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**Publisher's Announcement.**

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**A GOOD RECORD.**

A lady who recently returned from Mathews county, Va., says that there is not an inmate in the county home of that county and it has been ten years since there was a prisoner in the county jail. This is a fine showing for prohibition territory; and taking the arguments of whiskey advocates that more whiskey is drunk under prohibition than where open saloons prevail, Mathews county must have been one of the most "desert" places in the "Old Dominion" before prohibition prevailed.

**TO CURSE NIGHT RIDERS.**

It has been reported through the press of the country that in Mississippi and Georgia "night riders" have warned cotton gingers not to gin any more cotton until the price goes to twelve cents a pound. This is indeed a high handed procedure on the part of those who would endeavor to remedy by violence the conditions incident to low prices. The Manufacturers' Record suggests a remedy as follows:

"The cotton belt of the South wants no adaptation of Kentucky night riding anarchy. But it is not impossible that in some period of depressed prices for cotton base minds may essay that very thing. If the thing is attempted, the State Government should without notice place convenient to any pia threatened with destruction by night-riders a force of armed officials that may be depended upon to shoot to kill at the first moment of justification. One such killing of night-riders would kill night-riding at its birth."

**THE FIRST MONUMENT.**

So far as we are informed the monument to the Confederate soldiers and sailors of Halifax and Northampton counties, unveiled in Weldon last week, is the first public monument erected in Halifax county.

It is a handsome shaft and well expresses the appreciation which the people feel for the brave men who fought and fell on the field of battle.

The ranks of the Confederate soldiers are fast thinning out and before many years more the monuments erected to their memory here and there will be the only visible reminder of those heroes whose honor stands equal with that of any soldiers in all the armies of the nations.

It is fitting that such memorials should stand here and there and it is quite probable that before many years more such monuments will be erected in North Carolina and throughout the South. And no fault should be found of those now living who thus wish to keep in memory the men whose bravery and devotion to duty made immortal the pages that record the history of their times. Even those who fought on the Union side will admire the loving spirit which prompts the people of the South to honor the memory of the men who honored this great and good section with their lives on the altar of love for what they believed to be the cause of right.

**Two In One Grave.**

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)  
Died near Dawson's Sept. 14th Patsy Baker, aged about sixty years, and her son, Simmons, aged about thirty years. It was a very strange occurrence. There was only about one hour's difference in their deaths. They were both buried in one grave. Mrs. Baker leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Bleck, of Tarboro and Mrs. King, of Hobgood and Mr. John Henry Baker, of Scotland Neck. They were buried at the old home place.

**HEROES OF 1861-'65 HONORED.**

Monument by Halifax and Northampton Counties.

**UNVEILED AT WELDON SEPTEMBER 17.**

Thursday, Sept. 17, was a great day in Weldon. On that occasion a handsome monument was unveiled there to the memory of the Confederate soldiers and sailors of Halifax and Northampton counties.

For several years the Junius Daniel Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have been laboring in Weldon to raise funds for the building of a monument to the brave men who went from these counties and fell in battle during the Civil War.

That monument was recently completed and the unveiling ceremonies of Thursday the 17th were reported to the News and Observer as follows:

"In the presence of 3,000 people the Confederate monument, erected here to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Halifax and Northampton counties, was unveiled today with imposing military and civic ceremonies, the music being by the Third North Carolina Regiment band. Miss Esther Ransom was elected to pull the cord, allowing the veil to fall gracefully from the noble figure of a Confederate soldier at parade rest, which surmounts the shaft.

"The inscription on the south side reads, 'Erected by the Junius Daniel Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.' On the north side appears the following inscription, 'In memory of the Confederate soldiers and sailors of Halifax and Northampton counties, 1861-1865.'"

"Col. Burgwyn presided as master of ceremonies. The monument was presented by Dr. A. R. Zollicoffer and accepted by Maj. T. L. Emry."

"Col. R. E. Lee, Jr., of Virginia, was the orator of the occasion. In a magnificent speech in which he held his hearers almost spell-bound he reviewed the heroism, patriotism and devotion of Confederate soldiers and in a splendid burst of eloquence he said: 'Let it never again be said that he fought for what he believed to be right, but that the Confederate soldier fought for what he knew to be right.'"

"Col. Lee paid a glowing tribute to the soldiers of North Carolina and said that in all history their deeds of valor, courage and heroism had never been surpassed."

"The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. P. N. Stainback, and closed by benediction by Rev. Geo. M. Tolson. There is criticism on the manner in which the press was slighted. Not a member of the local or visiting press was provided with a seat or invited upon the platform."

**Accidental Killing.**

The Tarboro Southerner of Saturday gave the following account of a colored girl's death near Speed.

"Frances N. Jones, a colored girl aged 17 years, was killed Friday evening about 6 o'clock at her home on the Brady farm in No. 4 township, by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of her cousin, Robert Bridgers, 15 years of age."

"The two persons had been playing near the home when the boy stated he was going squirrel hunting. He entered the house and secured a loaded gun. The girl followed the boy and struck the gun with a board, causing the discharge of the weapon."

"The shot entered her left lung, just below the heart, killing the girl instantly. It made a wound about the size of a dollar."

"Acting Coroner W. J. Thigpen and Deputy Sheriff Frank Dawson visited the place of killing Friday night, and after hearing several witnesses, decided that the girl was accidentally shot and killed."



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**LATEST NEWS FROM HALIFAX.**

Happenings of Interest Noted by Our Correspondent.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)  
Halifax, N. C., Sept. 22, '03.  
G. L. Williamson, of Suffolk, spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. C. H. Hale is visiting her grandmother at Rosemary. Miss House, of Taelma, spent a few days with Miss Virginia Hale last week.

Mr. Sam Hancock, of Weldon, was here Friday as usual to see our merchants.

Mrs. J. H. Parker and children, of Woodland, N. C., is visiting her sister and brother, Mrs. T. O. Vaughan, and J. W. Harvy.

Miss Nettie Gilliam left several days ago for Roanoke Rapids, where she goes to teach.

Deputy C. W. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here Friday. Mr. George Young of the W. U. T. Co. spent a few hours with his mother and sisters last Friday.

Mrs. Peter Smith, of Scotland Neck, spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Durham, last week.

Miss Estelle Davis, of Warrenton, visited Misses Urtie and Helen Daniel last week.

Mrs. D. C. Fenner left last Friday for Mt. Olive where she will spend ten days with her sister, Mrs. E. N. Ricks.

Col. Frank Faison came back from New York Sunday where he was called to see a sick son.

Messrs. Sater, Robinson and Spencer went fishing in Roanoke Monday morning a few hours, catching 25 pounds of carp.

There was quite a crowd of our people visited Weldon last Thursday at the unveiling. The occasion seems to have been extremely enjoyable. An immense crowd has been reported there on that day.

Cotton picking around here has begun in real earnest, all the little "pic-a-nineys" that have ten fingers and a tow sack are participating in the fun. The farmers are complaining at the low price of the staple, but what does the little darky care, when he can pick near a scuppernon vine or fig bush.

Our folks are not talking much politics now, they seem to be more interested in the price of meat and hog lard, flour and sweet potatoes. Of course there are some Bryan men, but home interests are consuming more of our time and energy comparatively.

Rev. Geo. M. Tolson, of Weldon, filled his regular appointment at St. Marks Sunday afternoon.

Rev. L. G. Grady filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night.

Reader, have you any important battles to fight, any needy victor's to win? Let Jesus be your Captain in these battles; your strength in every conflict; your guide, counsellor, sympathizer, friend. He will lead you out from the valleys of retreat toward "the hills from whence cometh our help," where there will be every opportunity for us to show our valor, and prove ourselves worthy to display the banner of our King.

**Twelve Years in State Prison.**

In Edgecombe Criminal Court last week the white man Sparks who killed R. B. O'Neal several months ago at Lawrence in Edgecombe county, was tried for murder in second degree. He submitted to the charge so the case did not go to a jury. After hearing the evidence Judge W. R. Allen sentenced Sparks to fifteen years in State prison.

Later he reduced the term of imprisonment three years making the sentence twelve years.

The colored boy charged with murdering his father was discharged by Judge Allen without allowing the case to go to the jury.

The provocation for the killing was a very aggravated one, and the boy being an imbecile was not regarded as responsible.

**Killed by Tramps.**

Saturdays Tarboro Southerner related the following:

"Flagman Winstead, of the Atlantic Coast Line, whose home is in Wilson, was murdered at South Tunis early this morning by tramps. His body was then fastened to the rails. A freight train ran over the body, which caused the discovery of the terrible deed."

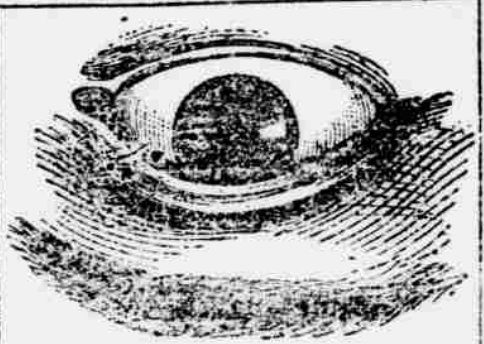
"Mr. Winstead's throat was cut from ear to ear. His body was taken to Wilson to-day."

**Nominated for Congress.**

Mr. Mack M. Ferguson, of Littleton, was nominated for Congress by the Republican Convention in Kinston Saturday, Sept. 19th.

J. Frank Liles, of Tarboro, was nominated as Presidential Elector.

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**A NIGHT IN TARBORO.**

The Town Still Improves and Much Enterprise is in Evidence.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH spent a night in Tarboro last week. It had been more than a year since we had visited our neighbors in that good town, and we noticed many improvements.

The spirit of enterprise can always be seen amongst the good people there and there is a trend of upward movement in whatever they do. They have three hoisery mills and several cotton factories, which send a heavy out-put of goods all the time. There is always thrift in Tarboro, new business firms being formed frequently and always some new buildings to be observed.

One of the most striking and attractive new buildings we observed was

COOK'S TEMPLE PHARMACY. The new Masonic temple is quite a handsome building on the corner of Main and Pitt streets. Mr. R. E. L. Cook's pharmacy in this new building is one of the handsome and most completely appointed in the State. It is fitted with large plate glass front, polished marble and brass frame work, decorated steel ceiling and tile floor. The furniture is of rich mahogany with hand carvings. The fountain is set in beautiful onyx front with mahogany back boards and onyx columns, with silver and Tiffany art electroneer. The prescription case has large beveled mirror, with sections of art glass on either side. The bases are all fitted in dark Tennessee marble with base boards of same. The prescription department is replete with six dispensary slides at which a half a dozen men can prepare prescriptions at the same time. There are three large arc lights in the centre of the beautiful pharmacy with ornamental lights around.

Mr. Cook has had seven years' experience as a druggist and besides the new handsome pharmacy here referred to continues his drug business at the same stand he has been occupying in another part of the town for some years.

Hotel Farrar treats its patrons well, and it is always a pleasure to visit Tarboro and mingle with its good people.

Among the Scotland Neck boys who are doing well in Tarboro are Messrs. R. G. Alisbrook, who is now one of the leading young lawyers in Eastern Carolina, R. B. and T. H. Peters who do a large supply business, and W. R. Whitehead, who conducts a successful livery business.

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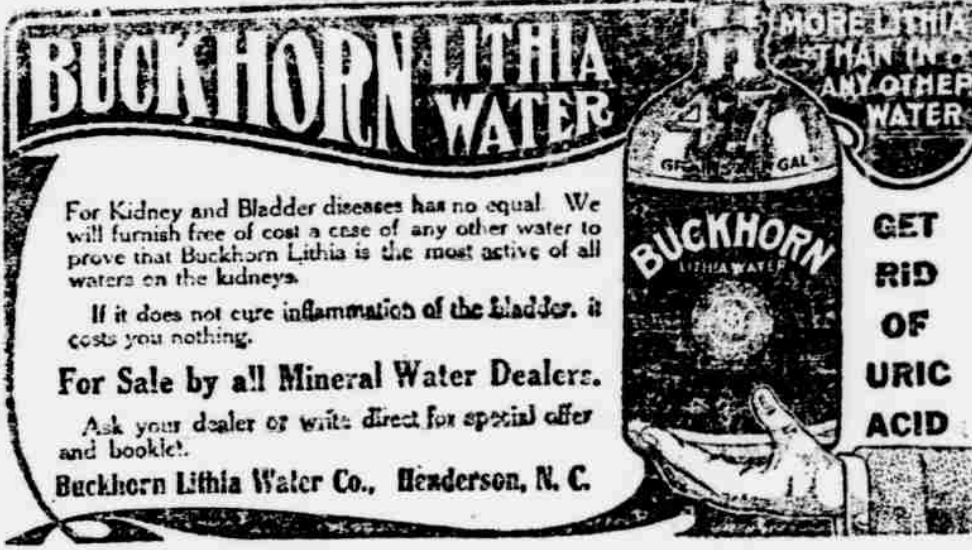
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