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RETAILERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

It has struck us as rather strange that the merchants of Williamston do not keep up their protective association. Recently in talking with a merchant from Scotland Neck, where this association is in full shape, your editor was told that when the merchants organized and made known their organization, its rules and object that most all of these merchants' small accounts were paid immediately and some that were over two years old, he never expected to collect them and said it was like finding money.

The merchants from another town told us in the same connection that he was telling of this organization and how it worked in Scotland Neck to some friends in his store in the presence of some of his delinquent creditors, and expressed his hope of organizing one. He said one of those creditors waited for the crowd to get out when he came forward to balance his account for fear of being on the black list.

One the merchants of Williamston tells us that when the organization was attempted here and the blue pamphlets distributed he saved three and mailed them to some pet creditors. He said two of them came forward promptly and paid accounts that he would have given away. The third man wrote a note saying he would pay as soon as he could raise the money.

This same merchant said he had lost no less than \$5,000 in this way since he had been a merchant. Another said he had \$1,000 on his books and couldn't hope to collect more than half of it.

It is this class of customers that trouble you and it is this class the Retailers Protective Association will make honest.

Five thousand dollars is a small fortune and what the merchants of this town have lost in such accounts as this would build us a knitting mill. Another thing when you let a customer of this class "do" you he is going to "do" the next man. He gets in the habit and you have ruined a good customer and probably a good man.

The Greenville Reflector is putting in a new press. The Reflector has recently enlarged its paper and is serving its patrons more efficiently.

Rarekal Paris scientists have discovered that kissing is a healthful exercise. Of course this knocks the germ and microbe theory of those ugly, hair-lipped scientists, who previously butted in, into smithereens.—Raleigh Post.

Greatly in Demand

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At S. R. Biggs, drug store, 25c., guaranteed.

Representative J. H. Small Invited to Baltimore

Representative Small was invited Monday by a special committee of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club, of Baltimore, to attend the annual banquet of organization Thursday and respond to the toast, "Our Inland Waterway." The invitation, which Mr. Small accepted, was extended by General Jackson, president of the club, C. H. Forrest, the secretary, and ex-Representative Rusk of Maryland.

The greatest renovator. Restores vitality, regulates the kidneys, liver and stomach. If Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea fails to cure get your money back. That's fair. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. J. M. Wheelless & Co., Robersonville.

The Handsome Thing

The handsomest thing you can do just now is to hand some subscription money to the newspaper men in your section. Not that we—the editors—want any money, for we have been etheralized with the levitating thoughts incidental to our high position and are ready to scorn anything that savors of terrestrial dollars. We have already made up our mind to clutch at vapors and try to imagine that we are having a feast upon the shadows of beef steak matched up while passing the market. But then our printers are no matter of fact. We can't put a bit of sentiment in 'em. They want a bit of something more substantial, and they do hanker after meat and greens. Poor sordid creatures; how we do pity 'em. Men of genius don't want money, but their creditors do and that's "what's the matter with Hannah"—Wilson News.

To the Merchants

Don't you think it business policy to tell the public where to buy the goods it needs? The Enterprise will carry your messages during 1905 for very reasonable prices, the cost of advertising is exceedingly small compared with the result.

If you don't advertise your business you should do it. Of course, if you don't want to do any more business than you are doing you better quit advertising altogether; take in your sign, don't put any goods on the street, or resort to any method to attract attention to your place of business, and let the little fellow who is anxious to do more business get it.

It's no more than fair, you know, if you have all you want, to let the other fellow get some of the trade.

Those that want business advertise for it and work for it. It is natural that those who do not want business do not advertise.

Reflections of a Bachelor

Woman don't like to draw the lines in their looking-glass.

Husbands pay for the fine feathers that make fine birds: bachelors admire them.

A girl is always willing to admit she is fat if she doesn't weigh more than 110 pounds.

A man can have almost as much enjoyment out of a hard swear as a woman can out of a good cry.

A woman simply can't help having faith in a man who notices when she has on a new gown.

The way to keep a woman loving you is when she gives you corned beef and beer for dinner to act if it were canvasback duck and champagne.—New York Press.

Read the clubbing offer we make in this issue. Having only a limited number of these subscriptions this offer is likely to be withdrawn before our next issue. If you want a free subscription to this great agricultural paper send your subscription to THE ENTERPRISE NOW!

Dr. Hyatt, the eye specialist, of Kinston, was in town Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

COTTON SITUATION

Haven & Clement Give Some Interesting Facts to the Farmers

Haven and Clement, New York Bankers and Brokers issue weekly market reviews, and the following is taken from their last weeks review:

"At present there is no special feature to the cotton market. It is a comparatively narrow affair, both sides, the bull and bear, awaiting some development. The next Ginnery report, which, no doubt, will be made public about the 26th," is expected to practically settle the suspense where there is any doubt of the already large figures being increased, and after that a more active and favorable market for trading we hope will be realized.

Our private advice, both by letter and telegram, from every section indicate the greatest determination on the part of the spot holders to carry their cotton over and to reduce the acreage anywhere from 25 per cent. to 40 per cent. This is encouraging and if it is kept up, results will be seen in the near future but we confidently believe there will be another bear effort before there is a material rally. Of course, the spinners over the world know that the crop of American cotton in the United States last year was the largest on record. They also know that the latest information points to a crop of possibly 13,000,000 bales which means a surplus of at least 2,000,000 more American cotton than the world can consume; and this in the face of a new crop is construed by many to mean a weak and cheap market for some time to come. Therefore, the holders must make up their minds that it is a slow fight, but we believe they will be fully repaid in the long run, though a decline of possibly \$3 to \$4 per bale may precede the advance. Much talk has been indulged in by the Press as to the southern farmers burning their cotton or part thereof; this betokens a state of desperation and helplessness that can hardly be realized, and we don't think there will be much put to the torch. We would suggest a better quicker and surer remedy than this. If the planters will, collectively or separately, come into the New York market and buy on this decline freely of May cotton, say to the extent 500,000 bales, hold the contracts and demand the cotton, they will find prices will sour higher than they ever dreamed. There is only about 83,000 bales of certified cotton in New York, and to demand the delivery of 500,000 bales in May would mean a great advance. There is much talk of a bull market by the outside trade, but there is no evidence of such a move and those who are talking bullish are not buyers. For that reason we feel that the price has not been depressed to that point where it satisfies the bear sentiment and justifies the bull to enter the market. The curtailment of acreage for this year's planting must be very great to have any influence on the market, and there should be no doubt of evidence of this curtailment as early in the season as possible."

Increased Demand for Sun Cured Tobacco

From what can be learned the crop of Sun Cured Tobacco is much larger than last year, and prices are already higher than this time last year, says the Richmond News-Leader.

A feature of the sun cured market is the marked increase in the crop for the last few years, and those familiar with conditions attribute this increased demand for this particular class of leaf to "REYNOLDS' SUN CURED" a brand introduced three years ago by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. It is authoritatively stated that the requirements of this one concern is more than the entire crop a few years ago. The success of "REYNOLDS' SUN CURED" and the large trade built up by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, led by the establishment of its Richmond, Va. Leaf Department, which is under the personal management of experts in the selection of sun cured leaf.

I have opened up a first class Meat Market at the stand formerly occupied by A. J. Adams, and will have on hand the best stall-fed beef. I will be glad to have your orders, and the same will have my best attention. Yours to serve W. H. Robertson, Jr. Phone 76

HOBGOOD

Mr. W. R. Cherry of our town has moved to Scotland Neck.

Master Herma Hodgepeth is attending school at Red Oak this year.

Several changes in our town for the New Year in clerks and business men also.

Mr. J. H. Collins has moved here and occupies the house vacated by W. R. Cherry.

The fertilizer sales will not be so heavy this year if farmers stick to what they say.

Mrs. Bettie A. Cyrus of Hilliards-ton in spending a while with her son in our town.

There will be an increased acreage of tobacco in this section some new beginners are figuring on a hundred dollars an acre to start with.

H. H. Jones of the firm of Jones & Stator has sold the business to his partner, R. W. Stator who will continue at the same stand.

Two new dwellings going up at present and several others to be built in the near future is the progress this place has on the program.

A. M. Edmondson of Speeds has moved to our town and has formed a partnership with T. H. Edmondson, they will do a general merchandise business.

Not a vacant store or house in this place and in several instances two families are occupying one house. There is plenty of room in the country though for everybody that want's a home and work.

This is fine weather we are having now but "oh" hasn't it been cold for the week and wood looked very scarce around the wood-pile too, and it seemed as if the pile would melt away before the weather changed.

From information gained by the farmers in this section they have all resolved to plant less cotton this year. But say they are going to plant a few more peanuts. Better look sharp if you don't the bottom will be out of the peanut market next fall.

It would be a mighty good thing for Halifax if Martin would come in with her no fence law band for nearly all the post supporting the county line fence are rotten and it will soon have to be done over or done away with one. We would like to have the views of the Enterprise on the no fence law in Martin.

The health and fragrance and strength of the great pine forests are condensed in Pinules, a new discovery put up in a new way. A cure for all Kidney, Blood and Bladder diseases, Backache, Lumbago and every form of Rheumatism. Pinules rid the system of impurities. Sold by S. H. Ellison.

Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar is an improvement over all Cough, Lung and bronchial remedies. It acts on the bowels, drives the cold out of the system, cures Croup, Whooping Cough, wards off Pneumonia and strengthens the lungs. Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar is the best Cough Syrup for children. Tastes good. Sold by S. H. Ellison & Co.

LEGAL NOTICES

Land Sale

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin county, in a special proceeding entitled W. R. Whitley vs William Wynn and wife; Thomas S. Gurganus, Etta Gurganus and Ellen Gurganus, John Gurganus and Clyde Gurganus will sell for cash at the Court House door in Williamston, on

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the following land to wit: A tract of land lying and being in the county of Martin, adjoining the lands of W. J. Whitaker and others, and more fully described as follows, to wit: Adjoining the Pasture Neck land on the North; W. J. Whitaker on the East and South, and Concho creek on the West; and containing (375) three hundred and seventy-five acres more or less, and being the land that the late Susan A. Whitley, died seized and possessed of.

This 5th day of January, 1905. WHEELER MARTIN, Commissioner.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Wm. Bullock, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 20th day of January 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This 20th day of January 1905. ASA BULLOCK, Administrator.

REYNOLDS' SUN CURED More Reynolds' Sun Cured chewed the third year it was offered to the trade than any brand of any age claimed to be manufactured from Sun Cured Tobacco.

Land Sale

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Martin county in a special proceeding entitled T. P. Hardy and wife, Mary K. Hardy; J. A. Bowen and wife, M. J. Bowen, vs. B. B. Griffin, Arch Griffin, J. L. Knox and wife, Sarah Knox; Nathan Edmondson and wife, Louisa Edmondson, I will sell for cash at public auction at the Court House door in Williamston on

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the following land to wit: First—A tract of land adjoining J. C. Stephens on the North and East; Jim Meeks and the Ed. Griffin land on the South; and the Husk-naw Swamp on the West; containing 24 acres more or less, and being the land inherited by Sallie Griffin from her father, Samuel Moore. Second—A interest, supposed to be 5-14 in a tract of land adjoining the first mentioned tract on the North; the county road on the East; Jim Meeks on the South and West, and containing fourteen acres more or less, and being the same land which Sallie Griffin inherited from her brothers and sisters, deceased.

This 5th day of January, 1905. WHEELER MARTIN, Commissioner.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of authority of a Deed of Trust executed to me by Henderson Blair on the 11th day of April, 1900, and duly recorded in the Register's office in Martin county, in Book C C C, page 446, to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed of Trust not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on

Monday, February 13, 1905

at the Court House in Williamston, Martin county, the following property: The tract of land conveyed to the said Henderson Blair by deed dated 11th day of April, 1900, by John D. Biggs and Dennis Simmons which is said to contain one hundred and twenty-six acres and adjoins the land of J. L. Ewell, Julia Gurganus, the Concho creek and others.

This 13th day of January, 1905. DENNIS S. BIGGS, Trustee.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of Henderson Blair, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said Henderson Blair, deceased—estate—to present them to the undersigned administrator on or before the first day of January, 1906, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons that are indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

N. S. PEEL, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of Mc. D. Lilley, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 13th day of December, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This 13th day of December, 1904. KADER LILLEY, Adm'r.

Notice of Administrator

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of J. C. Purvis, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 21st day of December, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This 21st day of December, 1904. J. F. PURVIS, Administrator.

Positions \$5,000 BANK DEPOSIT GUARANTEED BY A RAILROAD FARE PAID, 500 TICKETS COMBINATION OFFERED. BOARD OF COM. WRITE OURS. GEORGIA-ALABAMA BUSINESS COLLEGE, MARIETTA, GA.

WILLIAMSTON PRESSING CLUB Mobley Building Second Floor We solicit your patronage in our line and guarantee first-class work. Pressing and cleaning a suit, 75c. Pressing a suit, 50c. Pants, per pair, 25c. We also clean and press Ladies' Skirts. OCTAVUS PRICE

BIGGS' TONIC Chill Cure TASTLESS At Wholesale Prices

SURE CURE FOR CHILLS Billiousness La Grippe Debility, Etc. Free From Poison Entirely Harmless Quite Pleasant to Take Children Food of it

Price, 50 Cents PREPARED BY S. R. BIGGS WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

Executors Notice Having qualified as executor upon the estate of Maniza Johnson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 10th day of November, 1905 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 10th day of November, 1904. F. S. JOHNSON, Executor

J. B. SPELLER Buyer of Turkeys Geese Poultry and all kinds of Furs AND Country Produce Washington St., Williamston

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Christmas Holiday Rates ATLANTIC COAST LINE announce rate of ONE AND ONE-THIRD FIRST CLASS FARES (Minimum rate 50 cents) Tickets will be placed on sale December 23, 2, 31 and January 1st, 1905. Final limit returning to January 4. To teachers and students of colleges, on presentation and surrender of certificates signed by Superintendents, Presidents or Principals, tickets may be sold at the above rate December 17th to 24th inclusive, with final limit returning to January 8th. For full information call on ticket agents, or address H. M. Emerson Traffic Manager W. J. Craig G. P. A.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, E. W. Johnson