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CHAS. F. CARROLL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October, 1915.

(Seal) L. L. CHERRY,  
Notary Public.

November, we salute thee!

May you give us 30 prosperous days.

Along about the 25th turkey will be divided.

And perhaps a little Greece will be needed by way of operation.

Persimmons and muscadines have arrived with the proper blush.

This is the season for subscriptions. Paid yours yet?

Referring to Villa, wouldn't it be well to recognize him too.

But personally speaking, we believe in preparedness in all things.

Cotton shows a slight decline. Pessimists have already begun to knock Wilson for the drop.

Outside of being in sympathy with those interested, we don't care a kiddy who wins this war.

Now you have put 'em on, permit us to advise you to remove them not till 1st—only for bathing purposes.

The daily papers say that German troops have occupied Vhjuikif. Next thing we know they will take Pftuy-klg.

An exchange remarks that slander is murrer magnified a thousand times. In other words it's butchery to the extent of 500 degrees.

Next to the liar, we had just as soon be locked up with the burglar. We would at least be able to see what he does.

An exchange says that Wilson prayed at a Cabinet meeting. We always thought of him as a God-fearing man. Prayer with Wilson has always been a custom.

Referring to Miss Cavell, the English lady who was executed by the Germans for spying; we admire her grit. She died a martyr to the cause, if there be one for this war.

Kinston will have the honor of hearing Bryan next week. A good A good opportunity to hear a real peerless peace advocate.

The cash merchant who does not advertise his business does not realize how much loser he is. Credit doesn't have to be advertised. It will be found out soon enough.

It grieves us sorely to announce the fact that winter approaches with lots of cold blasts. The weather man is not sure but thinks the old fellow has some snow and ice for this section, when he gets here and establishes his residence.

The good old state Idaho has such a drastic prohibition law on its hands that it asks the Supreme Court to pass on the Constitutionality of the measure. Idaho, you should not incriminate thyself if thou desireth to be wet.

Latest reports from all the war offices state that each of the belligerent armies have advanced, at the same time repulsing the attack of the enemy. Maybe by this time they have completely swallowed each other up, as the Irishman's two snakes did.

## Yes, Still Published

Our contemporary, the Scotland Neck Times is carrying in this week's issue an editorial relative to a report that the newspapers here had consolidated, or that the Times was the successor to The Commonwealth, or something like this. It states that this is a mistake, if such an opinion prevailed. For the good it will do both of us, we thank our friend for straightening out the matter with his readers, and we hereby inform ours that The Commonwealth will most positively be published weekly as heretofore until further notice, and semi-weekly thereafter, if the signs are not deceiving. We still solicit the patronage of the people of Halifax and adjoining counties on the same stipulations which has always been followed with The Commonwealth. Believing in a square deal to all, we give value received and expect the same. We wish our friend, The Times, a successful career, but at the same time, are looking out for Number One. We wish our readers to understand that newspapers as well as people ought to be good friends, and we do not want the public to think we are an exception to the rule. We like to see our friend make a success at the business and trust the brother looks at us with the same benevolent eye. Here's to both of us.

## Set-back For Suffrage

The East is not taking so kindly to "Votes for Women" as did the West. No longer than last Tuesday, three additional states denied a change in the Constitution, thereby smashing the hopes of the fair sex that they would soon receive the ballot. While we are not going to lose any sleep over the question, it does make us wonder what the women would do with the ballot if they had it. Seems to us that the best women of the land are taking no interest in the proceedings, else they would have long ago expressed themselves publicly on the subject. The rank and class of females who are doing so much harping about equal suffrage are those that have wealth and can find no where else to spend it, where they will get half the excitement. But mark our prediction: All these women who have money to spend on equal suffrage campaigns are going to wake up some of these days after elections and be forced to enter into a voluntary bankruptcy, and it will be a bitter dose to lose both social position and suffrage too! It's just a new-fangled idea we have inherited from England anyway. You good women-folks of North Carolina had just as well forget all this stuff. We have progressed wonderfully without women suffrage since the foundation of the republic, and we can continue to move along at the same rate. You have a more sacred duty than mixing up with all kinds of humanity at the polls.

## A Word to The Wise.

Today we are carrying a somewhat depleted advertising layout. A glance will show that we have to carry over half the space ourselves. Two of our previously steady advertisers have dropped out with various explanations. That is their business and maybe hard-luck. One gentleman who did an extensive business here cancelled his advertising with explanation that his business was promised elsewhere, that he either heard that The Commonwealth was going to suspend publication or that he thought it would, etc., etc. While we are naturally hurt over the decision and information or impression that the gentlemen was laboring under, we are thankful to say that we are not wholly dependant upon his business. Realizing that it takes hard work and plenty of persuasion to keep one's advertisers intact all during the year, we shall utter no cry of despondency over the removal of one or two ads. We still hope to have these two businesses represented in our columns and offer the largest bona-fide circulation of any paper in the county to get same. Our foreign advertising is picking up, and right here let us say that without exception all are of plate and bring from one to five cents per inch more money than we charge home merchants. We still stand by all the home merchants, however, and urge our readers to patronize them in preference to sending their money out of town. Give those who do not advertise with us a liberal portion of your business. They want it, but do not care to spend a little money with the home paper to ask you for it.

Gen Carranza is recognized by Austria-Hungary. Rest of you nations step up quickly please, and recognize this fellow before it is too late. The invitation is liable to be with-drawn in a short while.

## A Pleasant Thought

A stranger in our city a few days ago remarked that Main street would make a most beautiful boulevard, if the pumps, poles and trees were removed and the street paved with bitulitic. We second the motion to the remark. Not considering the boulevard proposition at all Main street would present a most handsome as well as permanent appearance if the same were treated with a coat of paving. Merchants and pedestrians would be spared the awful dust on windy days and the terrible mud on rainy days. One thing can be said in favor of Main street as it is, however; that is the width of the place. But before we discard the subject, what will be done about laying the water and sewer mains before we do the paving? While thinking, we never thought of that.

## What A Boy Cost

So you are twenty one. And you stand up clear-eyed, clear-minded to look all the world squarely in the face. You are a man. Did you ever think, son, how much it has cost to make a man out of you? Some one has figured the cost in money of rearing a child. He says to bring up a young man to legal age, care for him and educate him, costs \$25,000, which is a lot of money to put into flesh and blood. But that isn't all. You have cost your father many hard knocks, and short dinners, and gray streaks in his hair; and your mother—oh, my boy, you will never know! You have cost her days, and nights of anxiety, and wrinkles in her dear face, and heartaches and sacrifices. It has been expensive to grow you; but— If you are what we think you are you are worth all cost—and much more. Be sure of this: While father does not say much but "Hello, son," way down deep in his tough, staunch heart he thinks you are the finest ever; and as for the little mother, she can't keep her love and pride for you out of her eyes. You are a man now. And some time you must step into your father's shoes. He would not like for you to call him old but just the same he isn't as young as he used to be. You see, young man, he has been working for more than twenty years to help you up, and already your mother is beginning to lean on you.

Doesn't that sober you, twenty-one? You father has done fairly well, but you can do better. You may not think so, but he does. He has given you a better chance than he had. In many ways you can begin where he left off. He expects a good deal of you and that is the reason he has tried to make a man of you. Don't flinch, boy!

The world will try you out. It put to test every fiber in you, but you are made of good stuff. Once the load is fairly strapped on your shoulders, you will carry it and scarcely feel it—it is only there by the willing and cheerful mind. All hail you on the threshold. It's high time you are beginning to pay the freight and you back debts to your father and mother. You will pay them up, won't you boy?

How should you pay them? By being always and everywhere a man.—Unidentified.

## True Purpose of Press

The newspaper that is merely the snapper-up of inconsiderate trifles has no excuse for being. It is a waste of the community's energy, and that of the editor. The newspaper that stirs up dissension between individuals or classes, that causes disrespect for authority or religion, that wounds without purpose, that never plants a seed without desire of bruising thorn, that panders to personal prejudice, political preferment, or financial gain, not only has no excuse for being, but its editor stands everlasting a debtor to society—to you and to me.

But the newspaper that strives without wearying to unify the community's interests, to promote true culture by broadening the horizon of its readers, to stimulate the good and repress the bad so closely lie in the so-called things which make men and women and children happier, in short, to make each line briefer spell service before another purpose—Ah, herein lies the beginning but not the end of the true vision of the newspaper!—From the Kansas Editor.

## Silk Quilt to be Sold

There will be a silk quilt sold at Mullens on Thursday night, Nov. 11th, in the school building for the benefit of Roseath church. There will also be such eatables as barbecue, bread, salads and hot coffee for sale, from 8:30 to 12.

## The Perfection Completes Your Shaving Outfit

TOUCH a match—the Perfection glows in response. In five minutes the bathroom is as warm as toast.

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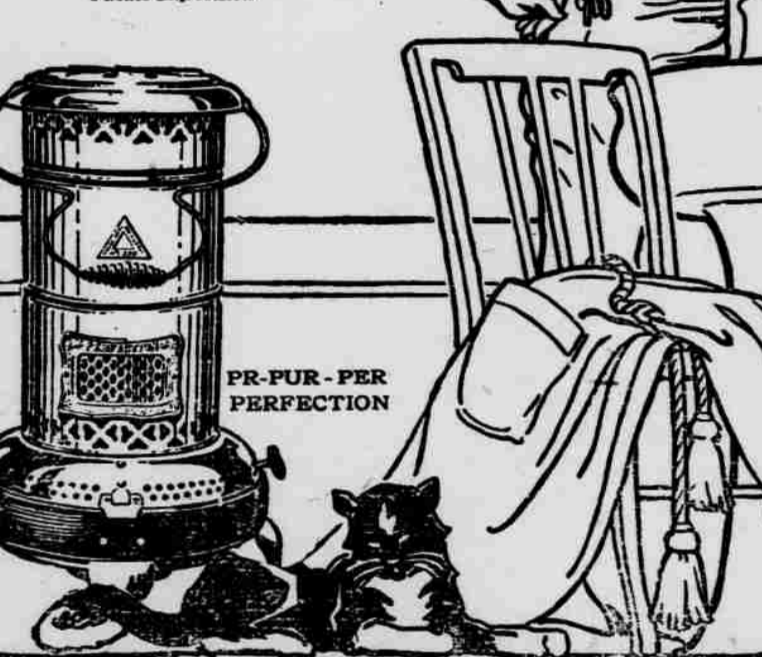
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Scotland Neck, N. C.

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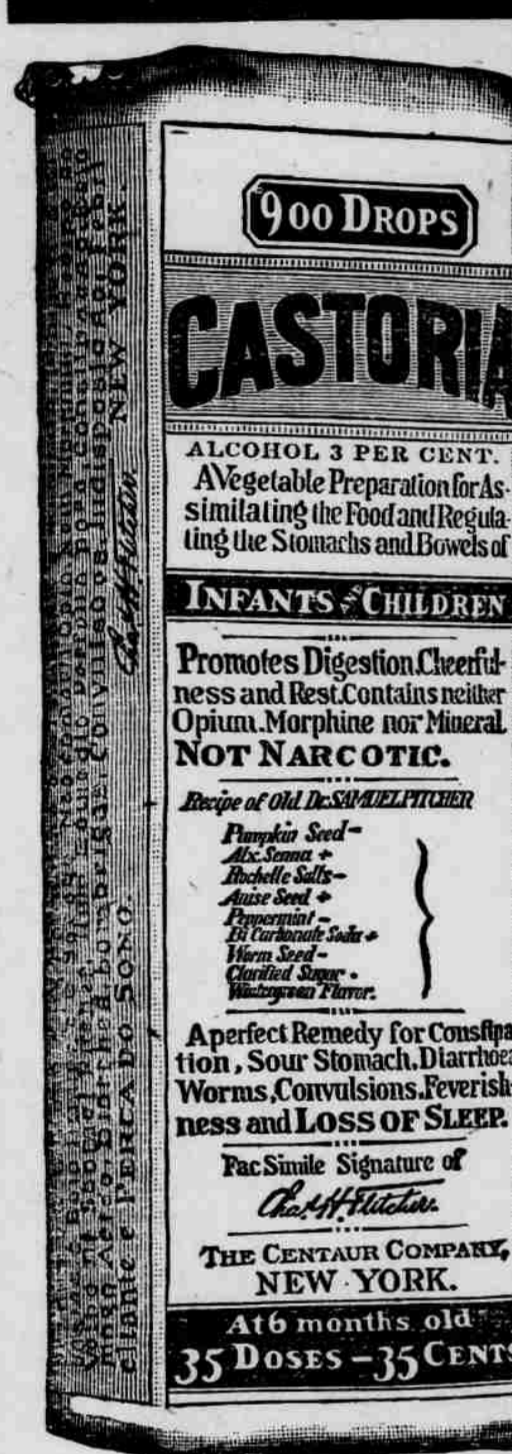
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