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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are responsible for the views of correspondents and the publication of communications does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The Commonwealth retains its usual terms and conditions of advertising and is not bound to accept of these general principles.

The State Democratic Executive Committee has been called to meet in Raleigh Wednesday, March 11th, to set the day for the State Democratic convention and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

The Merchants' Journal, formerly published in Raleigh by Mr. Norman H. Jonson, has been moved to Charlotte. It is a most unique and creditable publication. Perhaps there is none other just such journal in the country, and its growth and steady improvement since its establishment a few years ago, indicate that it is serving well its constituency and that it is being well supported.

The Wilmington Messenger thinks that there is more independent thought within the ranks of the Democratic party in this State than there has been before in forty years. Suggestion is made that unless great care is exercised in choosing candidates there will be quite a mix-up at the November election. All of which is well worth considering, but we do not see any particular danger of party disintegration.

**MUST ADVERTISE LAND.**

The Rich Square Times calls attention to the following law concerning the advertising of real estate to be sold under mortgage:

Sec. 641. No real property shall be sold under execution, deed in trust, mortgage, or other contracts thereafter executed, until notice of said sale shall be posted at the court house door and three other public places in the county for thirty days immediately preceding such sale, and also published for four weeks in some newspaper published in the county; provided, the cost of such newspaper publication shall not exceed three dollars, to be taxed as costs in the action, special proceeding or proceeding to sell.

**LET US HAVE GOOD ROADS.**

Elsewhere is published in this issue a call for a meeting of the justices of the peace of Scotland Neck, Palmyra and Rose-neath townships in Scotland Neck next Tuesday, to consider certain matters pertaining to the improvement of the roads in these townships.

Nothing more properly claims the attention of justices of the peace than the interests of the public roads. They compose the board of road supervisors in their respective townships and the care of the roads is a responsibility which rests upon them.

Something has been said about combining the funds of the townships of Scotland Neck, Palmyra and Roseneath. If by doing so the roads in these townships can be improved without undue increase in the expense of the work, by all means let it be done.

The people of the county pay a special road tax and they are entitled to the best public roads that can be had by the wise and prudent expenditure of the funds so raised.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not presume to suggest any plan whereby this can be done, for the justices of the peace in the townships are fully capable of the high and important service that rests with them in these matters. We wish only to emphasize the suggestion that the people should have the very best from the available funds possible, and they will approve of such action by the board of road supervisors.

**Zinc metal made into Oxide of Zinc,** and then combined with white lead, is used to make L. & M. PAINT. Zinc is imperishable and makes the paint wear as long as pure linseed oil will hold it to a surface. The L. & M. PAINT costs only about \$1.20 per gallon.

L. & M. Paint Agents,  
E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck.

**Halifax County Southern Cotton Association.**

The Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association held regular meeting in Halifax Monday, March 2, 1908.

Meeting was called to order by president. Roll call by townships, the following being represented. Binkleyville, Butterwood, Conoconara, Enfield, Faucetts, Halifax, Palmyra, Roanoke Rapids, Roseneath, Scotland Neck, Weldon.

President Hilliard announced the following program:

1. World's dependence on the South for cotton, by Capt. W. T. Jenkins.
2. Benefits to the South from the Southern Cotton Association, by Frank P. Shields.
3. Southern Cotton Association best medium through which to maintain good prices for cotton, by L. J. Baker.
4. What Halifax county farmers ought to do through the Southern Cotton Association during 1908, by B. D. Mann.

In the absence of Capt. Jenkins, on account of sickness, the president called on Mr. Frank P. Shields who touched on the subject assigned to Capt. Jenkins, and also made a forceful talk on the subject assigned to him.

The speaker for the third number on the program was called for, and being absent, Dr. A. S. Harrison kindly consented to make some remarks on the subject. Dr. Harrison never fails to say a good word to the cotton growers, and he was up to his usual high standard of interest and sound advice.

Mr. B. D. Mann then told the Association what they should do this year through the organization, and how great good could come to the farmers through it.

The attention of the Association was then claimed by the payment of membership dues and bale levy, the following amounts being paid in.

**BALE LEVY AND MEMBERSHIP DUES.**  
Enfield Township—M.  
Shields collector.....\$11.93  
Palmyra..... 2.80  
Conoconara—J. H. Pope..... 2.60  
Halifax—W. T. Eare..... 4.30  
Faucetts—W. J. B. Smith..... 5.60

**MEMBERSHIP DUES.**  
Chas. J. Shields.....\$ 1.00  
J. Y. Savage..... 1.00  
G. W. Bryan..... 1.00  
A. H. Norman..... 1.00  
J. E. Carter..... 1.00  
F. M. Taylor..... 1.00  
J. E. Pepper..... 1.00  
B. D. Mann..... 1.00  
J. T. Ryan..... 1.00  
W. T. Whitehead..... 1.00  
J. H. Sherrod..... 1.00  
Total.....\$37.62

Motion was passed to forward to the State Association any surplus left in the treasury after paying all expenses.

Motion was passed to allow account E. E. Hilliard \$1.50 for printing circulars.

On motion meeting was adjourned to meet first Monday in June.  
E. E. HILLIARD, Pres.  
CHAS. J. SHIELDS, Sec.

**Died in South Carolina.**

(Enfield Progress, Feb. 28.)

Mr. W. C. Tyree, cashier of the Newberry Savings Bank, of Newberry, S. C., died suddenly Sunday night at that place. He retired apparently in his usual health and was found dead in bed Monday morning. The cause of his death is not known. He was the son of the late John P. Tyree, of Ringwood, and was 36 years old. His remains were brought here Tuesday evening and carried to Ringwood where they were laid to rest Wednesday. The Rev. Geo. W. Tolson, rector of the Episcopal church here, conducted the burial services. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Pattie Tyree, of Ringwood; and two brothers, Messrs. John P. Tyree, of Richmond, Va.; and Lem Tyree, of Winston-Salem.

**The Round Table Club.**

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

The Round Table Club met Saturday afternoon, February twenty-second, with Miss Thorne as hostess, at the home of Mrs. W. O. McDowell.

Mrs. R. C. Josey read an instructive paper with William Dean Howells and Thomas Bailey Aldrich as her subjects, and Mrs. J. A. Pittman gave an interesting account of the life of Eugene Field and that of Bret Harte. Illustrating the style of Aldrich. Mrs. H. I. Clark read one of his short stories from the collection entitled "Marjory Dan."

After this literary entertainment the hostess invited her guests into the dining-room where the decorations did honor to the birthday of the nation's greatest chief. American flags and pictures of General Washington hung from the walls, and at each place was a dainty bouquet to which was tied a small representation of the historic hatchet. A salad course, with a garnishing of cherries, was served.

**THE FERTILIZER THAT NEVER FAILS**

**HYCO**

**Tobacco Guano**

COLUMBIA GUANO CO.  
NORFOLK, VA.

**SUPERIOR COURT.**

This is a Two Weeks' Term.

March term of Superior Court was opened in Halifax Monday Judge O. H. Allen presiding.

Sheriff Patterson, Clerk Gary and Solicitor Kerr were in readiness to do their part in the court, and immediately after court was opened the following grand jury was drawn:

**GRAND JURY.**  
W. B. Tillery, P. V. Randolph, C. C. Ailsbrook, S. W. Leggett, J. F. Hopkins, L. M. Pittman, T. L. House, J. L. Morris, N. J. Morris, J. F. Batchelor, W. H. Sykes, W. H. Daniel, T. J. E. Heckaday, L. H. Whitaker, W. Pope, Geo. Harper, E. P. Purnell, P. W. Graham.

**THE CHARGE.**  
Judge Allen at once proceeded to charge the grand jury. His charge was characteristically strong and clear and many favorable remarks were made concerning it.

W. D. Hux was appointed officer to the grand jury.  
The Criminal docket has quite a number of cases but they are not very important. One capital case from Weldon is to be tried. He is a colored man named Peebles, charged with killing another colored man named Francis.

**Call for Organization of County Anti-Saloon League.**

All the friends and supporters of the Prohibition Movement in Halifax county are requested to meet in Halifax on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1908, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of organizing an Anti-Saloon League for Halifax county and perfecting organization for carrying Halifax county for prohibition on May 26th.

Let every citizen who desires to promote the general welfare of his county be present at Halifax on the 17th—a prominent speaker of State reputation will address the meeting. This March 2nd, 1908.

W. R. Harvey,  
Jno. W. House,  
Dr. K. Leggett,  
L. J. Baker,  
H. L. Driscoll,  
J. T. Draper,  
F. P. Shields,  
E. E. Hilliard,  
W. F. Nicholson,  
A. E. Carter,  
W. T. Jenkins,  
B. D. Mann,  
Geo. T. Thorne,  
J. E. Holden,  
J. W. Hamill,  
W. T. Eare,  
L. M. Pittman,  
C. J. Shields,  
N. B. Josey,  
T. F. Whitley,  
Albion Dunn,  
W. T. Shaw,  
B. A. Pope,  
H. A. Willis,  
J. S. Shepard,  
A. W. Inge,  
H. A. Humble.

**Beware of Ointments for Cataract That Contain Mercury**

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Cataract Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Cataract Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**News From Halifax.**

(Con. to The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., March 3, 1908.

Mr. B. A. Harrelson, of Dillon, S. C., who has for some months acted in the capacity of agent for the A. C. L. at this place, has been transferred to Latta, S. C. Mr. Harrelson was a good business man, extremely courteous to the public, attentive to the business of the company and a man that was very much liked by all. Mr. R. L. Deaton, of Enfield, takes his place, and comes highly recommended.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. George Shearin on Wednesday night, Feb. 25, of pneumonia, at her residence about four miles west of Halifax. Deceased was a most estimable woman and had a large circle of friends who esteemed her for her worthy character. She leaves her husband, five sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

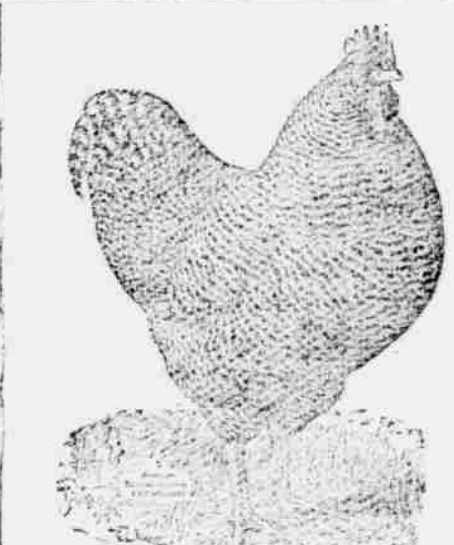
Rev. A. G. Wilcox filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night. His sermons were strong and helpful.

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave a very enjoyable supper for the benefit of the window fund last Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10. They called together all of us poor mortals, pushed us up to the wall, placed our heads against a measuring rod, while Mr. J. L. Weller called out the feet and inches of our heights. Miss Nell Nelson was close at hand with the treasury box, receiving and depositing the cash. No one was allowed to escape the rod, and each one had to pay for his height, 5 cents for each foot, and one penny for each additional inch and fractional part thereof. The funniest part of it was that the towering six footer paid only 30 cents, while the poor little fellow who was only 5 feet 11 1/2 inches had to pay 37 cents. The supper was free, and consisted of chicken salad, beaten biscuit, hot coffee, jello with whipped cream and cake. Mrs. D. C. Fenner and Misses Lizzie and Florence Fenner deserve thanks for making the evening a very pleasant one. Mrs. E. L. Travis was kind enough to render some excellent music on the Graphophone. The net proceeds amounted to \$27.

**Now is Best Time to Take.**

A well-known authority on Rheumatism gives the readers of a large New York daily paper the following valuable, yet simple and harmless prescription which any one can easily prepare at home:  
Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.  
Mix by shaking well in a bottle, and take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.  
He states that the ingredients can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy at small cost, and, being of vegetable extraction, are harmless to take.  
This pleasant mixture, if taken regularly for a few days, is said to overcome almost any case of Rheumatism. The pain and swelling, if any, diminishes with each dose, until permanent results are obtained, and without injuring the stomach. While there are many so-called Rheumatism remedies, patent medicines, etc., some of which do give relief, few really give permanent results, and the above will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by many sufferers here at this time.

Inquiry at the drug stores of this neighborhood elicits the information that these drugs are harmless and can be bought separately, or the druggists here will mix the prescription for our readers if asked to.



**FOR THOROUGH-BRED POULTRY**  
Eggs and Eggs—B. P. Rocks, S. C. R. T. Reds, S. C. Brown Leghorns. Selling of 15 E. P. Rock Eggs \$1.50. Leghorns and R. I. Reds \$1.25. Apply to  
H. W. NIXON,  
Scotland Neck, North Carolina

**Notice of Land Sale.**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax county, rendered on the fifth day of March 1907, in the case entitled A. L. Pope, Mrs. Clara Pope and others, Ex Parte, the same being a proceeding to sell land for partition, we will sell the below described tract of land, for cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Halifax at 12 o'clock on the ninth day of March, 1908, it being the second Monday in March.  
That tract of land in Conoconara township, Halifax county, North Carolina, and known as the "Fannie Pope" land, containing three hundred and sixty-five acres more or less, and bounded by the lands of V. W. Land, Kelly Barnes, J. E. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Barnes, The North Carolina Lumber Company, and others.  
Surveying plat of said land will be exhibited at the Court House on day of sale.  
J. H. KERR,  
A. P. KITCHIN,  
Commissioners.

**Our Growth!**

	Deposits.	Total Resources.
June 1st (opening)	\$ 5,685.98	\$10,821.97
August 1st	17,028.35	32,767.66
October 1st	24,551.07	40,856.50
December 2d (Monday)	30,755.75	45,800.36

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Day or night we are ready to accommodate our friends and the Public Generally.  
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Scotland Neck North Carolina

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All orders filled promptly, and every customer's wants regarded.  
**J. D. HILL,**  
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PERHAPS YOU ALSO NEED A Cart or Wagon!  
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All Repair Work Done Promptly. Best Workmen employed all the time.  
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Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup, La Grippe, Asthma, Throat and Lung Troubles. Prevents Pneumonia and Consumption  
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