

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The fight for new counties is now on in dead earnest before the legislature.

We want to see Halifax County get in line and make the start for good roads.

There has been a bill introduced in the legislature to abolish the sale of near beer in the State. Amend the bill to include whiskey clubs and let it pass at once.

We welcome the return of brother J. A. Robinson to the field of journalism. He is again writing hurrygraphs for the Durham Sun.

The standpaters in Congress are making a desperate effort to have a tariff commission appointed. This is just another scheme to try and fool the people, but we hope they will not be fooled this time.

The Snow Hill Standard Lacer speaks a whole truth when it says:

Opportunities come to communities as they do to individuals and it is not often that the same opportunity knocks twice at the door. More than one town in this country has vegetated and decayed, because its citizens in their shortsighted selfishness refuse to embrace the opportunity that presented themselves.

Towns have dug their own graves and erected their tombstones because they decline to live.

For several weeks there has been a friendly fight between Congressman Claude Kitchin and Congressman E. W. Pou for the place on the Ways and Means Committee. The matter was settled last week and Mr. Kitchin will get the appointment also he will be selected for the Committee on Committees. These are two of the most important Committees of the House of Representatives. Mr. Pou will receive some good committee assignments. Congressman Claude Kitchin stands by his party and party platform in everything that comes before him. He voted right on every question that came before Congress during the last session, and deserves recognition at the hands of a Democratic House of Representatives.

GOOD ROADS.

The Sanford Express is making a strong fight for good roads. We copy the following editorial from the Express of last week:

It is idle for The Express to attempt to enumerate the benefits that good roads confer on a people. Every man instinctively knows that a good road is a far better thing to have than a bad road. Our people all believe in good roads but naturally there are some who are unwilling to pay for the cost of securing them. Good roads mean progress and prosperity. They make people straighten up and put their best foot forward. One rarely sees a dilapidated home by the side of an improved modern highway. The value of farm lands is enhanced. The census statistics prove that in every case the counties in this State having the largest percentage of improved roads are a powerful factor in encouraging the settlement of unused lands. Good roads also have a far-reaching influence in holding farmers on their farms and restraining them from drifting to the towns. Good roads make farm life much more attractive; and, moreover, as the price of land depends as much on accessibility to market as on productivity, it follows that road improvement, by holding old settlers and attracting new ones, directly tends toward increase in values of all farm lands within touch of the improved highways. It is shown that in counties where the average price of land is less than \$20 an acre the percentage of improved roads is only 1.18 per cent, whereas, in counties where the average value is more than \$20, the average of improved roads is more than 9 per cent of the total cost. Nothing is hampering Lee county so much as mud; nothing could do more for the development of the county than improved highways.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

SPEEDY JUSTICE

Granville County Brute to Die by Electrocutation.

Oxford, Jan. 16—Nathan Montague went to speedy condemnation today when he was arraigned, tried and convicted of killing Miss Mattie Sanders December 16. He will be electrocuted February 15.

Lawyers declare that it is unprecedented speed for so aggravated an offense, when Montague came here this morning under gatlin guns and 70 soldiers of company B. of Raleigh and was met by 40 of Granville's Grey's, under General Beverly Royster. He was accorded all attention that belonged to such a brute. These were here to save his wretched life. The utmost order prevailed throughout. Though a crowd three times too great to enter the courtroom was here, it wasn't a murderous body. They were on-lookers. They wanted to hear the testimony, which of itself was tamed to prevent any possibility of out break. There was no charge of the murder of Peyton Sanders and his little granddaughter, Irene Overton. The poor, outraged girl alone was revenged.

The care exercised by the court took out all possibility of trouble. There was nothing to do and the more than 100 troops with rifles bayonets and gatlins could have stood back a Japanese invasion. Montague was brought here on a special train from Raleigh and at every turn the gathering crowds were disconcerted. There is general satisfaction here. Nobody asked for the blood of the brute.

Judge Ward congratulated the county upon its spirit of repression and Granville looms up big tonight.

Montague was sent back on the special train this afternoon at 5 o'clock. His case went to the jury, was decided, the death sentence read, the crowd cleared and the train dispatched within an hour and haste wasn't unseemly. The sum total of the testimony developed, all elements of criminal assault being assiduously avoided in the extravagance of care, was circumstantial, but conclusive.

In Memoriam.

Nothing is so sadder than a death which so often takes our loved ones from us. Such was the sad case on Thursday, Dec. 15th, when Mrs. Patrick Henry Lane, (nee Miss Minnie Strickland) one of the most influential members of Roseneath church, was called from our midst. Words can't express the feelings of her many friends and relatives who with downcast tearful eyes took the last glimpse of her dear sweet face. Oh, how wonderful are the mysteries of God's kingdom, could we but understand, perhaps we could become more reconciled to His will, which is so much greater than ours. Minnie was about twenty-five years of age, just in the prime of life and bloom of true womanhood, and there never was a more noble christian, a truer follower of God, and a more devoted church worker. Our community deeply regrets the loss of such a priceless member.

In January 1910 she was married to Mr. Lane, with so many bright hopes for the future, which no doubt would have been hers, had she been spared, but in His wisdom he saw fit to take her from worldly pleasures, to those which have no end. On the next day she was brought to her old home burying ground for interment. Her pastor, Rev. C. L. Whitaker officiated. She leaves a husband, an infant son, Moses Gaskill, and many friends and relatives to mourn a great loss. But we must all remember that she has paid the debt which we all must pay. Our friends on earth we meet with pleasure.

As swift the moments fly; Yet ever comes the thought with sadness,
That we must say good-bye. But in that land of joy and song,
We'll never, no never say good-bye.
MARY J. SIMMONS.

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About the size of your shoe, its some satisfaction to know that many people can wear shoes a size smaller by shaking Allen's Foot-Ease into them. Just the thing for Patent Leather Shoes, and for breaking in New Shoes. Sold Everywhere, 25c. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

Terrible Train of Troubles.

Lake Charles, La.—Mrs. E. Fournier, 516 Kirby street, says: "The months before I took Cardui I could hardly walk. I had backache, headache, pain in my legs, fainting spells, sick stomach, dragging feelings and no patience or courage. Since taking Cardui, I have no more pain and feel good all the time." Take Cardui and get the benefit of the peculiar herb ingredients, which have been found so efficient for womanly ills. Other people have done the testing. You profit by their experience. Try it.

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Rexall "93" Hair Tonic acts scientifically, destroying the germs which are usually responsible for baldness. It penetrates to the roots of the hair, stimulating and nourishing them. It is a most pleasant toilet necessity, is delicately perfumed, and will not gum or permanently stain the hair.

We want you to get a bottle of Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and use it as directed. If it does not relieve scalp irritation, remove dandruff, prevent the hair from falling out and promote an increased growth of hair, and in every way give entire satisfaction, simply come back and tell us, and without question or formality we will hand back to you every penny you paid us for it. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. E. T. Whitehead Company.

A Wise Decision.

The Lexington Dispatch announces in last week's issue that it will no longer accept liquor advertisements at any price. This is a wise decision, and while the paper will lose directly hundreds of dollars a year, it will be the gainer after all, because the great majority of its will have greater respect for it and it will have more respect for itself. Very few North Carolina papers accept whiskey advertisements, and even these small number is growing less.—Concord Times.

A Strange Story.

Argyle, Mich.—Mrs. Wm. H. Carson, in a letter from Argyle, says: "I was almost wild with pain in my head, and other severe pains from womanly troubles. After using Cardui, I obtained great relief. Further use of Cardui raised me from my bed of agony. Cardui saved my life when nothing else would help me." Whether seriously sick, or simply ailing, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. It relieves pain, regulates irregularities, build weak, nervous women back to health. Ask your druggist about it.

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Administrators' Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of F. J. Savage, deceased, late of Halifax county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 21st day of December, 1910.
R. L. SAVAGE, Adm'r.

Notice--Sale.

By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain mortgage executed to me by Jas. I. James and his wife, Cora B. James, which is recorded in Book 198, on Page 99, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, N. C., sell at Public Auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit: That lot which was conveyed to said James Isaac James by Lina Hill by deed, beginning at a stake on 13th street 150 feet from the centre to town ditch looking east, and 50 feet from the southeast corner of the lot whereon Herbert Arrington now resides, on Block 63, according to the map of said town; thence along 13th street in an easterly direction towards Greenwood street 50 feet; thence at right angles to 13th street and parallel with Roanoke street 200 feet; thence in a straight line in a westerly direction and parallel with 13th street 50 feet towards Roanoke street; thence at right angles to the last mentioned line in a southerly direction 200 feet to 13th street the beginning.
J. R. ASKEW, Mortgagee.
J. B. EDWARDS, Assignee.
A. Paul Kitchin, Attorney.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Planters & Commercial Bank

at Scotland Neck, N. C., at the close of business January 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 85,635.93
Overdrafts.....	457.83
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,508.93
Due from banks & bankers.....	15,113.57
Cash items.....	754.73
Cash in vault.....	5,651.23
Total.....	\$110,182.22

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 15,000.00
Undivided profits.....	2,762.55
Deposits.....	92,294.39
Cashier's checks outst'd.....	89.95
Certified checks.....	35.33
Total.....	\$110,182.22

State of North Carolina, ss.
County of Halifax.

I, O. J. MOORE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. J. MOORE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of January, 1911.
J. E. SHIELDS, Notary Public.

Correct--Attest:
S. A. DUNN, STUART SMITH, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK,

at Scotland Neck, N. C., at the close of business Jan. 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$124,662.85
Overdrafts.....	2,761.69
Stocks, Bonds, etc.....	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,025.00
Demand loans.....	14,200.00
Due from banks and bankers.....	10,194.81
Cash items.....	82.90
Gold coin.....	342.50
Silver coin.....	1,626.43
National bank notes, etc.....	3,481.00
Total.....	\$165,387.18

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, etc.....	12,089.84
Dividends unpaid.....	24.00
Bills payable.....	15,000.00
Deposits.....	110,760.34
Cashier's checks outst'd.....	55.19
Accrued inst. due depositors.....	750.00
Reserve interest.....	1,308.06
Reserve for taxes.....	369.73
Total.....	\$165,387.18

State of North Carolina, ss.
County of Halifax.

I, J. Harper Alexander, Jr., cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. HARPER ALEXANDER, JR., Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of Jan., 1911.

TYLER B. WHEELER, Notary Public.
Correct--Attest: R. M. JOHNSON, G. HOFFMAN, FRANK P. SHIELDS, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Hobgood,

at Hobgood, N. C., at the close of business January 7th, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 1,960.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	300.00
Due from banks & bankers.....	12,745.19
Cash in safe.....	3,270.47
Expense account.....	48.93
Total.....	\$18,325.64

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 5,000.00
Time certificates deposit.....	1,000.00
Deposits subject to check.....	12,319.67
Interest and exchange.....	6.57
Total.....	\$18,325.64

State of North Carolina, ss.
County of Halifax.

I, E. P. Hyman, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. P. HYMAN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of January, 1911.
J. E. SHIELDS, Notary Public.

Correct--Attest: K. LEGGETT, S. D. BRADLEY, R. J. SHIELDS, Directors.

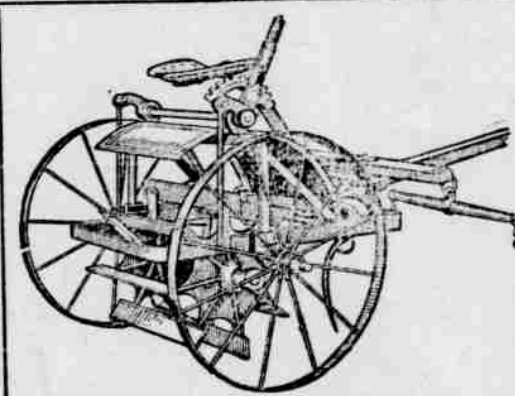
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Scotland Neck, N. C.

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FRAZIER H. BUNCH.

Notice Sale of Land.

By virtue of power vested in me by the laws of North Carolina as executor of the late W. A. Dunn, Trustee in that Deed of Trust, executed and delivered by S. W. Morrisett and wife to the said Dunn on the 28th day of December, 1894, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 166 at page 557, and by virtue of said deed, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck on the 4th day of February, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described parcel of real estate, lying, being, and situated in the Town of Scotland Neck, County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, to-wit:

That lot in Scotland Neck sold to said Morrisett by Miss Annie Robertson, bounded by the lands of W. A. Dunn, F. W. Gregory, the place where J. S. Bowers formerly lived and by Main street, and being 50 by 180 feet of lot No. 6 on Block 47, according to the map of said town, and being the property known as Morrisett's Livery Stables and the store-room occupied by J. E. Bowers. This January 3rd, 1911
NOAH BIGGS, Executor of W. A. Dunn, Trustee.
Dunn & Dunn Attorneys.

Farm Lands For Sale.
Two Farms lying on the road leading from Merritts Bridge to Enfield, known as the Washington Whitehead Place and the Short Swamp Place, containing 360 acres, more or less, and 250 acres, more or less, respectively. Also farm one mile from Dawson's Cross Roads, with three to four horse crop, open, containing several acres of wooded land. For further particulars apply to Dunn & Dunn, Attorneys.
W. B. DUNN.

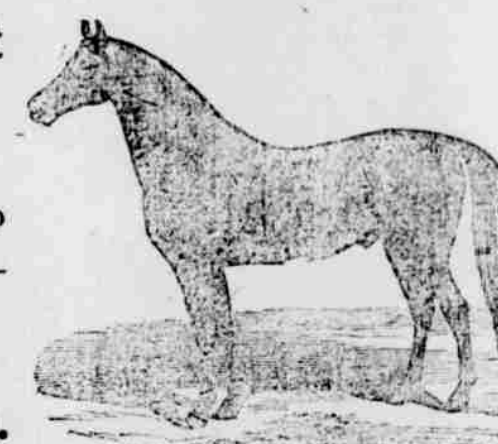
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