

**THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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The new Congress is getting down to work.

We can never have good roads unless we make the start.

There is no doubt but that diversification is the key to successful farming.

The town of Ayden has recently voted \$12,000 bonds for public schools.

A big cotton crop cannot compensate for a short crop of corn. Plant plenty of corn and raise more meat is always good advice.

The long drawn out deadlock in the Iowa legislature ended last week when Judge William S. Kenyon was elected to the United States Senate succeeding Senator Dolliver.

Former Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, died last week. Mr. Johnson was a great man and was loved not only by the people of Cleveland but by the nation as well.

We note that Congressman Martin W. Littleton, of New York, has accepted an invitation to address the North Carolina Bar Association at its annual meeting in June. This will be a real treat for our North Carolina lawyers and others who may be present.

Some few papers that claim to be democratic are having a great deal to say about the appearance of Mr. William J. Bryan in Washington when Congress convened. If these papers would turn their guns on the enemy—the Republican party—and fight as hard as they do against Mr. Bryan there would be a great deal better chance for the democratic party getting entire control of the national government. A continual warfare in our own ranks will continue the republican party in power. Let us stop abusing Mr. Bryan and turn our guns on the enemy. We have voted for Mr. Bryan every time he has lead the ticket, and while we may not think it just the thing to do, yet if he is nominated again we are going to vote for him again. Away with this abuse of Mr. Bryan by certain newspapers and public men that are more republican than democrat if the real truth was known. Mr. Bryan has a right to visit Washington and mingle with the democratic Senators and Representatives and he also has a right to express his opinion about public matters.

**Wadford's X Roads Items.**

Wadford's X Roads, Nash county, N. C., April 17.—We are very sorry to note that little Ollie Minchew is on the sick list, we hope he will soon be well again.

We are glad to say that Mrs. J. D. Edwards is improving.

On yesterday morning Mr. J. L. Greene turned his team out in the rye patch to graze and his buggy horse strayed off and hasn't been seen or heard of since. We are all on a look out for her in hopes that she will soon be found.

The Salem School closed Friday, April 14th, and the exercises were simply grand. Hon. T. T. Thorne made a good educational address which was followed by a song by class. And then a good time came, the dinner was spread. It was quite an enjoyable occasion. In the afternoon the Salem boys had a double header ball game with Battleboro and Dorches. The score between Dorches and Salem was 13 to 1 in favor of Salem and with Battleboro 12 to 9 in favor of Salem.

Mr. A. L. Dozier passed through this morning on his way to Rocky Mount.

Miss Mammie Henry Price and Miss Pearl Daughtry, of Northampton county, is the guest of Mrs. T. C. Price this week.

Some of our farmers are still holding their cotton for 15 cents we hope they will get that price.

Mr. J. R. Bennett, of Rocky Mount, spent a few hours with his brother, Mr. C. M. Bennett, last Sunday.

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

**MR. CHAS. P. TILERY.**

Easter at Halifax Much Enjoyed. Some Personal Notes.

Halifax, N. C., April 18.—The remains of Mr. Chas. P. Tillery, who died quite suddenly on last Friday morning at his home near Tillery, were laid to rest on Saturday afternoon at half past two o'clock in the Episcopal cemetery near town, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. W. L. Britt, of Enfield.

Mr. Tillery the night before his death was apparently in fair health, though for several weeks he had been suffering real much with a sprained ankle resulting from a horse stepping on the foot. He only lived about thirty minutes after the attack.

Mr. Tillery was widely known in Halifax county and in the State, was a very prominent and successful farmer and liked by many for his genial manner and many other good qualities. He was connected with some of the most prominent of Halifax county citizens.

He is survived by two brothers, Messrs. Matt. and Lee Tillery, who are very large and successful farmers near Tillery station; two sisters, Miss Annie, of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. Weeks, of Weldon; his widow, who was Miss Annie Ferrebee, and sister to Mrs. Jno. H. Fenner, of this place; two sons, Messrs. Lee and Junius Tillery, and one daughter, Mrs. Jas. O. Applewhite, of Tillery.

Mr. Tillery had reached the age of 66, and was well preserved for age, and the summons came all unexpectedly to the loved ones, who were looking forward to many other days that they might shower loving ministrations and be a source of comfort in his declining years.

He served in the war between the North and South, was a prisoner for several months, being exchanged only a short while before Lee surrendered. He had many bitter experiences during these trying days—that tried men's souls as by fire—and the extreme hardships that he with others had to endure, with scanty raiment and poor food, with even poorer accommodations for comfort, is just as the oft-told tale of thousands of other brave Southern soldiers, many of them now gone to the great beyond, where swords and other accessories of earthly combat have been laid aside, and who are now marching in the great army of which Jesus Christ is the commanding figure, singing as they march glad hosannas to the captain of their salvation.

Upon the mound were placed by loving hands and life long friends, many beautiful flowers, and as they turned away with saddened hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, the consoling thought came that some day there would be the meeting again.

Easter here was quite enjoyable. There were some visitors in town, some of our own boys and girls who have been away, came home, and Monday there were quite a number who went pic-nicing, others went fishing and some played ball.

Masters Marvin and Johnnie Jenkins came down from Roanoke Rapids and spent Sunday and Monday.

Miss Lucy Butts came down from Franklin and spent Easter with her people.

Mrs. Joseph G. Butts, of Roanoke Rapids, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butts.

Mrs. Wallace D. Patterson, of Chapel Hill, came to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fenner.

Mrs. B. A. Mabry and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Norfolk, came last week to see her kinspeople.

Misses Bell, of Scotland Neck, came up Saturday to visit Mrs. Nanie Pepper, at Aurelian Springs.

Mrs. C. M. Hamill, of Aurelian Springs, was here Saturday on her way to Petersburg to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Wilcox will leave the last of this week for Greensboro as a delegate to the Baraca-Philathea Convention, and will also take in the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention at High Point on her return trip home.

**Old Furniture.**

Mahogany or Rose Wood needs simply washing and a coat of Varnish. The L. & M. Home Finish Varnish is the best.

If painted wood, then wash it and apply one coat of L. & M. Domestic Paint.

Makes Furniture as good as new at a cost of about 25 or 30 cents. Get it from Hardy Hardware Company.

If kisses were poisonous, only a few girls would live to graduate.

**Saved Her Own Life.**

Recumseh, Okla.—"I believe," says Mrs. Eliza Epperson, of this place, "that if it hadn't been for Cardui I would have been dead today. Before I began using Cardui, I suffered from pains in the head, shoulders, back, side, limbs and the lower part of my body. Cardui helped me more than anything, and I am now in better health, since taking it, than for four years." Nobody can deny that the best tonic for a woman to take, is a tonic for women—Cardui. Please try it.

**GOOD ROADS MEETING.**

Members of the Association and others interested in improved roads to meet Thursday, 27th.

The annual meeting of the Halifax County Good Roads Association will be held in Weldon at noon on Thursday, April 27th. This meeting will be the time for the election of officers, also to plan work for the coming year.

It is urged that there be a full attendance of all the members of the Association and all those that are interested in the good roads movement of the county.

Let every body come and help by their presence. Remember the date, Thursday, April 27th, at noon. This will allow plenty of time for people from the lower end of the county to go on the morning train and return in the afternoon.

J. L. PATTERSON, Pres.,  
 Halifax Co. Goods Roads Assn.

**Mr. Chas. Tillery is Dead.**

Tillery, N. C., April 17.—This was the sad news that was heard Friday morning when the citizens of this section awoke, and it was a shock they were not prepared to hear.

Thursday afternoon he was well and in Tillery talking with his host of friends and in his usual good humor. Friday morning he was taken suddenly sick and died in the arms of his devoted wife before help could be rendered.

He leaves a wife, one daughter, two sons and two brothers to mourn his end. Great is the bereavement of this community. He will be missed by all. A friend to all and loved by all.

He was of the old-school gentlemen, that are so rapidly passing away. Modest, refined, truthful, and brave, and stood for what is right. He was a gallant soldier, belonging to Co. K., Claibour's Regiment. On his return home he laid aside all prejudice and went to work at his chosen profession, that of farming, at which he was a great success, always taking an active interest in the welfare of his county, State and nation.

His remains were laid to rest at Halifax, in the cemetery there, by the side of his son.

The sympathy of the entire county goes out to the bereaved ones.

S. F. DUNN.

**Are You Earning \$100 a Month?**

If not, we offer you a chance to do it. We now have over 2,000 salesmen on the road, who are averaging more than one hundred dollars a month apiece for themselves, selling Watkins' Remedies, Flavoring Extracts, Spices, Toilet Articles, Soaps, and Perfumes to more than 2,000,000 farmers throughout the United States and Canada. Can you do as well as the average? If so, we want you to handle our business in Halifax county. Address, The J. R. Watkins Company, 113 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Established in 1868. Capital over \$2,000,000. Plant contains 10 acres floor space.

**Are You A Woman?**

Baltimore, Md.—Mrs. W. H. Ison, at 1419 East Madison street, writes, "For several years, I suffered off and on, from womanly troubles, until finally I was taken down and could do nothing." The pains I experienced, I shall never forget. I lost weight until I was only skin and bones. I believe I would be in my grave if I had not tried Cardui. Are you like Mrs. Ison, weak and discouraged because of some painful ailment? Cardui will help you. Try it today. Any druggist will be glad to sell you a bottle.

**SCHOOLS WILL GET ALL THE MONEY.**

Supreme Court Reverses Former Decision and Holds That Constitution is Mandatory.

The Supreme court today handed down its decision in the case brought by Governor Kitchin against State Auditor Wood to settle the school tax matter. The court is unanimous in its opinion, holding the law valid and that the poll tax must automatically increase itself when the property tax is increased. The opinion is written by Associate Justice Brown.

The revenue act of 1911, chapter 46, Public Laws of 1911, increased the property tax from 43 to 45 cents on the \$100. But it left the poll tax at \$1.25 when it should have been increased to \$1.35 to maintain the proper equalization between the two. Suit was brought before Judge Daniels so as to get a decision on the matter. Judge Daniels held, in accordance with a former decision of the supreme court that the law was invalid. The matter was argued before the supreme court yesterday and the decision as above handed down today. The decision is a complete reversal of the former opinion. The court holds that the constitution is mandatory as to the poll tax, that the law stands and that the poll tax must be increased to \$1.35 to meet the constitutional requirement.—Raleigh Daily Times, 12th.

People seem to be afraid they will be considered common if they have a good time in a natural way.

**FOR AGED PEOPLE.**

Old Folks Should be Careful in Their Selection of Regulative Medicine.

We have a safe, dependable and altogether ideal remedy that is particularly adapted to the requirements of aged people and persons of weak constitutions who suffer from constipation or other bowel disorders. We are so certain that it will relieve these complaints and give absolute satisfaction in every particular that we offer it with our personal guarantee that it shall cost the user nothing if it fails to substantiate our claims. This remedy is called Rexall Ointment.

Rexall Orderlies have a soothing, healing, strengthening, tonic and regulative action upon the bowels. They remove all irritation, dryness, soreness and weakness. They restore the bowels and associate organs to more vigorous and healthy activity. They are eaten like candy, may be taken at any time without inconvenience, do not cause any griping, nausea, diarrhoea, excessive looseness, flatulence or other disagreeable effect. Price 25c. and 10c. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store, E. T. Whitehead Co.

**Meat Market**

Having recently purchased the Matthews Fresh Meat Market in the Josey building near the post office, I wish to say to the public that I shall endeavor to keep at all times nice Fresh Meats to supply my customers. I am always ready to correct any errors and will try to please you in every deal. Country produce a specialty. Thanks for your trade.

A. C. PRINCE,  
 The Fresh Meat Man.

**Who is it That There are More John Deere Walking Cultivators**

sold in this section than all others combined? The many farmers who use them will tell you that it is because they are the best and easiest to operate.

**Why is it that there are so many K. P. Guano Distributors**

sold in this section? The many farmers who use them will tell you that it is because it is the best guano distributor sold.

**We are the Selling Agents for the Above Implements.**

We also have now on the way from the factory a fertilizer attachment for the John Deere Walking Cultivators, with which you can sow your fertilizer and list the row all at the same time, and after the crop is up you can put another application of fertilizers and cultivate the whole row at one time, one man and two team doing the work. See what a great saving of labor?

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Pioneer Hardware Dealers, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

**TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS!**

The time to prepare your land and plant your crop is here. We have the kind of planters, weeders, harrows and cultivators that you need: Hallock Weeders, Avery's Red King Walking Cultivators, Avery's Lucky Jim Riding Cultivators, Twentieth Century Riding Cultivators, Pivot Axle Riding Cultivators, McWhorter Fertilizer Distributors, Twentieth Century Combination Cotton and Corn Planters, Avery's Union Corn Drill, Cole's Combination Planters, Cole's Fertilizer Sowers, Acme Harrows, Disc Harrows, Spike Tooth Harrows, and many other things that we have not the space to mention just now.

**Hardy Hardware Company,**

"The Hardware Hustlers."

A FULL LINE ALL KINDS OF FARM IMPLEMENTS

**Beautiful Your Yard**

with some blooming plants. We have a fine stock of all kinds of spring bedding plants, such as Scarlet Sage, Petunias, Colias, Cammas, Heliotropes, and many others. Fine varieties of Chrysanthemums. Vines for the Veranda.

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 Raleigh, N. C.

**Administrator's Notice.**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Laura J. Bell, deceased, late of the county of Halifax, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to Ashley W. Dunn, attorney, on or before the 5th day of April, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to me or to the said attorney.

F. P. SHELDON, Adm'r.  
 This 5th day of April, 1911.

**KILL THE GOUGH AND CURVE THE LUNG**  
**DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY**  
 FOR COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES.  
 GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY  
 OR MONEY REFUNDED.

**Sale of Land for Taxes.**

I will sell at public auction at the court house door in Halifax on the first Monday in May, 1911, the following tracts or parcels of land to satisfy the taxes and cost for 1910:

**PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.**  
 Peter Anthony, Sr., 10 acres, Charleston, and 6 acres, homestead, \$1.91.  
 John Adams, 159 acres, Harriet Adams, \$10.27.  
 J. A. G. Clark, 3 acres, Charleston, \$3.14.  
 Thad Knight, 61 acres, Weeks land, \$4.61.  
 New Light Lodge, 1/2 acre, near Norfleet, 91c.  
 Allen Mabry, Jr., 36 acres, Pocosin, \$3.30.  
 Bryant Smith, 350 acres, Burwell land, and 200 acres, Coreland, \$25.43.  
 Helen Smith, 5 acres, piny woods, \$1.36.  
 Anthony Watson, 5 acres, piny woods, \$1.29.  
 Miss Lucy N. Clark, 152 acres, river land, \$12.49.  
 Dr. J. R. Pope, 1 town lot, Hobgood, \$1.28.  
 Mrs. A. M. Perry, 102 acres, Deep Creek, \$9.16.

**ROSENEATH TOWNSHIP.**  
 Arthur Staten, 15 acres, piny woods, \$4.99.  
 O. K. Taylor heirs, 334 acres, piny woods, \$9.81.  
 W. T. Vaughan, 415 acres, Deep Creek, \$21.29.  
 Mrs. Mary A. White, 66 acres, piny woods, \$3.30.

R. H. WHITE,  
 Tax Collector for Palmyra and Roseneath Townships.

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T. C. WHITE,  
 General Passenger Agent,  
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**Notice, Public Land Sale**

By virtue of power vested in the undersigned executor of R. H. Smith, trustee of that mortgage executed by J. W. Clark and wife on the 17th day of December, 1909, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in book 184 at page 206, and conferred upon him by the laws of North Carolina, and by virtue of power vested in the undersigned Albion Dunn, trustee by that deed of trust executed by the said J. W. Clark and wife on the 1st day of January, 1909, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county in book 138 at page 349, I shall sell to cash at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck on the 6th day of May, 1911, at 12 o'clock, noon, the highest bidder, the following described real estate, lying, being and situate in the town of Scotland Neck, county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit:

First Parcel—Lying on Block 5 fronting on 12th street 69 feet, beginning 50 feet west from the intersection of Greenwood and 12th streets, and running back from 12th street 50 feet, and being the same lot that was conveyed to the said J. W. Clark and wife by deed recorded and being the lot whereon the said J. W. Clark and wife now reside.

Second Parcel—Beginning at point where A. F. Hancock, of Scotland Neck, and S. F. Dunn, corner of Scotland Neck, thence in an easterly direction 260 feet to middle of ditch, Hancock and Dunn's corner thence up said ditch 185 feet to white line three feet of a perpendicular thence in a northwesterly direction across the field 160 feet to A. F. Hancock and Tom Hancock's corner thence down their line to the beginning, and being the same parcel of land conveyed to the said Clark and A. F. Hancock and wife by deed recorded in Halifax county.

This April 14th, 1911.  
 STUART SMITH, Executor  
 of R. H. Smith, Trustee.  
 Albion Dunn, Trustee.

North Carolina In Superior Court  
 Halifax County (Before the Clerk  
 Madison Eakes

vs.  
 J. L. Eakes, Harvey Eakes, C. O. Eakes, Ada Butts and husband Norman Butts, Mattie Belle Lock and husband, William Locke, Lou Below and husband, Charlie Below, Mollie Kinton and husband, L. Kinton, William Adams, Lem Leary, et al.

**Notice of Service by Publication.**  
 The defendant, Lem Leary, above named, and the heirs of Simon Swain, deceased, by whatever name and wherever located, whose names and addresses are unknown, but who have an interest in the land sought to be divided in this proceeding, are taken notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the said defendants on the 16th day of March, 1911, by the undersigned, Clerk Superior Court of Halifax county, North Carolina, which said summons is returnable before the undersigned, Clerk Superior Court of Halifax county, at his office in Halifax, county and State aforesaid, on the 7th day of April, 1911. Said defendants above named, take notice that the suit is instituted, as appears in the petition, for the purpose of dividing a tract of land belonging jointly to the plaintiff and defendants, situated in Efffield township, county and State aforesaid, and said defendants are required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk Superior Court of Halifax county on April 26th, 1911, and answer or demur to the petition filed, or the relief prayed will be granted.

This 21st day of March, 1911.  
 S. M. GARY,  
 Clerk Superior Court.  
 Manning & Everett,  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.