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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.

Maj. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, will be a candidate for the appointment by the Charlotte Convention next week as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Denver. Major Hale has several times gone as a delegate to the National Convention and has always been an honor to the State.

A great many counties and precincts have made claim to the best showing in the prohibition vote. We are glad that so many precincts did so well and we commend them for standing out for the honor that is due them; but we desire modestly to suggest that it is highly important to keep alive the prohibition spirit until the law shall go into effect next January in order to make it really effective.

The Littleton Times-Herald has changed its make-up to a 16-page folio, with a new dress of type and additions to its staff. The following compose the staff: Whit A. Johnson, president; J. B. Aiken and E. W. Edwards, associate editors; J. M. Rhodes, contributing editor; J. W. Haightcock, local editor, and Jasper Seabolt, assistant business manager. The paper presents a neat and attractive appearance in its new form and the work of the first issue under the new management shows well also.

The newspaper editor who writes about the wisdom of advertising is in danger of being charged with "talking shop" and writing for his own pecuniary interest. An editor can write about progress in every other branch of business and stand a good chance of being somewhat applauded, but he must handle the subject of advertising very gingerly. At the risk of being called a "shop talker" we give space to the following very timely editorial observation by the Wilson Times: "The best investment a city can have is a live, up-to-date newspaper, that by its very appearance of prosperity and news matter, more eloquently than words, tells the world of the prosperity of the city. No city can grow unless it continuously adds new life, new energy and new capital, and who wants to live in a city not able to sustain a good paper? Don't say it does not pay to advertise. If you can't see where the paper brings trade, it will pay you to keep an 'ad' in its columns in order to help sustain it, that the community may be benefited as a whole. For out of the whole you receive a share of the lump."

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THAT BIG DINNER.

Let the farmers of the county keep in mind that big dinner at Halifax August 14th, under the auspices of the Southern Cotton Association. Efforts are being made to secure Hon. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, as the main speaker for the occasion.

We shall publish an early date the township committee, that were appointed at Halifax June 1st.

NOW IS THE TIME.

This is the month in which people list their property for taxation and it lies with each individual to place the proper estimate on his property, "to the best of his knowledge and belief."

Quite a deal has been said during the past few years about the indebtedness of Halifax county. Several years ago this paper said editorially that there was no good reason why this county should be in debt. We have said repeatedly in these columns, and we repeat it now, that if the property is properly listed for taxes, the taxes properly collected and the money properly disbursed, Halifax county should have money to lend rather than be forced to the necessity of borrowing. This matter lies with those who place the value on the property, those who collect the taxes and those who spend the money.

We say again, as we have said repeatedly before, that Halifax county is no poverty ridge, and its great resources are such that properly valued, the taxes properly collected and the money judiciously spent, we should have a full treasury all the time. Now, then, it is up to every man in the county who swears before a list-taker to the value of his property, to make the value an honest one and bear his equal share with others in the proper tax levy of the county.

Doubtless some who have done the most kicking about financial matters in the county have not been quite as diligent about the value of their property when they listed it as they would have been had they been selling at cash consideration. Now is the time to get this matter straight. The listing time is when all can do their full share in giving proper value to their property. The list takers are not to place an estimate on the citizens' property, but the citizens are to do that themselves.

It is rather a hard sling at somebody when the newspapers assert that this is the season when property values shrink wonderfully, but the newspapers will keep on saying such wicked things as long as they think that about half the men who value property for taxation dodge the truth.

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BETTER WAIT.

Those who are in a hurry to declare that prohibition will be a failure in North Carolina better wait until the law has been in effect a year or two. It is hardly probable that the vote for prohibition which is to take effect next January will have the tendency to curtail the sale of intoxicating liquors six months before the time. The rather will the tendency be to increase the sale of liquor from now until January. Perhaps some who are quite fond of it and think they will be unable to get it after January may drink more than usual to make up for what they think they will lose after the law becomes effective. And there are doubtless some who will be simple enough to think they can bring prohibition into disrepute before the time by encouraging free use of liquor for the next few months.

TROUBLES WITH LABOR.

The Southern Cotton Association has done a great deal for the South in its efforts to hold cotton to a reasonably good price, and as one result the people of the country have a high regard for the good influence of the organization. Recently it has been suggested to the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH that the farmers, either through the Southern Cotton Association or some other medium, should do something with regard to the labor question. And we believe something ought to be done to protect the farmers against such as designedly or through carelessness put employers to great inconvenience. For instance, a laborer sometimes engages to work for a certain number of months, say until the crop is laid by, and in the very busiest season walks off and leaves his employer without a single provocation or a word of explanation.

On the strength of the promises of his laborers the farmer buys team, prepares his lands, purchases fertilizers and plants his crops. But at the critical time of cultivating the crop, his laborers take a notion to "knock off" a few days, or perhaps quit for good, and the farmer sustains a great loss and is put to untold inconvenience.

There should be protection against such things, either by thorough organization of the farmers, or by a law that will mean something. When a laborer thus wilfully commits such acts that will put his employer to inconvenience and cause him loss, such offender should be punished by law.

Will the farmers take this matter up and put themselves on record in a way that will tend to bring about relief?

The subject is worthy of careful study and the united efforts of the farmers for their own protection.

\$8,000 Conscience Money.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., June 12.—Secretary Cortelyou has received an envelope postmarked Jersey City, a conscience contribution of \$8,000 which has been turned into the conscience fund of the Treasury. In an unsigned letter the sender says that many years ago he and another man took a considerable sum of money belonging to the government and that this \$8,000 makes a total of \$40,000 or four-fold the amount originally taken by himself. This sum, he says, has been returned to the Treasury from time to time covering a period of several years.

Long Trip in Automobile.

The Tarboro Southerner of the 11th said: "Robert L. Holt and party, of Burlington, stopped in Tarboro to-day enroute from Detroit to their home. They purchased a large touring car in the former city, which place they left 10 days ago. So far the trip has been made without any accident."

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Halifax News Budget.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) HALIFAX, N. C., June 16, '08.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Crews, of Rosemary, spent several days here last week visiting Mrs. L. H. Hale.

Mrs. W. A. Sater spent several days' last week in Rocky Mount with her daughter.

Mrs. Benny A. Mabry and little daughter, Margaret, of Rocky Mount, spent a portion of last week here with her sisters.

Mrs. George A. Stephenson and Miss Margaret spent several days in Richmond last week.

Mrs. E. L. Travis returned from Asheville Sunday. She reports a delightful trip.

Miss Nettie Gilliam, who has been teaching in Rosemary this year, has come home for her rest.

Mr. Henry B. Furgerson, Jr. left last Saturday for the University at Chapel Hill to enter the summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Clay and Masters William and Irwin, of Rocky Mount, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Sater, this week at Hotel Roanoke this week.

Mrs. E. L. Whitehead, of Enfield, was the guest of Mrs. S. M. Gary Monday.

Dr. E. F. Fenner, of Henderson, was here a day or two this week to see his sick father.

Mr. W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, was also here on Monday.

Miss Ruby Sater left last Saturday for Manchester, Va. She will spend several weeks there visiting Misses Margaret, Wilhelmina and Florence Froelich at 1114 Bainbridge St.

Mr. E. Reid Williamson, of Suffolk, is spending this week with his brother, G. L. Williamson.

Mr. Louis Froelich, Jr., went to Manchester last Friday to visit his cousins.

Messrs. John House, of Palmyra, and Joseph House, of Thelma, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hale.

Mr. S. M. Gary spent several days in Asheville last week, coming back on Sunday. He speaks in glowing terms of the Vanderbilt estate, of its vastness and beauty of the low lying valleys, sloping hills, pointed mountain tops, shady winding acadamized walks, and then of the pure blooded stock of animals, poultry, etc. He says we can only conceive through pen and picture a glimpse of the real beauty there.

Miss Roberta Dickens, of Manteo, is visiting Mrs. E. J. Brown. She expects to remain perhaps ten days or more. This is her old home and she has many friends here who are always glad to welcome her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gowen and children, left Wednesday for Maine where they expect to spend the summer.

Rev. J. E. Holden, of Enfield, preached here Sunday morning and night, and at Pierce's "Camp Ground" in the afternoon. His text Sunday night was "What Think Ye."

The supposition was that good, pure thoughts stimulate the individual to the higher and best life. That bad, impure thoughts never incite to good deeds. He cited instances in the Old Testament scriptures to prove this, and also drew from the experiences of modern times. Good literature, he maintained, was instrumental in moulding and shaping thought. The speaker contended that the trashy books people often read, together with yellow journalism, are largely responsible for the kind of thought instilled in homes, communities, States and Nations. The earnest plea and exhortation to purer, higher, sublimer, ennobling thoughts should be heeded by all.

Robbed a Mail Pouch.

(Kinston Free Press 13th.) A man named J. R. Stallings was arrested at Washington, N. C., yesterday, charged with stealing and opening a mail pouch from the mail car of the N. & S. train. A negro member of the train crew saw Stallings, who was hanging around the depot when the train got in, enter the mail car, throw out a pouch, carry it behind a lumber pile some distance away and cut it open. Stallings was bound over to court by the U. S. commissioner giving \$800 bond for his appearance.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Dr. Mercer's Son Drowned.

(Rocky Mount Record June 15th.)

The community was shocked almost beyond expression, Friday evening when the intelligence was flashed over the city that young Broadus Mercer, son of Dr. I. M. Mercer, pastor of the First Baptist church, was drowned while in swimming with his brother, Charles, at Whitley's rock, a popular resort for young bathers, about two miles from the city. Broadus, in company with his elder brother, Charles, went to the river about five o'clock for a swim. The younger one undressed first and went out to a sand bar, and in returning to the bank he was supposedly seized with cramp and sank in the swirl at that place. When he arose he cried to his brother to come to his assistance, which he did, as did Mr. J. D. Denton, who was gathering wheat in a field near by, Mr. Denton plunging into the water with his clothes on. Their efforts proved in vain and young Broadus sank for the last time before their eyes and was beyond all human aid when his body was recovered from the river 35 minutes later by Mr. Roy Williford, who was brought to the scene from his home half a mile away, by the commotion at the river.

Physicians had been summoned and several worked for to hours to resuscitate the drowned lad, but it was evident that it was a hopeless task from the first. Artificial respiration and all first-aid-to-the-injured methods were employed, but with a sad heart the grief-stricken father realized that it was all to no avail, and that his son was dead.

Carey Broadus Mercer was 16 years old and a younger son of Dr. Mercer. He had but recently graduated from the Rocky Mount High School with high marks, and his young life gave promise of a useful career. He was a member of the First Baptist church, of which his father is pastor, and a member of Baraca class of that church. Always diligent in his duties, industrious and cheerful, he was loved by all who knew him, and they will each regard his untimely and sad death as a personal loss.

The funeral took place at the First Baptist church at 2:30 this afternoon and his body was taken to Richmond, Va., on 80, and interred in that city Sunday afternoon.

The tragic death of young Broadus is a peculiarly sad one to the family and the more so because it accentuates the gloom already cast over them by recent deaths, that of the father of Dr. Mercer, which occurred in Richmond a week ago, and the death of Mrs. Mercer's father recently. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to them in their large share of bereavement.

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