

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The Navy department has issued a statement which says that the battleship Maine was blown up from the outside and that a low form of explosives was used.

In his message to Congress last week President Taft makes a strong plea for a trust law but says very little about the tariff. Why was he silent on this important subject?

Your uncle John D. Rockefeller retires from the presidency of the Standard Oil Company and John D. Archibald is elected in his place. The name reads John D. just the same.

The Baptist State Convention in session at Winston-Salem last week adopted a strong temperance resolution and commended these newspapers that refuse to carry liquor advertisements. Let us all keep the temperance sentiment alive.

Former Governor J. M. Brown received the nomination for Governor of Georgia at a primary held in that State Thursday of last week. Mr. Brown will fill the unexpired term of Hoke Smith who has been elected United States Senator.

The Kinston Free Press in speaking about building towns says:

"Towns are apt to deplore the fact that they have few if any 'rich' men. The lack of wealthy men is not a drawback to a town. Towns are not built by rich men. They are built by men who have their fortunes to make as well as their bread and butter to earn. It is when men of moderate circumstances combine their savings and build up enterprises, meanwhile hustling for other savings, that a town grows and becomes strong."

While at Kinston some days ago we had the pleasure of viewing the site for the school of the feeble minded, which will be located on a nice farm just out of the corporate limits of the town. Dr. Ira M. Hardy, of Washington, N. C., who has already been elected superintendent, told us that he would begin building in the early spring and hoped by the fall of 1912 to be ready to receive children at the school. The trustees have acted wisely in the selection of Dr. Hardy as the first superintendent of this school and in locating it at Kinston. We expect to see this school do a good work for the feeble minded children of North Carolina. The work of caring for these unfortunate children of our State has been sadly neglected.

Glenview Items.

Glenview, N. C., Dec. 4. The 12th month of 1911 is here and a large per cent of the crop is in the fields.

Some of our good people are talking about killing hogs. Mr. S. S. Viverette attempted to cut down his cotton with a mowing machine but it was a complete failure, he then tried pulling it up. We think he has abandoned the idea.

What cotton that has not been picked out is in bad condition. There has been a lot of field peas entirely lost.

Mr. J. J. Viverette came near losing his residence last Saturday night by fire, a very ugly hole was burned through the roof.

It is talked that there will be right much changing homes with the coming of the new year. Mr. J. C. Arrington, of North Emporia, was here Sunday.

Mrs. T. T. Hale has just returned from a visit to Rocky Mount.

We are glad Rev. J. W. Frank has returned to the Battleboro and Whitakers circuit.

Rev. G. W. May filled his regular appointment at Hickory last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Frank will preach at Central Cross Sunday the 17th inst. Mr. J. H. Clark, of Enfield, has rented the farm of Mr. J. C. Arrington and will move there about Jan. 1st 1912.

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

East Carolina Training School Items.

Dr. F. P. Venable, president of the University, was a most welcome visitor to the school last week. He made a pointed talk on the debt of service due the State from those who have the advantages of training.

President Wright, Professors Wilson and Ragsdale and Misses Dabney and Waitt attended the Teachers Assembly. Prof. Wilson had a paper on the Certification of Primary Teachers.

The two literary societies present a play, "Mr. Bob" on the evening of December 12, for the purpose of raising money to go towards having the portraits of the two founders of the school, Gov. Jarvis and Prof. W. H. Ragsdale.

Miss Crane, the Virginia-Carolina Y. W. C. A. secretary, recently spent two days in the school. She made an interesting talk on the work of the Y. W. C. A. for women in various parts of the world. He visit was of great help to the officers and committees of the organization.

Dr. Bodell, of Rocky Mount, who preaches once a month at the Universalist church of Greenville, conducted a Sunday evening service of the Y. W. C. A. recently. He made a strong talk on Systematic Giving.

The Edgar Allen Poe and Sidney Lanier Literary Societies celebrated North Carolina Day at their regular December meeting. Each girl or group of girls had some special feature representing her county or gave some bit of history. Fun and fact were well blended.

Bishop Robert Strange made an informal talk to the student body on Saturday evening December 9th.

Thanksgiving Day was a red letter day to the students of the Training School. Immediately after breakfast a praise and thanksgiving service was led by Miss Jennie Brown Morrill. A brisk basket ball game was played during the morning. The students rooted heroically and sang lustily sporting songs. The victorious team, the Goblines, entertained the basket ball club and faculty at a pleasant five o'clock tea. Basket ball was the central idea of the day.

The school is presenting to the public a series of lectures by men of note in North Carolina. The first of these was delivered by Mr. Archibald Johnston, editor of Charity and Children. He gave a strong, practical talk on The Child of To-morrow, reviewing the methods of training the child of yesterday and of the child of to-day and appealing to the teacher of the child of to-morrow to give him his full rights.

Dr. Henry L. Smith, president of Davidson College, delivered the second in the series on the evening of December 4th, speaking on The Supreme Educational Task of this Generation in the South. He reviewed the old South, pointing out the elements of strength, spoke of the sweeping changes in the new South and the dangers that arise from getting too far from the old. The deep, wholesome matter was clothed in rich imagery and eloquence. Dr. Smith made an excellent talk at the morning exercises of the school on Tuesday morning, emphasizing the value of the hard cultural studies.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Medsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at E. T. Whitehead Company.

Lazily in Debt Paying.

The Lenior Topic says: "The laziness which is displayed by too many people in paying debts is appalling. Unless the practice is checked, it will force the adoption of a universal pay-as-you go system. There are many folks, whose honesty you are not supposed to question, who buy whatever they want on time and disregard any request for settlement. How much worse is it to steal than to deliberately make a debt and then make absolutely no effort to pay?"

The Salisbury Post says: "delinquency in paying debts is indeed appalling and appears to be growing worse. What is more distressing, the man who owes another, if for food which sustains his life, the clothing that covers his nakedness or the paper which brings him the daily news, gets furiously angry if sent a bill or is 'dunned' for the amount. He considers it an insult. Just how this man expects business to run without money or why others should support him we are unable to understand."

NO CAUSE TO DOUBT.

A Statement of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee.

We guarantee immediate and positive relief to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where our remedy fails to do this we will return the money paid us for it. That's a frank statement of facts, and we want you to substantiate them at our risk.

Reflux Orderlies are eaten just like candy, are particularly prompt and agreeable in action, may be taken at any time, day or night; do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, griping, excessive looseness, or other undesirable effects. They have a very mild but positive action upon the organs with which they come in contact, apparently acting as a regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel, thus overcoming weakness, and aiding to restore the bowels to more vigorous and healthy activity.

Reflux Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with our promise of money back if they do not give entire satisfaction. Three sizes; 12 tablets 10 cents; 36 tablets, 25 cents and 80 tablets 50 cents. Remember, you can obtain Reflex Remedies in Scotland Neck only at our store.—The Rexall Store. E. T. Whitehead Co.

New North Carolina Industries.

For the week ending the 6th, the Chattanooga Tradesmen reports the following new industries for North Carolina:

- Charlotte—\$125,000 cold storage plant; \$10,000 realty company.
- Ether—\$10,000 telephone company
- Haw River—\$50,000 bank.
- Lexington—\$25,000 hotel company
- Raleigh—\$25,000 dairy company; \$200,000 cotton picker manufacturing company.
- Rockingham—\$50,000 navigation company.
- Wilmington—\$100,000 medicine company.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Company, Proprietors, Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

"THE PIANO WITH A SWEET TONE."

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Slightly Used and Rebuilt PIANOS

This is the opportunity that you have been waiting for. Thirty-Five Real Bargains—We Have Them, and they are priced so extremely low that you cannot very well afford to pass up this inducement. You have been thinking of buying a piano for some time. You have always said, "Well, I want a piano, but I am going to wait until I can secure a slightly used one of some good make." Do not overlook this opportunity—write us to-day; we will be pleased to mail you a list of these pianos with special prices, description and general information. Do it now.

CHAS. M. STIEFF
 L. C. STEELE, Mgr.,
 114 Granby St., NORFOLK, VA.

The Official Piano Jamestown Exposition.

SOME FREE ADVICE!

We are offering, without charge, some FREE ADVICE to all prospective purchasers of Christmas Presents. While this Advice does not cost a penny you can't afford to ignore it

- ADVICE to Husbands:**
Buy your Wife a set of Community Knives and Forks.
- ADVICE to Wives:**
Buy your Husband a Shumate Razor, one of our best brands of Safety Razors.
- ADVICE to Fathers:**
Buy your Son one of our Single or Double Barrel Shot Guns or Hunting Coats.
- ADVICE to Mothers:**
Buy your Daughter one of those Standard Rotary Sewing Machines and start her off right.
- ADVICE to Sons:**
Buy your Father a Chattanooga Pocket Knife or Razor Strap.
- ADVICE to Daughters:**
Buy your Mother a pair of the Chattanooga Scissors or Shears and she will be happy.
- ADVICE to Everybody:**
Buy all your Hardware from the Hardware Hustlers and you will get the best values for the money.

Hardy Hardware Company,
 "The Hardware Hustlers."

New Store

We have opened a nice line of General Merchandise, Heavy and Fancy Groceries, in East Scotland Neck, in front of the Scotland Neck Cotton Mills, and will appreciate the patronage of the public. Will continue to handle the very best Beef and Fresh Meats of every description. Orders for Beef over the phone will be promptly delivered.

E. M. Lowe & Son.
 Will have a nice line of Christmas Goods.

ASPARGUS PLANTS FOR sale at \$1.00 per hundred. J. Y. Savage. 11-23-tf

DONT KEEP YOUR MONEY IN THE HOUSE

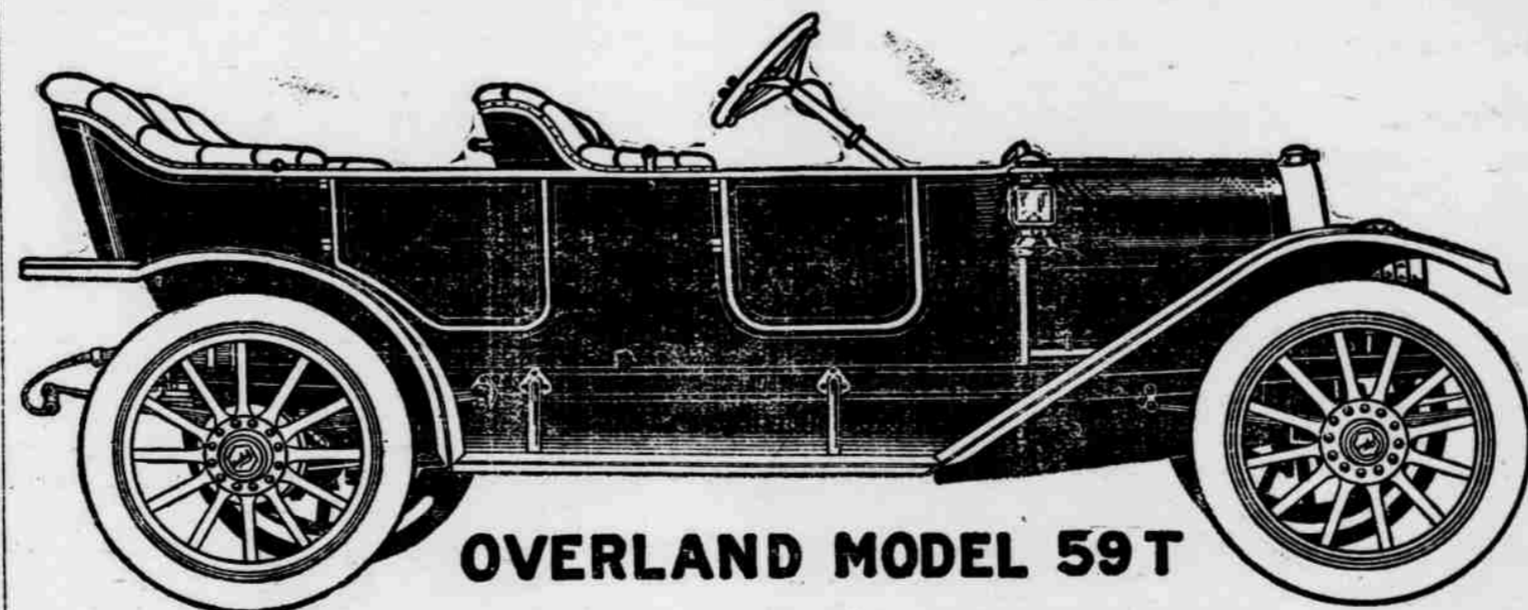


PUT IT IN THE BANK

When your MONEY is BURNED up regrets won't bring it back to you. It is very UNSAFE and it WORRIES you a whole lot to have money in your house or in a hole in the ground. Besides "looking" time after time to see if it is safe teaches people where it is and makes it very UNSAFE.

Make OUR Bank YOUR Bank. We pay liberal interest consistent with safety—4 per cent. compounded. **THE SCOTLAND NECK BANK.** Pioneer Bank of Halifax County. Scotland Neck, N. C.

That 1912 Overland Automobile.



OVERLAND MODEL 59T

Say, how about an Automobile for your Christmas Gift. We expect another shipment of Overlands by Christmas. That sample shipment did not stay on hand but just a week. It was so attractive, strong and quiet running, for the price, that it was soon sold. Get your order in early for they are hard to get. **G. C. WEEKS MOTOR CAR CO., SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.**

JEWELRY

A Complete Line of Sterling and Plated

Silverware

Watches

Of The Best Value

Brooches, Rings

Bracelets, Pins

A Beautiful and Complete Line to Select From

The Greatest Christmas Yet

Everything for the Christmas Holidays in the Rarest Assortment and of the Very Latest and Most Serviceable Novelties in all Lines.

Line of China and Japanese Ware Many Beautiful and Rare Designs
Fine Leather and Velvet Handbags A Special Assortment of First Quality

The Most Beautiful and Attractive Line of Genuine Cut Glass Toilet Sets in the Greatest Variety and Superb Beauty

NICE LINE OF GOLD AND SILVER HEADED UMBRELLAS OF RAREST QUALITY

A thousand and one extras suitable for presents for the Holidays, and no shoddy goods at all. We are prepared to help you have a Merry Christmas.

E. T. WHITEHEAD COMPANY, Scotland Neck, North Carolina

Stuyler's
Candy

Most Superb Line in Stock and we can supply your Christmas Candy.

Fountain Pens

We are the agents for the well known

WATERMAN AND

PARKER MAKES

Big assortment of Fine Stationery, Combs, Brushes, and Perfumery.

The Commonwealth leads all other Halifax county papers in circulation, thereby making it one of the very best advertising mediums.