

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act. - Baxter.

Will President Taft be re-nominated next year?

Admiral George Dewey celebrated the 75th anniversary of his birth Dec. 26th.

The Scottish Chief's Christmas edition was good and far ahead of any other country weekly in the State.

If you have made a new year resolution to work and pull for your home town hold fast to it through the entire year.

Mr. Joseph L. Seawell has been appointed clerk to the Supreme Court to succeed Col. Thomas S. Kennan, whose death occurred recently after a continued illness.

Attorney General T. W. Bickett, of North Carolina, has rendered an opinion that it is violation of the law to sell whiskey orders. Now then, look out for the whiskey drummer when he comes to town. He can always be spotted by the company he keeps.

The pictorial edition of The Daily Reflector, issued December 20th, was one of the best special editions that we have seen lately. The Reflector talks in season out of season for Greenville and Pitt county, and talk and work is having its effect for the town and county are both growing.

WHOLESALE READING MATTER.

In writing on the subject of good reading matter The Ansonian says: "Few people consider the importance of the reading matter they receive into their homes because they do not realize how great an influence a newspaper, magazine or book may exert on the minds of the young. A child has some impression made upon its mind by every page or paragraph it reads and the sum total of these impressions go far toward making the character of the man or woman that is to be. The literature of the home should not only give the child a correct idea of what is going on in the world about it, but should also encourage that child in the growth of correct moral habits. Another important feature of the literature of the home should be its purity from a grammatical standpoint. Unconsciously we learn the meaning of words and the correct method of spelling and using them by reading pure literature. The father of six children said a few days ago that he and his family had learned to read during the past five years mainly from the newspapers which came into the home. This is an extreme case, yet most of us get the better part of our education from the books and papers we read. These are the lessons we study of our own accord and they are usually learned better than those assigned by the teacher. In the midst of an abundance of pure reading matter, it is folly to waste valuable time on inferior books or papers when we might be reading those of the highest order."

Ed Jones Captured.

Ed Jones, who killed Turner Wiggins on Mr. D. E. Taylor's farm one Saturday night last fall, was captured at Windsor last week. Chief G. H. Johnson went over Thursday to bring Jones back but the authorities refused to give him up, claiming that he was also a fugitive from Virginia and that a reward was offered for him in that State. It is thought, however, that arrangements can be made for the return of Jones to Halifax county for trial.

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

LEAP YEAR GERMAN.

Given by the Young Ladies Complimentery to the German Club.

One of the very nicest affairs of the holiday season took place in Madry's hall Tuesday evening when the young ladies gave their leap year german. The dance was given complimentary to the Iroquois German Club, who had been their hosts on so many previous occasions, and accepting the expressions of delight prevalent in every remark of those taking part, they could not have chosen a better way of showing their appreciation.

The manner in which the affair was managed would have reflected unusual credit even on those thoroughly acquainted with handling such events. The engagement cards were given out, just as announced, promptly at nine-thirty o'clock following which the ladies had full possession of the floor exercising their leap year right of making the dances entirely according to their own choosing. They were, however, extremely gracious and thoughtful and throughout the whole evening none of the gentlemen suffered being a "wall flower".

The opening march, simple but pretty, was led at a quarter to ten o'clock, and from then on until one o'clock, alternating between slow, dreamy waltzes and marches for the german figures, the dancers were in one continuous whirl of pleasure.

Miss Mattie Josey, dancing with Henry T. Clark, led the german, and both the participants and the spectators spoke in complimentary terms on the figures. The figure that attracted especial attention was when the numerals nineteen twelve were formed.

Sum the whole affair up and it was either delightfully delicious or deliciously delightful, just as one cares to take it, and the recipients of the pleasure are indebted to the managing ladies for what may honestly be termed the nicest dance they have had.

Those dancing were: Miss Mattie Josey with Henry Clark; Miss Cornelia Josey with Chas. Lamb; Miss Estelle House with L. L. Cherry; Miss Emma Purvis with Alvin Darden; Miss Josephine Henly, of Franklinton, with W. H. Kitchin; Miss Dicie Howell with E. H. Leggett; Mrs. Huff, of Emporia, with Ashby Dunn; Mrs. Mann, of Washington, with Frank Smith; Miss Hattie Leggett with W. H. McDowell; Miss Stella Hoffman with Sam Hoffman; Miss Louise Josey with N. A. Riddick; Miss Laura Clark with Claiborne Smith; Miss Elizabeth Wilson, with A. B. Hill; Miss Nannie Shields with Joseph House; Miss Nannie Lamb with Lawrence House; Miss Lucile Leggett with Edward Woolard; Miss Ruby Darden with W. R. Walton; Miss Evelyn Kitchin with Troy Anderson; Miss Jennie Dunn with D. Anderson; Miss Mary Pittman with William McDowell; Miss Andrews with Joe Cotten; Miss Lucile Kitchin with Peter Shields; Miss Lena Cherry with Julian Pittman; Miss Mary Hill with S. B. Kitchin; Mr. Miss Dorothy Dunn with Surry Dunn; Miss Louise Darden with Joe House of Weldon; Miss Elizabeth Dunn with Gavin Hyman.

Patronesses: Mesdames, G. Hoffman, W. H. Josey, C. H. Herring, D. E. Taylor, G. Lamb, R. W. Shields and S. B. Kitchin.

Vaughan-Simmons.

The following announcement appeared in the Washington (N. C.) Daily News, dated Friday, December 22, 1911:

"Mr. W. L. Vaughan, county superintendent of schools, and Miss Carrie V. Simmons, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Merchants Association, were married in Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

"Mr. Vaughan is one of our most prominent citizens in the educational, social, religious and fraternal circles, while Mrs. Vaughan, who is a daughter of Mrs. E. E. Simmons and sister of Attorney Norwood L. Simmons, is a young lady of many accomplishments and is exceedingly popular.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at E. T. Whitehead Company.

CHRISTMAS DANCE.

Delightful German Held by Iroquois German Club.

Madry's hall was the scene of one of the most delightful social events of the season Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, when the Christmas dance of the Iroquois German Club took place. The affair was largely attended, and the unanimous opinion of those participating was that it was in all particulars the most pleasant occasion the previous entertainments of the club had given them a right to participate. Music was furnished by Forbes' Orchestra of Washington; and the german was gracefully led by W. H. Kitchin dancing with Miss Mary Hill of Washington. Others dancing were: Joseph House with Miss Rebe Shields Alvin Darden with Miss Stella Hoffman; Henry T. Clark with Miss Mattie Josey; Chas. Lamb with Miss Cornelia Josey; N. A. Riddick with Miss Louise Josey; Ashby Dunn with Miss Minnie Lou McNair of Winston-Salem; Joe Cotten with Miss Cleve Andrews; L. L. Cherry with Miss Grace Wooten of Clarksville, Va.; Dr. J. E. Shields with Miss Nannie Smith; Mills Kitchin with Miss Elizabeth of Washington; Peter Shields with Miss Hattie Leggett; Joe House of Weldon with Miss Jeanette Daniel of Weldon; Lawrence House with Miss Elizabeth Dunn; Julian Pittman with Miss Ruby Darden; A. B. Hill with Miss Anna Clark; Claiborne Smith with Miss Laura Clark; Edward Woolard with Miss Nannie Shields; W. H. McDowell with Miss Lucile Kitchin.

Stags: Messrs E. H. Leggett, Dixon of Aurora, S. B. Kitchin, Jr., Surry Dunn and Gavin Hyman. Chaperones: Mesdames, J. E. Bowers, D. E. Taylor, G. S. White, G. H. Johnson, H. I. Clark, G. Hoffman, W. H. Josey, S. B. Kitchin.

Jurors for January Court.

The following names have been drawn as jurors for the next term of Halifax Superior court, which convenes on Monday, Jan. 29th:

FIRST WEEK:—W. H. Johnston, T. B. Browning, H. B. Harrell, J. A. Crawley, George Arrington, T. H. Anderson, C. H. Mathews, T. M. Jenkins, L. E. Morris, F. R. Bobbitt, A. G. Bobbitt, B. S. Webb, J. F. Allen, T. A. Wynn, E. V. Mitchell, W. G. Kimbell, J. R. Mathews, W. L. Twisdell, R. W. Lucas, C. R. Emry, S. B. Butts, J. R. Edmondson, John W. Love, S. H. Alexander, I. D. Hamell, J. B. Medlin, J. T. Miles, J. C. Butts, T. H. Twisdell, F. H. Treacy, A. L. Cullom, W. S. Crisp, H. D. Cooper, John T. Boseman, I. D. Wood, W. W. Hawkins.

SECOND WEEK:—C. W. Gregory, J. E. Lawrence, N. L. Stedman, A. S. Glasgow, W. J. Burgess, J. O. Stephenson, E. A. Rogers, Geo. W. Aycock, Sr., W. G. Bass, F. C. King, C. R. Knight, J. A. Redgood, M. H. Allen, W. J. Collins, H. W. Harrison, W. J. Hardee, Geo. T. Thorne, G. L. Hancock, Sr.

Horse Racing.

Large circulars have been issued announcing the big races to take place at the race track in Scotland Neck to-day (Thursday). There are some ten or twelve horses in training and a big time is promised every body who attends and loves to see fast horses go.

The purses are as follows: First race: 2:30 trot. Purse \$75.00. Best 3 in 5. Second race: Free for all. Purse \$75.00. Best 3 in 5. Third race: Roadsters. Purse \$50. Best 3 in 5. Fourth race: Mule Running race. Half mile heats. Best 2 in 3. Free for all. Purse \$20.

Caught Man in His Store.

Mr. E. DeBrule, who conducts a store several miles from town, had occasion to enter his store on Christmas day and when he did so was met by a negro about 18 years of age, who threw a gun in Mr. DeBrule's face but did not shoot. The boy was taken in charge by Mr. DeBrule and brought to town and put in charge of Chief C. H. Johnson.

The boy was given a trial before Justice J. E. Shields the next day. The evidence tended to show that the boy has a weak mind and is hardly responsible for his acts and the justice released him after Mr. DeBrule had been paid for the damage done in his store and the cost.

Mission Services.

Beginning to-day and continuing through Sunday, the 14th. Mission Services will be conducted at Trinity church. Rev. John A. Matthews, a very able minister, will conduct these services daily. Bible readings 8:30 p. m. Gospel services 8:00 p. m. Holy Communion daily at 7:30 p. m. There will be a sermon especially for men Sunday, Jan. 14th at 4 p. m. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to those who gave us their patronage the past year and hope for a continuance of the same during the coming year. It is our purpose to serve you in a better manner than ever before. Yours for better Groceries, J. W. ROBERTSON & CO., The Grocery Firm.

CREATING EXCITEMENT.

Some Wild Animal Killing Hogs and Scaring the People.

Mr. Willis Price, who lives about seven miles west of town, in the neighborhood of Deep Creek church, brings the report to town that some wild animal, supposed to be a bear, is playing havoc with the hogs in his section. Mr. Price says this beast has killed forty or fifty hogs for him, also several of his neighbors have lost hogs.

The presence of this animal in the neighborhood has created great excitement and the neighbors are taking it by turns trying to capture it. Several reports that they can see it by moonlight nights but they can not get close enough to get a fair shot at it. Some colored people say they have seen the beast in the day time and that it has a ring in its nose with several feet of chain attached.

We understand that Mr. Price is offering a reward of one hundred dollars for a foot of this beast that is killing hogs and frightening the people so that they can hardly sleep at night. This is a good opportunity for our brave hunters to get busy and not only capture the wild and dangerous animal but win the reward.

U. D. C. Meeting.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their regular meeting in the first grade room of the graded school this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present. MRS. H. I. CLARK, President.

BEST FOR ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS.

Why need anyone suffer from any throat or nose troubles when soothing, healing HYOMEI is guaranteed to banish all misery or money back. "The undersigned herewith recommends HYOMEI to all who are afflicted with asthma, catarrh, or bronchitis. HYOMEI was used by my wife for bronchitis and asthma and I used it for bronchitis and sore throat.

It has given relief and permanent results and I write these few lines for the benefit of all who are afflicted with the ailments named above." Theodore Boehlan, Traffic Manager of the Concordia Publishing House, Cor. Jefferson Ave. and Miami St. Concordia, Kan., Jan. 2nd, 1912. E. T. Whitehead Company and druggists everywhere sell Hyomei. A complete outfit including inhaler costs \$1.00. Extra bottles if needed 50 cents. Just breathe it.

Mr. Carlton Walston takes the place of Mr. John Staten at the post office. If You Are a Trifle Sensitive about the size of your shoes, it's 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. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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.

We Wish all Our Customers A Happy New Year!

We also take this method of thanking you all for the liberal patronage that you have given us in the past, and we will endeavor to do our best to serve you in the year

1912.

You may expect to hear from us each week through the columns of The Commonwealth.

Hardy Hardware Company, "The Hardware Hustlers."

YOU RISK NO MONEY.

Our Reputation and Money are Back of This Offer.

We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever, if you accept our offer. Could anything be more fair for you? Is there any reason why you should hesitate to put our claims to a practical test?

A most scientific, common-sense treatment is Rexall Orderlies, which are eaten like candy. They are very pronounced, gentle and pleasant in action, and particularly agreeable in every way. They do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, flatulence, griping or other inconvenience. Rexall Orderlies are particularly good for children, aged and delicate persons.

We urge you to try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Three sizes, 10c., 25c., and 50c. Remember, you can get Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store. E. T. Whitehead Company.

"I was out in the woods hunting yesterday and I shot a man who was wearing one of these fuzzy hats." "Well?" "I am afraid people may think I did it intentionally!" "Afraid why man, if they think that, you will get all the more credit."—Houston Post.

Methodist Baraca Officers.

The Methodist Baraca Class has elected new officers as follows: President—R. A. Phillips. Vice-President—R. C. Madry. Secretary—M. W. Hardy. Treasurer—S. H. Alexander. Teacher—Rev. N. C. Yearby. Ass't Teacher—Prof. J. B. Aiken.

A Bad Piece of Road.

We hear a great deal of complaint about bad roads and especially is this true of the road leading from Mr. D. E. Taylor's to the creek. For about four or five hundred yards this road is impassable. Something ought to be done in order to make it so people living beyond the creek can pass over it.

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horse back at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex. "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead Company.

Married at Halifax.

On the 27th of December, in the parlor of the Roanoke Hotel, Halifax, N. C., by Rev. R. W. Anderson, Mr. George A. Sheffield and Miss Annie Lee Crostiek, both of Petersburg, Va., were united in marriage.

Many Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children break up Colds in 24 hours, relieve Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Land for Sale.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, I will offer for sale at public auction in front of J. W. Madry's store in Scotland Neck, N. C., two tracts of land, one containing 44 acres and the other 22 acres and is known as the Mary A. White land. The first tract is on the road from Muller's X Roads to Lewis' Fork and bounded by the lands of Alonzo Station, Cow Hall Branch, Calvin Gray and the public road. The second tract is on the road from Scotland Neck to Lawrence, and bounded by the lands of Stewart Strickland's estate, Alex Madry, Calvin Gray and the public road. This land is sold for division between the heirs. Terms of sale cash. This January 12, 1912. J. WHITE, 1-4-3t

Statement of the Condition of the BANK OF ENFIELD Enfield, North Carolina, At the Close of Business Dec. 30, 1911.—Fourteen Years Old.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Demand loans, Overdrafts, Banking house, Furniture and fixtures, Other real estate, Cash in vault, Cash in other banks. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Less dividends, Quarterly dividend Jan. 1, 1912, Cashier's checks, Deposits.

Cash Dividends Paid in Fourteen Years \$12,250.00 Stock Dividend Paid January 1, 1912 \$ 2,500.00

Above you will find statement of the condition of the Bank of Enfield at the close of its FOURTEENTH YEAR of business. It now has a Surplus Fund of \$35,000.00 which, together with its Capital Stock and Stockholders Liability, insures absolute safety. It has the largest Surplus Fund and more on Deposit than any Commercial Bank in North Carolina with a Capital Stock of \$10,000.00. We point to this statement with pride, as it reflects the confidence which the people in the community have in us, and this confidence is our most valued asset.

We wish to thank you personally for the part you have taken in this showing and with this the beginning of the New Year to wish you all happiness and prosperity.

If you will favor us with your business you will find us always ready and willing to evince a friendly spirit of co-operation to our mutual advantage. We pay FOUR per cent interest in our Savings Department. You can bank by mail.