

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The Democrats will win this year says Mr. Bryan. Wonder how many times he has made the same prediction?

Don't lose your vote by failing to pay your poll tax on or before the first day of May. Attend to this matter to-day.

There will be something doing when Mr. Roosevelt returns to New York and takes the stump in the State campaign next fall.

The Supreme court of North Carolina has rendered an opinion in which it sustains the State Board of Pharmacy in refusing to renew the license of C. R. Thomas, of Thomasville, because he shipped cocaine to negroes in various sections of the State.

The North Carolina cotton manufacturers held a conference at Greensboro one day last week, and after much discussion declared for one-third reduction of yarns and cloths between May 1st and September 1st of this year.

A resolution passed calls upon all the mills in the South to co-operate by the adoption of a similar rate of curtailment. There were representatives from 75 cotton mills present.

POLITICS AND THE SHEMWELL CASE.

We reproduce with pleasure the following editorial from the Raleigh Evening Times, of recent date. It clears up a point that the people have been much concerned about and states the truth of the matter.

"A number of newspapers, either explicitly or by innuendo, having charged that there was 'politics' in the governor's commutation of Shemwell's sentence. While the wisest politicians could not figure out how this could be, in view of the fact that Shemwell's county is, we regret to say, republican, unless it was in the interest of the democratic party, and this could not be since the governor well knew the act would be very unpopular.

"Men have talked under their breath about this mysterious political influence on the governor, until it has finally leaked out what it was. It is said that Dermott Shemwell, the son, was a young man of considerable means and many friends, and that he had been exceedingly active and strong in his support of the governor in the primary for the nomination.

"With this as a text, whole columns might be written on official ethics, the sanctity of justice, and so on, except for the fact that there is no truth in the charge. A gentleman who had heard the charge went to the governor the other day and asked if it were true that Shemwell was an active and valuable supporter of his in the primary. The governor told him that he really did not know; that it had never occurred to him to inquire, but that he would inquire and let him know. Upon inquiry he learned that Shemwell was not a supporter of his, but was a pronounced supporter of that excellent gentleman, the Hon. Ashley Horne. As a matter of justice, we feel that the public should know the truth."

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

NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

Items of Interest Reported From The County Capitol.

Halifax, N. C., April 26.—Very often we run across something that we wish the ninety and some odd millions of people in our country could read and heed. This is one by Uncle Walt Mason, the poet-philosopher, and runs thus: "It was a bent and ancient man who toiled with spade and pick, and down his haggard features ran sweat-drops, rolling thick. And as he toiled, his gasping sighs spoke darkly of despair; a hopeless look was in his eyes, a look of grief and care. He toiled, all heedless of the crowd that journeyed to and fro. 'It is a shame,' I said aloud, 'that age should suffer so.' He over heard me and he said, 'I earned this fate, in truth; when young I stained the landscape red; I was a gilded youth. I bought the merchandise that's wet. I fooled with games of chance; and now in misery and sweat, I wear the name of pance. I was a rounder and a sport, a spender and a blood, and now when I loom up in court, my only name is mud. I filled my years with gorgeous breaks, I thought my life a game; I threw my money to drakes and wallowed deep in shame; I used to hate the sissy-boys, those molly-coddle lads, who were content with milder joys, and salted down the seeds; and now I see them passing by in opulence and ease, while I, too luckless 'e'en to die, am doing tasks like these. Sometimes in racking dreams I see the money that I burned, but do not waste your tears on me, I'm getting what I earned.'"

We copy this hoping it may reach the eyes of some young people who have not as yet entered life in all its fullness, and trust it may be of real benefit.

Sunday at Ebenezer church was a very enjoyable day. Mr. S. G. Daniel, of Littleton, made a splendid address, which we think lodged in the minds and hearts of many who were there. This humble writer made a little talk, in a very broken way, which we hope may do some good. Dr. D. P. Zollicoffer made a strong and urgent plea for higher and better christian living. This address, we are quite sure, will live in the memory of the good people of Ebenezer, and will urge them to assume larger things for the Master. The remarks by the Presiding Elder will linger in the memory of many of us too. They were helpful and opportune.

Messrs. T. F. McGuire and Mack Ferguson, of Littleton, were here a few days ago.

J. McB. Tucker, of Petersburg, was a visitor here last Friday.

Rev. L. G. Grady went to Richmond last week to see Mr. and Mrs. Travis. He reports Mr. Travis' condition as being fairly satisfactory. It is hoped that soon he can be brought back home.

Mrs. B. A. Mabry and little daughter Margaret, of Norfolk, came last Thursday to visit relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Fenner has been in Tillery several days visiting Mrs. Applewhite.

Miss Nora Howerton returned from Richmond last Friday.

Mrs. H. W. Gowan left Friday for Pittsburg, where she will spend two or three weeks with Mr. Gowan.

Mr. Eustis Norfleet, of Wilmington, has been here several days shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. Percy Norman, of Franklinton, is here this week to see his brother, Mr. J. H. Norman.

Misses Lucy Butts and Margaret Stephenson spent several days in Rocky Mount last week.

M. W. Riddell, of Richmond, spent Sunday here with friends.

W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, spent a few days here this week with his parents.

P. H. Westphal is home from a long trip in the Southern States, and will remain a few days with his family.

Mrs. Susie Grimmer spent a day or two last week with the Misses Butts.

Mrs. George Sasser and little daughter, of Raleigh, were here last week to see relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaughan were called to Franklin last Friday on account of the death of Mr. Vaughan's brother-in-law, Mr. J. E. Johnson.

Now and then a Halifax boy will take the cake. In this instance it is Mr. W. D. Faucett, who about nine years ago graduated from the A. and M. in civil engineering, entering immediately into the service of the Seaboard Air Line, and by his courtesy and excellent capacity soon making his way into the good graces of the company. He was kept in the office at Portsmouth as assistant to the chief for about four years, winning the utmost satisfaction and giving new friends almost every day. Just recently he has been promoted to chief clerk to the president of the road, Mr. N. S. Meldrum, and will assume his new duties possibly this week. No doubt his friends will be glad to hear of this move up higher.

Mr. J. C. Butts exhibited here a few days ago something out of the ordinary. It was a twig full of about half-grown figs. He states that all his bushes are loaded with them and all large. This is unusual for the time-of-year. W. F. C.

Revival Comes to Close.

The Scotland Neck correspondent to the News and Observer, dated April 22nd writes about the meeting at the Methodist church as follows:—"Wednesday night the revival meeting which had been in progress in the Methodist Church here for ten days, closed. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Jones, was assisted in the meeting by Rev. E. R. Welch, of Wilmington, who held two services every day since Monday, April 11th. Mr. Welch is a strong and forceful speaker, thoroughly consecrated in his evangelistic work, and preaches the gospel with a simplicity and beauty which attracts great congregations. Perhaps the greater part of his preaching was directed to church members in an effort to lead them to deeper consecration in Christian work. Pastor Jones stated to his congregation that this was largely what he wished Mr. Welch to do and he was not disappointed in the evangelist work. Mr. Welch's strong and practical sermons deeply interested the Christian people of all denominations and the result of the meeting will be long remembered in the encouragement and uplift given the Christian workers of the town and community. The closing sermon last night was perhaps the strongest in the entire series. While there were not many professions and additions to the church great good has already resulted in the renewed vows and quickened energy of members, both of the Methodist and other churches. At the close of last night's services, Pastor Jones expressed the sentiment of the entire community in his words of high appreciation of Mr. Welch and his work. Mr. Welch in turn made pleasing remarks concerning his pleasant stay among the good people of Scotland Neck, saying he had never enjoyed more hospitable entertainment and more kindly consideration at the hands of any people. While here Mr. Welch was the special guest of Mrs. Kate Dunn."

The recent cold snap has done great damage to the young cotton in the South, and in some sections the fruit has been hurt.

CAROLINA NOTES.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Apr. 25.—In a sharply contested game Friday Carolina shut out Virginia by the score of 3 to 0, in Charlottesville, Va. Carolina got four hits and made one error; Virginia got five hits and three errors. Stewart struck out eleven to his opponent eight. Batteries—For Carolina, Stewart and Bine; for Virginia, Culbertson, Witmer and Roan.

Carolina lost to the Navy by 1 to 0 Friday, through bunched errors. Hodgepeth pitched splendidly for Carolina, but received poor support. Navy, 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error; Carolina, no runs, 3 hits, 6 errors. In the V. P. I.-Carolina track meet at Blacksburg Saturday, V. P. I. took 6 first places, 8 second, and 11 third, or 65 points; Carolina took 7 first places, 5 second, and 1 third, or 51 points. V. P. I. had 18 entries; Carolina had 17 entries.

The Bobbitt Soap Company, of Chicago, has lately established in the department of Chemistry a fellowship, the holder of which is required to make investigation in oleo-resins.

The merchant who does not advertise is a man of leisure. He has abundance of time on his hands which he may spend in going fishing, or in attending base ball games, provided he has the means, or in sitting in a chair near his store door to watch the people go by to spend their money with his more enterprising rivals in business. He can find time for any or all of these pursuits, because he does not advertise. His competitors have not the time, for the reason that they are kept busy waiting on customers whom they have reached by judicious and generous advertising in the local press.—Standard Laconic.

President Taft has appointed Gov. Chas. E. Hughes, of New York, State Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme court to succeed the late Justice Daniel J. Brewer.

Get Well. If you are sick, you wish to get well, don't you? Of course you do. You wish to be rid of the pain and misery, and be happy again. If your illness is caused by female trouble, you can quickly get the right remedy to get well. It's CARDUI. This great medicine, for women, has relieved or cured thousands of ladies, suffering like you from some female trouble. TAKE CARDUI For Women's Ills. Mrs. Fannie Ellis, of Foster, Ark., suffered agony for seven years. Read her letter about Cardui. She writes: "I was sick for seven years with female trouble. Every month I would very nearly die with my head and back. I took 12 bottles of Cardui and was cured. Cardui is a God-send to suffering women." Try it. AT ALL DRUG STORES.

Fine Art Exhibition. For the people of SCOTLAND NECK and vicinity at the SCOTLAND NECK FURNITURE STORE, for one week, commencing Monday, May 2, 1910. WILL CONTINUE ALL THE WEEK. This Exhibit will be in charge of Mr. W. T. Fitzpatrick, Expert Operator of the White Sewing Machine Company. This magnificent exhibition of Embroidery Work is the finest of its kind in existence, being valued at Several Thousand Dollars, and no lady can afford to miss seeing it. This fine collection consists of curtains done in Renaissance braid, and others in Kensington on art satin, Roman cut work in bolting cloth, and drawn work, showing all the new stitches and materials. This exhibition also includes lambrequins, pictures in tapestry, etchings, banners, center-pieces, doilies, beautiful white sewing, hemstitching, tucking and lace work. Ladies, you can derive the greatest benefit from a visit to this exhibit, as it will enlighten you in the art of decorating your homes. The executor of this beautiful work, Mr. W. T. Fitzpatrick, Art Expert of the White Sewing Machine Company, Cleveland, Ohio, on whose machine all these fascinating articles were made, will be in constant attendance and will take pleasure in explaining how all the different kinds of work can be accomplished easily at home, and at much less expense than buying. W. L. HARRELL, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

This contractor got results. Some years ago a contractor building a railroad in a warm climate was troubled a great deal by sickness among the laborers. He turned his attention at once to their food and found that they were getting full rations of meat and were drinking water from a stream near by. He issued orders to cut down the amount of meat and to increase greatly the quantity of Quaker Oats fed to the men. He also boiled Quaker Oats and mixed the thin oatmeal water with their drinking water. Almost instantly all signs of stomach disorders passed and his men showed a decided improvement in strength and spirits. This contractor had experience that taught him the great value of good oatmeal. Packed in regular size packages, and in hermetically sealed tins for hot climates.

HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM. It is an Internal Disease and Requires an Internal Remedy.

The cause of Rheumatism and kindred diseases is an excess of uric acid in the blood. To cure this terrible disease this acid must be expelled and the system so regulated that no more acid will be formed in excessive quantities. Rheumatism is an internal disease and requires an internal remedy. Rubbing with oils and liniments will not cure, affords only temporary relief at best, causes you to delay proper treatment, and allows the malady to get a firmer hold on you. Liniments may ease the pain, but they will no more cure the Rheumatism than paint will change the fibre of rotten wood.

Science has at last discovered a perfect and complete cure, which is called "Rheumacide." Tested in hundreds of cases, it has effected the most marvelous cures; we believe it will cure you. "Rheumacide" gets at the joints from the inside, sweeps the poisons out of the system, tones up the stomach, regulates the liver and kidneys and makes you well all over. Rheumacide "strikes the root of the disease and removes its cause." This splendid remedy is sold by druggists and dealers generally at 50c and \$1 a bottle. In tablet form at 25c and 50c a package. Trial bottle of Tablets sent by mail on receipt of price, 25c. Booklet free. Write to Bobbitt Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md. For sale by E. T. Whitehead Company.

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THE COMMONWEALTH, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as administrator of C. W. Dunn, deceased, late of the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to me or my attorney, S. A. Dunn, on or before the 17th day of March, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement. This March the 17th, 1910. J. H. ALEXANDER, JR., Administrator.

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Notice! On the First Monday in May, 1910, the Furniture used in the old court house will be offered for sale to the highest bidder for cash, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Paper Files, etc. By order Board County Commissioners. J. H. NORMAN, Clerk.

NOTICE. All persons are forbidden to fish in Smith's mill pond owned by us (through the bedding season) until June 10th 1910. WILL H. and J. L. JOSEY. 3t.

IT IS MANY MONTHS SINCE The North Pole was discovered, but it has been only a few days since OYER'S CUTE STUDIO was discovered in Scotland Neck, and, just think, I am making 21 Photos for 20 cents only this week, and next week the price will be 25 cents. I also make those cute "Sunny Jim" and "Princess Pansy" Photos. You ought to see them, they're just the cutest things. Everybody's just tickled to death. Remember, cloudy weather is as good as sunshine. Oyer's Cute Studio, Same Old Stand, Scotland Neck, N. C.

RAISE PERCHERON HORSES! The State Department at Raleigh has placed a FINE PERCHERON STALLION at the Edgewood Test Farm for the benefit of this section. The horse will spend alternate weeks this season at the Test Farm and Scotland Neck. The Fee will be \$10.00 in Advance. A rare opportunity to IMPROVE YOUR FAIRM STOCK at little cost.

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Sale of Land for Taxes. I will on Monday, May 2nd, 1910, sell at public auction the door at Halifax, N. C., of all tracts or parcels of land against the taxes and costs due for the year 1909:

- PALMYRA TOWNSHIP. Mrs. N. J. Best, 86 1/2 acres, near Palmyra. Mrs. E. A. Everett, 150 acres, homestead. Mrs. Mollie Strickland, 7 acres, Mecklenburg. Weldon Bowers, 4 acres, pine woods. Stewart Bowers, 62 acres, pine woods. J. A. G. Clark, 3 acres, Charleston land. Allen Mabry, Sr., 58 acres, near Hobgood. Ed. Webb, 7 acres, Anthony Jones. Bryant Smith, 200 acres, Core land. Frank Toodle, 25 acres, pine woods.

- ROSENEATH TOWNSHIP. J. D. Rogester, 19 acres, pine woods. Mrs. Bettie Womack, 100 acres, Asa Womack land. Lewis Bryant, 20 acres, pine woods. R. H. White, Tax Collector.

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