

THE HOUSE FOR GOOD GROCERIES

Good Things for Christmas.

Christmas is almost here and we have loaded up on Apples, Oranges, Pears, Raisins, Dates, Prunes, Celery, Cranberries, Fancy Cakes, and a mighty nice line of Candy, besides our already complete stock of Fancy Groceries. We are after your business because we want it. Can't we serve you.

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN GROCERIES.

J. W. ALLSBROOK.

Phon eNo. 81 Where Orders are Filled Complete

Suitable Gifts for Christmas!

Holeproof Silk Socks, 3 pairs for \$2.00, put up in attractive Christmas Boxes.

Silk Mufflers in pretty shades at all prices. A very suitable Christmas Gift. Also a good line of Phoenix Mufflers at 25 and 50c.

Silk Handkerchiefs, initials and plain, at 25 and 50c each.

Our Christmas Line of Ties and Scarfs are now on display. We have Ties to please everybody.

Nice Line of Men's Kid Gloves at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Traveling Bags and Suit Cases. A neat and attractive line at very reasonable prices.

Remember our store when making your Christmas purchases. We think we can help you to solve the Christmas Gift problem.

ALLSBROOK & BOYETTE,

A Cordial Welcome to All. Men's and Boys' Outfitters.

Special Announcements.

NEED ONE MAN WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Phone 83, Box 303.

WE ARE OPENING UP OUR Christmas Goods this week. Call and make your selection.

CHRISTMAS GOODS—I SHALL like a specialty of Christmas goods for the next ten days. A large stock on which to make selections. Can ease the old and young. Make our headquarters for Santa Claus.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TOYS at Edwards & Co.

WANTED—MEN TO HANDLE A well paying line. Exclusive territory. Brown Brothers Company, Chester, New York.

FIFTY SUITS MEN'S CLOTH- ing, good stock and first class, at a price of 25 per cent. Call and examine them.

INSURANCE ON COTTON AND goods written at reasonable rates. Write me before insuring them. Losses adjusted promptly. Bernard Allsbrook.

ANOTHER HANDSOME LINE Ladies' Coat Suits just arrived. See them before purchasing.

JUST RECEIVED A BIG LOT OF colored Roofing, Tar Paper Roofing, and Galvanized Roofing. Ask for prices.

NOTICE—ALL WOOD SOLD from my wagon is \$4.00 per cord, cash on delivery. C. J. Davenport.

GO TO ALLSBROOK & BOY- ette's for a pair of pants made to your measure absolutely FREE.

WILL SAVE YOU 25 PER CENT on your Fall Suit Clothes, Men's or Boys'. Try us.

MY RESIDENCE FOR SALE containing nine rooms, good Well of water (recently analyzed) Stables and good Garden on lot. Will sell on easy terms. Apply to Mrs. W. A. Dunn or to Ashby W. Dunn, Scotland Neck, N. C.

ONE CAR LOAD PITTSBURG Perfect Fence on the road. Also plenty in our yard. Prices right.

GIVE US A TRIAL ON COOK Stoves, Ranges, Hot Blast Heaters and Wood Heaters.

ANOTHER LOT OF LADIES' and Misses' Furs to arrive this week. Call and see them.

TEN DOZEN MEN'S & YOUTHS' 50 and 75 cent Ties now at 39c. All colors.

BIG LINE OF FURNITURE IN Oak Suites, Cherry Suites, Lounges, Dining Rooms, Hat Racks, Sideboards, Bookcases, Divans, etc. Low prices and easy terms.

Will you help a poor, unfortun- ate mortal, sir? "What can I do for you?" "Oh, sir, I would gladly accept one of your cast-off automobiles, if you would throw in a chauffeur and a few gallons of gasoline."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Coming, Going and Whereabouts of Our People and Other Folks.

Mr. W. N. Alexander spent Sunday in Tarboro with friends.

Prof. L. R. Mills returned from Wake Forest Sunday afternoon.

Mr. C. H. Bell, of Portsmouth, Va., was here several days last week.

Mr. Peyton Keel has returned from Hookerton where he has been building stores.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bryan and Mrs. C. F. Burroughs spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Norfolk.

Mr. J. W. Madry has been in Baltimore this week buying an extra large stock of Christmas goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harrison, of Whitakers, were here Thursday night, returning from their bridal tour.

Mrs. Etta Purvis returned from Portsmouth, Va., Friday where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Bell.

Prof. J. B. Aiken spent Sunday in Littleton, returning home Monday accompanied by Mrs. Aiken, who spent the week with her father and sisters in that town.

Mr. Frank P. Shields was called to Valdosta, Ga., Tuesday night by a telegram announcing the death of Lee S. Shields, formerly of this town. Mr. Shields has many relatives and friends here who will be pained to learn of his death.

Governor W. W. Kitchin delivered an address before the graded school in Tarboro Friday night. Governor Kitchin came over to Scotland Neck after the speaking and spent the night, returning to Raleigh Saturday morning.

Judge Ward Resigns.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 11.—Judge George Ward will tomorrow forward to Governor Kitchin his resignation as judge of the Superior court from the First Judicial district, the same to become effective December 31. At a meeting of the Elizabeth City Bar association this afternoon, Maj. W. C. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., was endorsed for the judgeship.

Judge Ward's action was prompted by continued ill health following several attacks of vertigo during the year. During his seven years of service Judge Ward has won much distinction by his impartial and able decisions and fearless stands on public questions of interest and importance. His host of friends throughout the state will learn of his resignation with deepest regret.

LOCAL NEWS.

Items Gathered From the Town and Country.

And the children are counting the days.

Have you done your Christmas shopping?

How about selling fire works in town this Christmas?

Let us spell it Christmas this time—and not Xmas.

Our farmers are working hard to finish threshing peanuts and picking cotton before the Christmas holidays.

Read the advertisements in The Commonwealth this week. Some real Christmas bargains are offered the public.

The fire alarm was sounded Friday morning about 2:30 o'clock but it turned out to be a false alarm—there was no fire.

The new pastor, Rev. N. C. Yearby, filled his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night and pleased his congregation.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd, of Stantonburg, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and night, preaching to good congregations.

Hoyt's "A Bunch of Keys" drew a representative audience to Madrys opera house Thursday night of last week. The play was pronounced very good.

We are sending out statements to our delinquent subscribers and urge each one to respond promptly for we need the money to settle our obligations. Let us hear from you promptly.

The G. C. Weeks Auto Company sold their demonstration car to Mr. Thos. Staten last week. They sent an order for another car by wire and it is expected to arrive within the next few days. The Overland cars surely sell.

Sheriff J. A. House, of Halifax county, came to Raleigh Saturday, bringing Ed Suggs and W. H. Tillery, both colored, to begin terms of three years each in the State's prison for the crime of murder in the second degree.—Raleigh News and Observer, Dec. 8th.

For the next few weeks we have many subscriptions that will expire—those that were put on during our contest a year ago. We do not want to lose a single one of them, but if there should be a single one that wishes the paper discontinued to their address, they will confer a favor by notifying us.

Miss Annie Ballard, daughter of Mr. Joe Ballard, formerly of this town, but now living near Hamilton, died Wednesday morning after a short illness. The interment will take place at the old family burying ground this afternoon (Thursday) at 3 o'clock. Miss Ballard was reared in Scotland Neck and left here about fifteen years ago. She has many relatives here who will be grieved to hear of her death. We sympathize with her bereaved family in their sorrow and affliction.

The Movers.

During the past week there has been right much changing of residences by our town people. We note the following:

Mr. W. A. Brantley changes to the small Stern house next to Mr. J. S. Bowers on church street and Mr. Norman Howard takes the house vacated by Mr. Brantley on the corner of Church and 12th streets. Mr. B. S. Courtney will move to the house vacated by Mr. Howard the first of the year.

Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin has vacated the Morrissett house on 12th street and the editor has moved there. Mr. W. A. Walston has moved to the house vacated by the editor.

Elder W. F. Staten has recently traded the Prince place with Mr. A. Paul Kitchin for his place occupied by Mr. W. A. Walston and moved there, while Mr. Kitchin and Dr. Kitchin will occupy the Prince place until Jan. 1st when Dr. Kitchin goes to the house now occupied by Mr. L. R. Carter.

We understand there is to be still more moving the first of the new year.

A Corn Growing State.

The work of converting North Carolina into a great corn growing State has been fairly launched through the medium of the boys' corn clubs. The report of Director Parker shows that the farmers of this state have never known what they could do in the way of raising corn. The average production per acre for the fifty prize winners of these corn club boys, was 196.24 bushels. One of them raised as high as 235 1-2 bushels. There seems to be no doubt about this latter record for Mr. Parker says: "The yield was so large I took the precaution to send down and have the corn reweighed about a month after it was first measured. This was done in the presence of several witnesses. It was found that after the corn had dried out there was still 195.87 bushels of corn that tested by analysis 12.21 degrees moisture. I regard this the largest crop of corn ever grown on an acre of land in this or any other State." The indications are that next year we shall see wonders in corn growing in North Carolina.—Charlotte Chronicle.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

WANTED—MANAGER FOR 12 Horse Farm. Must be fully capable to handle labor and keep set farm books. Prefer married man with small family, but can use single man. When replying give age, experience, references, state what you know about farm machinery, engines, peanut pickers, gins etc., and salary expected. Can begin now or Jan. 1. If you mean business, write at once. Box 303, Scotland Neck, N. C.

CABBAGE PLANTS—ALL POP- ular and Seasonable kinds ready for transplanting. Send me your orders 100, 15 cents 1000, \$1.25. Geo. W. Bryan, Scotland Neck, N. C.

CABBAGE PLANTS

Millions of Thoroughbred Frost Proof Cabbage Plants

FOR SALE!

Following varieties: Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Succession and Large Late Drum Head. This selection should give you continuous headings through the season.

Prepared for shipment in lots from 1,000 to 10,000 at \$1.25 per thousand; over 10,000 \$1.00 per thousand f. o. b. Greenville, N. C. Can supply orders any size. Count and satisfaction guaranteed.

L. C. ARTHUR,
Greenville, N. C.

"I Suffered Years With My Back."

Backache resulting from weak kidneys, a bad cold or other cause, usually renders the sufferer unfit for work and often results in permanent disability.

"I suffered for years with my back, or kidney trouble, and have tried a number of remedies from different physicians. More than a year ago, one of our local druggists induced me to try

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills and after using them some three months I found a decided improvement in my kidneys, and I am glad to say that I hope soon to be fully restored to health." J. P. ALLEN, Ex-Judge City Court, Glasgow, Ky.

As long as pain is present in any part of the body rest is impossible and the system becoming weakened is exposed to any form of disease to which the sufferer may be inclined.

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills by steadying the irritated nerve centers, make refreshing sleep possible, thereby enabling the body to recover lost strength. As a remedy for pain of any description Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are unsurpassed.

Sold by all druggists under a guarantee assuring the return of the price of the first box if no benefit results. **MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.**

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

PLANTERS & COMMERCIAL BANK

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

At the Close of Business December 5th, 1911.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$95,805.12	Capital stock.....\$15,000.00
Overdrafts.....391.52	Undivided profits, etc.....4,096.91
Furniture and fixtures.....2,508.93	Bills payable.....7,000.00
Due from banks and bankers 25,906.36	Deposits.....104,652.46
Cash items.....463.03	
Cash in vault.....3,673.94	
Total.....\$128,749.37	Total.....\$128,749.37

State of North Carolina—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 12th day of December, 1911.

Correct—Attest:
S. A. DUNN,
STUART SMITH,
Notary Public. Directors.

Why He Wore His Hat in Church.

To illustrate the "offishness" of some churches, Rev. John Timothy Stone, pastor of the Fourth Baptist church, speaking at the First Presbyterian church recently, told a story of a man who sat through the service one Sunday morning wearing his hat.

When requested to by an usher he removed his hat smilingly. The usher afterwards asked him if he had worn the hat purposely or if it was merely absentminded negligence.

Best and Health to Mother and Child.

Mrs. Wisslow's **SCOTLAND SWIFT** has been used for over SIXTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALWAYS RELIEVES COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. It is absolutely harmless. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Wisslow's Scotland Swift," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

FIRE WORKS!

We have a complete line of Fire Works suitable for your Christmas enjoyment.

Our line of Candies, Apples, Oranges, Nuts, etc., is ready for your inspection.

Fruit and Pound Cake.

In Groceries, both HEAVY and FANCY, we can supply your wants promptly.

Framed Pictures.

We are handling some beautiful Framed Pictures, suitable for Christmas Presents.

Every time you spend \$2.00 in cash at our store and for 49 cents you get one of these Pictures. They are really worth \$1.00.

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.,
The Grocery Firm.

SALESMAN WANTED TO LOOK after our interest in Halifax and adjacent counties. Salary on Commission. Address The Victor Oil Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Christmas! Christmas!

It comes only once a year, and it always suggests PRESENTS for friends and relatives. A sensible gift for daily use is a constant token of friendship.

If we Give Wisely the Pleasure will be Mutual

Thoughtfulness is ever appreciated. You can find USEFUL things at our store for you Gift too numerous to attempt to enumerate. Just come and see.

We will Suggest a Few for Your Consideration

A Washington Buggy, or a Nice Buggy Robe, or a Nice Set of Harness; a Majestic Range, or a Good Cook Stove; a Diamond Edge or Keen Kutter Razor; a set of Nice Knives and Forks, or Silver Spoons, or Nice Chafing Dish; a Good Shot Gun, or a Good Rifle.

See our Catalogue this week.

Josey Hardware Company,
Pioneer Hardware Dealers, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

COAT SUIT SALE!

In order to close out our COAT SUITS we are offering special inducements to those who need them. These are made in the very latest styles and made to fit. Call and examine our stock and get our prices.

We Guarantee to Please You!

We have a few Suits and Overcoats for men and boys that we are anxious to sell and can give some real bargains in this line. Let us show you and make you prices on them.

Make Our Store Your Headquarters!

We have a general line from which to make your selections for Fall and Christmas trading. Some real bargains in every department, and they are yours for the asking.

W. T. HANCOCK COMPANY

THE STORE FOR REAL BARGAINS SCOTLAND NECK, NORTH CAROLINA

Despair and Despondency

No one but a woman can tell the story of the suffering, the despair, and the despondency endured by women who carry a daily burden of ill-health and pain because of disorders and derangements of the delicate and important organs that are distinctly feminine. The tortures so bravely endured completely upset the nerves if long continued.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a positive cure for weakness and disease of the feminine organism.

IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG, SICK WOMEN WELL.

It allays inflammation, heals ulceration and soothes pain. It tones and builds up the nerves. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. Honest medicine dealers sell it, and have nothing to tell you as "just its good."

It is non-secret, non-alcoholic and has a record of forty years of cures. Ask Your Neighbors. They probably know of some of its many cures.

If you want a book that tells all about women's diseases, and how to cure them at home, send 21 one-cent stamps to Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser—revised, upon the enclosed, in paper covers. Common Sense Medical Adviser—revised, upon the enclosed, in paper covers. In handsome cloth-binding, 31 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.