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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled principle in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents...

The date for the forty-eighth annual session of the North Carolina State fair at Raleigh has been set for October 12 to 17, 1908.

Editorial space on the first page in this issue is given up to make room for articles by Mr. C. H. Poe and Governor Jarvis on prohibition...

Farmers have now come to the season of the year when they should take special care of their team. Land that has not been broken is now very hard and it is an easy matter to over tax team in breaking it now.

A Strong Letter to Cotton Farmers. Let Them Read It.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth) Memphis, Tenn., April 18, '08. To the Cotton Planters of the South.

Cotton to-day reached the lowest point since Jan. 1, 1903, except from November to May of the big crop year of 1904-5, when it sold two cents per pound lower than this.

What causes this lack of confidence? They are afraid they will raise a bumper crop of cotton this year. Why are they afraid of a large crop? They look at the past. In 1903 we had a short crop and good prices, which was followed by a large acreage and good seasons and a bumper crop.

How can we restore confidence? In place of planting the same acreage as last season in cotton plant 25 per cent less. If the weather conditions should be unfavorable for the growing crop and it should turn out a million bales less it would sell for fifteen cents and bring a total of nearly \$800,000,000, and add to this the value of the feed crops that can be grown on the acreage intended for cotton and it will give us another \$50,000,000.

It is not too late yet to plant Corn, Alfalfa, Sorghum, Cane, Millet or Cow Peas for hay. Or it will pay you to let the land lie idle for a season rather than plant it in cotton at a loss.

Do you want to return to the old days of five cent cotton? If not, join this movement and we will make the South more prosperous than ever.

J. A. TAYLOR, Pres. Nat. Gin. Assn.

To and From Halifax.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth) HALIFAX, N. C., April 21, '08. Miss Frances Sater spent two or three days last week in Rocky Mount with Mrs. Clay.

Miss Virginia Hale came up Friday to see her parents. She is teaching in Hobgood. Joseph McMahon made a flying trip to Richmond, Va. and Washington, D. C., last week, returning Friday.

Ferrall McMahon spent last Saturday here, returning to Norfolk Sunday. Miss Leonora Howerton who has been visiting in Rocky Mount for some time, is home again.

Miss Julia Rhem, of Tillery, spent a few hours with Misses Ruby and Frances Sater Sunday. Mrs. Ira G. Shaw who has been quite sick for several days is very much improved.

Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire preached at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on last Wednesday night. There was a confirmation service in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The series of meetings at the Baptist church closed last Thursday night. There were a few who stepped out on the Lord's side, while many members of the different churches here were benefited by this meeting, and it is presumed will be more active, zealous and co-operative Christians by having come in contact with such a man as Rev. J. E. Hutson, and by having heard his preaching.

Rev. Geo. M. Tolson, of Weldon, filled an appointment at St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday night. There was quite an interesting and enthusiastic meeting of the "Order of the Easter Star" at the Masonic hall last Wednesday night.

There will be a "Thom Thumb" wedding in the Methodist church Thursday night. Master Louis Travis will be the groom and little Miss Emily Cole the bride.

Mrs. R. L. Deaton and sister, Miss Blanche Coffin, gave a basket picnic on Quaker street Monday in honor of invited friends from Effield and Rocky Mount, a very pleasant time was reported by all.

There was also a basket picnic at "Grizzard's Mill" Monday for the children of the town. All those who engaged in the task of making the affair so enjoyable have many thanks from the little ones.

President A. J. McKinnon, of the N. C. Division of the Southern Cotton Association, has written the following timely letter to Merchants' Associations, Commercial Clubs and Chambers of Commerce:

Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention to and ask your co-operation, and through you the co-operation of your members, and through your members the co-operation of their customers in an attempt to increase the food crop in the State this year, and in this way guard against a threatened danger of more cotton than the world will take care of at paying prices.

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TOBACCO with valuable tags OLD PEACH Save your tags from Coupons from PICNIC TWIST Tags from the above brands are good for the following and many other useful presents as shown by catalog:

Mr. Dunn at Williamston.

Williamston, N. C., April 16.-Albion Dunn, Esq. of Scotland Neck, came yesterday to make a speech on prohibition. A large crowd, taxing the capacity of the court house, greeted the speaker in the evening.

Death of Mrs. Eunice Baker.

(Communicated to The Commonwealth.) Mrs. Eunice Baker, beloved wife of Joseph L. Baker, departed this life April 15, at 5:20 o'clock in the 22 year of her age. She was the loved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo J. Staton, born September 5, 1885, died April 16, 1908.

Dyeing and Cleaning Mrs. A. J. Pyle

Best is the Cheapest Always. OF QUALITY. 315 N. Fifth Street, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. CARPETS Cleaned, Scoured and Dyed.

Rugs and Druggets Woven from Old Carpets. Our Steam Process for cleaning Lace, Curtains, Blankets, Organdy and Mull Dresses is unsurpassed.

Notice---Sale. By virtue of an execution directed to me by S. M. Gary, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, on the 24th day of March, 1908, in the case entitled E. G. Cox and Everett Stroud trading under firm name and style of Cox & Stroud vs. The Farmers Storage Warehouse Co., I will on the fourth day of May 1908 (it being the first Monday in May), at the Court House door in Halifax, Halifax County, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for cash to the highest bidder, following described Real Estate, to-wit:

New Market.

I am prepared to serve my old customers and the public generally with the very best of fresh Beef, Pork, Sausage, &c. All orders filled promptly, and every customer's wants regarded.

J. D. HILL, Main St., next to Prince's Stables. 12-2m

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, Aushon et als vs Stamper, Allsbrook et als, I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at public sale at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Monday, May 4th, 1908, the following described property to-wit:

Our Growth! Deposits. Total Receipts. June 1st (opening) \$ 5,685.98 \$20,821.97 August 1st 17,028.35 32,767.66 October 1st 24,551.07 40,856.50 December 2d (Monday) 30,755.78 45,200.36 A growth during the most stringent period of recent years.

MINSTRELS COMING. Scotland Neck, Apr. 25 Twenty-Sixth Annual Tour of A. G. ALLEN'S Big Minstrel Show, The Oldest and Largest Minstrel Organization in the United States.

... TRY THE... Red King Walking Cultivator. NONE BETTER. STRONG! DURABLE! ECONOMICAL! SAMPLES ON OUR FLOOR. Hardy Hardware Company, The Hardware Hustlers, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Land Sale for Taxes.

On Monday, May 4th, 1908, I shall sell at the court house door in Halifax, at public auction for taxes in Halifax county for the year 1907, the following real estate: SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP. Name. Description. Taxes & Cost.

THE FERTILIZER THAT NEVER FAILS HYCO Tobacco Guano COLUMBIA GUANO CO. NORFOLK, VA. Cures Biliousness, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Torpid Liver and Chronic Constipation. Pleasant to take. ORINO Laxative Fruit Syrup Cleanses the system thoroughly and clears shallow complexions of pimples and blotches. It is guaranteed.