

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled policy in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents and the publication of communications does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication.

Time is about up for paying poll-tax in view of voting at any election this year. Let every one see to it that his poll tax is paid to-day, or he can not vote in the coming elections.

The Roanoke Chowan Times, published at Rich Square, has just been enlarged to an eight page paper. A new Babcock press and Twentieth Century folder have recently been installed.

WHAT IS LOST BY STRONG DRINK.

Rev. Walter J. Smith, formerly rector of Trinity church in Scotland Neck, now superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte, prints in his paper, The Messenger of Hope, the following costly account against those who indulge in strong drink:

Are you good at arithmetic? I will give you some losses to add up and calculate how much they come to. They are losses made by every one who indulges in strong drink:

- Loss of Money. Loss of Time. Loss of Health. Loss of Business. Loss of Character. Loss of Friends. Loss of Good Conscience. Loss of Feeling. Loss of Mind. Loss of Life. Loss of Immortal Soul. It is a long and terrible account to run up, but it is an easy one to begin, and I see even boys beginning it at the beach shop, young men adding to it at the tavern and billiard saloon.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Charlotte last week, Mr. J. A. Thomas, editor of the Louisville Times, was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Thomas has been a member of the Association, we believe, ever since the organization back in the seventies, and is worthy the high honor his brethren of the press have placed upon him.

Other prominent, worthy and progressive members of the Association were elected as follows:

- W. C. Dowd, Charlotte News; J. Z. Green, Marshville, Our Home; Rev. J. O. Atkinson, Christian Sun, vice-presidents. J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times, secretary and treasurer. J. F. Hurley, of Concord, historian.

J. M. Julian, Salisbury Post, annual orator. R. M. Phillips, New Bern Journal, poet.

The reports sent out through the daily papers told the story of a splendid meeting of the editors, and of the magnificent hospitality extended them by the people of Charlotte.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH wished much to be with his brethren of the press, and intended to do so, but at the last had to give up the trip.

We gratefully appreciate the kind words for this paper and its editor by the historian of the Association, Mr. T. C. Cobb, editor of the Morganton Herald, in the paper he read before the Association.

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AS TO PROHIBITION.

For twenty years this paper has well kept the subject of temperance before its readers. It has not passed as the organ of any cause or any person, but has advocated what it thought the best interests of the people of North Carolina. In politics it has been Democratic, and has unvaryingly supported the Democratic party.

We have not tried to coerce any one in any way in the cause of temperance, but have spoken out clearly and unhesitatingly our opinion on the subject. Indeed, we do not feel immodest in claiming to have printed more temperance literature during the past twenty years than any other weekly paper in the State, except the North Carolina Baptist, and as its life was not twenty years long, we believe we have measured up with it also.

We have not filled our columns with temperance literature, for we have not thought it best to seem fanatical; but we have given almost constant warning of some kind against the evils of strong drink and the liquor traffic.

What we have been wishing and asking for is about to be realized, namely; that the people of North Carolina be allowed to vote on the question of prohibition, apart from any and all other questions. That privilege is to be granted the people of the State on May 29; and we believe the results of this election are to be fraught with interests far and away more important than have passed under the ballot-power in may a year.

In a fashion we have given the subject a study which Blackstone calls viginti incubationes, with the resulting conclusion that prohibition, as provided for in a bill by the extra session of the Legislature of North Carolina, will bring to the State a great blessing. We believe the State will quicken its speed of prosperity under such a law and that the people of the State will realize its benefits soon after it goes into effect.

Therefore, we urge every voter in the State who desires to promote his own best interest and that of his family and his fellow citizens generally, to vote for prohibition on May 29th.

"Thom Thumb" Wedding at Halifax.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) HALIFAX, N. C., April 28, 1908. There was on last Thursday night at the Methodist church a very beautiful and unique "Thom Thumb" wedding, Master Louis Grady Travis, of this place, leading to the altar Miss Emily Cole, of Shelmerdine, N. C., the bride having reached her 6th year, the bride groom 8.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, and every thing looked as if a real wedding was in progress. The bridal party entered in the following order: Up right aisle Masters Edward Travis and Raymond Bass. On the left Masters Robert Fenner and Rufus Shaw, ushers, each advancing to the rostrum. Next came Master Monroe Jenkins, who acted as preacher, with Miss Leona Shaw, leaving her at the altar to sing "I love you" during the ceremony. Next on the right came Master Glen Shaw and Miss Maud Vaughan, on left Master Julian Coppedge with Miss Mildred Campbell, then on right Master Frank Stephenson and Miss Mary Webb on left Master Edwin Coppedge with Miss Annie Lee Butts. Then on right Master Henry Webb with Miss Alice Hale, on left Master Edward Stephenson with Miss Maggie Butts.

Then came up from the right the beautiful little flower girls, Misses Mary Hale and Mary Butts, each carrying snow balls, followed by the bride and her maid of honor, Miss Lizzie Hale, the bride carrying a shower bouquet of white houpin and lily of the valley. Just before the bridal party entered Miss Elizabeth Fenner sang in a beautiful and expressive manner "Such is my love for you."

Miss Virginia Hale sang after the ceremony "Love me and the world is mine," which was well rendered. All the young ladies were in white except the maid of honor, who wore pink. The young gentlemen wore black dress suits.

The affair looked very similar to a real wedding, the children all doing their part splendidly. The managers with Mrs. E. L. Travis at the head, deserve recognition.

Big Banquet in Weldon.

(Special Observer.) Weldon, N. C., April 25.—The chamber of commerce banquet in the memory of the Weldon Light Infantry Friday night was one of the grandest events of its kind ever given here and nearly one hundred people were present. Amongst out of town guests were E. Rhoades, district superintendent of Richmond division, Atlantic Coast Line, W. B. Darron, superintendent of transportation, first division; Capt. W. H. Newell, superintendent first division, with headquarters at Rocky Mount; ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock; F. C. Tompson, general manager Henderson Telephone Company; Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck; S. G. Worth, superintendent fish commission for North Carolina; Hon. John Kerr, solicitor Second District.

Telegrams were read from Judge J. M. Mullen, St. George Bryan, Col. Fred Oids, Geo. B. Elliott, Judge T. W. Mason, C. B. Ryan, T. M. Emerson, John Skelton Williams, State Treasurer Lacy, Dr. B. F. Dixon, E. C. Beddingfield, Franklin McNeill, H. C. Brown, W. A. Garrett and a characteristic letter from Polk Miller, all expressing regret at not being able to be present and sending greetings of best wishes for its success and a "greater Weldon."

Major T. L. Emry, president of the chamber of commerce, acted as toast-master. After a blessing by Rev. Dr. H. A. Willis the banquet began (with oysters on the half shell) and was served in seven courses, and with coffee and cigars.

The toasts and responses were as follows: The New Weldon—Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn.

Halifax County: "Her past is glorious, what does the future hold in store for her?"—Senator W. E. Daniel.

Our Sister County, Warren—Hon. John H. Kerr.

"Carolina, Carolina, Heaven's Blessings Attend Her!"—ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock.

The Atlantic Coast Line—Supt. W. H. Newell.

"Here's to the Land of the Long Leaf Pine"—President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, being a toast responded to by Mr. Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck.

"The Roses Nowhere Bloom so White as in Virginia," in the absence of Polk Miller, who could have told the beautiful story in true Polk Miller style, had no sponsor, consequently it was accepted as true by all, without argument.

The ladies of Weldon, headed by Mrs. Wilkins, who was chairman, served the elegant banquet and they were given a vote of thanks for the delightful time.

R. H. Latham, secretary of the Weldon chamber of commerce, is the leading spirit in the work for a greater Weldon. He came to us from Virginia, but I am trying hard to rake up his ancestry to prove that he is a North Carolinian. He even departed from the usual custom of Virginians who make their home with us and took a Virginia bride instead of a North Carolina girl, but people who have met and know Mrs. Latham, formerly Miss Brown, of Charlottesville, Va., can easily forgive him for that.

It was pleasant to note that the railroad men who spoke all recognized the importance of a fraternal spirit between the corporations and the people, and each and all pledged their best efforts in the building up of a new Weldon.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

(Communicated to The Commonwealth.) A beautiful but quiet marriage took place Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. George Shearin near Halifax, when his daughter, Nettie May, became the bride of Mr. Cleveland Carter, of Weldon. The bride came in with her maid, Miss Reby Ousby, of Halifax, the groom with his best man, Mr. Gregg, of Norfolk, Va. The bride was gowned in a lovely white Mohair, then changed for a traveling suit, hat and gloves to match. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Humble, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in an impressive manner. Miss Shearin is well known and is loved by all who know her. Mr. Carter is a rising young man of Weldon, and is employed as ticket agent for the Seaboard road. Mr. and Mrs. Carter left immediately on the 10:50 train for an extended bridal trip to Tampa, Florida, and Cuba. They will be at home to their friends in Weldon after May 1st. A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to see them married and handsome and costly presents were received.

A FRIEND.

Mr. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Cure. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." Foley's Kidney Cure works wonders where others are total failures. E. T. Whitehead Co.

Agrees With Mr. Johnson.

Editor THE COMMONWEALTH: I notice a communication in your paper by our young attorney and friend, Mr. Hugh Johnson, in making some observations at Enfield. I certainly agree with him in congratulating the good people of our sister town in having such town pride, good paved streets, and a town officer who looks like the real thing. However, I do not quite agree with our friend in thinking we should come together and issue bonds if necessary to get our town officer a uniform. For really I do not see much need of having a day officer of this kind in Scotland Neck. We have a dry town and we do not have much use for a town lock up. I believe I will suggest that it may be rented out. It will make a good ice house for the summer and a good potato bin for the winter.

Now, so far as the evil doers are concerned which are likely to call for the work of a day police, that is getting to be a thing of the past in Scotland Neck. Of course its necessary to have some one to collect town taxes and look after the streets, wells, etc., and I do believe that we should have a good night watchman as a safe-guard for the best interest of the town. J. D. RAY.

Sad Death Near Halifax.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) Halifax, N. C., April 27, 1908. The death of Mr. B. F. Turner on last Wednesday at the House Lumber Co.'s plant about four miles from here was exceedingly regrettable. The young man was in Halifax on Monday at the ball game between Enfield and Halifax and seemed to be very much enthused with the game.

We have only known Mr. Turner a short while but in that time we learned to love him, much, and his untimely death has left its impress upon our people.

He had won many staunch friends here, as was manifested the day of his demise, and we have learned that wherever he went, his friends and admirers were many. We do not wonder at this for the reason that he was a very genial, kindly and lovable character that commanded him to the esteem and confidence of all.

Mr. Turner had been employed at the mill for some time as saw filer, and as we learn giving satisfaction to his employers. We have heard several of the daddies that worked at the mill say many pleasant things about him.

Mr. Joe House, manager at the mill, was deeply affected by his sad ending. He seemed to love him almost as an own brother.

Mr. Howell, a daily associate, was sorely grieved over his death, and clung to hope even 'till the last spark was extinguished. In fact all the men at the mill, both white and black, were his friends.

He was somewhere near the track while there was a "flying shift" being made, and was all unconscious of danger 'till the engine rushed down upon him, pinning him in between some lumber, and it was only by jumping upward that his body was saved from severe crushing.

As it was one leg was crushed and the other broken. Drs. Whitaker and Parker, of Enfield, rendered surgical aid as quickly as possible, amputating the broken limb, but to no avail, as the unfortunate young man was ushered out into the great beyond at 7:10 Wednesday morning.

Deceased was about 23 years of age. He leaves a father and mother and little sister who reside at Suffolk, Va.

Quite a number of ladies went down on No. 89 Wednesday to view the remains, conveying beautiful flowers, and words of consolation to those who were so sorely affected by the loss of this bright, buoyant promising life.

To the friends who feel their loss, and to the parents who must rest their faith in the God above to be reconciled to His will, we offer our few words of heartfelt sympathy. W. F. COPPEDGE.

O. N. I. Club Entertainment.

(Reprinted to The Commonwealth.) Miss Laura Clark entertained the O. N. I. Club at its regular meeting Tuesday, April 21, at the home of Dr. H. I. Clark.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Miss Nannie Lamb, and a most entertaining and instructive paper was read by Miss Mattie Josey on character. Afterwards came the musical guessing contest and the prize which was won by Miss Mattie Josey was a musical selection.

Call of Democratic Primaries for Halifax County.

The Democratic Executive Committee have called the Democratic Primaries for Halifax county to be held on FRIDAY, MAY 1st, 1908, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention to be held at Halifax on the 4th day of May, to elect delegates to the Congressional and State Conventions only.

The Primaries hereby called will meet in each precinct in the county, on said first day of May at 8:00 o'clock, p. m., at the voting place, except in Roanoke Rapids precinct, where the primary will meet at 8:00 o'clock, p. m., of said day.

The delegates elected at these primaries will have nothing to do with the nomination of legislative nor county officers. They will meet only for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional and State Conventions. The Executive Committee will later call separate primaries and a convention for the nomination of legislative and county officers.

This 22nd day of April, 1908. E. L. TRAVIS, Chmn. Dem. Ex. Com. READY RELIEF.

I write to say I have suffered intensely with womb trouble for several months and could get no relief from any source until a friend told me to try Dr. Harby Manning's "Ladies' Relief," which I did and in a short time it permanently cured me. It is a remarkable remedy, and I feel it my duty to let others know where they can find an absolute cure for that horrible disease of the womb.—Mrs. B. C. Hamlet, Tarrapin, N. C. Sold by Geo. N. Mumphord, Tillery, 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:

Table with columns: Name, Description, Taxes & Cost. Lists land parcels in Scotland Neck, Palmyra, and Roseneath townships.

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