

The Commonwealth.

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RUSSELL-HANCOCK FIGHT.

The breach between Governor Russell and his good friend, Robert Hancock, seems to widen. In our last issue we mentioned the removal of Hancock from the presidency of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. Since then some sharp thrusts have passed between the Governor and his deposed friend. Hancock has said he can show that Governor Russell has recently endeavored to incite him (Hancock) to make a personal assault upon Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the News & Observer, for the work that paper had done in exposing Hancock's villainy. The Governor has flatly denied ever having suggested such a thing, and Hancock rejoins that he has it in black and white.

And so the fuss and fume go on between them to the disgrace of the state and shame of every decent citizen in it. What a spectacle it must be to the balance of the world to see the Governor of North Carolina accused of efforts to incite one citizen to assault violently another citizen! Lawlessness advised by the Governor of a great State like ours! And suppose it should be untrue and that the Governor has not been guilty of such counsel? It is equally shameful to see an officer under the Governor making such false accusations.

Take it any way you may, the administration of affairs in North Carolina now is such as to make any one ashamed of his citizenship in our commonwealth. Will not the good people of the State repudiate it all at the first opportunity? Will not Democrats, Populists and Republicans place their stamp of condemnation on it all? We believe that the manhood of the State will stamp it out. He who does not help do it, regardless of party lines, color or race, will not be a true son of this grand old State, nor will he be worthy of the citizenship which is vouchsafed to him within her borders.

A HISTORY OF THE SOUTH.

Mr. W. H. Shinn, of Atlanta, spent last week in Scotland Neck securing data and general information to be incorporated into a Confederate Military History. It is to comprise a general history of the South from Colonial days to the present, with special attention given to the facts and features relative to the late war. The work will be large, running through at least a dozen volumes. It will be departmental, having an editor for each State in the South. Judge A. C. Avery is to be the editor for North Carolina.

Mr. Shinn was in Scotland Neck to see Capt. W. H. Kitchin and to gather from him and others such information as will be helpful in the work. He went to Enfield Monday to visit the Confederate Veterans camp, and to gather information. The task is a big one, but the work will commend itself to the Southern people.

Mr. Shinn is well versed in current literature and is well up on the questions of the day. He has written quite a lengthy poem on silver which was pronounced by those who heard it very fine indeed. He says the financial question is easy to understand, but people will not read it carefully enough; and he conceived the idea of putting it into rhyme to attract the attention of many who would not read the facts in prose.

Mr. Shinn is a strong silver man, and did effective work on the stump in the last campaign.

Dig down to the cause of your sickness, if you want to get well and stay well. Most likely it's indigestion. The irritating poisons of fermenting, putrid food, left in the stomach by indigestion, cause headache, neuralgia, nervousness, dizziness, stomachache, nausea, irritability, and all the other well-known symptoms of indigestion.

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BOYS, DON'T DRINK.

Communicated to THE COMMONWEALTH. The greatest foundation of evil, and draw-back to prosperity and happiness in our southern homes, is the upholding of saloons. And why? Because the boys, young men, and older ones, too, are continually visiting those wretched places, idling away their time, throwing away their hard earned money, and losing their vitality, honor, and self respect. There has been many a bright and promising youth brought to poverty, obscurity, and wretchedness, who died in disgrace to his family and country, by strong drink.

I noticed in the last issue of "THE COMMONWEALTH" that in Harnett county they have no barrooms. And what is the result? Why, the old county seems like a different place, and is moving up in prosperity and happiness.

I know that there are many temptations along our pathway through life, inviting us to indulge in this sinful habit. But if we earnestly endeavor to resist these temptations, we will succeed. I am a boy myself only 20 years old, but can proudly say that I have never taken a drink, not even a social glass. It is an old, but true saying that, "serpents lurk in every wine cup." Then let us escape the fangs of those poisonous and dangerous serpents, by avoiding even the wine cup.

Boys, and young men, I hope you will follow the advice that I have endeavored to give you, and live so that your lives may be a beautiful and impressive lesson to all mankind.

A FARMER BOY. Scotland Neck, N. C. Feb. 28, 1898.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Wilmington Messenger. The Confederate Veterans comprising the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans, at their meeting in Nashville, Tenn., during the last reunion, decided to hold a reunion in the city of Charlotte on 20th May 1898.

The Major General commanding has issued orders in which he says: "As this will really be the first reunion held by the Division, the Commanding General earnestly trusts that every Camp in the Division will there be represented by at least three delegates, and may be not hope that every comrade belonging to the command, will be present if possible. He also extends a cordial invitation to every worthy confederate, whether a member of the United Confederate Veterans or not. The Chief Quarter Master, Col. W. J. Woodward, of Wilmington, is hereby charged with the duty of arranging transportation, and with the assistance of the Brigade Quarter Masters, will disseminate all information obtainable, as to rates from the several points in the State.

Meckenburg Camp, at Charlotte, are preparing to give the veterans a grand time. Committees have been appointed, and all arrangements have been perfected. The leading hotels will charge usual rates, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 per day.

Arrangements will be made with boarding houses for reasonable rates for those who prefer to pay, but sleeping accommodations and board will be furnished all those who will accept of the entertainment of the good people of Charlotte.

Comfortable cots, and good, substantial food in abundance, will be secured at as low a rate as possible.

The rail roads have been asked to make concessions to the veterans, and it is hoped low rates from all points will prevail.

ENFIELD LITIGATIONS.

ENFIELD, N. C., Feb. 28, 1898. Large crowd here last Monday to witness the trial of the case for the recovery of a horse before Justice Robertson and six jurors; Stanfield and Bass, of Whitakers, plaintiffs, Daniel and Neville, defendants. Messrs. D. Bell and P. Matthews appeared for plaintiffs and Mess. Alsop and Kitchin for defendants. It was decided for defendants.

Another case Tuesday before Justice Robertson of a colored woman suing on a breach of promise, Alsop and Kitchin appeared for her and D. Bell for defendant. Carried to a higher court and he failing to give bond, rather than go to jail, they were married by Justice Robertson.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, of Wilson, preached in the M. E. Church yesterday to the satisfaction of his congregation. Rev. R. M. Andrews filled his appointments in the M. P. Church to the delight of his congregations. Rather small place to have two services at the same hour unless we had a better church going people.

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ABOUT THE MAINE.

The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the causes of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor Feb. 15th, is doing its work thoroughly and carefully. Nothing more is known now for the public than was known a week ago. The report will not be made until the divers finish their work, and all the talk about war is unfounded and much of it is foolish and very hurtful.

There are still many bodies in the wreck that have not been reached. It seems that the whole matter is being wisely and prudently managed.

The Wilmington Messenger is still quoting from the Scotland Neck "Democrat."

Many of our exchanges, the Messenger among others, come directed to "The Democrat."

Brethren of the press, once again we call your attention to the fact that there is only one paper published in Scotland Neck and its name is THE COMMONWEALTH.

Please change your direction from "The Democrat" to THE COMMONWEALTH, and perhaps that will get you straight on this matter.

BURNED TO DEATH.

RINGWOOD, N. C., Feb. 28, 1898.

A little girl of Andrew Carroll, aged five years, caught on fire while her mother was out. She ran a hundred yards or more with clothing a-blaze when met by her mother. She was terribly burned and died in great agony two hours afterwards amid the screams and lamentations of parents and relatives.

Weather fine for farm work and every one busy. Rev. L. Harris, who has had severe attack of la grippe, was here to fill his appointment yesterday, but too feeble to preach at length.

G. Edgar Matthews and Dr. A. S. Harrison, of Enfield, spent the day in town yesterday.

WHITSETT WHIFFS.

WHITSETT, N. C., Feb. 26, 1898.

Last Saturday night the boys and girls quoted verses from the American writer, Longfellow, as it was his birthday. Prof. Whitsett gave a very good talk on the life of this great poet.

There will be a public debate here on the 19th of March between the Dialectic and Athenian societies on this subject: "Is labor justly recognized by Capital in the United States?" A large crowd is expected.

The baseball team is getting in good shape to play many challenge games. Miss Emma Moore left for her home in Durham to-day on the account of sickness.

Rev. Mr. Wharton from Hampton Sidney will deliver a lecture before the Y. M. C. A. next Thursday night. Mr. Ernest Clapp and friend came down this morning from Greensboro on a visit to his parents.

Prof. D. M. Stowell left yesterday for Greensboro where he goes to deliver a lecture.

Prof. C. M. Garwood came up this morning from Burlington to visit some friends and schoolmates.

Mr. C. D. Kellam returned this morning from Gibsonville.

Mr. J. L. Sharpe and sister came from Reidsville a few days ago to attend school here. E. E. S.

MARRIED IN WELDON.

WELDON, N. C., March 1st, 1898.

Mr. Alonzo Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Garner at the residence of her brother, Mr. Loney Garner, on Sunday last, Rev. R. G. Kendrick officiating. They will make Weldon their home.

The Post Office has been moved to one of the rooms in the Evans brick building and handsomely fitted up.

The Penitentiary authorities will not move convicts from the Halifax State farm as reported. They have appointed J. T. Pope, (Boss Pope) Supervisor, who has taken charge.

Robt. Cheek, colored, was doing some reckless driving around the streets of Weldon on last Sunday with one of Chas. Emery's new horses. The buggy was smashed and Robert was arrested and tried before Mayor Gooch, for violating town ordinance, fined two dollars and fifty cents and cost. Cheek took an appeal to Criminal court.

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MARRIAGES AT ROANOKE RAPIDS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ROANOKE RAPIDS, Feb. 26, 1898. Mr. Eugene B. Alsbrook and Miss Mollie Dickens, both formerly of your town, were united in marriage here on Sunday morning 20th at the residence of Mr. Isaac W. Finch by Rev. J. H. Frizzelle. They have resided here for a long time and are most highly esteemed by every body. Mrs. Alsbrook is a faithful worker in the M. E. Sabbath school. They have the best wishes of the community.

Mr. Sydney Spivey and Miss Bettie Savage, who formerly resided in your town, were married on the 16th by Rev. J. H. Frizzelle.

Mr. Mc. T. Hargrove and Miss Essie Madry, of Edgecombe, were married here on the 17th by Rev. J. H. Frizzelle.

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