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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...

MUCH DISSATISFACTION.

It is an open secret that there is much dissatisfaction in Halifax county at the result of the Democratic convention which was held in Halifax on August 17th.

Cotton will soon be opening and it would be well if farmers would have some concerted understanding about what price they will pay for picking cotton.

Great care should be taken by farmers in saving forage for their stock. Too much money is sent away from almost every community every year for hay.

Listen at the Charlotte News! It says: "Charlotte is the home of a gentleman who is 105 years of age, and who says, 'I don't feel like I was over 15 years old.'

Judge Spencer B. Adams is bringing suit in Guilford county against Marion Butler and his brother, Lester F. Butler, for libel, placing damages at \$50,000.

Never Pull In Your Sign.

In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and business he is engaged in.

THE PRESIDENT INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE.

No material questions are receiving more consideration from President Roosevelt than the conservation of our natural resources and the elevation of the agricultural conditions.

There are many who will expect nothing of interest to the farmer to result from this movement and this may be true in the main, but whether there shall be resulting benefits traceable directly to the work of this Commission and the President's recommendations to Congress cannot yet be seen.

The South is not represented in this Commission but we have no kick on that account. We are essentially an agricultural people and have already taken the lead—the lead in the quantity of products but not in the methods of cultivation.

Halifax Superior Court convened here Monday with Judge Chas. M. Cooke, of Louisburg, N. C., on the bench. His charge to the grand jury was strong and forceful, and practically covered all the ground necessary.

Three reforms are necessary to the accomplishment of this end, namely: educational, economic and social. The educational factors in North Carolina have already set in motion educational reforms in the consolidated rural schools and the public High Schools which shall supply the needed development along the line of education.

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Halifax News.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) Halifax, N. C., Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. E. J. Brown came back from Littleton last Thursday.

Mr. Geo. Stephenson, Jr., who works in Rocky Mount, spent a day or two here last week.

Messrs. F. F. Sweet, of Petersburg, and T. B. Parvishin, of Norfolk, were here last week.

Mr. George Cooper, of Petersburg, spent several days with his sister, Mrs. C. H. Hale, last week.

Mrs. Partin, of Rocky Mount, spent a day or two last week with her father, Mr. T. F. McGuire.

Mrs. Ausby and Miss Rebe are spending some days with Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, at Shelmerdine.

Mrs. Leona Suggs, of Tarboro, spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. I. G. Shaw, last week returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Leonora Howerton who has been visiting Pittsburg and other places this summer, is now visiting the Misses Withe and Helen Daniel.

Mr. Jno. G. Daniel left for New York City last Friday morning after spending his three weeks vacation with his people.

Mr. George Young, with the Western Union, of Petersburg, was here to see his mother, Mrs. Sam Richards, a day or two ago, accompanied by his little son.

Mrs. L. G. Grady left last Friday morning for Duplin county, her old home, to remain some time with her relatives.

Mr. Thos. F. McGuire, head salesman for the Halifax Mercantile Co., spent Sunday with his family at Littleton.

Master Moore Jenkins spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. V. S. Grizzard, at Rosemary.

Miss Margaret Froelich, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Fred Froelich, returned to her home in Manchester, Va. Monday.

Mr. Geo. N. Stephenson, with the A. C. L. at Rocky Mount, spent a day or so with his family last week.

Mr. W. D. Faucett, civil engineer for the S. A. C. with headquarters at Portsmouth, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Wilcox.

Aunt Harriet Johnson, a very worthy old colored woman, died last Monday, August 17, in the "slashes", aged 110 years.

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His Honor also touched upon the whiskey evil, citing cases that had come under his observation, where towns and communities had been impeded, restricted and demoralized because of its baleful influence.

Now, he said, since throwing off this yoke of bondage they are exerting a powerful influence for good. He begged that we, as loyal citizens, lend our support to the enforcement of the law in that respect, thus alleviating such conditions as we have had in the past.

Judge Cook's charge is destined to do a large amount of good.

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An Incident in Halifax During Reconstruction Days.

The following story has been given THE COMMONWEALTH, and is vouched for as a true incident as it occurred in Halifax, N. C., at the close of the Civil War in 1865:

Two negroes from Scotland Neck stole two bales of cotton and brought them to Halifax by night, in a cart to sell. They were caught. Application was made to the Mayor of Halifax for suitable punishment by law. The Mayor informed them he had no authority in law to even order their arrest.

He replied he would give Capt. W. P. Oldham, of Wilmington, N. C., full permission to punish the cotton thieves just as he wished. It met the approval of all, both white and black. It was a glorious opportunity for Oldham. He had just been released from Johnson's Island, where he was sent when taken prisoner at the fall of Petersburg.

He was in Washington, D. C. the night President Lincoln was assassinated, then on his way to prison. He was proud of his appointment as Judge by the Mayor of Halifax. He proceeded to establish a court. Faucett's store was selected. Tom Emery, perhaps, was the Sheriff and Jno. Gregory was Clerk of the Court, both good and true officers, ready to do what the Judge ordered.

The two negroes were brought in court for trial. The Judge made the trial short. The evidence was good, guilt was conclusive. He ordered them to be hung then and there, but allowed 25 minutes for them to pray or to give a full account of all the meanness they had done.

The old negro in tears prepared to pray. If there ever was an earnest, fervent prayer sent up to the throne of God this was one. The old negro had so much to call on the Lord for pardon the crowd became very anxious for the 25 minutes to end.

They knew he could not remember to remind the Lord of all he had done. So the Judge called time on him. Informing him he had just received an under ground dispatch from Gov. W. W. Holden at Raleigh, allowing them a choice of being shot or hung. Both preferred to be shot. They were stripped to the belt, each given a six foot hickory switch with orders that no lick would be counted that failed to bring blood.

It was the most satisfactory execution of law that has taken place before or since in that county. The negroes were perfectly satisfied, although as bloody as hogs. The farmer got his two bales of cotton back. The Judge was given a carte blanche to do as he pleased while in Halifax. The Judge was never treated better in all his life. It was better than JOHNSON'S ISLAND. He was sorry he was sent to another county. Has never had the opportunity of a second call.

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THAT PEANUT DIGGER. AS ADVERTISED, we tested the American Peanut Digger, on August 11th. There were a great many farmers present to see the test. The Machine did all that was claimed for it, and was pronounced a success by the farmers present.

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