

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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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.

Let the farmers be sure to put in corn enough this spring to make sufficient home supplies. Nothing they can do will so insure to their advantage as a full smoke house and a well filled corn crib at home. With independence in home supplies the price of cotton next fall will not make so much difference with them.

Col. E. W. Kerr, a prominent lawyer of Clinton, while purchasing a railroad ticket for Burgaw, where he was going to speak for prohibition Monday, fell dead in the waiting room. His physician had warned him not to exert himself, but he said he felt it his duty to speak for prohibition, and so he died in the attempt to do what he thought his duty.

A clear-headed professional man and a patriot well posted on matters pertaining to the welfare of North Carolina, remarked to us since the last issue of this paper was printed that the prohibition election May 26th will be the most important election held in the State since the emancipation of the slaves. And so it will be. If prohibition should fail to carry, the evils of the liquor traffic would be multiplied within our borders. But it will not fail.

There is some debate throughout the State concerning the attitude which farmers will assume on prohibition. The Greenville Reflector thinks that the majority of farmers will vote for prohibition. It expresses its opinion as follows: "Those anti-prohibitionists who think the farmers as a rule are going to vote with them, will discover their mistake when the ballots are cast and counted on the 26th of May. The farmers of North Carolina are as good as any people in the world; they love their homes, they love their families, they love sobriety and morality, and they are going to vote for prohibition and thus help rid their State of the evils of the liquor traffic."

WILMINGTON MESSENGER SUSPENDED.

The people of North Carolina will be sorry to learn of the suspension of the Wilmington Messenger. For about twenty years it has been a bright morning daily sent out from the good city of Wilmington, and it has all the while been a clear exponent of good journalism. For a number of years it was edited by the brilliant and versatile Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, and latterly it has been ably edited by Mr. Samuel T. Ashe. It has always been true to the interests of the people, and its daily visits to the many homes into which it has gone will be greatly missed. The press of the State will also greatly miss its co-operation in all political excellence and encouragement to all praiseworthy enterprises.

Fatal Fire at Beaufort.

(Greenville Reflector.)

Beaufort, N. C., April 4th.—The home of Miss Henrietta Roberson was discovered to be on fire at two o'clock this morning, and before the fire company could get a stream on the house it was enveloped in flames. The fire made such a headway that it was impossible to rescue Miss Roberson and she was burned to death in a horrible manner.

Miss Roberson was a lady of considerable local historical note, being one of the two sisters who made the flag for the 10th N. C. Confederate Regiment, which was captured by the 4th Rhode Island Regiment that was returned by that regiment in the noted celebration at Raleigh, in June 1906. Miss Roberson was an invalid and aged lady, and was unable to help herself. She was highly respected and was widely known.

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Southern Cotton Association.

Pursuant to a special call, the Halifax county division of the Southern Cotton Association held a meeting in Halifax Monday. The meeting was called to order by the president, E. E. Hilliard, who explained that it was a called meeting to consider some matters of importance to the Association.

The relation of the Southern Cotton Association to what is known as the Farmers' Union was discussed. And while in some places the Southern Cotton Association has merged with the Farmers' Union, it was the sense of the meeting that the Halifax county branch should maintain its own organization.

The question of cotton acreage was discussed and it was the sense of the meeting to recommend to the farmers of the county that the cotton acreage be not increased, and wherever practical it be decreased.

Steps were taken to secure for the regular quarterly meeting in June some good speakers to address the Association.

Some other matters of general interest were discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Halifax News.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., April 7, 1908. Miss Mary Mabry, of Weldon, was here Sunday to see relatives and friends.

Mr. Henry Cuthrell, of Enfield, spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Mrs. H. W. Gowen, with her children, Misses Leonora and Esther Howerton, is spending a few days in Rocky Mount with her sister, Mrs. John D. Blount.

Mrs. George H. Moore and little son, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent a day or two with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Coppedge, last week, returning to Weldon Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Harvey is very sick with German measles, also Mr. Walter Stephenson is right sick with it, in fact it has jumped around a great deal in this locality recently.

Rev. Miland Brown, sixty years old, died here last week, after prolonged suffering. Parson Brown was a Baptist preacher for about thirty years, and was esteemed as a very worthy colored man, by the white people. There was an immense crowd of colored Masons and Odd Fellows here at his burial to pay their last tribute of respect. There were perhaps five or six hundred.

Rev. J. E. Hutson, of Richmond, is preaching at the Baptist church this week to fair congregations.

His sermons are plain and practical, appealing to common sense and better judgment. In fact he seems to emphasize that practicality and religion should, and do go hand-in-hand. He is possessed of that quiet unassuming manner, with love and sympathy beaming from his eyes, and that beautiful, satisfied expression on face, that remind you of one who enjoys his religion, and is conscious of God's smiles.

Evidently he is a man of deep, earnest thought and has the charm of saying, with few well chosen words, what is essential. Indeed, he is a very earnest, charming speaker, and he compels you to follow his line of thought until you are conscious of a lesson learned and a blessing to take with you. If men all over the world had the capacity to make other men think, and think right, great would be the result.

W. F. COPPEDGE.

Found in Tar River.

The Tarboro correspondent to Sunday's News and Observer said: "The body of a white man was found in Tar River, two miles from here, this afternoon by Capt. Parsons."

"There were no marks of identification. From appearances the body had remained in the water three days and drowning was either accidental or suicidal. Rumors here tonight are to the effect that a prominent farmer is missing. The body was brought to Tarboro on Parson's boat."

Robbed at San Francisco.

The Tarboro Southerner says: "F. S. Royster of Norfolk, but formerly of this place, who with his wife and two daughters, is making a trip around the world, Saturday, soon after landing at San Francisco, was robbed of \$600 in Bank of England money, \$150 in gold and four tickets for the party home. Their round the world tour had been completed, save the trip across this continent."

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Observations at Enfield.

To the Editor:

It would be well for every citizen of Scotland Neck to take a day off and spend it in our sister town, Enfield. The people in that place have one thing which is essential to the progress and welfare of any town, which is town pride. Every one there seems to think that Enfield is the best town on earth and speaks a good word for it on every hand. They all seem to be in good spirits, and on my recent trip over there I only saw one man with a real long face and he was in the charge of the town officer at the time. Speaking of the town officer, they give him a uniform to wear and he looks like the real thing. Now, our officer is as good as the Enfield officer and why not put a uniform on him? Nothing has so much effect on the evil doer as the uniform of the town officer. Now, let's come together (and issue bonds if necessary) and get our officer a nice uniform so that all may know he is a real live wire.

Another thing which attracts one's attention in Enfield, is the fact that every side walk in the business part of the town is nicely paved, which adds so much to the appearance of the town and the convenience of the people.

Some one in Enfield remarked to me that a drummer said that Scotland Neck is a dead town. Now, how did he get that idea? Who put those notions in his head while he was here?

If he was correct and the town is dead, let's give it a big funeral and move out.

We must not rest on our oars, for if we do we will surely go backward. Let's keep moving and we will go forward with the other towns.

We have many things to be proud of here. Our electric light system is as good as one could ask for and the road machine is improving our streets every day, so let's come together, do away with differences, all work in harmony and whoop up our own town.

HUGH JOHNSON.

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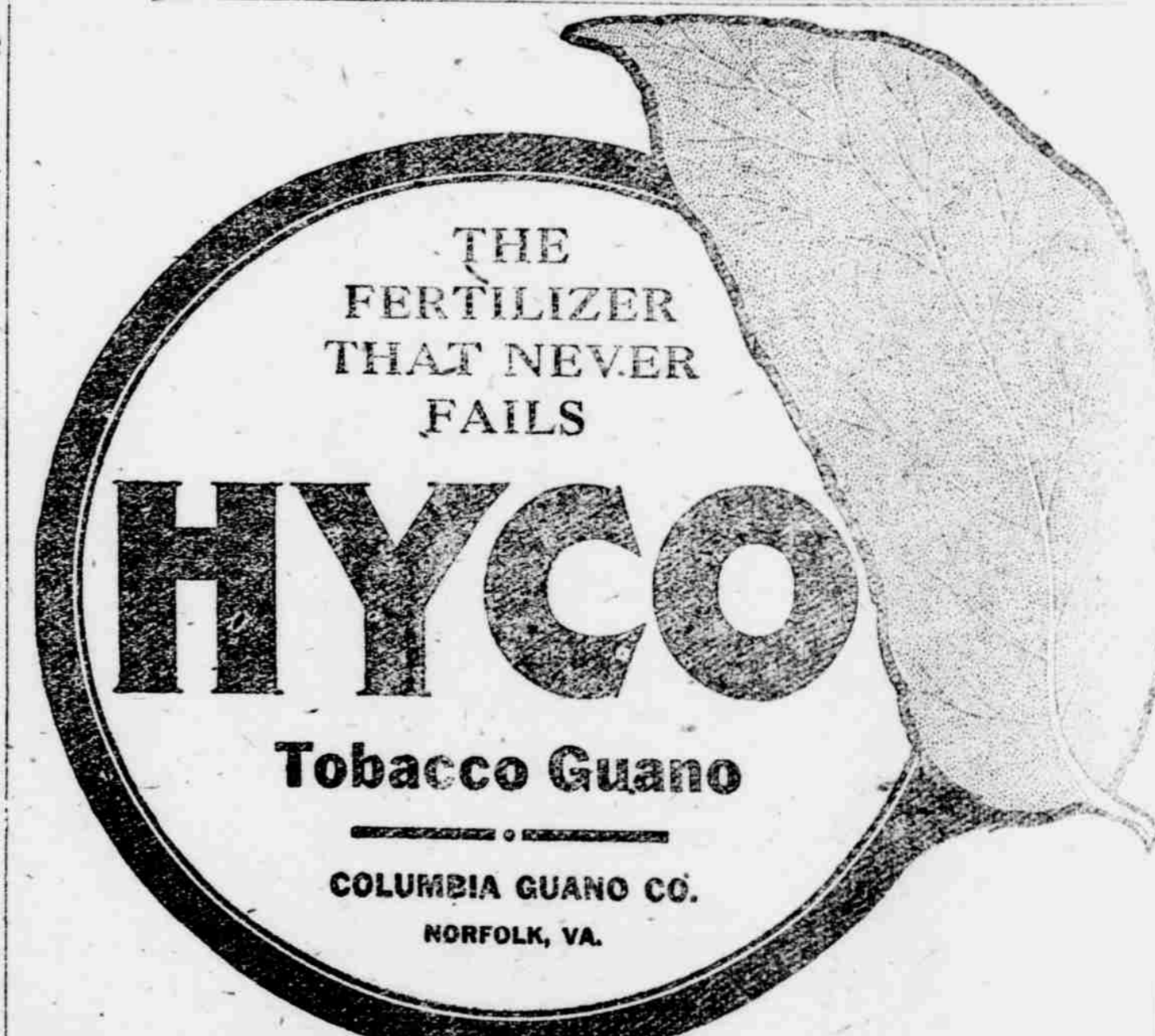
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