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**AQUA PURA.**

(J. E. Geush.)

Water! Look at it, ye thirsty ones! See its purity! How it glitters, as if a mass of liquid gems! The Eternal Father of all has brewed it for His children. Not in the simmering still, with smoking fires, and choked with poisonous gases, does He prepare it; but down, down in the deepest valleys, where the fountains murmur, and in the grassy dells, where the red deer wanders; or high on the mountain tops, where the storm-clouds brood, and thunder-storms crash; and far out on the wide sea, where the hurricane howls music, and mighty waves swell the chorus—He brews this precious beverage of life-pure cold water. Everywhere it is a thing of beauty, gleaming in the dew-drop, sparkling in the cataract, spreading a golden veil over the setting sun, or a white gauze around the midnight moon; dancing in the hail-shower, ringing in the summer rain, and weaving that seraph-zone of the sky, whose warp is the rain-drop, and woof the sunbeam.

If you are a friend to prohibition tell others about the prohibition convention in Halifax next Tuesday.

The way to end right is to commence right in time. Be on hand and take a part in the prohibition convention at Halifax next Tuesday, March 17th.

Prohibition will be sure to carry on May 26th, but why not have a share in helping do it? Go to Halifax next Tuesday and get on the water wagon on the first day.

Many a man when it is too late wishes that he had acted on his better impulses which he disregarded at some important moment. Perhaps some who do not take interest in prohibition in Halifax may later wish they had.

Halifax county needs organization to help carry the State prohibition on May 26th. A good time and place to commence the work will be Tuesday, March 17, in Halifax. The prohibition convention has been called for that purpose.

**THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.**

In these columns last week was published the call for a convention in Halifax next Tuesday, March 17th, to consider and perfect organization for the prohibition campaign. The election on State prohibition will be held May 26th, and it behooves all citizens of the county who favor State prohibition to attend the convention in Halifax next Tuesday and do their part in furthering the cause. Many people have said over and over again that while they do not favor local prohibition they would support State prohibition. The opportunity is at hand for every one to do something in the great work of freeing the State from many evils of the liquor traffic.

Let there be a great convention of the citizens of the county in the interest of this great moral movement which promises so much for the good of North Carolina. The place and date bear in mind, Halifax, Tuesday, March 17th.

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**Death of Capt. George Gilliam.**

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., March 9, 1908. Departed this life on Thursday, March 5th, at his home in Halifax, N. C., Capt. George Gilliam, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

Captain Gilliam was born in Gates county, N. C., October 31st, 1834, was the second son of Henry A. Gilliam, and Elizabeth Creecy.

He was a consistent member of the Protestant Episcopal church for many years, renewing his baptismal vows in confirmation when he came to mature age.

He served throughout the Civil War, and was a brave, gallant soldier, never shrinking from danger when duty called. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was living at St. Louis, Mo., and was a member of one of the city companies. When North Carolina seceded he resigned his commission and hurried South and cast his lot with his native state. He enlisted in the 1st Reg. of N. C. Vol. with Capt. James K. Marshall, Col. D. H. Hill. After the enlisted time of this regiment expired, which was six months, his brother, Julian, and himself raised a company and he again went into active service, in April 1862, and he remained until desperately wounded at the third day's fight at Gettysburg. He was left on the field of battle and reported among the dead. Was taken prisoner and carried to David's Island where for weeks he was critically ill with his wound. Afterwards he was taken to Johnson's Island Lake Erie, and remained a prisoner until exchanged a few days before General Lee's surrender. Captain Gilliam was captain of Co. C 52 N. C. Reg., General James Johnson Pettigrew's Brigade, A. P. Hill's Corps, and Heath's Division, Army of Northern Virginia.

In 1867 Captain Gilliam was married to Miss Marie Antoinette Mulen, daughter of the late James W. Mulen and Susan Clary, of Hertford, N. C.

Captain Gilliam was related to some of the most prominent families of Eastern North Carolina. He leaves a wife and a large family to mourn his death—Mrs. Sterling M. Gary, Miss Sussie Gilliam, Miss Nettie Gilliam, Halifax, N. C.; Mr. George Gilliam, Henderson, N. C.; Mr. James Gilliam, Forest City, Ark.; Mr. Edward W. Gilliam, Gastonia, N. C.; Mr. Julian Gilliam, Norfolk, Va.

**Halifax News.**

(Special to The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., March 9, 1908. George Stephenson, Jr., who has been quite sick with la grippe for sometime is out again.

Miss Susie Mountcastle, principal of the Halifax High School, after having been very sick for about ten days at Hotel Roanoke, is very much improved.

Mrs. E. J. Brown continues to be right sick, she hasn't been at all well for several weeks.

Mrs. T. W. Fenner is out again, Mrs. Fenner was quite sick for several days.

Mrs. E. E. Purvis, (formerly Miss Lucy Suggs) of Tarboro, N. C., visited her sister, Mrs. Ira G. Shaw, last week.

Mr. Stanley Wilson, of Harrisburg, Ill., who is now going to school at Staunton, Va., was visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gowan last week.

Mr. James Gilliam, a former Halifax boy, who is a member of the firm of Turley Bros. & Gilliam, of Forest City, Ark., arrived home last Thursday morning just a few hours before his father, Capt. Geo. A. Gilliam, expired. Mr. Gilliam reports that things out there are in satisfactory condition, and the money panic is practically a thing of the past. The firm with which he is connected does a very large mercantile business.

Mr. Ira G. Shaw, rural carrier for Route No. 1, reports that last week at the State Farm Capt. Christian lost eight mules, valued at \$2,000, and had several sick that would probably die. A veterinary surgeon went down from Raleigh to find out the trouble, and said it must be ptomaine poison, but after examining the feed concluded it must be some other local cause, as the feed proved to be clean and pure.

**The O. N. I. Club.**

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

The O. N. I. club was delightfully entertained by Miss Ruby Darden March 3rd, 1908. The meeting was called to order by its president, Miss Katherine Kitchin. Then there was a guessing contest. Misses Katherine Kitchin and Nannie Shields had to draw, and Miss Nannie Shields being the lucky one was presented with the prize and the booby prize fell to Miss Annie Harper.

After enjoying delicious refreshments we adjourned, thanking our hostess for a pleasant evening.

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**The Round Table Club.**

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

Mrs. J. A. Pittman was hostess for the members of the Round Table Club Saturday afternoon, March 7.

The meeting was opened by a short business session followed by a literary entertainment. A very interesting paper on the lives of Mark Twain and James Whiteomb Riley was read by Miss Adelaide Smith in a most pleasing manner. Illustrating the style of the authors, selections were read by Miss Pattie Thorne and Mrs. W. H. Josey.

At the close of the literary session, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Emily Biggs and Miss A. R. Knight. Those present were Mesdames C. W. Albertson, W. F. Butterworth, W. H. Josey, Misses Pattie Thorne, A. R. Knight, Adelaide Smith, Emily Parsonage and Tempe Dameron. The next meeting will be at Mrs. A. L. Purrington's, March 21.

**Suit for Slander.**

(Enfield Progress.)

Three suits have been instituted by A. P. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, against S. W. Morrisett, Frank Shields, and N. B. Josey, of the same place, for \$20,000 each. The bills of complaint filed allege slanderous statements by the defendants to the effect that the liquor election by which Scotland Neck went wet several years ago was stolen for the saloon interest by Mr. Kitchin, who was one of the pole holders. The case promises to be hard fought and to attract a great deal of attention. The attorneys for the prosecution are Kitchin and Smith, of Scotland Neck; W. E. Daniel, of Weldon; and E. L. Travis, of Halifax. Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck; and Day, Bell and Dunn, of Enfield, will conduct the defense.

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**Notice of Dissolution of E. T. Whitehead & Company.**

By mutual consent of E. T. Whitehead and J. A. Pittman the partnership heretofore existing between them, under the firm name and style of E. T. Whitehead & Company, is this day dissolved. Mr. Pittman retires from the firm. The business will continue under the control and management of Mr. E. T. Whitehead under the style of E. T. Whitehead Company.

All debts due E. T. Whitehead & Company will be paid to Mr. E. T. Whitehead, and all debts owing by said concern will be settled by Mr. Whitehead.

This March 9th, 1908.  
E. T. WHITEHEAD.  
J. A. PITTMAN.

**Notice.**

**Public Sale of Land.**

By virtue of power vested in me by that Deed of Trust executed to me by C. F. White and wife Dudley White, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 184 on page 311, I shall sell for cash at Public Auction in the Town of Scotland Neck on the 28th day of March, 1908, at 12 O'clock Noon, to the highest bidder, all of the right, title, and interest of the said C. F. White and Dudley White in and to the following described lots or parcels of real estate, lying, being and situate in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to wit:

1st lot: Lying on the North side of Ninth Street, according to the map of the Town of Scotland Neck, and beginning at a point on said street, the Southeast corner of the lot on which is situate the Methodist Parsonage, thence at right angles a straight line along the line of said Parsonage lot, in a northerly direction 100 feet, thence at right angles and parallel with said Ninth Street, a straight line in an easterly direction 50 feet, thence at right angles in a straight line in a southerly direction 100 feet to Ninth Street, thence up Ninth Street to the beginning;

2nd lot: Lying in said town on the West side of Main Street, and beginning at J. D. Ray's line on Main Street, and running North with Main Street 50 feet, thence running in a westerly direction 100 feet to a stake, thence running in a southerly direction 50 feet, thence running in an easterly direction and parallel with Ninth Street 100 feet to Main Street, thence to the beginning.

This February 25th, 1908.

ALBION DUNN, Trustee.

2-27-08.

**Notice.**

By virtue of authority vested in me by an order for a resale entered in the Special Proceedings in the Superior Court of Martin County entitled Hyman, Ausbon et als vs Stamper, Allbrook et als, I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at public sale at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., between 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M., during noon recess of Court on Wednesday March 18th, 1908, the following described property to-wit:

Being in the edge of Martin and Halifax counties, known as the John Prostly Hyman land, lying on and near the road leading from Palmyra to Hobgood, said tract of land adjoining E. P. Hyman, George James, J. B. Stevenson, Mizell place and others, containing 350 acres more or less. The land is well set with pines, the timber being cut from same about twelve years.

This February 17th, 1908.

S. J. EVERETT, Commissioner.

Williamston, N. C. 2-27-08.

**Notice of Land Sale.**

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by Andrew Baker and wife which is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, North Carolina, in Book 186 at Page 55, I will on the 21st day of March, 1908, sell for Cash at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described Real Estate:

Lying, being and situate in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the corner of W. H. Scott (now belonging to Wimberley and Burroughs) and the Steptoe heirs, thence N. 37 1-2 W. 90 2-10 poles, to Scott's avenue, thence along Scott's avenue S W 98 poles, thence N. 66 1-2 pole E. 62 8-10 poles to a stake, the beginning, and containing 13 acres more or less (less 3 acres sold off to Ed Hill) the said land lying on the left hand side of Scott's avenue leading to the old Scott house, and being the same land that was conveyed to Andrew Baker by C. C. Allbrook and wife by deed of record in the Register of Deeds office for Halifax County in Book 111 at Page 283.

This the 19th day of Feb., 1908.  
S. A. DUNN, Trustee.  
2-20-08



**FOR THOROUGH-BRED POULTRY AND EGGS—B. P. Rocks, S. C. R. I. Reds, S. C. Brown Leghorns—Setting of 15 B. P. Rock Eggs \$1.50. Leghorns and R. I. Reds \$1.25.**

Apply to H. W. MIXON, Scotland Neck, North Carolina 2-27-08

**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 cause 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 Conocoanara 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 Weeks, 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.

2-13-08.

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