

# 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, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

A Merry, Happy Christmas to all our readers.

We have been in sympathy with Dr. Cook, but since his sudden disappearance and what has been said since then, it is beginning to look like he is a fake.

The democratic Senators have selected Senator H. D. Money, of Mississippi, as the minority leader in the upper branch of Congress, succeeding Mr. Culberson, of Texas.

The Henderson Gold Leaf celebrated its 28th birthday last week by sending out a handsome Illustrated Trade Edition. Here is wishing brother Manning many more such birthdays.

We are told that fifteen hundred billion matches are used during a year and those living under the American flag are said to be responsible for the consumption of one half of this amount.

The Christmas edition of the Charlotte Observer, issued last Sunday, surpasses any thing of the kind we have seen this season. It contained six large sections and was made up largely of original matter.

It looks like Charlotte is not only going to lose her large, grand and magnificent auditorium, but is in a fair way to let her county fair drop out. The Charlotte News of Saturday in speaking about the fair said: "By all means let's save it." We hope the city is not taking a backward step.

The old year and its past will soon be gone and the new year will be upon us. It might be well for us to think and plan for the year 1910. We are anxious to see the town and county grow and prosper. This can only be done by a united people. Unite and work for prosperity and success will be ours.

The following from the Durham Sun is appropriate and timely at this time:

"A good way to observe Christmas is to make some poor, needy family or child a gift of some kind. This will make your Christmas brighter, sweeter and happier. Try it and see. The true spirit of the holiday season comes from the heart."

The plan of putting county officers on a salary basis is being advocated more widely and it looks, now like the next legislature will have to take up the matter. Several counties in the State are already working under the salary plan and report that it works better than the fee system. This is a pretty strong point in favor of the change.

The Southern Educational Association which embraces 16 Southern States will meet at Charlotte on Dec. 28th 29th and 30th. This is the largest educational organization in the South, and the coming meeting will be the largest and most important that was ever held, and it will be a notable occasion in the history of education in the South. The Association is making every effort to advance the cause of education in all possible ways directly and indirectly. It is desired that as many teachers as possible be present. The railroad and hotels will give special rates. Those who would like to secure further information can address the secretary, H. E. Biesley, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Serious Wreck on the Southern Railway.

A serious and fatal wreck occurred on the Southern railway, near Brown Summit, fifteen miles north of Greensboro, early Wednesday morning, 15th inst. Twelve people were killed and quite a number seriously wounded.

The train was crossing a trestle over Reedy Fork creek, when the rear coach jumped the track, pulling the next coach over with it. It was awful and distressing to read of the suffering and deaths.

# THE ANNUNCIATION.

And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord; and this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 11 8-14.

## University Notes.

Special to The Commonwealth.  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Chapel Exercises this week were conducted by the Rev. R. M. Hogue, Monday morning Dr. R. H. Lewis of the University Medical Faculty and President of the Public Health Association of America made a very instructive talk on the "Care of the Eyes." Tuesday President Venable explained the plan for the leaving of the students for the holidays which begins Dec. 23rd. Wednesday Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the professor of Economic geology, spoke upon the good roads movement and the value to this movement of the course in road Engineering. Dr. Pratt is the most distinguished propagandist of the good roads movement in the South. Thursday Rev. Hogue besides leading the devotional Exercises made a beautiful talk on the meaning and the spirit of Christmas. Friday Morning the exercises were conducted under the auspices of the N. C. sweater men. Prof. Edward K. Graham, Dean of the College, made a talk upon the high meaning of the N. C. Dr. R. B. Lawson delivered the address of presentation. Sweaters were presented to the following: Brown, L. A. McLean, Hedgepeth, Spainhour, Williams, F. Winston, F. W. Jr., "Bob," Porter Belk, W. P. Venable, J. M., while Garrett Thompson, Ruffin, Crowell, and Belden were presented with stars having already gotten sweaters.

Prof. Patrick H. Winston of the Law School spoke at the Tuesday night meeting of the Y. M. C. A. By way of introduction he pointed out the wonderful growth of the University Y. M. C. A. in the last ten years and its increasing usefulness in the student Community Life. His subject was "Cleanliness" and he made a vigorous plea for the clean life—a clean body and clean mind, and a clean heart.

The University Dramatic Club made a decided hit before the State Normal College at Greensboro last week. The Club will take an extended trip during the Spring to the towns in Eastern Carolina.

A large number of the University faculty will attend the meetings of the various scientific, and other Educational Associations the latter part of the holidays. Some will present papers at the Convention in Boston and New York. President Venable, Professors Graham and L. R. Wilson will deliver addresses before the Southern Educational Association at Charlotte.

The registration at the University is now 807. Christmas Holidays begin regularly on Dec. 22, but many of the students have arranged their work so they can leave before that day. Today Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire held a confirmation class at the "Chapel of the Cross" and several young men were confirmed.

## Dawson Items.

We were glad to see Mr. W. E. Lawrence, of Enfield, here Sunday. He was on a visit to friends.  
Mr. W. E. Messenger is adding a good deal to the looks of his residence by remodeling it.  
Mr. Ernest Lawrence will soon erect a nice residence at Piny Castle, which will improve Broad street very much.  
Rev. Mr. Britt gave us a good sermon last Thursday night that met the approval of all who heard him. We welcome him here again.  
The young people are anticipating a nice time at the Christmas tree here in the Baptist church Friday night, 24th inst.

To Keep Well Be An Egotist.  
A writer on nervous diseases says that fatigue always tends to induce depression and pessimism, and that in nervous people the idea or suggestion (that is, prompting oneself) always doubles the actual condition. For instance, every time you conjure up a mental picture of yourself as a helpless good-for-nothing, you arrive that much nearer to the state into which this fixed idea is leading you.—THE DESIGNER for January.

# MAKE A NEW RESOLVE.

## Our Town Will not Grow and Prosper Until the People Get Together.

Mr. Editor:—A new year is awaiting us. I wish to propose for our community a new resolve. Our people are unhappily divided into hostile factions. Strife and discord for the last few years have prevailed among us. Factional bitterness has touched and blighted every phase of life in our town—commercial, social, educational and religious. It does for us what it always has and always will do for every community. It hates enterprise. It impedes progress. It paralyzes the educational spirit. It chills the ardor of the church. It deadens town pride. It disturbs the peace of the citizen. It impairs the happiness of the home. It brutalizes the instincts and impulses of our better nature, teaching us and our children the lessons of prejudice and hate, instead of love and forbearance.

A continuance of such conditions is a reflection upon the common sense of our people and a discredit to the christian citizenship of our town.

Haven't we denounced each other and fought each other long enough? Haven't we prejudice and hate had their sway long enough? Each side has given and taken its full share. We are to live here. Our children are to be reared here. Do we wish forever to live in the atmosphere of strife and bitterness and after we are gone, to transfer the burden with its increasing severity, to the shoulders of our children?

Let us be done with our differences and dissensions. Let us put an end to strife and bitterness among us and return to the good old ways of our former selves, a brave, generous, christian people, happy and united in all things, glowing always and everywhere with pride and praise for our town and its people.

Let every good man and woman in our community greet the new year with the earnest resolve to do his part in bringing about a better feeling among our people toward each other and in filling up the gulf that separates them into bitter differences. And a brighter and happier day will dawn on Scotland Neck.

CLAUDE KITCHIN.

## A Book To Make You Walk Gracefully.

Place a medium-sized book flat upon your head, and begin to walk slowly around the room. As you grow more perfect in balancing, you should walk faster. In order to keep the book on your head, you will have to hold your shoulders and head correctly. Practice this for thirty minutes a day for a week, when you should substitute a cheap vase for the book. This exercise not only gives you a straight back and daintily poised head, but a most graceful walk as well. The really beautiful walk consists of a series of gliding movements each one melting into the next with no perceptible break or jerk, and this book exercise gives you the swan-like walk of which poets have written from times immemorial.—THE NEW IDEA WOMAN'S MAGAZINE for January.

King Leopold is dead. Peace to his ashes. It is never good to say evil of the dead, and yet, in the light of revelations of inhumanity and cruelty practiced by this monarch in the Congo through years past, one can but render thanks that Leopold is no more. Perhaps his misdeeds were painted with too much coloring. We hardly think so. Time and again the world has been shocked at revelations of the bloody persecutions of Leopold—of how men and women who opposed his wishes, were slaughtered in most terrible fashion until the world has come to pronounce his reign a reign of terror. If all is true that has been charged against Leopold he is one of the most despicable tyrants who ever tortured a helpless people. And whether exaggerated or not, one thing is true, Leopold made himself vastly rich.—Charlotte News.

## \$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 building up the constitution 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 druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

# East Carolina Teachers' Training School Notes.

Messrs. Gideon, Johnson and Ross, of Philadelphia, are guests of President Wright. They came for a few days' recreation with dog and gun and are bagging a good deal of game.

At a recent meeting of the Greenville Music Club, Miss Annie Lee Davis and Miss Bishop, teachers of in the E. C. T. T. S., played and Prof. Austin sang.

Saturday evenings the young ladies and young men give themselves up wholly to social enjoyment. Sometimes there is a special program or amusement. More frequently there is a general frolic consisting of games and singing.

The Xmas spirit is in the air. Holiday is from December 23rd, to Jan. 4th, inclusive. The entire student body and faculty will leave and the buildings will be closed.

Each Sunday afternoon a song service is held in the Assembly Hall. Miss Oolooah Burner, State Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spent four days with us recently encouraging and assisting in this work. The social as well as instructive feature of her visit was enjoyable.

Electric lights are at last on in full blast. Prof. C. W. Wilson recently delivered an address before the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Baptist church in Winterville.

At the December meeting of the Pitt County Teachers' Association two members of the faculty of the E. C. T. S. were on the program; Miss Graham read a paper on "Characteristics of the Recitation" and Prof. C. W. Wilson one on "The Indictments Against the Recitation."

## Letters to Santa Claus.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 19, 1909.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will write to tell you what I want I want you to bring me please bring me a doll a doll carriage a Maury's Elementary Geography and some fruits. Good by from your little girl  
SADIE MAY LUCAS.  
Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 19, 1909.

## Dear Santa Claus,

I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a muff and a fur and some fruits and a doll-carriage and a box of crayons don't forget to go and see my family at Newport News I want ask for no more things I am afraid I won't get what I ask for if I want to much. Good by from your little girl  
MATTIE IRENE HANNA.  
Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 19, 1909.

## My Dear Santa Claus,

I will tell you what I want you to bring me I am just visiting at my aunts and I hope you won't forget to come and see me I want a muff and fur a doll and doll-carriage a box of crayons and some fruits. I will not ask for to much. good by from your little girl  
DAISY LENORA HANNA.

## Swift's Premium Calendar for 1910.

Swift's Premium Calendar for 1910 consists of four famous, old-time national songs: America; Home, Sweet Home, Old Folks at Home, and The Old Oaken Bucket. Each of the four large sheets beautifully illustrates in color, the homes and childhood scenes of the authors, also giving portrait, autograph and biography of the author, the history of the song, words of the song, and on reverse side a full piano music score with the words.

The calendar is now ready for distribution, and can be secured by sending either 10 Wool Soap Wrappers, one cap from jar of Swift's Beef Extract, 10c in stamps or coin, to Swift and Company, Calendar Department, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.

## What Can A Poor Woman Do?

England, it is estimated by Animal Friends, uses 30,000,000 skins yearly; Europe, 150,000,000; America, 50,000,000. Yet back of the feather merchant and plume-hunter who supply the skins are the men who make a fashion for women and then impose it upon them, subtly, irresponsibly. Much effort has been expended toward inducing women to follow a fashion that is set. The futility of that! For, "What can a poor woman do?"—From "Who Killed Cock Robin?" in Every body's Magazine.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

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Write to-day for our large illustrated Catalogue of

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and select your Christmas gifts in your own home.

We save you trouble and money.

We send goods on approval, and prepay charges on all goods bought by mail.

## WRITE TO-DAY.

Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co., Inc. SILVERSMITH AND JEWELERS, Norfolk, - - - Virginia. Granby St. and City Hall Ave.

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# Stieff Piano For Christmas!

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You get the manufacturer's price, and easy terms if you wish.

If not in touch with one of our salesmen, write us to-day for particulars, telling you how easy we make it for you.

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R. I. JONES, Representative. Scotland Neck, North Carolina. [Please mention this paper.]

The Official Piano Jamestown Exposition.

# BEST HOTEL IN THE CITY.

Convenient to Business, Theatres, etc., and managed by Mr. L. Berry Dodson.

## Lorraine Hotel,

Granby and Tazewell Streets, NORFOLK, - - - VIRGINIA. European Plan \$1.00 per day and up.

## Executors' Notice.

Having qualified as executors of the estate of Jordan James, deceased, late of Halifax County, State of North Carolina, under his last will and testament, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, or their attorney, at Scotland Neck, on or before the eleventh day of November, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 8th day of November, 1909.

George James Arch Taylor Executors. A. Paul Kitchin, Att'y.

## Notice of Sale

By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by Ellis Bryant and his wife, Fannie Bryant, which is recorded in Book 184 on page 76, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, I will on the 15th day of January, 1910, 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 beginning at Henry Nelson's line 74 poles from the W. P. Robertson, Simmon's and Henry Nelson's corner; thence N 22 W 54 poles; thence S 81 W 62 poles; thence S 4 W 11 poles; thence S 14 E 10 poles; thence S 24 E 25 poles; thence S 28 E 20 poles; thence N 73-1-2 E 64 poles, to the beginning, containing twenty five acres more or less.

Also that tract of land adjoining the C. P. Simmons land (now Powell) Mrs. Harris' land, W. P. Robertson the tract of land being the same to Henry Nelson land, it being Henry Nelson, and containing twenty five acres more or less. These two tracts of land being the same to J. B. Edwards and E. Shields and wife, and afterwards to W. B. Barnhill by said Edwards and wife, by said Barnhill and wife to Ellis Bryant.

This land lying in Scotland Neck Township Halifax County. This Dec. 10 1909. A. P. KITCHIN Trustee.

# Get Ready for Turkey Time



Finely tempered. Will stay sharp even when cutting the hottest meat. Beautifully finished. Fully guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money refunded. We carry a complete line of appropriate for gifts. We carry a complete line of Keen Kutter Carvers. First quality genuine Stag Handles. Highest grade crucible steel, highly finished. Set of 3 pieces in neat case, Price \$6.00 Other Sets at \$3.50 and up. Keen Kutter Carvers. First quality genuine Stag Handles. Highest grade crucible steel, highly finished. Set of 2 pieces, prices \$1.50 and up. Keen Kutter Game Carving Shears. The best carving shears made. Highest grade crucible steel, full nickle plated. Prices \$1.75 and up.

## Josey Hardware Comp'y.

# CHRISTMAS IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

And now is the opportune time for your Christmas shopping, as the lines are more complete and selection can easily be made. We have an attractive display in every department. Our stock of

Watches, Clocks, Sterling Silver, Silver Handle Umbrellas, Silver Novelties, Cut Glass, Hand Painted China-ware, Beautiful Gold Jewelry

and many staple designs to select your gifts from. We have also just received our stock of

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens,

which is one of the best gifts of the season. Do not put off until the last moment to select what you want, but call early and have us to buy what you buy, so that we can give you better satisfaction. If you delay the very article you want may be sold to some one else.

Engraving is like Shopping, better be done early. We can Engrave anything that you purchase at our store.

# E. T. Whitehead Company

Druggists and Jewelers.

# A Christmas Treat!

I have a nice line of Buggies finished and in show room, also a nice line of Harness just opened up, all for sale and for your comfort and pleasure. Looks, durability and style are all right and fully guaranteed.

Don't Fail to Come to See Me Before You Buy.

W. A. BRANTLEY  
Scotland Neck, North Carolina

## Notice! Public Sale!

On Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1910, at the home place of the late Ralph H. Pittman, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for Cash the following described property, to-wit: Five mules, 1 horse, 2 cows, 1 buggy and harness, 2 wagons, 2 cars, 1 cotton planter, 1 corn planter, 1 steam engine, 1 corn thresher, 1 table wood-saw, and implements of every kind usually kept on a farm; all feed of every kind; also household and kitchen furniture. 2t. MRS. ANNIE PITTMAN.

## Land Posted!

All persons are hereby forbidden, under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish or trespass in any way whatever, on our land on Roanoke river, a part of the Nicholson tract bought from Mess. Kitchin, Kitchin and Futrell, and bounded as follows: On the west by the high land dam, on the south by Gaine's gut dam, on the Canal, on the east by Roanoke river, the lands of J. Davis Reid and Mike Hardy, containing 805 acres, more or less. WILTS VENEER CO., 12-9-4t by J. P. Futrell, Agt.

## SALE OF Valuable House & Lot

On the 24th day of December, Friday, at twelve o'clock, E. T. Whitehead, Druggist and Jeweler, of the town of Scotland Neck, Halifax and State of North Carolina, and more particularly as follows: Beginning on Main street in town, Mrs. J. W. (the old Ballard and thence running down a Southerly direction to a stake, thence at right angles westerly direction to a stake, 400 feet to Church street, right angles a straight line to Church Street in the town of 136 feet to Main street, thence at right angles to Leggett's line a straight line to the beginning and the Jno. D. Wells and thence at right to reject any and all hereby reserved. December, 1909. S. A. DUNN, ATTORNEY.