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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.

Elsewhere are printed in this issue the regulations for road work by the board of road supervisors for Scotland Neck, Roseneath and Palmyra townships in Halifax county. The force has been pretty well organized and but for the continued rains the work would be progressing.

Those who are interested in good roads and in road building will do well to read an article in next week's issue of THE COMMONWEALTH on successful road building. We have it from the United States Office of Public Roads in Washington, and it will be well worth reading and study.

**THAT RAILROAD.**

Time and time again has this paper tried to point out to the people of Scotland Neck the wisdom in building a short line of railroad from Scotland Neck to Roanoke river. There can be no doubt that such a road would be the means of greatly decreasing freight charges to the business men of the town. Mr. Ray's communication in this issue calls timely attention to the situation, and we trust his suggestions may do good.

**THIS IS THE LAST.**

For two months it has been pretty well kept before the readers of this paper that after April 1st it will not be sent to subscribers who owe for more than a year on subscription. There has been no purpose in this to annoy our subscribers with a threat of discontinuing the paper. It has been done in accordance with a ruling of the Post Office Department. We do not wish to cut off a single subscriber, and that is why we have kept this matter before them.

The subscription list has been gone over carefully and statements have been sent out to those to whom the ruling applies.

We have prepared a special statement explaining it all in as courteous terms as we knew how to formulate. Some have become displeased and have ordered the paper discontinued already, which is very foolish. It may not be foolish to have this paper discontinued, but it is foolish to get offended at receiving a statement for subscription dues. And what is more, it is very wrong to take a paper for ever so long and then when a statement is sent refuse to take it longer and not pay for the time it has been received, which some have done.

If any one finds that we have made a mistake in the statements sent out, we hope that our attention will be called to it promptly, and we will gladly correct it. It is quite probable that in sending out several hundred statements we have made a mistake now and then.

Now, one final word about this matter: It has taken much time and considerable postage to send out these statements, and we trust that our delinquents will be kind enough to respond with full remittance. We trust also that no one will feel offended at the statements or at being dropped from our list if he does not settle up. We have done our best to make it clear and thus we leave it. We are acting under a ruling of the United States Government and we cannot do otherwise.

To those who do not comply we can not send THE COMMONWEALTH longer. If any shall see proper to allow their names to be dropped we hope to have them renew their subscription in the near future. And this is all of it.

**LITTLETON'S COMMITTEE.**

By some means in the report of the prohibition convention in Halifax last week THE COMMONWEALTH omitted the executive committee from Littleton township. We are sorry it occurred, for the Littleton people would not like to be left out in the good work for prohibition. We gladly make the correction and print the names of the committee below. They are: W. R. Harvey, Eugene Johnston, C. D. House, T. W. Myrick and L. W. Bagley.

**TWO MILLIONS SHORT.**

The final winners' report which was issued March 20th, gave the cotton crop of 1907-1908, 11,261,163 bales, against 13,300,265 for 1906-1907. This is more than two million bales less than report for 1906 and a half million more than for 1903.

The price for cotton in Scotland Neck at this date both in 1906 and 1907 was 11 cents. The price here to-day is 101 cents. It is hard to understand why the cotton crop of 1907 with two millions less bales than the 1906 crop, should be selling now for one cent less than cotton was worth a year ago.

Surely there is reason to believe that the price will go higher.

**Halifax News.**

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)  
Halifax, N. C., March 24, 1908.  
Mr. Jno. Fenner, Jr., has returned from Henderson.

Mrs. W. A. Sater went to Rocky Mount last Friday to see her daughter, Mrs. Clay.

Mr. Edward Whitehead, of Littleton, was in town Sunday.

Mr. F. Froelich is spending a few days in Manchester, Va., this week with his family.

Mr. Ferrall McMahon, of Norfolk, was here a day or two last week to see his people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butts went down to Whitakers last Saturday to see Mr. Butts' mother, who has been quite sick, returning home Sunday.

Miss Urtie Daniel has returned home after an extended stay in Raleigh, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Rebecca Gary, who has been right sick for two or three weeks, is very much improved, we are glad to report.

Miss Boyd C. Story, of Conway, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. O. Vaughan. She is accompanied by her little nephew, James Revelle.

Rev. D. E. Viperman filled his regular appointment at Dawson's Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Holden preached in the Methodist church Sunday night to a large and attentive congregation.

There were two services at the Catholic church Sunday, conducted by Rev. Father O'Brien, of Raleigh.

Mr. J. L. Weller went up to Richmond last Friday. Mrs. Weller has been there for a week or ten days attending her father, Mr. Nelson, who is reported critically ill.

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn was in town a few hours Sunday.

We should have mentioned last week the death of uncle William Meacham, who died March 14, down in the "slashes," aged about 75. He lost his wife just a few days before his summons came. Uncle William was a very worthy colored man, and respected by the whites.

Mr. E. N. Dickens had quite an exciting experience last week with a rabid dog belonging to Mr. Thos. Dickens. The dog jumped up to his shoulder as he supposed to caress him, they being very good friends and made an attempt to bite. Mr. Dickens was quite sure he had succeeded, but upon examination found that the impression of his teeth had not gone through the skin.

W. F. COPPEDGE.

**Found Dead in Road.**

(Rich Square Times.)  
On Saturday night the dead body of Manasseh Josey, son of Jesse Josey, of Portsmouth, Va., and grandson of George Josey, of Rich Square, was found in the road near R. L. Rawls, just over the line in Hertford. On Sunday an inquest was held by the Coroner of Hertford. It was the decision of the jury that the young man probably came to his death by natural causes, disease of the heart. He worked all day Saturday before his death and seemed perfectly well. The burial took place Monday afternoon in Northampton.

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**Death of Miss Jesse Pittard.**

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)  
Aurelian Springs, March 21, 1908.  
Miss Jesse Pittard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pittard, departed this life March 16th, 1908, in the nineteenth year of her age. She was confined to her bed about seven days with pneumonia. All that the physician and loving friends could do was to no avail. Her time had come and God called her home. Her father was called from this world when she was an infant, since then her three brothers have passed away. She leaves a mother, two sisters and a step father and a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She professed faith in Christ when young and had been a faithful member at Hawkins' Chapel M. P. church until the end. She will be missed at church, especially in the Sunday-school. From her childhood she has always taken an interest in children's day service. She told her mother before she died that she was going to rest and asked her to meet her in heaven. What joy it is to think she has gone home to die no more and to suffer no more! Though we know it's hard to part with her, yet there is that blessed assurance that you shall meet her in heaven if you only live as she did, and we do not realize what a happy meeting it was for her to meet her dear ones who have been over there awaiting her coming and it will be the same meeting when you get there. They are over there beckoning for you to come. We know you will miss her kindly greetings and loving voice. The fairest light of a home has been put out by death.

Where once were joy and gladness now all is darkness, hovering over like a midnight pall and sorrow and grief now fill the hearts of those behind.

Jessie was loved by all who knew her, she was kind and thoughtful with everybody and will be greatly missed in the community. May we all so live and trust God here on earth that we may meet her in heaven. The writer knew her all of her life and knows that she was a good girl.

Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground on the 18th, in the presence of a large assembly. The burial service was conducted by Rev. J. T. Draper of the M. E. church South. The pall bearers were P. N. Stainback, Jr., Paul Vincent, W. S. Hockaday, W. M. Hockaday, T. M. Allen and E. B. Pair.

The writer would say to the bereaved ones to look to Christ who is able to comfort you.

"One precious to our hearts has gone. The voice we loved is stilled; The place made vacant in our home Can never more be filled.

Our Father, in his wisdom, called The boon his love had given; And though on earth the body lies 'The soul is safe in heaven.'  
C. M. HAWKINS.

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**NEW RAILROAD.**

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Scotland Neck is so naturally and otherwise well drained that the rain water divides and goes into these great and noble rivers draining the largest and best farms in the State, and some of the most fertile soil on the face of the earth. Here are deep wells, good water, pretty, wide streets, and the most lovely shade trees in the South, where the "glee club" of birds chirp and sing and tell us in song to work on and be cheerful, for cheaper freights are coming. We have good church and school advantages, a dry town with electric lights, strong banks, large hotels, handsome stores, many beautiful homes and a plenty of room for at least ten thousand people if they will come and bring their business with them. The climate is simply fine, said to be somewhat like that of France and Italy—a kind of sub-tropical. The long winters are made mild and delightful by the near approach of the gulf stream, and the summer, or cotton growing time, is cooled off and made pleasant by the distant mountain breeze, making music through the pine tops and destroying and blowing away all germs of disease, making Scotland Neck one of the healthiest and cleanest towns in this beautiful Southland. Scotland Neck is the largest crude Spanish peanut market on the globe, backed up by good people and good farms, some of which produce twenty-five barrels of corn and claim from one and a half to two bales of cotton per acre, SOME YEARS.

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Now, if we all feel the need of cheaper freight rates and realize the real importance of having them, why not all come together and work for it like we do in a temperance or a political campaign? We would soon have the railroad to the river, giving cheaper freights and then other mills would come, giving more men work. It would be a great thing for this town and community. It would do us all good. The passenger service for Scotland Neck is good now, with a double daily train, and I think the rate has been made fair and right for the State. Generally the people who ride are able to pay the fare. But we all have to pay high freights whether we walk

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