

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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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...

Since the tariff bill passed it is said that the broad smile again appeared on President Taft's face.

We cannot build up Scotland Neck as long as we complain at every thing that is done. Work, talk and get down and push for the town.

The Daily News is the name of the afternoon paper published at Washington, N. C., by J. L. Mayo. The News starts out well and we wish it much success.

Mr. Charles M. Busbee, a prominent lawyer of Raleigh, died at his home in that city early Saturday morning.

We can do a great deal more for our community than we are doing if we would only try. Let us get to work and help build up our town and county.

The first issue of The State Democrat, edited at Raleigh by Mr. J. C. Caddell, is on our table. It is a very neat and attractive paper.

The Senate has adopted the conference report on the tariff bill and now it is all over so far as Congress is concerned. The President signed the bill without hesitating.

The Durham Sun asks the following questions: "Under prohibition laws which prohibit intoxicants, if it is right, to license near-beer saloons, why is it not right to license near-whiskey, and near-wine saloons?"

President Taft says that since Congress and the tariff question are out of his way he is going to turn his attention to making some needed changes in the departments of the government, and especially in the civil service commission.

WHEAT GROWING.

All together for a Scotland Neck Wheat Growers' Association. We believe wheat raising could be made profitable in this section and THE COMMONWEALTH stands ready and willing to help our farmers get started in raising this crop.

Touching upon the financial end of this wheat raising the Charlotte News says:

"The wheat farmers of Minnesota and the two Dakotas are prosperous this year. They are raising 235,000,000 bushels, worth to \$313,000,000 as against \$148,000,000 for their last year's crop."

GOOD ROADS PAY.

In every section of this country where good roads have been built there has been a marked increase in the value of farming lands. This fact alone ought to encourage the people of Halifax county to begin the making of permanent roads.

Showing the value of good roads over bad ones the Charlotte Observer says:

"It is said that in Jackson county, Alabama, the price of farm lands has risen from six to fifteen dollars an acre and in Bradley county, Tennessee, it has doubled since the building of good roads in those localities. Men seeking farms prefer those that are located on good roads and will pay higher prices for them."

Big Suit to be Argued.

Mr. James H. Pou, of this city, left yesterday afternoon for Asheville, where he will take part in the suit of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company against the Roanoke Navigation and Water Power Company, which will be heard before Judge Guion.

Pool Rooms.

The average pool room in the average town is a den of sordidness. They are good time killers, they are corrupters of good morals because they are seductive; and the average one is doing more harm than did the saloon which properly has been driven from the State.

Cultivated Her Garden With Her Hands. "Aunt" Elizabeth Crane, whose home is out on Route Two from this place, has set an example of industry which younger and more favored people might well follow.

Halifax News.

Halifax, N. C., August 10th, 1909. E. N. Sater spent last Friday in Rocky Mount at the ball game.

Mrs. Savage, and her daughter, Miss Floyd, of Roanoke Rapids, have been visiting the Misses Stephenson near Halifax for some days.

Mrs. W. F. Coppedge and master William went down to Scotland Neck Sunday to visit Mrs. Stanton near that place.

Mrs. Talbot and Miss Annie Talbot, of Richmond, Va., have been visiting at Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stephenson's for the past week.

Mrs. W. A. Moore, and Misses Isabel and Mildred, went down to Dardens Sunday to see their people, and will be gone two or three weeks.

Mrs. C. H. Hale, Misses Alice, Lizzie and Mary Hale and Mildred Campbell spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hale at their farm four miles below here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaughan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Story, at Thelma.

The Misses Lottie and Bessie Eure, and Ethel and Nannie Stephenson were in town on Monday.

Miss Nell Nelson left last Friday for Norfolk, where she will spend some time with friends.

Mrs. Plummer and daughter, Miss Ida, of Petersburg, have been spending some days with Mrs. J. H. Fenner.

Mrs. Eustis Norfleet who has been spending some time with Mrs. N. L. Stedman, left for her home in Wilmington Monday.

The Rev. P. N. Stainback preached here in the Methodist Church, filling the appointment of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Holden, on Sunday morning.

Mr. Holden went up to Spencer, Va., last week to try and get his wife who has been very sick for some time, to their home in Enfield.

The health of our town is excellent. At present there is not a single individual of the place at all sick. We are having a good time eating melons and peaches, and who of us cares much about the "tariff" and the "wolf" and high-priced flour, and the price of cotton and peanuts next fall, so long as these things last.

W. F. COPPEDGE. A Start for the Penitentiary. If you want to give a little boy from 6 to 10 years old a start to the penitentiary, just allow him the privilege of running on the streets until late bedtime.

\$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.

LADY WANTED! To introduce our large and complete Fall line of beautiful wool dress goods, silks and fancy waistings. The latest up to date New York City patterns. Handsomest line of materials on the market.

STANDARD DRESS GOODS CO., Dept. F 8 Binghampton, N. Y. 8-12-3t. Adminstrator's Notice. Having this day administered on the estate of Louisa Cotton, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present them to me or my attorney on or before August 6th, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

THE PIANO WITH A SWEET TONE. For Next Christmas. Not too early to prepare for it, and the one thing above all others that would add most to your home and its happiness is a Stieff Player-Piano, that greatest of all instruments that makes every member of the family a musician.

CHAS. M. STIEFF, L. C. STEELE, Mgr., 114 Granby St., NORFOLK, VA. R. I. JONES, Representative, Scotland Neck, North Carolina. (Please mention this paper.)

Notice. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Minnie D. Prince, deceased, late of Halifax County, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement of said indebtedness to me.

DeWITT'S CARBOLIZED WITCH HAZEL SALVE For Piles, Burns, Sores.

Did You See Our Advertisement In This Paper Last Week? Then look over a few of our Special Prices Mentioned Below, and see if we did not mean what we said. They will convince you.

N. B. JOSEY COMPANY'S CLEAN SWEEP SALES \$5,000 Hot Weather Goods AT COST FOR CASH! Our entire stock of Ladies' Slippers, Children's Slippers, Men's Low Cut Shoes, Fancy Lawns, Dress Linens, Table Linens, Light Percales, White Linonette for Ladies' Suits, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Shirt Waists, Belts, Fans, Ladies' Neckwear, Laces, Hambergs, Edgings, Embroideries.