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CITY MARKET REPORT. As Reported by G. H. HARRISON, DEALER IN—General Merchandise. Corn, per Bus., 70 cts. Meal, " " 80 " C. R. Sides per lb 7 Bacon 8 Shoulders Bacon 7 Dry Salt 10 Breakfast Strips 12 1/2 Hams S. C., 10 Lard refined 10 Flour, per barrel, from \$4.50 to \$6.50 W. I. Molasses, per gal., 20 Black strap " " 25 Syrup " " 35 Granulated Sugar, per lb 8 Light brown " " 7 Butter " " 25 to 30 Green Coffee " " 20 to 25 Roasted Coffee " " 25 Eggs per doz., 20 Tobacco, per lb 25 to 1 00 Shot " " 6 1/2 to 8 Gun Powder " " 30 to 75 Coal Oil White Safety 150, per gal., 15 " Red O., per gal., 18 Apple Vinegar 30 Sultana Prunes, per lb 10 Pickles, Cucumbers, per 100, 75 Bee's Wax, per lb 18 Tallow " " 6 Hides, best flint, " " 9 Candy " " 13 1/2 to 25 Salt, fine, per Bus., 40 " T. I., " " 60 " Blown " " 80

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GIVE ME A CALL! J. W. PIERCY, DEALER IN—Dry goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, GROCERIES and CONFECTIONERIES. Water Street, PLYMOUTH, N. C. —WHITE BARBER SHOP— PROF. P. A. TOODLE, PLYMOUTH, N. C. The Finest Tonsorial Artist in Eastern Carolina. Strictly a First-class establishment. Washington street, three doors from Water. jy18-1f. Edmund Alexander ATTORNEY-AT-LAW & REAL ESTATE AGENT, Washington, N. C. Branch Office Plymouth, N. C. ALL REAL ESTATE BUSINESS in Washington county transacted by Mess. C. V. W., & W. F. AUBSON at THE ROANOKE BEACON OFFICE.

BEACON FLASHES.

Thanksgiving. Oysters scarce. Birds plentiful. Who'll be next? A happy Thanksgiving to you. Close your places of business to-day. Words of truth—we need what you owe us. The voice of the thanksgiving turkey is hushed. To-day being a legal holiday the post office will be closed. Our sportsmen go out these pleasant days and bring in lots of game. This is a good time to clean up the yard, the leaves are about done falling. There will be services at the M. E. Church this morning at 11 o'clock. For Citron, currants, coconuts, &c., for fruit cakes go to G. H. HARRISON. Miss Rilda Kelley, of Washington, is in the city the guest of Miss Dean Jackson. A big lot of stationery just received at the BEACON office. Send in your job work. Ladies call and examine the fine line of walking jackets and capes at W. L. Lewkowit's. Mrs. Claude Spencer, of Pantego, was on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. E. C. Johnston this week. When you need a home made carpet call on G. H. HARRISON. The gobble, gobble, gobble of the gobbler has ceased to gobble and the gobbler is being gobbled. * A big lot of brick for sale by J. M. Reid & Son at \$8 per thousand. Thanks to Mrs. T. J. Marriner for a waiver of nice cake and wine sent to our office last night. For grapes, oranges, lemons, bananas, apples, coconuts and all other foreign and domestic fruits, go to L. I. Houston's. * There will be services at the Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock, the public are invited to attend. NOTICE—A big lot of fine Clothing and Shoes will be found at J. M. REID & SON. Mrs. C. D. Loane and daughter left per Str. Plymouth yesterday for Baltimore to visit the family of Mr. Loane. The finest line of ladies fine shoes will be found at J. M. REID & SON. * Mrs. L. N. Howcott, after a pleasant visit of one month to her sons in Washington City, returned on Saturday last. G. H. Harrison has just returned from the North where he purchased a large and well assorted stock of Xmas toys. * Misses Annie, Gertie and Mary Yeager returned Monday night from a protracted visit to relatives in the western part of the State. We will be glad for the young men to call and examine our fine line of shoes, any style and cut you may want. J. M. REID & SON. A grand entertainment will be given at Blounts Opera House, Roper, on the night of December 5th under the management of several ladies, for the benefit of Mt. Eborn Church. Ladies! call and examine our fine and well selected stock of Dress goods before purchasing elsewhere, J. M. REID & SON. Are you going to lay aside the cares and business of life to-day, and be thankful to God for the many good blessings which he has bestowed upon you? It is your duty to do so. For fine Tricot, Flannel, and other nice dress goods call at my Millinery store, Mrs. S. A. BLOUNT. * Mr. C. D. Loane, manager of the Walker & Myers mill, informs us that he expects to have the new mills in operation by Jan. 1st. He also tells us that a planing machine will be added to the mills. We have the prettiest and best selected stock of fine dress goods and trimming to go with every dress pattern in the city. J. M. REID & SON. * Some unknown person stole a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. J. O. Everest. The horse was driven all night and returned about day Sunday morning. No clue to the guilty party has yet been obtained. We have for sale a beautiful parrot which is well trained, and talks and sings almost as plainly as the human voice. Apply at this office. McKinley's head has fallen. "Neath the Democratic ax; He could not walk to glory. On a railroad lined with tax. And now while Reed is slaking And Harrison is vowing, The Democratic editors Cry: "Wanamaker next!"—Ex. As we wished to observe Thanksgiving, the BEACON is issued a day ahead. We, as well as all others, have cause to be thankful this morning. We have been blessed, and now feel it our duty to observe this day by suspending all business within our office. We wish our readers a pleasant day, and trust that they will observe it as a day set apart for the praise of God. No true farmer will be ashamed of his vocation, says an exchange. It is a calling God ordained and outranks all others in point of antiquity. Broadcloth and fine jewelry do not make nobility, nor do jeans and breeches indicate a plebeian origin. All conditions and classes are dependent upon the farmer for their daily bread. He feeds the world. Why then, should he not be proud to be known as a tiller of the soil. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. M. Chesson, near Mackey's Ferry, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. C. W. Robinson, Miss Sarah E. Chesson, of Mackey's Ferry, and Mr. T. J. Lewis, of this town. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple came to Plymouth where a reception was given them at night at the residence of Mr. T. J. Marriner. The BEACON extends congratulations to the young couple, and Plymouth welcomes Mrs. Lewis to its society. DIED. At her home near Plymouth, on Saturday night last, Mrs. W. H. Mathews, nee Sadie Davenport. Mrs. Mathews was the wife of chief engineer W. H. Mathews, of the R. & L. K. R., and daughter of Mr. Andrew Davenport, a well-to-do farmer of this county. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the bereaved family.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

[COMMUNICATED.] Let us not be more ready to ask favors than to give thanks. The annual anniversary of our forefathers' spiritual consecration comes to us now laden with the memories of over a century. It seems to be the one link that keeps fresh the distant past. Our Pilgrim Fathers after ten months of sickness and suffering gathered in their first harvest, which consisted of twenty acres of corn and six of barley and peas, which was enough to keep them supplied with food for the coming year. They devoutly thanked God and made preparations for a feast. Hunters were sent out to get water fowl, wild turkey and venison. The feast was prepared and Massasoit and ninety of his warriors were present. On the following year there was such a drought that the corn and barley were stunted and famine seemed to stare them in the face. A day of fasting and prayer was appointed and for nine hours the people prayed unceasingly. At evening the sun set in clouds, a breeze sprang up and in the morning the rain was pouring down. The crops revived and there was a bounteous harvest. For this a day of Thanksgiving was ordered by Governor Bradford. The immediate occasion of the first National Thanksgiving was the surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates in the fall of 1777. Thursday 18th day of December was designated and in compliance with the order of the Continental Congress, the army at Valley Forge duly observed this day—the army that had tracked its way in blood. In commemoration of this custom, set in motion by our Puritan Forefathers, the President of the United States, the Governor of our own State have issued Thanksgiving Proclamations, requesting the Nation, requesting the citizens of North Carolina, to observe the 27th day of November as a day of Thanksgiving. They would have us remember the spiritual meaning, which was attached to the bleak New England Thanksgiving—bleak in more senses than one—and not permit fastings to crowd out thanks. Men in every occupation, at every age, no matter what be their condition should be thankful. Our farmers to whom we look for the staff of life, seeing their barns bursting with gathered grain. They see on every side fulfillment, reward and can not but recognize the kind Providence which gives seed time and harvest, cold and heat, rain and sunshine. They as tillers of the soil are directly dependent upon the heavens for the love which sends daily bread, and in the scudding clouds, the changing wind, they recognize the hand of the Divine Father. School children are thankful for all which "going to school" signifies, for the richest blessing, the opportunity of receiving an education—the initial means of all happiness. Statesmen are thankful, wrongs have been righted, grudges have been forgotten and the nation has great reason for rejoicing in all its wide spread homes, to day. Every sigh is hopeful. Every interest is quickening with new vitality. God bless the commonwealth, we cry, and thank Him; in the same breath may say he is blessing it now. From time immemorial, nations of the globe, whether they be civilized or barbarous, whether they be enlightened or savage, have rendered thanks to a supreme authority for the present and past blessings. The gods of the ancients represented their idea of supreme authority. The idols of the heathen possess for them the highest ad. ministering power and the people of our nation worship one SUPREME Being, who is vested with absolute control and to whom we will give thanks "For joy, for gladness, for the tender ties, Of earthly bonds, for friendship's rarest gifts, For sunshine, flowers, for the music of birds, For health, for this world's good, for hope of Heaven." O. W. T. A Visit. By invitation we accompanied Dr. T. B. Wolf, dentist, on a professional visit in the country on Saturday last. Leaving Plymouth at 8:30 a. m., we drove to the home of Mr. Richard Chesson who lives twelve miles from this town on the Northern side of Lee's mill pond. On our arrival, which was just as the welcome sound of the dinner horn was echoing through the land, we were invited to dinner which was one of the good old fashion country style, the kind town people seldom have the pleasure of enjoying. After doing ample justice to the good things set before us we repaired to the sitting room where, after a pleasant "chat" the doctor proceeded to business which was to take the size and impression of Mr. Chesson's mouth for a new set of teeth. When the performance was over we bade farewell to Mr. Chesson and his kind wife and drove to the busy little city of Roper. While the doctor was professionally engaged we accepted an invitation from Mr. T. W. Blount to visit his store, on entering the door a fine display of Xmas goods met our gaze, and the well filled shelves spoke of the big trade that would be there at night, from one department to another we went only to find every clerk busy. After making the tour we halted at the cigar case which was filled with the most choice brands of smokers, for a box of which our thanks are due Mr. Blount. By invitation we took supper with the hospitable family of Mr. W. A. Forbes, and at 8 o'clock started for home, much pleased with the days event. REBUKING A COPYIST. Texas Siftings. A Texas merchant, who writes a noteri. cously bad hand, employed a young man to act as copying clerk. The first letter the merchant gave the clerk to copy was so utterly illegible that the clerk took it back to him to have it deciphered. The merchant snatched the letter out of the clerk's hand and remarked angrily. "Why, any fool can read that! It's plain as day to me." He made several attempts to read his own hand writing, but failed completely, where. upon he said, with immense dignity: "I didn't write that letter to read it, myself. I wrote it for you to copy, and if you haven't got sense enough to do it, I'll hire somebody who has." DREW THE LINE AT DUCKS. Boston Commonwealth. Sambo, the typical Sambo, joined the church, and the shepherd of his soul thought best to look after him. "Have you stole any chickens, Sambo, since you met with a change of heart?" said the shepherd one day. "No, massa; oh, no, I hasn't stole no chick's tall." "Any turkeys?" persisted the pastor. "Oh, no, massa! I hasn't took nary a turkey." "Well, Sambo, I am glad to hear it—very glad. Watch and pray!" and the good man went on. "Golly!" chuckled Sambo, peeping inside his coat, "if he'd a sed ducks he'd a hed me!"

THE EAST SHOULD AWARE.

The educational progress of North Carolina for the last decade has been very satisfactory viewed as a whole, but viewed with regard to sections the eastern counties have fallen far behind the western. Perhaps one explanation of this is that the effects of bad crops for the last few years have not been so sorely felt in the west as in the east, and the people have not been in such stringent circumstances. But we think a far greater reason is the indifference of our eastern people in the matter of education. From a careful review of the catalogues of our Colleges and University it will be seen that the eastern counties of Carolina do not keep pace with the western in the number of students. While this is the case with regard to the University and the three leading Colleges of our State, there are several other Colleges of lower grade which draw their patronage almost exclusively from the western counties. The academies of the west are not only more numerous, but they also receive a much larger patronage. In Davie county for instance, which is not more than one fourth as large as Pitt county, and with not more than one fourth the population, there are six well built academies, each of which receives a good patronage. In addition to these six in the county there are three others in adjoining counties not more than a mile from the Davie line which also draw patronage from the county, thus making nine schools, which are kept open the full school year and each within the reach of the people of Davie. How many good school buildings are there in Pitt county? Not more than four or five that we know of. What a difference! Pitt with an area and population four times as great as Davie, and we will add with more wealth in proportion to its population, has fewer schools, and these schools a smaller patronage than those of Davie. Davie is not ahead of the other western counties, nor do we believe that Pitt is behind the other eastern counties. We merely take these two as an illustration because we know more of their education. Go to most any of the larger towns of Western North Carolina, and among the prominent buildings you will see the school buildings. Wherever the population is large enough they have a well regulated Graded School, and where the population is not sufficient they have good academies, and they unite and support these academies and are not divided into a half dozen or more schools like we are in the east, when one mixed school or two, one male and one female, are enough for the place. And these schools are not confined to the towns, but you will find them scattered through the country in almost every village, hamlet, and neighborhood. The people take pride in them, and give them a liberal patronage, and keep them open at least eight months, and the most of them ten months during the year. One other matter they use to advantage, which we do not in the east, and that is the public school funds in the districts in which these academies are situated. During a certain number of months the teachers are paid out of the public school money, and after the public school is over each student has the opportunity of pursuing his studies right on through the year, while here in the east the public school not being more than two or three months, and not followed by any private school, what little the student learns in public school, he will forget before it opens again. The people of the west seem to have gotten hold of the true theory that it is better to be united and have good schools than to be divided and have no schools and let their children grow up in ignorance. As a North Carolinian we take great pride in the intellectual growth of our State, and we earnestly desire to see the day when the east shall take its stand beside the west in education as well as in other matters, and march on to the great development to which we believe our State is destined. We see no good excuse for this intellectual lethargy among our people. Our fields are as productive, and our resources are as good as those of the west. While they may have the advantage of us in some things, we have the advantage in others. It is time our people were waking up to the importance of more and better education. POTATO BLIGHT AND ITS REMEDY. Gerald McCarthy, N. C. Experiment Station. The year 1890 has been one of the worst ever known for the Irish potato crop. Everywhere the late crop has been damaged from one-third to four-fifths of a normal yield. Potato blight is caused by a fungus, PHYTOPTERA INFESTANS. This fungus is propagated by spores produced by the previous crop which remain dormant in the ground during the winter and attack the young vines in the spring. The fungus is also propagated by seed potatoes which contain portions of the mycelium or growing parts of the fungus. Potato growers should avoid planting two successive crops on the same land and thus starve out the spores in the soil. This fungus does not attack any other crop. Seed potatoes should be carefully examined and the diseased ones rejected. Spraying the growing vines must also be attended to. The best remedy to use is the Bunzi Copper-soda Mixture, made as follows: In a wooden or earthenware vessel dissolve 4 1/2 pounds of copper sulphate (bluestone) in 20 gallons of clean, soft water. In another vessel dissolve 6 1/2 pounds of carbonate of soda (washing soda) in 6 gallons of water. Stir the soda into the copper solution and use as soon as possible. Apply to the vines by means of the Galloway Knapsack Sprayer. For small plots the liquid may be splashed on the vines with an old broom or whisp of twigs, or put on with a sprinkling pot. Use about 60 gallons of liquid per acre and apply twice—first when the vines are in full bloom and again after two weeks. If the weather is wet a third application two weeks after the second may be necessary. This liquid costs less than one cent per gallon. CITIZENS' BARBER SHOP. West Side Washington St., Near Water St. —L. E. JACKSON, ARTIST— The only white Tonsorial Artist in Plymouth, Your patronage solicited. B. CHEARS, M. D. Having located permanently in Plymouth, N. C., tenders his professional services to the citizens of the Town and surrounding country. Office at Bryans Drug Store—Residence at Latham House. SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROANOKE BEACON. Mr. I. E. Harrison has charge of this department.

Clothing! Clothing!! Friends, countrymen, lend me your ears. The cold north winds remind us that the time has come to change our wearing apparel, and I come to remind you that THOS. W. BLOUNT, of Roper, N. C., has the largest and most varied stock of Men's, Youths and Boy's suits now on his counters ever exhibited in Washington county. Remember! Men's, boy's, little boys, all, all can be supplied and plenty to spare. Remember! Largest stock, best goods, lowest prices. Mr. I. E. Harrison has charge of this department.