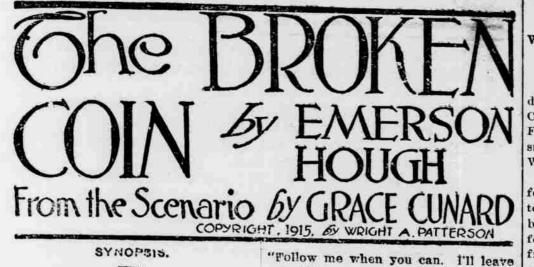
THE COMMENTEALTH

A Family Newspaper: For the Promotion of the Political, Social Agricultural and Commercial Interests of the People

VOL. XXXII.



desert.

Kitty Gray, newspaper woman, finds in a curio shop half of a broken coin, the mutilated inscription on which arouses her curiosity and leads her, at the order of her managing editor, to go to the prin-cipality of Gretzhoffen to piece out the story suggested by the inscription. She is followed, and on arrival in Gretzhoffen her adventures while chasing the secret of the broken coin begin.

FIFTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER XVIII.

A New Intruder.

The keen senses of Roleau, schooled

in peril, told him of some hidden danger-the very tenseness of the situation warning him. Turning, he saw direction which she supposed the man the upraised weapon, and in a flash had taken. She passed from the floor a blow from his own powerful arm of the gallery, which held no trace of had sent it flying through the window. footprints to the softer ground where It fell clinking on the floor at the feet she might see the trail, and caught it of Count Sachio and his friends. Kit- now. He was running in great leaps for it. Since September, it has taken ty, rescued from the danger which she had not realized, sprang back. An the road came in. Yonder lay the instant later Roleau had grappled trail to Gretzhoffen. He seemed bound with the intruder.

Hearing the sound of this encoun- sound of horse's hoofs. ter, Count Sachio and his companions sprang at the intervening door, broke recalling the stables where some of it in. They found two strange men engaged in an encounter whose cause she doubted not that some might be they could not guess, but both of saddled and waiting in the yard. It whom undoubtedly were intruders in was true-an instant later her own this place, and who, therefore, might flying hoofbeats pursued those now be regarded as enemies.

"The American!" exclaimed Sachio, she fled Kitty left a trail. as now he saw also the young girl. As for Roleau, his faithful heart who was endeavoring as best she was wellnigh broken when, having might to give assistance to Roleau seen his mistress follow his advice in his struggle with the stranger.

Roleau.

a trail." And as she caught up a book from the table Roleau guessed what she had meant by this-a paper trail. She looked this way and that, but could see no trace of the stranger | ended December 31st, last. who had thus treacherously intruded upon their own plans. A strange feeling came to her mind that perhaps she had seen him elsewhere before now. Where could that have been? Ransacking her memory she concluded that he must have been some one of the band of banditti who had sur- venue taxes to the government and prised her and her companions in the

Trusting to fortune to bring her aid, she ran forward in the general State, was completed last July at a towards the edge of the forest, where collections nere to equal its cost. So far this week, Mr. Cranford has taken for that. Yes-she presently heard a in \$206,428.50. I predict that before

"Horses!" thought Kitty to herself, Sachio's mounts were kept-indeed. lessening in the distance. And as

and make her escape, he found him-

ufactures more tobacco, all tobacco "Quick, excellency, run!" exclaimed self in spite of all anable to join her products are taken into this statepursuit of the escaping thief nent, than any other city on earth, The strange man was not easily who had their coin. The grasp of little and big. Industrially, she is easto be disposed of, but gave even the Sachio upon him did not relax, and ily first in North Carolina, population lieve, in the world; socially, a never failing delight to her friends." "Search him!" exclaimed Sachio,

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., TEDAY, MARCH 31, 1916.

SCOTLAND NECK

MARKET

Friday, March 31, 1916.

WORLD'S LEADING MARKET. Winston-Salem. N. C., Now Manufactures More Tobacco Products Than

Any Other City in hte World. Following are extracts from an adiress delivered by Col. A. D. Watts, Collector of Internal Revenue for the

Fifth District of North Carolina, at a Peanuts, per bu. ----smoker given by The Twin City Club, Cotton (steady) ----- 1114 pleads guilty. 3 years State's prison. Winston Salem, February. 4, 1916: Cotton seed 65c to 70c "Winston Salem is supplying one- Fat Cattle, hoof 4e to 5eg dressed 10e pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on fourth of all the chewing and smoking Eggs _____ 20c payment of costs. tobacco consumed in the United States Granulated sugar _____ 10e besides exporting vast quantities to Corn, bu. _____ \$1 pleads guilty. Judgment suspended or

foreign lands. This statement is taken Clear rib sides ______ 14c to 15c payment of costs. from the report of the Commissioner Feed Oats ______ 65c to 70c Raleigh Davis, first quarter of the present fiscal year Hams (country) ----- 24e payment of costs. and from private advices from Wash- Lard _____121/2c to 15c ington, as to the second quarter, which Timothy hay _____ \$1.25 pleads guilty. Four months on county the Town of Scotland Neck and the Cheese, per Ib. 25c roads. "Your city is making one-seventh Butter _____ 35c to 45c of all tobacco products-chewing and Meal (per sack) _____ \$2 pleads guilty. Four months on county

Hides, green _____ 121/2e to 13e the amount is increasing from month Hides, dry _____ 10c to 121/2c to month. When your government building, much the handsomest in the Potatoes, Irish, per bu. \$1.80 cost of \$250,000 your newspapers made Gasoline _____ 26c the statement that the taxes paid in Potatoes, Irish seed, per bu. ____\$2.20 your city to Uncle Sam for the first eight days of its occupancy would pay

WOOD FLOUR.

only a fraction over seven average days Large Quantities Used by Makers of Dynamite and Landleum.

(Forest Service, U. S. Agr. Dept.) Washington, March 32-More than twenty thousand tons of wood flour 1916 shall have ended your average weekly payments to the government valued at \$300,000, are used annually on tobacco will more than pay for this in the United States in two widely difnagnificent building, leaving the colferent industries, the manufacture of pleads guilty. \$10 fine and costs. dynamite and the manufacture of inlaid Lonnie Keeter, liquor. Verdict lections for the other fifty one weeks is clear profit to the government. linoleum.

"Winston Salem is shipping on an Wood flour is also used in making composition flooring, catmeal paper, pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on average each week day to all parts of this country and to foreign lands at and in several other industries. It least \$150,000 of tobacco products. forms one of the means by which the "In conclusion, Winston Salem manhuge waste product of our lumber

> mills is beginning to find some better means of disposal than the burner. sents its readers with the names

Court Proceedings. At the criminal term of Halifax Superior Court last week the follow ing minor cases were disposed of, which the Commonwealth elips from this week's Roanoke News: Buck Smith, l. and r. Defendant

pleads guilty. \$25 fine and costs. Willie Mitchell, l. and r. Defendant Walter Harris, liquor. Defendant

Lizzie Selden, liquor. Defendant Raleigh Davis, a. and b. Defendant

John Graham, gambling. Defendant

Nathan Smith, gambling. Defendant

John McGee, larceny. Defendant

county roads. Eunice Peters Gaston, liquor. Guilty. \$1 fine and costs.

Beeswax _____ 24c to 25c William Strickland, liquor. Defend-Potatoes, sweet, per bu. _____ \$1.20 ant pleads guilty. Four months on

county roads. George Pierce, liquor. Guilty. Five nonths on county roads.

J. D. Pulley, liquor. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgmnt suspended on pay ment of costs.

George Bowser, liquor. Judgment uspended on payment of costs. Ed. Banks, resisting officer. Six nonths on county roads. Hubert Jarrell, a. and b. Verdict

giulty. Five years on county roads. Wm. Wilkins, c. c. w. Defendant Lonnie Keeter, liquor. Verdict of guilty. \$25 fine and costs. J. D. Sykes, liqour. Defendant

payment of costs.

Commonwealth:

W. Herring, groceries.

Josey Hardware Co.

A. C .L .Railroad Co.

Model Barber Shop.

Hardy Hardware Co.

Sloan's Liniment.

L. & M. Paint.

Palace Theatre.

North End Drug Store.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Edwards & Co., dry goods.

Planters & Commercial Bank.

R. C. Josey & Co., dry goods.

W. H. Allsbrook, insurance.

Scotland Neck Furniture Co.

J. W. Allsbrook, groceries.

Chattanooga Medicine Co.

OAK CITY ITEMS.

John L. Staton, clothes pressing.

Allsbrook & Boyette, furnishings.

Clee Vaughan, groceries.

Our Advertisers.

provided no member shall be required Section 4. The Treasurer shall re-The Commonwealth herewith Dre to pay dues during the fiscal year in ceive all funds and shall have power Since a total of 30,000,000 cords of such its display advertisers, each of whom hich he has paid admission fee. waste is produced each year at saw- are reliable and will give you a square Section 5. Any member who shall mills in the United States, of which deal. Make it a point in buying from be delinquent, shall forfeit his membership without action by the Board.

ings.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS **OF THE SCOTLAND NECK** BOARD OF TRADE.

CONSTITUTION pose, but no such repeal, substitution or amendment shall be adopted at a special meeting unless notice of the

NUMBER 14

character and nature thereof, as well The name of this organization shail be the Scotland Neck Board of Trade. as the time and place when the same will be presented, shall be given in ARTICLE 2. writing to the members ten days prior

shall be to encourage, promote, and otherwise benefit the mercantile, commercial, manufacturing, industrial, educational and all basiness interest of

ARTICLE 1.

Name:

immediate community surrounding and to advertise the advantages of this lo-

pleads guilty. Twelve months on the this town.

ARTICLE 3. Membership:

Section 1. Any white person of good standing living anywhere within a limits of Scotland Neck shall be eligible to membership.

Section 2. Applications for membership shall be in writing in form as follows: "To the Board of Directors

promise that if I am received as a mem-

ber I will abide by its constitution and by laws," accompanied by admission fee of \$2.09 and signed by applicant. Section 3. Applicants for membership shall be voted on by the Board of Directors, at any regular meeting and the casting of a majority of votes of

applicant, shall reject.

Section 4. Membership dues shall annual meeting: he shall perform such be \$2.00 per year payable in advance, other duties as may be imposed upon on the 1st day of March of each year him by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4.

Order of Business:

3. Report of Standing Committees

4. Report of Special Committees.

in the several Departments,

naming the Departments in

der of business shall be:

1. Reading of Minutes.

5. Unfinished Business.

ARTICLE 5.

2. Report of Officers,

their order.

6. New Business.

The purpose of this organization to action thereon. **BY-LAWS**

eality for trade, industries, agriculture, Board of Trade shall organize education, and as a place of residence. not later than the first meeting after and to improve, adorn and beautify election, by selecting a Secretary and

a Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2.

Duties of Officers:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the radius of ten miles of the corporate the meetings of the Board, both regu-President to call and preside over all lar and special, appoint all committees, preside over the meetings of the Directors and perform such other duties as are incident to his office.

of the Scotland Neck Board of Trade: President it shall be the duty of the Section 2. In the absence of the I hereby apply for membership in the Vice-President to preside over meetings Scotland Neck Board of Trade and of the Board and the Board of Direetors, and discharge the duties of the President.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of she Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings, to attend all meetings of the Board, and of the Board of Directors, and when the President directs, the meetings of the committees, keep those present against admission of the a record of each member, of which he hall make report to the Board at its



powerful Roleau all he liked to do to now others re-enforced their leader. handle him. Meantime Sachio flung "Ah, well, messieurs," he said grinhimself upon Roleau, his comrades did ning, at length, "you have the arguas much : - the stran for

In the melee, which slipped from place to place upon the floor, Sachio let fall the little bag with the king's is gone-he has it about him somehalf coin-in his excitement he had where." forgotten that he still had it in his hand. The stranger, whose shifty plied, but could make nothing of the eyes caught everything, saw the bag search, Roleau stoutly asserting that as it lay upon the floor.

Working gradually towards the in his possession. place where the little bag lay, now underfoot, now scuffed aside by the struggling men, the stranger managed to trip and throw that one of Sachio's friends who pressed him most closely. moment. That American-surely she They fell directly before the packet. is a witch. Did she take it, fellow? Swiftly, the long hand of the stranger reached out and caught it up.

There remained for him no more relish for the fight. An instant later, the latter, his crossed arm against the throat of his assailant, he broke away, flung sound of one driving furiously. through the open window and left the others to shift as they might.

Roleau, still held in the powerful -I hope it may be Rudolph." grasp of Count Sachio himself, struggled foriously, all the time calling to Kitty to make her own escape.

"Roleau!" called Kitty. "Quick, he he has it-he has stolen it. We must follow him!" And Roleau did his best to shake himself free.

"Not so fast, not so easily," panted Sachio, whose stern grip still held Releau's collar. "You will not get off just yet. Who are you, to come prowling about my place-thieves against thieves? You shall tell me what all this means."

"Go, excellency, run!" panted Roleau, still to his mistress. "Leave them to me. I'll come when I can." Kitty turned, knowing that she must act quickly or be taken prisoner herself.



"I have lost the coin. It was here. It Spring Hill, March 30 .- Misses Mary and Elizabeth Applewhite of Tillery. The companions of the count comwere here for a short while Tuesday. Mr. J. H. Darden was a visitor in Tillery Wednesday. he knew nothing of it and had it not

Messrs. J. O. Applewhite and Edwin Parks of Tillery, were here on busi-"I dropped it on the floor in the scuffle," exclaimed Sachio. "Surely this man must have it, or it has wings! I had it in my hand but now, this very Tell me?" He turned furiously upon Roleau.

"Monsieur, how can I tell?" replied At last, however, there came the

"On guard, gentlemen!" exclaimed Sachio. "We do not know who comes

It was indeed this missing stranger -the man who had been left bound in

Frederick's apartments. It should be understood now that when Count Frederick had returned

to his own apartments and found his private room occupied by a man who evidently had been there for no good purpose-a man left trussed up and bound by yet other intruders-he had had some parley with the helpless intruder in the way of learning what had been the cause of his strange plight.

"I know wou, fellow," said he. "You are of Count Sachio's suite. You have ative and for the visitors Messrs. Ow been guartered here with him as a ens Dupre and John Coburn will proguest of this house-and now you teet the negative side. would rob me! Mr. Sherrod Harrell is president of

"Your excellency," exclaimed Ru-"Follow me, Roleau!" she cried. Jolph. "spare me! I was found here

aess Tuesday. Sunt. A. E. Akers of Roanoke Ran is visited the school here Wednesday Mrs. H. M. Hilliard and Miss Louise Darden of Scotland Neck, spent Tuesday here the guests of Mrs. W. P. Dar

> Mr. J. L. Riddick of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here Wednesday.

SPRING HILL ITEMS.

Misses Gertrude Whitehead and Bertha Allsbrook, Mesdames J. S. Darden and A. M. Riddick, and Mr. J. C. Riddick of Scotland Neck, were vis

itors here Wednesday. Mr. J. D. Lanier, who has been quite ill, is improving.

The Debate Friday.

This (Friday) evening at 8:30, the Scotland Neck High School debaters will meet the Plymouth High School

team here on the query: "Resolved, That the United States Government should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging the Navy." For the local

school, Miss Dallas Hardy and Mr. Luther Purrington will uphold the affirm-

> of the local taam and Miss Evelyn Kitchin is secretary. The judges of the contest are:

and Battle Hardison The public is invited to hear the argument, which takes place in the

above mentioned.

Base Ball. Since the last issue of the Commonwealth, numerous requests have been heard from the citizens of the town to call on the local fans through the columns of this paper regarding a base the summer months. Several have suggested that a stock

company be organized, with a capital of about \$100 or \$500, and sell shares at \$1 each. A number have signified their willingness to take as many as ten or twelve shares of the stock and there is little doubt but that the other could be gotten up without trouble. A park site has already been promised, as was told in this paper last issue, and the fencing would cost only

team during the season. As yet the Commonwealth has had

considered, first in America and I be- about one-half goes into the furnaces any of them to mention the fact that as fuel while the rest is burned as you realize they are advertising in the refuse to get rid of it, there is no lack of new material for industries

which can develop ways of turning this waste to account. All wood flour-using industries reuire a white or very light cream-colored flour having good absorptive powers. The wood species that may be used are confined to the light, nonesinous conifers, and the white broadeaved woods like poplar. Spruce, white pine and poplar are the species lost used. Mill waste, free from bark, urnishes much of the raw material or making wood flour.

For use in dynamite, the trade deaands are said to require a white wood flour, since the freshness of dynamite stock is indicated by a light color. Dynamite flour must also be ery absorptive, so there will be no eakage of nitro-glycerine from the

inished product. Wheat flour will refuse and infusorial earth have also been used in dynamite making, but

(Mrs. Clara A. Hines, Correspondent.) wood flour has practically replaced Oak City, March 29 .- Mrs. F. M. them in U.is country. Harrell held her Spring opening of mil-In the manufacture of linoleum, ei-

linery and notions Wednesday, the ther woo! or cork flour is used. The 29th. flour is mixed with a cementing ma-B. L. Hines spent Tuesday in Wil

terial, spread out on burlap and rolled liamston. or pressed to a uniform thickness. The Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davenport and cement is the expensive constituent. Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson of Hamilton Cork linoleum is the cheaper because were here Sunday.

ess cement is necessary. The patterns are printed on, leaving a dark base. For inlaid or straightline linolcum, wood flour is used exclusively. Cork urday, linoleum is always dark, and slightly

more elastic than that produced from Stokes Monday. wood flour. The wearing qualities are Miss Pauline Beverly and Miss Paul

about the same. Two methods of producing wood Bethel four are practiced; one using mill stones, the other steel burr rollers to

pulverize the wood. The litter re-Mr. I. K. Moore of Hobgood is her quires only one-fourth as much power for some time on business. to operate as the former and was de-

veloped on the Pacific Coast to handle saw-dust as a raw material. The mills

European wood flour are of the stone Schools;

type. Wood flour mills are scattered over Etheridge, Willie Johnson. the country from Maine to California Second Grade-Gladys Everett, Mar wherever the proper combination of garet Hines, Sarah Long Johnson, Lewood and water power is available, and ola Hines, Myrtella Hyman, Mildred first half ended with the visitors whiteball club as an institution here during the domestic wood flour competes with Davenport, Pauline Davenport, Hazel washed. Half number two, the little

the European war, was delivered at Doris Rawls, Erma Johnson, Mamie Italing 8 points. The linep was a Atlantic ports for \$12.50 to \$15 per Lee Turner, Lillian Haislip. Third Grade-Margaret Fleming.

Twenty-Four Cases Pneumonia.

According to Doctors Kitchin, Smith Hazel Harrell, Retha Glover, Rudolph Bradley, G. ity. As yet no cases have proved fa- Fifth Grade-Selma Johnson, Louis Weldon tal, but several patients are seriously Brown, Wheeler Daniel, Susie Rawls, Travis about \$150 or \$200, the balance of the er during the last few days, and the Bunting, Herman Piland. Daniel

ing room, have precipitated such a Hine. Bertha Piland.

to disburse them for purposes of the organization. He shall make a report for thirty days after payment is due, of his receipts and disbursements at sach meeting of the Board of Directors, and at each annual meeting shall make a full and detailed report for the preceding year, to the members.

Section 1. The annual meeting of Section 5. The management and the Boar ; shall be held on the last directing of the Board is vested in the Thursday evening in February. Board of Directors, which shall have Section 2. Special meetings of the control of all its funds and of the Board may be called at any time by Sceretary, the Treasurer and all subthe President, or three members of the ordinate officers and employees, and Board of Directors, and the Secretary fix their compensation. shall notify each member of such meet-ARTICLE 3. Departments: Section 3. The Board of Directors Committee on Advertising, Publicityshall meet at least once each month and Entertainment. it the call of the President. Committee on New Enterprises. ARTICLE 5. Committee on Public Utilities and

Civie Betterment. Quorum: Those members present at a regular | Committee on Agriculture and Good meeting shall constitute a quorum. Roads. Twenty-five per cent of total member- Committee on Trade Extension. ship shall constitute a quorum at special meetings. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of At the regular meeting of the Board and of the Board of Directors the or-Directors.

ARTICLE 4.

Meetings:

ARTICLE 6. Officers:

The officers of this organiztion shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and nine Directors including a President and two Vice-Presidents. The President and two Vice-Presidents and six Directors shall be elected by ballot at the regular annual meeting and shall hold office for one Dr. Edgar Long spent several days year, or until their successors are elect-

Parliamentary Authority: with his father in Hamilton this week. ed. The Secretary and Treasurer shall "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall de-Miss Clara Ewell was in town Sat- be elected by the Board of Directors termine the practice and usage of the at their first meeting after the regular Board.

Mrs. B. M. Worsley returned from annual meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE 7.

Amendments to Constitution: This constitution, or any part part thereof may be repealed, substithereof, may be repealed, substituted or amended at any meeting of the tuted or amended at any regular meet. Directors by an affirmative vote of six ing of the Board called for that pur- members.

Position

Fourth Defeat.

For the fourth time this season, the Scotland Neck High School Basket

Following is the honor roll for the | Ball Team went down in defeat when of Norway which produce much of the Primary Grades of the Oak City the Weldon team played them off their

feet on Tucsday afternoon on the Weldon court. The score was 38 to 8. From the time that the whistle blew | commencing the game, the visitors never threatened the Weldonites. The the Norwegian product which, before Piland, Ethel Bunting Eloise Rors. end tears railied and succeeded in to-

follows: Position Scotland Neck

Fourth Grade-Syble Ross, Virginia Moore Hines, Thelma Harrell, Alma Harrell, Bradley, W.

and Morgan, there are 24 cases of Whitley, Howard Brown, Francis Futrell _____ R. G. sick. The fickle changes in the weath- Paul Turner, Elizabeth Moore, Blanch Jones _____ I. F.

Gamer _____ L. G. Wednesday evaluate Prayer Meeting

ARTICLE 6. Amendments to the By-Laws: The By-Laws of this Board or any

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Episcopal Church

Rev. C. Floyd Cartwright, Rector Sumiay School-9:45. Morning payer and sermon-41:09. Evening prayer and Secmon-7: 5. Mid-week Lenten Services: Tuesday New Trinity-5:00 P. M. Thursday Old Trinity-5:00 P. M. Friday New Trinity-7:45 P. M.

Methodist Episcopal Church Rev. L. T. Singleon, Pastor Sunday School-9:45. Morning Service-11:00. Evening Service-7:15. We thesday evening Praver Meeting 7:45.

Baptist Church 39433220 Bev. P. A. MeParland, Pasier out Sunday School-2:45. ant moboot

ine Johnson spent the week's end in Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hines and fam ily spent Sunday in Rocky Mount. R. J. House spent Monday Tuesday in Williamston.

First Grade-Marion House, Ernest

ton.

money would go toward financing the lack of plenty of fresh air in the sleep- Sixth Grade-Pauline Johnson, Alta Johnson R. F. Morting Ervice-11:00, Morting Ervice-11:00, Morting Ervice-11:00, Evening Cervice-7:420 amond one

large number of cases, according to

graded school auditorium at the hour

Messrs. Stuart Smith, W. M. Bond

