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Pardon the delay, but not this: the Deutschland has went.

The primary being over it behooves you to timber up for the election.

WE ARE GRATEFUL.

Our recent petitions to the public of Scotland Neck to communicate as the news that they happen to learn has brought forth results. Today we were literally showered with items by phone and person. For these favors we are deeply grateful. Our slogan of "Read it First in This Paper" is becoming a realization and we want to keep it so. Our splendid equipment enables us to furnish the very latest news locally, from the State at large and the nation. We want every person in town to feel that they have an interest in the paper—we know they read it—and we are especially desirous that everybody become a subscriber. It is generally known to the business people that the price of raw print paper has advanced greatly within the past six months and this raise in price affects every publisher. No one is immune from the heavy charges. By way of illustration, the paper this issue cost exactly 4 cents per pound more than it did six months ago. An advance of nearly 200 per cent. We ought to insist upon an increased subscription rate but a recent investigation of conditions causes us to bring the paper back down to the old price—one dollar per year. At this price you are getting the Commonwealth at a little less than one cent per copy. Twice as cheap as any other paper in the county.

During the past three months we have put on the list something like 200 subscribers, who willingly paid cash money, because they know that a newspaper can not operate on a subscription credit basis and come out even. Many of our friends felt indifferently because they were dropped from the list as delinquents, but we gave them plenty of notice. It is imperative now and it was then that we do this. The postal laws forbid a publisher sending a subscriber the paper longer than nine months on credit, yet so far as we know this law has never been enforced. It would work disastrously to many a publisher who would extend accommodation to the public. We have no black list of our delinquents. It is not necessary to worry about your old account if you want this paper. Just a dollar bill will get the paper for twelve months and anybody can afford that. If you do not live in close proximity to the office a letter bearing the money will suffice. We know you will get your money's worth—why not get it now!

JAPANESE STEAMER INDEFINITELY QUARANTINED SEA.

Yokohama, Aug. 3.—The Japanese steamer *Hawaii Maru*, bound from Oriental ports for Tacoma, Wash., has been indefinitely quarantined owing to an outbreak of cholera on board. 15 cases were found in the steerage, four proving fatal. Most of the passengers embarked at Manila but the port of the origin of the disease is unknown.

"PERILS OF PAULINE."

After considerable delay by reason of floods and other unavoidable conditions, the Palace Theatre has succeeded in again securing chapters of the popular serial picture, "Perils of Pauline," the 15th, chapter of which was shown last night. There are yet four or five chapters, and they will be shown on Thursday nights as heretofore until the serial is completed.

THE PRIMARY YESTERDAY.

The county primary was held yesterday, only a light vote being cast over the county. The office of county treasurer was the only one contested—Mr. Bowers being run against by Mr. Thompson of Rosemary. Returns indicate that Mr. Thompson was overwhelmingly defeated, he securing only about 100 votes in the county.

—THIS PAPER GIVES MORE NEWS WHILE IT IS NEWS AND AT LESS COST THAN ANY OTHER PAPER IN THIS SECTION.

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Naturally So. People who know the least suspect the most.—Wilmington Star.

Argument. There is a suggestion that Carranza may retire, possibly to avoid a puncture.—Greensboro News.

Yes, Why? But if Mr. Kitchin was so far wrong about it why did they drop the matter so quickly.—Durham Sun.

It Did Both. Instead of "getting out and getting under" it might be well for the Deutschland to "get under and get out."—Kinston News.

Excuse For Two. Mr. Hughes has two charming daughters but that gives only two fellows a real good excuse to vote for him.—Wilmington Star.

Always Doing It. Even standing in the effulgence of present day glorious light of reason Joe Cannon lambasted the Democrats. However, you "can't teach an old dog new tricks."—Wilmington Dispatch.

Entirely Possible. It hasn't rained—that is a regular rain—in 10 or 12 hours. But as we make this cheerful observation, we realize that it could rain any minute—drizzle, bucketfuls, or sheets.—Greensboro News.

Twin Essentials. Of course, Asa Candler is being boosted for mayor of Atlanta not because he has money, but because he is prominent. Yet if he did not have money he wouldn't be prominent.—Wilmington Dispatch.

They Accuse Paul. The following paragraph appeared recently in the Shelby Aurora Highlander under the head of "Political Hot Shots:"
Mr. D. B. Paul a prominent attorney of Charlotte was in town Wednesday on professional business.

JOYS OF A MERCHANT
"Life is one d—n thing after another," was written for me said a good merchant friend of the Editor. "I certainly have a snap. My jobber sends dues every month and draws on me at sight, but if I send a bill to my customers with a modest request that I need the money they come in swearing and quit trading. Those that owe me an I promise to pay tomorrow, spend their cash with my competitor or send it off to a cat house. If I contribute to any cause people say I'm bidding for trade; if I don't, they say I'm a pine-rooting hog and ought to be boycotted. Each day I'm expected to dig up most of the cash I get in the till from everything from a raffle ticket to a chicken show to a lawn party for a church fund by people who claim I ought to do this because they give me the smallest part of their trade; but my friend Sawback & Co., located in the West don't do any of these things and if I were to circulate a subscription paper among the jobbers from whom I buy they would give me the horse laugh proper. If I sell my customer a pair of B. V. D.'s I must treat the family to candy and cigars, notwithstanding I felt that I was doing a real service by showing him how to keep cool; if I buy a load of potatoes from my farmer friend I am expected to treat his family. Customers who are able to pay hang on to their money while I pay 8 per cent at the bank to get ready cash. I have a big business during hard times and poor crops from people who are willing to trade with me providing I can duplicate cent, houses prices (which I can do) and wait for my money until after harvest or pay day. My scales are too heavy when I sell sugar and too light when I buy butter. I am a liar, a thief, a grafter and a skinner. If I smile I am a soft soap hypocrite; if I don't I'm a dyspeptic grump. Yes, there is always something to take the joy out of life. Here are \$6,000 worth of book accounts, all good, and only the Good Lord knows how I'm going to pay \$400 sight draft due tomorrow. Say, it's good to talk to you, old boy, I'm going home and do unto my customers as the fellow from whom I buy does unto me. Strange, I never thought of that."—Merchants Journal and Commerce.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MET THIS AFTERNOON.

Several Delinquents Placed on Black List by Members of the Organization.

The local Merchants Association met this afternoon in the directors' room of the Scotland Neck Bank to transact regular business.

Several delinquent debtors were put on the "black list." This association is composed of practically every retail business house in town and is one of the best things in the world for the man who meets his obligations, but as one of the members remarked, it is a terror to the "crook."

CLAIMS ENDURANCE RECORD.

Danville, Ill., Aug. 3.—W. R. Bagley of Muncie, Ind., today claims to have set a new endurance record on the piano, by playing continuously for fifty hours and five minutes. He began playing Monday night and did not stop until last night.

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GREENSBORO HALTS EXCHANGE CHARGES.

Greensboro, Aug. 1.—Effective today, Greensboro banks are no longer charging exchange on checks deposited by their patrons. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the Greensboro clearing house, of which the five banks of the city are members. Mr. R. G. Vaughan, president of the American Exchange National Bank, estimated that Greensboro people have been paying between \$3,000 and \$10,000 annually as exchange on checks, and that this amount will be what the banks will lose and the depositors will make in the future. It is generally known, of course, that this action results from the recent order of the Postmaster General that postmasters collect checks in small towns. It is expected that banks in many other cities where exchange has been charged heretofore, will follow the lead set by Greensboro. It is announced, however, that in view of the fact that banks are now out of all exchange on checks a charge will be made for collecting notes and drafts.

MARSHAL'S POLICE IS CUT DOWN TO ONE

Greensboro, Aug. 1.—The force in the U. S. Marshal's office has been reduced to one man, Mr. J. C. Bennett being the only one left. Mr. J. L. Borer, who has been deputy marshal for some time has resigned and two deputy collectors who had been working in connection with the office have been allowed to go because the appropriation for destroying illicit distilleries has been exhausted. The two deputy collectors thus discontinued are Messrs. C. E. Neely and W. H. Johnson, both of his county.

NEGRO ATTEMPTS CRIMINAL ASSAULT ON WHITE GIRL

Chadburn, N. C., Aug. 1.—Persons arriving here state that the woods around Boardman are being scoured by enraged citizens of that community in search of a strange negro who this afternoon attempted a criminal assault upon a Miss Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Strange Fields. The negro was frightened away before he accomplished his purpose. He is said to be headed in this direction. Boardman is a lumber town 11 miles northwest of Chadburn.

NEGRO HAS FIT FALLS INTO DITCH AND IS DEOWNED.

Burgaw, N. C., Aug. 1.—While walking along the public road near Rooks, Friday morning, Ed. Newkirk, a respected colored man, was suddenly seized with an epileptic fit and fell in a ditch by the roadside and was drowned before help could reach him, although the ditch contained but four inches of water. His twelve year old son was with him at the time, but he became frightened and ran to his mother, who was at home a half a mile away. No inquest was deemed necessary.

INTERURBAN RESUMES RUN

High Point, Aug. 1.—The electric car operated between High Point and Thompsville by the C. and Y. V. Railroad, is again running on schedule after being out of business several days from the damage caused by the flood. The big storage battery car was being charged preparatory to the regular trip when the battery boxes caught fire. About two hundred dollars worth of battery boxes of the car were burned.

PRESIDENT MAY INTERVENE IN RAILWAY DISPUTE, SAID.

Is Preparing to Act if a Strike of the Teammen Seems Inevitable.
Washington, Aug. 3.—Wm. J. Chambers, commissioner of the Federal board of mediation and conciliation, was called in by President Wilson today in connection with the threatened strike of 400,000 employees of the railroads. The President is anxious to get all the information possible in order to intervene if a strike seems inevitable.

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another conference held between the representatives of the railroads and of the employees.

The mediation board takes the position that nothing of a formal nature can be done by it until after the result of the vote is known and the employers and employees finally fail to agree. The President, however, is considering whether some extraordinary action may not be taken.

Read in in The Commonwealth First

You!

generally look in this paper for the news and you generally find out from this paper what's happened worth putting into print. But you are sometimes disappointed when you know something that is not in the paper. We have continually asked you to tell us if you know anything of interest. Another thing: do you know that you and I and Bill and Mary

"can"

make this paper more interesting locally if everyone of us will send the little items in by phone or mail to the office for publication? We will gladly welcome this favor, and it won't cost you any big sight of time to do this. The phone is number 5, and here is nearly always someone in the office to take the message. Begin right away now and try this out and by so doing you can greatly

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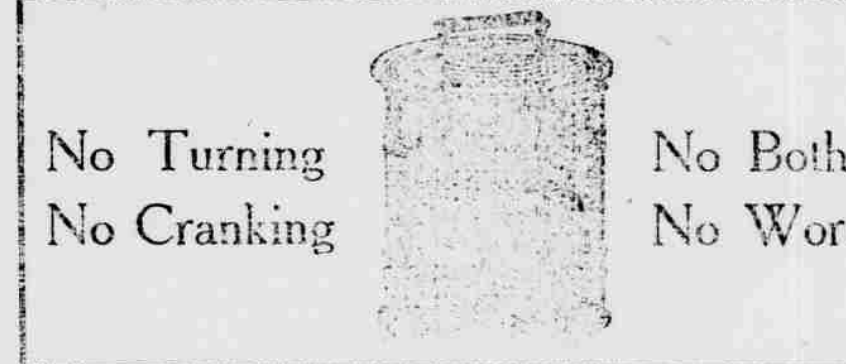
It is gratifying to note that business conditions, in a general way, are better than at any time since the European War began; but it is more gratifying, and indeed encouraging, to find that the VERY GREATEST percentage of increase, over any previous month, recorded in MY FANCY GROCERY BUSINESS, was made in the month just past—JULY.

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