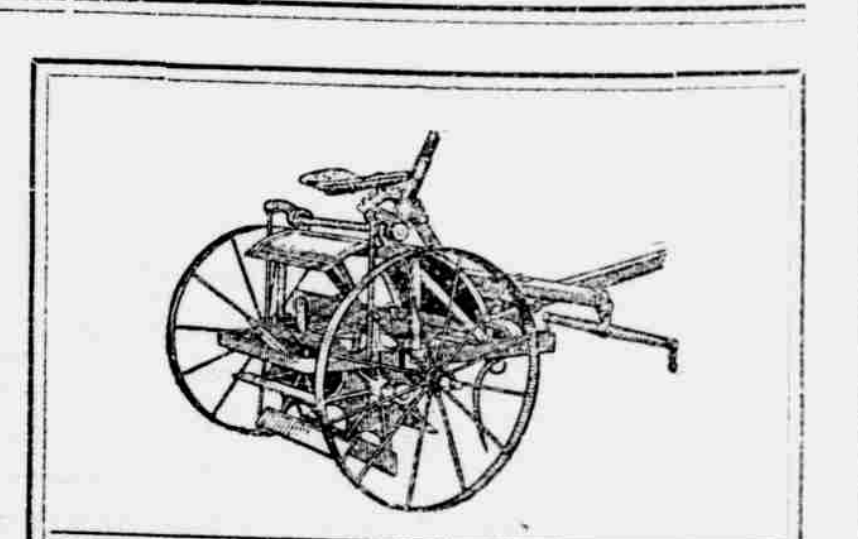
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