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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the contents of correspondence, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. This is the policy of the Commonwealth.

Whatever else the legislature may do, during its present session, it is hardly probable that there will be any contention over rail-road rates and fares. Much of the time of the last Biennial session, as well as the extra session called by Governor Glenn, was spent in discussing and settling these matters and it is not to be supposed that any member of the present body will be radical enough to undertake to open them again.

This is one of Raleigh's gayest weeks. Our capitol city will keep on Sunday clothes all the week, for many things of special interest are there transpiring and thousands of visitors from various parts of the State are welcomed within the city's gates. The chief matters of attraction have been Governor Kitchin's inauguration and the reception which followed, the laying of the cornerstone of the new Rex Hospital and the dedication of the Masonic Temple and the meeting of the Electoral College to cast the State's vote for President.

The contest waxed warm amongst the applicants who desire to succeed the late Thomas Parnell, Federal Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, the Washington correspondent to the Charlotte Observer, recently wrote to his paper that the most prominent contestants for the appointment are ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake of Wake, ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Wayne, T. T. Hicks, of Vance, and Harry Skinner, of Pitt, other names have been presented to President Roosevelt, but the appointment will probably fall to one of the four men mentioned. It's a fat job and an easy seat, and who blames them all for wanting it?

Dr. E. S. E. Bryan Dead

The Charlotte Observer of Jan. 9, makes note of the death of Dr. E. S. E. Bryan, who was well known to the people of Scotland Neck. Dr. Bryan and wife, who is a sister to Mrs. Dr. R. M. Johnson of this place, have frequently visited friends in the community who will be interested in the following account of his death in The Observer:

"Dr. E. S. E. Bryan, a native of Georgia, father of Mrs. J. A. Allison, of Charlotte, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the Charlotte Sanatorium. The funeral will be conducted this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Allison, No. 999 South Tryon street. Interment will be at Elmwood.

"Dr. Bryan was slightly more than 70 years of age, having been born in Herston county, Georgia, near Fort Valley, December 21st, 1834. His wife, before her marriage Miss Annie Howell, of Halifax county, this State, to whom he was married 49 years ago, survives. In addition there are two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Allison, of this city, and Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Baldwin had been summoned here when her condition became critical.

"The life record of Dr. Bryan is that of the skilled physician who has consecrated his talents and his studiously acquired professional knowledge to the alleviation of humanity's pains and the lengthening of human life. Added to this service, ever one of usefulness and generosity is the story of an unflinching zeal in the cause of the South first and mankind afterwards. Throughout the civil war he served as surgeon in the ranks of the Confederacy, doing what he could to make the condition of the sick and wounded more tolerable. He went to the front with Eufaula Light Artillery.

"Of late Dr. Bryan, having been forced by the infirmities of age, to retire from the practice of his profession, had lived with Mrs. Allison here, having previously spent a time with his other daughter in Atlanta. He was a devoted member of the

Southern Methodist Church, whose teachings and principles he exemplified in his daily life. He was removed to the hospital for a difficult operation in the hope of prolonging his life, but this was not realized.

"Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will conduct the funeral. All Confederate Veterans are invited to attend. The pall-bearers will be: Messrs. H. C. Savers, H. D. Buckworth, J. P. Sossaman, J. L. Winchester, W. D. Alexander, S. H. Hilton and Dr. F. O. Hawley."

Dr. J. E. Hancock Locates in Little Rock.

The following from the Arkansas Gazette will be of interest to the people of Scotland Neck and Halifax County:

"It is a fact and an important fact that scarcely a day passes that some person or family does not locate in Little Rock and they invariably become a permanent resident. All or nearly all of these people come from the Northern or Western States. They bring their money with them, invest it in homes or other land, and thus become an important factor in the material wealth and prosperity of our city and State.

"A representative of the Gazette, while calling on a friend located on the second floor on the magnificent Gazette building, was attracted by a gold sign on the glass of a door of the reception room No. 215, which indicated that another tenant had acquired a suite of rooms in this modern structure. The sign read, 'Dr. J. E. Hancock, Dentist, etc.' 'Curiosity, coupled with a desire for news, impelled an entrance and the writer was confronted with a suite of rooms tastefully and handsomely furnished, that to the lay mind, at least possessed each and every piece of machinery that would tend to make the practice of dentistry less tedious both to the operator and the patient.

"Dr. Hancock was born and reared on a plantation in North Carolina. He took his degree of D. D. S. from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1880 and immediately thereafter located in Orlando, Fla., where he practiced his chosen profession for four years. Believing that a greater and broader field existed in the North, he removed to Chicago in 1889 and remained there with the exception of an interval of four years, until he came to Little Rock about one month ago.

"Lest August Dr. Hancock was married to Miss Lottie Lee, daughter of E. G. Thompson, one of Little Rock's most prominent and influential citizens. The ceremony took place at their summer home at Ludington, Mich.

"Naturally Mrs. Hancock preferred to make her permanent home in the city where she was born and reared and after some little persuasion her husband was finally induced to locate in this city.

"Dr. Hancock is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, magnetic in an eminent degree and a personality that is peculiarly his own. He comes to Little Rock with the very highest recommendations and his experience and skill will undoubtedly be felt in the near future in his field of chosen endeavor."

Death of Mrs. Gary.

(See in The Commonwealth.)

Halifax, N. C., Jan. 4, 1908! There was earthly loss and heavenly gain when on Dec. 22, 1908, the spirit of Mrs. Rebecca Ursula Ousby Gary, wended its way back to Him who first gave it life. Mrs. Gary was the daughter of Col. Thos. Ousby and wife, Sarah, born Dec. 7, 1822, in Halifax, N. C., educated at Raleigh, joined the old Colonial Church at the age of 12, which now stands on the same spot a reminder of days long since gone and of interest to those who care for the history lived over generations ago. She was married to Mr. John R. Gary on January 11, 1848, nearly sixty years ago, by that eminent divine and "silver-tongued orator" Rev. Thos. G. Lowe. Mrs. Gary's was one of the most lovable characters we have ever known; devout and consecrated and consistent to a high degree, her life stood out in bold relief, a powerful rebuke to sin. She loved her family, friends, church and State, and there was also a tender spot in her heart for the wayward. The deep regard and tender solicitude of her two grand daughters, Urtie and Helen Daniel was beautiful and touching, while the love of her only grand son, Joe G. Daniel, was commendable. The deep sincere love of family and friends was a source of comfort to her in her declining years, and no doubt was instrumental in making her pilgrimage reach 86 years. She loved her Church paper, and always eager to see and hear of the prosperity of Zion. Pure in thought, and intent, her aims were high, her ideals lofty, and she cultivated many noble attributes, it would be well for us all to copy. Her life permeated the atmosphere in which she lived, embracing as it did all those qualifications that go far toward making sunshine in the lives of others, seeking by honest means to lighten burdens, considerate always for the

pleasure and happiness of those she loved, 'tis no wonder that her life was considered the most complete among us.

This humble writer in paying his tribute to her beautiful, pure and stainless character, would like to state that her life has been an incentive to him many times disappointed, well-nigh despondent, even inclined toward extravagant recklessness, this life has loomed up before him, as a guard against temptation, and a rebuke toward perverseness.

Rev. J. E. Holden, her pastor conducted the last sad rites, using an old prayer book of "the Church of England" that was a bridal present from her father to her mother in A. D. 1816.

The deceased leaves one son, Mr. Paul Gary, of Wilmington, and one daughter, Mrs. Robt. H. Daniel, of this place.

The acting pall-bearers were Messrs. H. W. Gowen, S. M. Gary, J. C. Butts, J. L. Weller, J. A. Whitehead and E. F. Fleming. The interment was at the Ousby place beside her loved ones.

"In the midst of life, we are in death, of whom shall we seek for succor, but of thee O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeas'd."

[This article was intended for last week but was unavoidably left out.—Ed.]

Death of Mr. W. J. Cook.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)

On December 29, 1908, at 4 o'clock a. m., Mr. W. J. Cook died of pneumonia at his home in Littery. Mr. Cook was born Oct. 27, 1867, died Dec. 29, 1908, age 41 years, 2 months and two days. He leaves a father, stepmother, a wife, two daughters, and a brother to mourn his loss.

For some years Mr. Cook was engineer for the North Carolina Lumber Company.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. McFarland of Scotland Neck and the interment was near Littery.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by restoring vitality and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

"THE PIANO WITH A SWEET TONE."

ANNOUNCEMENT!
 It gives us pleasure to announce to the people of Scotland Neck and vicinity that Mr. P. I. Jones, well and favorably known by many of you, is now located here as our representative, and that he will have simple Pianos and Organs at the Scotland Neck Furniture Company's.

STIEFF PIANOS

have been popular in North Carolina for over half a century. Our agents sell them at factory prices, on liberal terms, and every instrument is fully guaranteed. We are sure you will give Mr. Jones a hearty welcome and we know he will sell you the best piano.

CHAS. M. STIEFF

114 Grand St., NORFOLK, VA.
 E. L. JONES, Representative.
 (Please mention this paper.)
 The Official Piano Jamestown Exposition.

Land Sale.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, executed and delivered by George K. Moore and wife, Julia F. Moore, to J. Frank Braswell, on the 30th day of July, 1908, and duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, North Carolina, in Book 192, page 476, the undersigned will expose to public sale in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., to the highest bidder on Tuesday February 24, 1909, at 12 o'clock M., the following described Real Estate:

One lot near the corporate limits of the town of Scotland Neck, and beginning on the public road leading out of Scotland Neck towards Spring Hill at a large Water Oak on the old line of Dr. A. S. Hall, thence with said line S. 89 1/2 E. to the Railroad; thence down the Railroad Line 200 feet to a stake; thence S. 89 1/4 394 feet to the public road in foreground; thence up said road in a Northerly direction 202 feet to the beginning. Containing one and one half acres.

Also one parcel or tract of land situated in Halifax County, being that tract of land conveyed to said George K. Moore by J. W. Leggett, Executor of William Hodges, by deed of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Halifax County in Book 157, page 33, to which reference is made, and bounded by the lands of A. J. Whitehead, Jesse DeBrule, George K. Moore and others. Containing sixty acres, more or less. Said land being sold to satisfy said mortgage deed. Terms of sale cash. This the 6th day of Jan. 1909.
 J. FRANK BRASWELL, Mortgagee.
 F. G. James & Son, Atty.
 Greenville, N. C. 1-14-09

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OF
ROUSELLET PORTLAND CEMENT
 have been used on Southern Crops during the past twenty four years because they give best results.
 BEWARE OF IMITATIONS - SEE THAT TRADE MARK IS ON EVERY BAG -
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F. S. ROUSELLET CEMENT CO.
 NORFOLK, VA.

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And can supply you with The John Deere Stalk Cutters, either in the Two-Row Cutters or the One-Row Cutters.

If you do not know of The John Deere Cutters, just stop and examine one, and you will at once see the reason that there are more of them in this section, than all other makes combined. Only one lever to handle. The hubs are dirt proof and the boxes are renewable. Be sure to examine The Deere Stalk Cutters if in the market for one.

The Well Known Success Manure Spreaders in Stock

Josey Hardware Company
 The Pioneer Hardware Dealers, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

Notice---Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain Deed of Trust executed to me by S. L. Simmons on the first day of January, 1906, which is recorded in Book 176 on page 326, in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, I will on the 16th day of January, 1909, in the Town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for Cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

That tract of land in Halifax County, State of North Carolina, and in Roseneath Township, known as the "Womack Place" containing eighty six and one-half acres more or less, which was conveyed to Lloyd Simmons by G. K. Moore, adjoining the lands of Enoch Simmons, G. K. Moore, J. S. DeBrule and others. There is a splendid gin house and saw mill on this farm. The Boiler and Engine and other personal property will be sold on the same day in Scotland Neck, N. C.

Also a one-third undivided interest in and to that tract of land in said Roseneath Township, upon which the said Lloyd Simmons resides at the time of his death, containing sixty acres, adjoining the lands of J. S. DeBrule, Geo. DeBrule, W. S. Bradley and others. All this is well improved land.
 This December, 11th 1908.
 A. PAUL KIRCHIN, Trustee.
 12-17-08

Girls Wanted

The Scotland Neck Cotton Mills is in need of at least 30 Girls Want Eight or Ten Families At Once with two or three Girls with each family. Will pay well learning.
SCOTLAND NECK COTTON MILLS,
 Scotland Neck, N. C.

MR. FARMER!

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Is now Ready for Business, and will Store and Insure Your Cotton at the Following Charges:

40c. per bale the first month.
 35c. per bale per month thereafter.

Arrangements has been made with THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK to make ADVANCES on cotton stored with us. Pay your merchant and hold your Cotton. Mr. Lawrence Howard has charge of the Warehouse.
 Respectfully,
Warehouse Committee.

Notice---Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain Deed of Trust executed to me by B. J. Norcom and his wife, F. D. Norcom which is recorded in Book 185 on page 510, in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, I will on the 16th day of January, 1909, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for Cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

Notice of Sale.

Acting in pursuance of that power conferred upon me as Executor of the Will of the late Bettie V. Johnson, of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, which will is of record in the Clerk's Office at Halifax, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, in the Town of Hobbogood, N. C., on Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, to the highest bidder, the following described Real Estate, lying, being, and situate in the town of Hobbogood, N. C., and being on the corner of Commerce and Bay streets and on east side of the A. C. L. track. This property is in a very desirable part of the town. The house consists of Five Rooms and is conveniently arranged. Terms of sale cash. The right to reserve all bids is hereby reserved.
 This the 1st day of January, 1909.
 J. A. WHITE, Executor of Bettie V. Johnson.
 S. A. DUNN, Atty. 1-7-09.

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PROMPT SERVICE.
Raleigh Iron Works Company,
 120 West St., Raleigh, N. C.

Trustee's Sale.

North Carolina Halifax County. By virtue of power vested in me by that Deed of Trust made to me on the 5th day of January 1906, by H. E. Gray, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 176 at page 181, to which reference is made, I shall on the 19th day of January 1909 sell to the highest bidder for cash or public auction in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., the following described land, lying being and situate in the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit:

That tract of land known as "Chas. Coker Place" which was conveyed to B. F. Gray by Thos. N. H. Trustee of the estate of J. F. Coker, which land is described in a certain Deed of Trust executed on the 19th day of January 1888 by Chas. H. Coker to Thos. W. Fenner which is recorded in Book 80 at Page 230 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, and in a Deed executed on the 3rd day of April 1890, by said T. W. Fenner to said Thos. N. Hill Trustee as aforesaid. That portion of that farm lying on Roanoke River formerly owned by Peter E. Smith, beginning at a point on Roanoke River (J. N. Smith's line) thence alone said line Southwesterly and 1-2 West 282 poles to R. E. Hancock's line, thence with his line North 72 and 1-4 West 105 poles to a ditch, thence North 12 East 20 poles, thence North 22 East 320 poles to Roanoke River, thence down Roanoke River to the beginning and containing two hundred and twenty eight acres more or less, the same being a portion of the farm purchased by Sallie E. Smith from P. E. Smith and wife, Rebecca N. Smith.

Also all of the right title and interest of B. F. Gray in and to his mother's (Mrs. Mary E. Gray's) dower tract of land which said interest of B. F. Gray is one-tenth of said dower in the Home Place of the late Ben D. Gray which was set apart to Mary E. Gray as her dower consisting of about seventy-five acres more or less and the dwelling and other houses on the place and bounded on North by the lands of Mrs. Maria Kitchin, the late Mrs. Ellen S. Hawkins, Noah Biggs and others, on the East by the lands of Mrs. Maria Kitchin, the Male Academy lot, Dr. J. P. Wimberley and others, on the South by the Dan Edmondson farm now belonging to the children of Dr. K. Taylor, and on the West by the land of Mrs. Mary E. Gray owned by her in fee-simple.

Time of Sale 12 o'clock.
 Place of Sale in front of N. B. Josey Company's store.
 This the 15th day of December 1908.
 IRVIN JOHNSON, Trustee.
 12-17-08.

J. W. Perry Co.

COTTON FACTORS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
 Norfolk, Virginia.

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| Cotton---Steady | |
| Stict middling | 9 1/4 |
| Middling | 9 3/8 |
| Strict low middling | 9 |
| Low middling | 8 7/8 |
| PEANUTS, NEW---Quiet | |
| Fancy | 34 1/2 |
| Stictly prime | 34 |
| Prime | 33 1/2 |
| Low grades | 33-34 |
| Machine picked | 32 1/4-33 1/4 |
| Spanish | 30 1/2 |
| P. E. Peas \$1.75 per bush. | |
| Stock Peas \$1.25 per bush. | |
| Subject to changes of the market. | |
| F. O. B. here: | |
| 2 lb. "York" Bagging, 7 1/2 per 100 | |
| 2 1/4 lb. "Hub" Bagging, 7 1/2 per 100 | |
| 2 lb. Rewoven Bagging, 1 1/2 per 100 | |
| 2 1/4 lb. " " " " " " | |
| 45 lb New Arrow Ties, 45 per 100 | |
| 68 in Peanut Bags 850 per 100 | |
| 70 in Peanut Bags 850 per 100 | |
| Yours truly, J. W. PERRY CO. | |

Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by that Deed of Trust Executed to me by Claude B. Jackson on the 29th day of August, 1907, and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 188 at page 237, I shall sell for cash at Public auction in the town of Scotland Neck at 12:30 P. M., on Saturday, the 30th day of January 1909, the following described parcel of real estate, lying, being, and situate in the town of Scotland Neck, County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit:

Situate in that part of said town known as East Scotland Neck, and being Lots Nos. 5 and 6 on Block 1st according to the plat of said East Scotland Neck, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 134 on page 169, and being the same lots of land that were conveyed to said Claude B. Jackson by Geo. C. Harrell and wife by deed of record in said County. This December 31st, 1908.
 ALBION DUNN, Trustee.
 1-7-09.