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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. This **COMMONWEALTH** adheres to these general principles.

It is thought that the Legislature will adjourn not later than Saturday of this week. It would seem that twelve days might be sufficient time in which to transact the business for which they were called together.

The name of Mr. C. C. Moore has been mentioned for Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Moore has been president of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association for two years, and his great work in that position has shown him quite capable of splendid service to the farmers of the State in any position which relates to agriculture.

**RALLY TO THE ASSOCIATION.**

THE COMMONWEALTH has had much to say concerning the Southern Cotton Association from its organization. We have done so because we have all the while believed that its principles are well founded, its claims just and its purposes worthy.

While the Association has done great good for the entire South through its betterment of the condition of the farmers, it has not done what it would have done had the farmers and business men united their efforts for its better development. In some places this has been done, but in other places it has not.

The present hour is one of strategic interest to the Association in North Carolina. Mr. C. C. Moore, as noted in an editorial paragraph on the first page of this paper, has agreed to continue to serve the Association in this State as president on condition that he receive a satisfactory guarantee for his salary. Mr. Moore has not taken this stand through a mercenary spirit, but from a business standpoint. As we have been informed Mr. Moore has been offered \$500 or \$1,000 more for his time and services than the State Southern Cotton Association has promised him, and after having served the Association two years so faithfully with so little remuneration, his proposition is altogether reasonable, and the farmers of the State ought to rally to the support of the Association by safely pledging Mr. Moore's salary and retaining him as president.

The Charlotte Observer, published at Mr. Moore's home, wisely says:

"Mr. C. C. Moore, late president of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, has done faithful work for it and his efforts have undoubtedly been productive of much benefit to the cotton growers. The laborer is worthy of his hire and Mr. Moore should be paid his back salary and given such assurance that the next year's salary will be paid as will keep him in the service of the Association. This can be done without imposing a burden upon any individual if the matter is gone about systematically. It would be difficult to find a successor to him who would be as active and effective as he, but certainly he cannot be expected to continue the duties of this responsible position without substantial prospect of remuneration for his time and labors."

Rev. J. C. Caldwell President.

Rev. J. C. Caldwell, pastor of the Christian church in Wilson, has been chosen president of Atlantic Christian College as successor to the late Dr. Harper.

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Eat, drink, and be merry,  
For some day you will be where  
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**HALIFAX COUNTY SECOND.**

Of the fifty-two cotton counties in the State only thirty-seven contributed last year to the support of the Southern Cotton Association. These thirty-seven counties contributed \$2,333.93, and Halifax county was second in the number in contributions. Mecklenburg contributed \$596.93, and Halifax, \$240.40. The next largest contribution was by Iredell county, \$188.11.

Business firms contributed \$282.75.

**ON WHAT GROUNDS?**

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature against allowing railroads to contract with newspapers for advertising, paying for same with mileage books to the publishers of the papers in which such advertising is placed. It has been remarked by many that such barter and trade between the railroads and newspapers is no business of the Legislature. And so it seems to us, though we do not know on what grounds any legislator would base his objection to such trade between railroads and newspapers. We cannot see why the Legislature should object to Mr. Billie Bilkins bringing a bushel of sweet potatoes to town and exchanging them with Mr. Jude Judkins for shoe blacking. Neither can we see why the Legislature should object to the railroad company buying space in a newspaper and paying the publisher of such paper in mileage over the railroad.

**Accident in Rocky Mount.**

(Rocky Mount Record.)

Mr. G. T. Matthews, senior member of the firm of Matthews, Weeks & Company, wholesale grocers of this city, and one of the most prominent citizens of Rocky Mount, was quite seriously injured in an accident at the intersection of Tarboro and Main streets Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He was struck down by an unruly team driven by James Johnson, a negro who lives in Edgecombe county and was going home, and sustained a compound fracture of the arm and a shock so severe that it was feared internal injuries had resulted. Bystanders hastened to Mr. Matthews and picked him up from the street and placed him in the hands of physicians. In the desire to give the injured man every possible advantage of treatment a request was made of the A. C. L. officials to hold No. 80, which was standing at the depot, that Mr. Matthews might be taken to Richmond to a hospital. The railroad officials kindly granted the request and Mr. Matthews, accompanied by Dr. M. R. Braswell and Mr. J. W. Matthews, was taken to Richmond Saturday night. Reports from there are to the effect that no internal injuries are believed to have resulted, but that lockjaw was feared from the injury to the arm. Mr. Matthews is about 65 years old, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Rocky Mount.

**Accident at Rich Square.**

(Rich Square Times)

The first serious accident since the mill was built five years ago occurred at the Farmers Gin & Milling Co's plant here Tuesday morning when Oscar Peele, sustained a compound fracture of the leg just above the knee, caused by the edger throwing a plank backwards which struck him with great force as he was standing in the saw dust hole. Dr. Bolton was away, so Dr. Morehead of Lasker was phoned for and he soon arrived and gave the injured man the best attention.

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**HALIFAX CRIMINAL COURT.**

Judge O. H. Allen Presides.

Halifax Criminal Court, for one week only, convened Monday 27th, with Judge Oliver H. Allen presiding. Court opened at 12 o'clock and immediately the following grand jury was drawn:

J. C. Butts, foreman, R. B. Powell, Tom Hopkins, June Tillery, Geo. T. Herring, N. Morecock, W. D. Baker, Ernest Morris, W. L. Ivey, W. R. House, J. W. Butts, I. D. Wood, C. D. Hargrove, W. W. Sumner, B. F. Walston, J. L. Barkley, Jesse Rhea, G. S. Sledge.

**THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.**

Judge Allen delivered a strong, clear charge to the grand jury, laying special emphasis on the excellence of the jury system, and the fact that it is the surest and safest system that could be had for the correction of crime and the protection of the people of a great civilization like ours.

He did not enumerate the crimes that come under the attention of the grand jury, but made references to some which he regarded of special importance. On the crime of public drunkenness, Judge Allen said that while he is not ultra in his position on temperance, he always talks to grand juries on this subject. He cited able authority from England and this country, showing that intoxicating liquors are the cause of a majority of the crimes in the country. He urged the grand jury to pay special attention to looking into matters of illicit distilleries. "A school house will not live close to a whiskey still. The two cannot stay together." He charged the grand jury to make diligent inquiry concerning illicit sale of liquor in the county. He said that Halifax county has a good population and deserves protection from such evils.

Special emphasis was laid upon the subject of public schools. He said that perhaps Eastern North Carolina is not developing in matters of public education as much as Western North Carolina.

By reason of the fact that timber buyers have been smarter than those who owned the timber of this great region, the timber has been sold for much less than its value; and if the children of the present age are not educated the lands will go like the timber has gone. Children need education in order that they may take a good stand as citizens on intellectual and moral questions. From these considerations, Judge Allen urged the grand jury to make inquiry concerning the public schools in the county and how the school money is being expended.

Finally, the grand jury were instructed to visit the county home in a body, to see that proper preparations are made for the comfort of the unfortunates who have to spend their days there. Judge Allen said that properly caring for the poor has a tendency to build up patriotic feeling in the county, and goes hand in hand with the spirit of education. He said that Jackson county has perhaps the best kept county home in the State immediately on the public road, and near by in the town of Webster is one of the best schools in the State.

Judge Allen's charge made a fine impression on all who heard it. Some years ago he held a court in Halifax and then as now his impression on the public was quite favorable.

Solicitor Kerr, Clerk Gary, Sheriff Patterson and his deputies were all in place, and the work of the court moved off smoothly and was progressing with good dispatch.

The calendar showed about forty cases, which, together with new cases that may come up, will perhaps occupy the greater part of the week.

Mr. J. L. Keeter was appointed officer to the grand jury.

**The Country Editor.**

(Exchange.)

The editor of the country paper ought to know just what suits each individual reader of his paper, and if in doubt his editorials should be sent to each subscriber for approval before they appear in print. An editor of a country newspaper has plenty of time to do this, for the only work he has to do is to hunt up news items, set type, build the fire, sweep the office, clean rollers, hustle for advertisements, fold and mail papers, run a free information bureau, talk to visitors, distribute type, read proofs and mark the errors, dodge the bill collectors, take abuse for failing to mention the name of some visitor he didn't know was in town, write up all the social events which he is not invited to attend, and get cussed should he dare to expect any one to pay for the paper. Yes, the country editor's pathway is indeed strewn with roses.

Its virtues have been known for years, and thousands of people have been made happy and well by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Keeps you well and makes you weller. 35c Tea or Tablets. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**

The Legislature is considering the railroad rate question for which it was convened in extra session. At this writing no bill has been passed on rates but bills have been placed before the body. It looks now like the 2-1-4 cent passenger rate on the long lines will be increased to 2-1-2 cents, in accordance with suggestions in the Governor's message.

A bill will pass both branches of the body giving the liquor question to a vote of the people in April, separated from every other question.

Various matters more or less local are being presented to the body, but nothing has claimed much attention thus far but the railroad rate and the liquor question.

**FOR TWO EXTRA JUDGES.**

The following is clipped from the News and Observer to-day:

"If the favorable report of the House Committee on Judicial Districts is followed by favorable action on the part of the House and the Senate there will be a Constitutional Amendment to be voted on at the next general election.

"The committee held a session yesterday afternoon and at it there was much discussion of the bill introduced by Representative T. W. Bickett, which provides that by a constitutional Amendment there shall be a provision for the election of two judges-at-large.

"The purpose of having these judges is that when any of the judges of the districts are taken ill, or are prevented from holding court from any cause, or special terms are to be held without the service of a judge available, that the court should be held by one of the two judges-at-large.

"Under the present Constitution of the State no such judges can be appointed or elected, and in order that such offices may be created, it is necessary that a change be made in the State Constitution and it is this which the Bickett bill proposes, to let the people vote on an amendment to the Constitution which provides for two judges-at-large."

**New Hotel for Weldon.**

(Roanoke News.)

It is rumored that Weldon is to have a new and modern hotel in the near future, and the nearer this rumor comes to being a settled fact the better for the town. Rumor has it that Mr. Walters, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and Messrs. Gresham & Sons, who own all the Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line restaurants under lease, will build the new hotel. It will be of brick and will occupy the site where the present Atlantic Coast Line hotel stands.

This old hotel was erected away back in the days before the war between the States and is the second largest frame building, used for hotel or dwelling purposes, in North Carolina. It has had many managers in its day and has been quite a famous resort. This old landmark will be torn down and an up-to-date brick hotel, to cost \$25,000, will take its place. The new hotel will have the ticket office, telegraph office and waiting rooms for the Atlantic Coast Line Road just as at present, and in addition the baggage room will also be in the new building. The hotel, if the present plans are adopted, will have 38 bed rooms, large office, halls, dining rooms and parlors and will be second to no hotel in the State.

The time has come when public sentiment demands that the old building be removed to make room for a hotel such as visitors would expect to see at an important railroad center like Weldon.

**Glad It Did So Much Good.**

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking:

Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Karsin, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture, writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper, has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A New York druggist who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers last October stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

The druggists in this neighborhood say they can supply the ingredients, which are easily mixed at home. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known, and certainly none more harmless or simple to use.

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**Meeting of the Round Table Club.**

(Reported to the Commonwealth.)

On last Saturday afternoon, January the twenty-fifth, the members of the Round Table Club enjoyed the charming hospitality of Mrs. Hoffman.

A short business session gracefully presided over by the President, Mrs. C. S. White, was held. It was decided that beginning with February the eighth the meetings should be held at half past three o'clock instead of three, as heretofore.

The literary feature of the afternoon was a study of the two Southern poets, Henry Timrod and Paul Hamilton Hayne. It was delightful to learn them from full and interesting papers concerning their lives and works by Mrs. White, and to enjoy some of their best poems read by Mrs. Wimberley.

After the program Mrs. Hoffman invited her guests into the dining room where she had prepared for them a delicious salad course, which all enjoyed amid bright social chat.

Those present were Mesdames G. S. White, W. H. Josey, A. L. Purrington, J. P. Wimberley, J. A. Pittman, Stuart Smith, W. R. Bond and Jas. G. Waddell and Misses A. Smith, Knight and Thorne. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. G. S. White.

**Shipped Corn Meal to Indian Territory.**

(Littleton News Reporter.)

Mr. R. T. Pittman was in town a few days ago. He came to ship to ex-Judge Chas. A. Cook, Muskegee, I. T., a sack of meal. The corn was raised on the lands of Judge Cook's old home, and ground at Wollett's mill, formerly used by his father. Mr. Pittman tells us he supplies the corn bread of the Tar Heel table in Indian Territory with North Carolina raised corn meal. The genuine Tar Heel knows better what good corn bread is than any other.

**Musical Genius Dead.**

(Littleton News Reporter.)

Mr. Peter R. Hines, a highly esteemed citizen, died suddenly at his home in Halifax county last Sunday night, in his sixty-seventh year. He leaves a wife and a number of relatives, among them Dr. Peter E. Hines, of Raleigh, who was medical director of the State during the Civil War. Mr. Hines loved his books and was a musical genius.

**\$100 REWARD, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the disease, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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**Notice.**

By virtue of authority vested in me by an order entered in the Special Proceeding in the Superior Court of Martin county entitled Hyman, Aushorn et als, Vs Stamper, Allsbrough et als, I shall on Monday February 3rd, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., at the court-house door in Williamston, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, known as the John Frosty Hyman tract lying on and near the line between Halifax and Martin counties near the road leading from Palmyra to Hobgood adjoining the lands of E. P. Hyman, Wade Mizell and others, containing 250 acres more or less. The entire tract is well covered with young pines and oaks, the older lumber was cut fifteen years ago. This December 30th, 1907. S. J. EVERETT, Commissioner. Williamston, N. C. 1-9-1f

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**Notice of Execution Sale.**

North Carolina, Superior Court. Halifax County.

J. N. Smith vs Isaac Smith. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Halifax County, in the above entitled action, I will on Monday the 3rd day of February, 1908, at 12 o'clock m., at the court house door of said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, the following described real estate, to-wit: All the right, title and interest of the defendant, Isaac Smith, in and to the lands of which Isaac Smith, deceased, died seized and possessed, in said county and state, and bounded by the lands of William Smith, Titus Hill and the road leading from W. H. Smith Place to Smith's Mill, said land being all the land in said county and state of which said Isaac Smith, deceased, died seized and possessed, and the interest of defendant in said land being a one-ninth interest, undivided.

Said land being real estate attached in the above entitled action.

This the 3rd day of January 1908. J. P. PATTERSON, Sheriff of Halifax County.

By C. W. DUNN, D. S. 1-9-1f

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