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LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 1896.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## Announcement to Merchants.

To the Merchants of Eastern North Carolina:

We announce that we are now ready to fill your orders for mattresses, having a large stock on hand, and all made in the latest Boston shape. We are the largest manufacturers in the State, and do claim to give you the best possible Cotton Top Mattress, in fancy and plain blue ticking, ever offered before. We have special freight arrangements to all points. Orders filled the day they are received. Earlier order, as they will be higher.

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OUR ACADEMIES OPENED.

Flattering Prospects.

The two academies of this place, Vine Hill Male academy, and Vine Hill Female academy, opened Wednesday of last week. The opening was very flattering and the principals feel very much encouraged.

Mess. Prince and Wilson, principals of the male academy, say that their opening was better than they anticipated, and their prospects are good for the best session they have ever had. Indeed they have enrolled a larger number of students than ever before at this stage of the session. They have added Mr. B. C. Bell to their faculty. Mr. Bell is a clever young man and comes well recommended from South Carolina Presbyterian College.

The number of boarding students is much larger than they anticipated. Mess. Prince & Wilson are leaving no stone unturned to give this part of the State a first class preparatory school in every particular.

The female academy opened with a larger enrollment than ever before on the first day. Miss Lena Smith, the principal, has put forth special effort this year to improve the school. She has added to her faculty Miss Minnie Dunn of this place, who is well known and has had experience here as a teacher, and Misses Angie and Flora Ballou of Kentucky. The Misses Ballou come highly recommended for the departments over which they have control. Miss Angie Ballou was trained for her work in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and Miss Flora Ballou was also trained in Emerson's College of Elocution in Boston.

It is a source of great pleasure to THE COMMONWEALTH that our schools have opened so well. Scotland Neck has long been noted for the intelligence and refinement of its people and nothing is worth so much to the community in matters of this kind as our excellent schools.

Our teachers are progressive, competent and faithful, and it is a special pride of the town and community that the schools are so prosperous in these times of depression. But whatever else we neglect, the community cannot afford to be indifferent to the liberal maintenance of its schools.

An Early Morning Fire.

Yesterday morning about five o'clock the alarm of fire was given and it was soon located at the residence just east of town, known as the L. L. Kitchen property. The house was occupied by Mr. J. E. Ware, who moves out from his river farm every summer. The fire caught from the kitchen, though there had been none there since early the night before. A crowd soon collected but the inconvenience for getting water rendered it impossible to save the house. All the furniture was saved except a cook stove. There was no insurance on the house, which was the property of Mrs. J. C. Pittman of Portsmouth.

A Tarboro Tragedy.

Monday J. L. Dawson, a livery man of Tarboro, and a woman named Lillie Page, were found dead in the latter's house. A bullet had pierced Dawson's temple and the woman was shot in the mouth. They were both lying across a bed and there was a pistol in the woman's hand. It has been reported that there was whiskey found near the bodies. Dawson's body was carried to La Grange and the woman's to Battle-

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Robert Draper, living near Hobgood, while chopping with an ax a few days ago, cut off two of his toes.

HIGHEST AVERAGE.—Mr. Peyton Keel's tobacco made the highest average on the opening of the Enfield market Tuesday.

NEW WIND MILL.—Mr. C. T. Lawrence, proprietor of Hotel Lawrence, has put up a wind mill by which he fills the tank to supply water through the hotel.

NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.—Mr. W. A. Dunn, chairman of the school committee for Scotland Neck public school district, has purchased a lot and built a public school house near the railroad.

DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD.—Little Estelle, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, died Wednesday Aug. 26th, aged 8 months and 16 days. It was interred in the Baptist cemetery the following day, Rev. Mr. Ricard conducting the services.

MR. BROWN'S ADVERTISEMENT.—Mr. J. H. Brown of Tarboro comes before our readers this week announcing that he carries a full line of harness and saddles. Mr. Brown can furnish many of our readers with what they need in his line as they visit Tarboro to sell tobacco and cotton.

MR. CARLISLE'S AD.—We call special attention to the new advertisement of Mr. B. C. Carlisle on the first page of this issue. Mr. Carlisle is prepared to furnish all kinds of burial cases and to do undertaker's work generally. The people of Tarboro speak well of him and THE COMMONWEALTH commends him to the confidence of its readers.

DEATH OF MRS. COBB.—Mrs. Margaret Cobb died at her home near Halifax August 26th, aged 68 years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church and was much beloved by many friends and relatives. She will be missed as a good mother, a loving friend and kind neighbor. She was a native of Edgecombe county where she has a number of friends. (Tarboro paper please copy)

MR. CURRIE'S LETTERS.—On the first page of this issue we began the publication of a series of letters by Mr. C. T. Currie. He is a Scotland Neck boy and some years ago joined the United States Navy. He has seen considerable of the world and will tell the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH about it.

STOLE A HORSE.—Joe Watson, a good colored man of the community, left his horse tied in a lot here in town until after dark Saturday night. When he went to look for his horse some one had cut the bridle and taken him away. The horse was found Sunday or Monday morning above Spring Hill. Watson thinks some one who wanted to go in that direction stole the horse, rode him as far as he pleased and then turned him loose.

STARTED UP.—Mr. John L. Coughenour who sustained such a heavy loss by the great fire which consumed his lumber plant some months ago, has rebuilt and is sawing again. Mr. Coughenour is one of the most energetic and plucky men in the country. His loss by the fire covered almost his entire savings for ten years, without a dollar's worth of insurance, but he is sawing again, and his new plant when completed will be quite an improvement on the old one.

HALE BROS. AD.—THE COMMONWEALTH takes special pride in calling attention to the advertisement of Hale Brothers of Halifax in this issue. Three years ago they commenced to manufacture mattresses at about a dozen a day. The business has so increased that they are the largest mattress manufacturers in the State, and have over four hundred good customers. Our merchant readers will do well to note their announcement and give them an order.

COOPER'S WAREHOUSE.—Elsewhere we present to our readers the advertisement of Cooper's Warehouse, of Rocky Mount. The Rocky Mount market has handled most of the tobacco grown in this section ever since the crop began to be cultivated, and those who have shipped to Mr. C. C. Cooper have been pleased with their sales. Mr. Cooper is one of the liveliest men in the tobacco business and his work for his customers is satisfactory. He told the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH a few days ago that Rocky Mount was the second market in the State last year. The three large steam drying plants have a capacity of fifty thousand pounds daily. The market is well equipped in every way and Cooper's warehouse is one of the most popular there.

Merit in medicine means the power to cure. The great cure by Hood's La Grange and the woman's to Battle-

### THE SOCIAL SWIM.

Coming and Going Every Week.

Capt. G. S. White left yesterday for the North.

Mr. A. H. Green of Weldon was here Monday.

Dr. A. C. Livermon went to Bertie to visit his mother this week.

Rev. R. T. Vann has returned from his summer vacation.

Dr. F. W. Whitehead is spending some time in the mountains.

Mess. Chas. McNaughton and P. C. Cohoon of Everetts spent Sunday here.

Mr. R. C. Josey, accompanied by his wife, left Monday for the Northern markets.

Capt. W. J. Hill and family of Rocky Mount have been here on a visit this week.

Mrs. Warren of Virginia spent a day or two here last week, having come to enter her son in Vine Hill Academy.

Miss Emma Vaughan returned Monday from a visit to Williamston and Rocky Mount.

Miss Annie Madry has been at Conetoe a week or two on a visit to her sister Mrs. J. E. Bullock.

Mr. M. Hoffman has returned from his trip north and will talk to our readers through these columns soon.

Mr. N. B. Josey has returned from his trip north and will be heard from through THE COMMONWEALTH.

Miss Ruth Pope left Tuesday for Oxford Female Seminary. Dr. Pope, her father, and her brother, Master Hunter, accompanied her.

Miss Mary Applewhite left Monday for Greensboro where she takes her place as teacher in the graded schools of that town.

Miss Mary Whitehead returned Saturday from a visit to Whitakers. She was accompanied by Miss Kate Bass of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hardy spent a few days last week in the country with the family of Mr. Balfour Dunn, Mrs. Hardy's brother.

Prof. T. C. Manning, who is so well known here as a master in penmanship, will give lessons in the two academies for about three weeks.

Mr. F. A. White, proprietor of the Bay View Hotel in Edenton, was here last week. He accompanied his son who entered Vine Hill Male Academy.

Mrs. E. J. Hocutt, of Washington N. C., has been on a visit to her relatives at Enfield. She returned home Tuesday accompanied by her sister, Miss Petway.

Rev. R. W. Hines of Hobgood preached Sunday night in the Baptist church here. His sermon pleased his audience and was pleasantly mentioned by many who heard it.

Prof. W. C. Reddick, professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering in the A. & M. College at Raleigh, spent a night here last week. He says the prospects are good for a fine opening.

Miss Bessie Shields left Monday for Franklin, Va., where she has gone to teach elocution in Franklin Female Seminary, of which Miss Eunice McDowell is the principal. She was accompanied by Misses Fannie Gray and Blanche Lawrence, students in the school.

Among the Scotland Neck people who attended the Skewarky Union meeting at Little Creek last Saturday and Sunday were Misses Ella House, Nellie White, Lou White, Mr. R. J. Madry and wife, Mess. M. C. Cooke, G. H. Johnson, R. V. Smith and others.

Misses Angie and Flora Ballou of Kentucky came last week to take their places in the faculty of Vine Hill Female Academy as teachers of music and elocution respectively. Those who have met them here are highly pleased with them.

The Interior Journal of Stanford, Ky., said Aug. 26th: "Misses Angie and Flora Ballou will leave this morning for Scotland Neck, N. C., where they will teach music and elocution respectively in Vine Hill Academy, for which they are so splendidly qualified."

CENTRAL WAREHOUSE.—Our readers will notice in this issue the new advertisement of the Central Warehouse in Tarboro. Mr. Geo. B. Hughes, the proprietor, is very clever and those who carry tobacco to his house get the best price the market affords. We saw tobacco sold in the Central last week and asked some of the farmers who sold there how their sales were and they said they were satisfactory. Mr. Hughes is a live tobacco man and does the best possible for his customers. Among the planters of Scotland Neck section who have sold at Central Warehouse and have been well pleased with their prices, we mention A. R. Savage, T. F. Phippen, M. K. Williams, H. Bell, W. K. Hill, J. W. Leggett, Peyton Moore, Arthur Staton, Jno. Applewhite, C. B. Bellamy, Leggett & Butts, Jno. Twisdale, J. H. Wiggins.

Store Closed!  
Our Store will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 8th, and Thursday, Sept. 17th, on account of Holiday.

### WHOLESALE THIEVING.

Is There a Band of Robbers?

M. Hoffman & Bro. missed goods from their store. They set a watch and discovered that a colored man named Young Savage was wearing clothes like they had mised. They swore out a warrant against him and deputy sheriff C. W. Dunn called to arrest Savage Monday morning. He called in front of his house and when Savage came out he read the warrant to him. Savage said he bought the clothes in Greenville. He said he would go with officer Dunn but asked him to let him step into the house a minute. Mr. Dunn waited in front, but Savage slipped out at the back door and had considerably lengthened the distance between himself and officer Dunn before the latter knew it. Savage, it is said, had a large bunch of keys of several descriptions, but at present writing officer Dunn has neither seen nor heard from him.

Immediately after the escape a search warrant was issued and Savage's house was searched. There were found in his house 7 pair of children's and women's shoes, one bolt of cloth, 1 pant pattern, one bolt of black cashmere and other things. The bolt of cloth matched cloth that had been mised from Hoffman's store, the pant pattern was identified for the store of E. C. Josey & Co., the white cloth matched some that K. Jenkins had mised, and all these goods were respectively returned.

It develops that merchants have been missing goods for some time, but had no means of getting up with them. Mr. Hoffman says he has missed thirteen suits of clothes from his store and coffee by the sack. It also develops that recently the colored man Savage has been selling goods about town.

He sold Mr. W. R. Walston a part of a bolt of ticking for making mattresses. Mr. Ed. Shields bought a sack of coffee and some tobacco from him and Collin Anthony also bought some goods from him. Some colored people in town had bought shoes from him. Savage said he brought the goods from Greenville where he had a store which he was closing out. It is thought that he has confederates here and in Greenville.

The pity is that he could not have been safely kept and the whole thing exposed.

Death of an Infant.

Olga Vivian, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Harris, died Sunday evening, August 30, 1896, aged two and one half months.

This is the third time these fond parents have been bereaved in the loss of their children. Three times has he who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," been in this home gathering the "Lambs in his arms."

"—a thousand charms  
Spread o'er his lovely face,  
While infants in his tender arms  
Receive the smiling grace."

"I take these little lambs," said he, "And lay them in my breast—  
Protection they shall find in me,  
In me be fully blest."

"Death may the bands of life unloose,  
But can't dissolve my love,  
Millions of infant souls compose  
The family above."

It is so hard to give up these little ones. May our Father comfort the grief-stricken family, and enable them to say "Thy will be done."  
J. R. SAWYER.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

Several days ago cards were sent out announcing the marriage of Miss Lottie B. Smith to Mr. J. S. Bowers, Wednesday Sept. 2nd. Much interest was felt in the marriage of this popular young couple, and a large crowd of their friends gathered at the home of Mr. W. H. Josey on Tenth street, the bride's boarding place, to witness the happy marriage.

At 1:30 o'clock, in the presence of many admiring witnesses, the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. R. T. Vann, who briefly but in a most solemn manner pronounced them husband and wife.

The happy groom was warmly congratulated and many good wishes were said for the bride. They hurried away to Palmyra to take the afternoon train for Norfolk. They will spend several days on a trip to Baltimore, whence they will return and continue their home at Scotland Neck.

The bride is one of the sweetest and most attractive young ladies of Scotland Neck, and is noted for her many good qualities of head and heart. The groom is one of Scotland Neck's most successful and energetic business men, and both he and his charming bride enjoy the highest esteem of the entire community.

THE COMMONWEALTH joins in all the good wishes and warm congratulations, and wishes the happy pair long life and unbounded prosperity.

House Burned.

Mr. F. P. Shields lost a good tenant house on his river farm by fire Saturday. Some little children were left alone and they were playing with some straw. One struck a match to it and the house caught from it. The mother of the children had just drawn her work's rations when she saw it. She ran in and set her rations down and in her excitement she lost her next week's rations with all her property. It was

### JUBILANT ENFIELD.

The Tobacco Market Opens.

Several months ago when the Enfield people began to talk tobacco market the editor of this paper promised them its help if Scotland Neck did not open a market. Scotland Neck has taken no steps and this paper has printed what it could learn about the Enfield market.

The two warehouses are completed and the market opened Tuesday. The estimate was that about 40,000 pounds were sold in the two houses, and the prices were satisfactory. There were eight buyers on the market and it was lively.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH was present and witnessed the sales, and the Enfield people will remember that there was no other newspaper man on the floors to witness their opening sales. Mess. Cole and Burwell of the Enfield Warehouse, and Boyd and Young of the Boyd Warehouse, are clever and try to satisfy the farmers. Of course the opening sales could not be expected to be as well regulated as they will be when the business gets to running, but everybody seemed satisfied and in good spirits.

Besides the two large warehouses two good prize houses are being built. Mess. W. F. Parker and F. W. Gregory are building a prize house 80x40 feet, three stories high with elevator convenience. Also Mrs. Curtis is building a prize house of the same dimensions.

Enfield already feels the throb of a more lively business spirit and the town will soon realize great financial improvement by reason of the new tobacco market.

Roanoke Union.

The Roanoke Union of the Tar River Baptist Association was in session at Halifax last week, beginning Friday and closing Sunday night.

Quite a number of subjects relative to the work of the denomination were discussed. The ministers present were Revs. J. T. Edmondson, the pastor of the church, G. L. Finch of Palaski, Va., A. G. Wilcox of Brinkleyville, R. T. Vann and D. B. Ricard of Scotland Neck.

The meeting was well attended Sunday, and about \$300 raised for the repairing of the Baptist church house in Halifax.

Those who attended enjoyed the meeting.

A proper presbytery examined and ordained Rev. D. B. Ricard to the full work of the gospel ministry. Mr. Ricard is from Lexington, this State, and has been supplying a few weeks for pastor Vann in Scotland Neck Baptist church.

Musical and Elocutionary Recital.

Misses Angie and Flora Ballou of Stanford, Ky., members of Vine Hill Female Academy, will give a musical and elocutionary recital in the academy hall Friday evening, September 4th.

These young ladies have been trained in Boston for their work and come with strong recommendations.

The entertainment will be of a high order and a rare treat is in store for all who attend. The exercises will commence promptly at 8 o'clock. The public generally is invited, but it is especially desired that children under fifteen, other than pupils of the school be not allowed to attend.

THE COMMONWEALTH bespeaks a good audience for these talented young ladies, and hopes that Scotland Neck, will greet their first appearance with a good attendance and that perfect order will be maintained.

Death of Mr. Ferdinand Whitaker.

Mr. Ferdinand Whitaker, one of the best known and most respected citizens of the county, died at his home at Whitaker's Chapel a few days ago, aged about 69 years.

He had been a most successful farmer and leaves a name and memory that will live long after him. He was truly a gentleman of the old school and his manly form and dignified carriage will be missed in the passing crowd that gathers in every interest of his community.

THE COMMONWEALTH extends sympathies to the bereaved family in their sore and sad affliction.

Notice to Stockholders.

The books of the Scotland Neck Circulating Library have been left in the COMMONWEALTH office. It is learned that many of them had been previously taken out and not returned. It is desired that the stockholders meet and divide the books and get them out of this office.

Notice, then, is hereby given to all who have books belonging to the library to return them to this office by the first day of October, at which time the books will be divided amongst the stockholders.

The Newspaper's Value.

A paper is in no sense a child of charity; it earns twice over every dollar it receives, and is second to no enterprise in contributing to the upbuilding of a town or community, says a western weekly. Its patrons reap far more benefit from its columns than do the publishers, and in calling for the support of the people of the community in which it is published it asks no more than in all fairness belongs to it though it generally receives less.

County Temperance Meeting.

Halifax County Temperance Association will hold its quarterly meeting at Brinkleyville September 30th. There will be a meeting in the afternoon and also a meeting at night.

All friends of temperance are invited to attend. A good programme will be announced later. Any one wishing to know of the local arrangements for the meeting can find out by writing to Mr. J. E. Hughes of Brinkleyville.

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