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The Commonwealth

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Handsome Home for Sale.
 I offer for sale my residence on Main street in the northern part of Scotland Neck. Terms reasonable.
 T. H. PRITCHARD.

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 My dwelling house in Scotland Neck now occupied by Mr. J. G. Mills is for rent.
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Dairy cattle for Sale.
 I have four well-bred Jersey Cows, now in milk, which I will sell singly in a bunch. Also a promising Jersey heifer calf, six months old.
 J. S. A. COLLINS.

Morrisette Brothers
 Are giving Special Prices on everything from now until Xmas. See Morrisette Bros.' Christmas Goods, Coats and Suits—Special Prices for Holiday.

Christmas Headquarters.
 Finest Confectioneries ever seen in Scotland Neck at J. E. HANCOCK'S. HUYLER'S AND ROYSTER'S Candies in the Finest Packages at J. E. HANCOCK'S. EVERYTHING Good at J. E. HANCOCK'S.

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 Fine Lot of Florida Oranges and Big Stock of Confectioneries and other Xmas goods.
 J. D. RAY & CO.

They're Beauties.
 These Large Florida Oranges. You can't find them like ours. Right from the Orange Groves.
 J. D. RAY & CO.

BROKE HER ARM.—Mrs. Frances Davenport fell on the ice some days ago and broke her arm.

JAILED FOR DRUNKENNESS.—Mr. K. Staten was sent to Halifax jail Tuesday for drunkenness and abusing his family.

DR. TAYLOR SUNDAY.—Dr. E. O. Taylor, of Boston, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday, and will lecture three nights following on temperance.

PASSED CONFEDERATE MONEY.—A colored boy was arrested and tried here a few days ago for trying to pass Confederate money. He said his "boss man" gave it to him. He was sent to jail.

LITTLETON FEMALE COLLEGE has spent about \$15,000 on improvements since last June, including hot water heat and electric lights, and is now one of the best equipped schools in the State.

SMALL FIRE.—The alarm of fire was given a few mornings ago, but there was nothing serious about it. It was a wood-shed at Mr. A. McDowell's. It was partially consumed with a small amount of wood.

CENTRAL ACADEMY desires immediate correspondence with boys and young men who wish to go off to school after Christmas, and is offering them a splendid opportunity to secure an education at small cost. Address Rev. W. W. Rose, Principal, Littleton, N. C.

TALK BY A MISSIONARY.—On Wednesday night of last week Miss Adèle Brancham, of Missouri, a returned missionary from Cuba, spoke to the ladies of the Baptist church on missions. She made a fine impression on her hearers and gave them many helpful suggestions about missionary work.

A PLEASANT GREETING.—That was a pleasant greeting which the congregation at the Baptist church gave Rev. M. L. Keeler last Wednesday night. It has been nearly a year since he resigned the pastorate here and went to Morganton, and the people were glad to see and hear him again. His friends all through the town were glad to see him, and all are pleased to hear of his good work at Morganton.

LIBERAL QUANTITY OF L. & M. Paint given to churches whenever they paint.

Don't pay \$1.50 a gallon for linseed oil. Buy oil from the barrel at 50 cents a gallon, and mix it with L. & M. Paint. It makes paint cost about \$1.20 per gallon. Call on E. T. Whitehead & Co.

That Dollar Now.
 The COMMONWEALTH'S force has tried to be faithful to give its readers full value of a dollar this year. And now to all who owe anything on subscription we make urgent request for payment. It has cost us heavily to run the paper this year and we are in need of every dollar that is due us. Please, good reader, be kind enough to pay us what you owe. It is a small matter to you, but taking in consideration that many owe us like you, it means much to us.

Let us have a settlement before January 1st.

GEN-TO-NA cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and all Stomach ailments. Try a fifty cent bottle. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
 Cures all Kidney and Bladder Pains.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Coming, Going and Whereabouts of Our People and Other Folks.

Mr. E. L. Braxton spent a day in Greenville last week.

Mrs. J. N. Savage, of Edenton, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. Percy Johnson is home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

Dr. H. B. Ferguson, of Halifax, spent a night in Scotland Neck last week.

Miss Annie Manning has returned from an extended visit to Henderson.

Miss Vivia Rives, of Hamilton, is here visiting Mrs. A. W. Outerbridge.

Miss Anna Mills, of Wake Forest, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Kitchin.

Mr. Ashby Dunn came home from Wake Forest some days ago for the holidays.

Miss Mary E. Whitaker, of St. Louis, Mo., has been here some days on a visit to her friends.

Elder A. J. Moore, of Whitakers, was here Saturday and Sunday to fill his appointment at Kehukee.

Mrs. Dr. J. B. H. Knight, of Williamston, was here some days ago to have dental work done by Dr. A. C. Livermon.

Miss Irene Ware, one of the nurses in Pittman hospital in Tarboro, was here some days ago to visit her people.

Mr. Peyton Anthony came up from Greenville Sunday to see his sister, Miss Mary Anthony, who is quite sick.

Miss Eleanor Smith is home from her place in the Rocky Mount Graded schools to spend the holidays with her mother.

Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest, has been here some days on a visit to his sons, Mess. J. G. and L. R. Mills, and his daughter, Mrs. Claude Kitchin.

Just a year ago Mr. Peter E. Smith was run over in the streets here and had his leg broken. He is able to walk without crutch or cane, and has gone alone to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Durham, at Tillery.

Mr. W. S. Bennett who has been with N. B. Josey some time, recently going business at Lawrence, has returned to Weldon, his former home. He formed many pleasant acquaintances here, and his friends were sorry to see him leave.

Mr. Tyler B. Wheeler came Monday from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been for some time in business. He left Scotland Neck last February and went to Colorado. After remaining there some time he went to Nashville. His many friends in Scotland Neck are glad to greet him.

Mr. Roy Bracy, whose work as a machinist for a Lynchburg concern carries him through England and makes his headquarters at Gainsborough, England, was home this week to see his father, Mr. G. W. Bracy. Young Mr. Bracy has had somewhat a remarkable career since leaving Scotland Neck a few years ago. His many friends rejoice in his success.

Strange Disappearance.
 The Raleigh Post of Sunday told how Mr. Alpheus Vaughan suddenly and strangely disappeared from Raleigh, leaving a note to his wife that he was gone and telling her to do the best she could.

Mr. Vaughan is well known in Scotland Neck, was the local manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Raleigh, and from all appearances was doing well. Nothing has been learned here to account for his strange disappearance. His father, who lives here, is greatly distressed over the affair and has the sympathy of the entire community.

Into New Store.
 The R. C. Josey Hardware Company's new store on Main street is completed, and is stocked with a good line of hardware. The building is one of the most attractive in town. It is well finished, has beautiful, large show windows in front, is steel-ceiled and makes a fine appearance. It adds much to the town and the Josey Hardware Company and the town together are to be congratulated.

A New Jail.
 The town is to have a new jail. The old lock-up on Ninth street has been torn down and the foundations have been laid for a new brick structure. This is an improvement, for if the town is to have a jail at all it is in order to have a nice one.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY TOLEDO, } ss. LUCAS COUNTY.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senator partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.
 A. W. GLEASON,
 (Seal) A. Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 11, 1904.
 Dear Santa Clause,
 I am a little girl 9 years old and I want you to bring me some nice Xmas I will be glad of anything you can bring me.

Your friend
 Beesie Dickens.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 11, 1904.

Dear Santa Clause,
 I am a little girl 3 years old I hope you will come to see me Xmas and bring me a doll baby Xmas and something nice I will be glad of anything.

Your kind little friend,
 Nellie Gray Dickens.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 11, 1904.

Dear Santa Clause,
 Please bring me a pony, a cart and a harness, too. If you cannot bring them I will be glad of anything but please don't bring me a doll baby this time.

Your little friend,
 Charlie Woodard.

Enfield N. C. RFD-1

Dear Santa Clause—
 I am a little twenty months old girl who love you dearly and I want a dolly baby as big as I am; and I want a pair of new shoes and some nanas and apples and a whole lot of goodies.

Your little Sweethearts
 Lillian Earle Partine.
 Dec. 17 1904.

Scotland Neck, N. C. Dec. 19th 1904.

Dear Santa Clause—
 I am a little boy seven years and a half old. I want you to come to see me Xmas and bring me a train, story book, some confectionaries and fire works.

Your little friend,
 Robert Madry.

Davenport-Knight.

On Wednesday, December 15th, at Hobgood, Miss Bonnie Knight, of Scotland Neck, was married to Mr. Thurston Davenport. They were returning from the marriage of the bride's brother, Mr. John Knight, in Tarboro, and upon reaching Hobgood on their return they surprised their friends by stopping off and contracting in the holy bonds of matrimony. THE COMMONWEALTH hails them good cheer and a wish for great prosperity to the happy pair.

No Paper Next Week.
 Following the custom of many years, THE COMMONWEALTH will give its printers holiday next week; and so there will be no issue of the paper.

The printers have been faithful for a solid year, sending out the paper on good time every week, and we feel sure that our readers will be willing to let them skip one week and take a little rest.

The next issue of the paper will be Jan. 9, 1905.

Oil Mill Completed.
 The new cotton seed oil mill has been completed, the machinery has been installed and the manufacture of oil and meal is now in progress. This is one of the most important industries opened in Scotland Neck in years and the community will find great advantage in being able to get hulls and meal here at home.

Mr. Durham Hurt.
 Mr. J. H. Durham, of Tillery, was badly hurt near Plymouth some ten days ago. He was tripped on the railroad track and a small car ran over him. He was so badly hurt that he could not come home. Mrs. Durham went down and remained with him until he was able to come home. He is recovering from his injury.

Successful Bazaar.
 The bazaar held in the hotel building by the ladies of the Episcopal church last week was quite successful. Despite the unfavorable weather Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the receipts were \$200. They had many nice things to sell and they had no trouble in selling them. The ladies are to be congratulated on their fine success.

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS.
 Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Wm. C. Winslow's Syrup.

Bishop Cheshire Last Sunday.
 Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire made a visit to Trinity church last Sunday. He preached Sunday morning to a large audience. There were two confirmations after the sermon. Bishop Cheshire is a favorite with his people here and always receives a glad welcome.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR CROUP.
 When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. M. F. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by all Druggists.

Halifax Prisoners Break Jail.

The Weldon correspondent to the Raleigh Post of Tuesday said: The five prisoners in Halifax county jail broke out Saturday night and all escaped. Mr. George Stephenson, who was in charge of the jail, made a narrow escape from death at the hands of the prisoners. It appears that Saturday night he went to the jail to put a prisoner in. As he entered the building the five negroes, who had broken out of the steel cage, rushed upon him. One of them struck at Mr. Stephenson with a piece of scantling and knocked him down. The prisoners then rushed over him and all escaped in the darkness. They had used a piece of sewer pipe to pry the bars open and make an opening large enough to crawl through. Then they stood behind the cage and awaited the entrance of the jailer. The length of the scantling is all that saved Mr. Stephenson's life. It was long and unbandy. If it had been a short piece the prisoner would have struck, in all probability, a fatal blow.

"The jail was considered strong and safe. But it appears that at the point where they pried out there was a broken bar, through which a prisoner escaped a year or more ago. This had been fastened with a lock and chain. The prisoners Saturday night used the piece of sewer pipe to break the chain and pry the bars apart, making the opening through which they escaped. They will all probably be captured."

A PLEASANT PILL.
 No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so pleasant and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best pill sold. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

Weather Report.
 Following is the weather report for Scotland Neck for week ending Dec. 13th: Temperature, mean maximum 44; temperature, mean minimum 27. Highest 57 on the 8th; lowest 20 on Dec. 11th. Rainfall .55 inches.
 J. Y. SAVAGE.
 Dec. 1904.

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 "REYNOLD'S 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 "REYNOLD'S SUN CURED" and the large trade built up by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, led to the establishment of its Richmond, Va. Leaf Department, which is under the personal management of experts in the selection of sun cured leaf.

Notice.
 North Carolina, } In the Superior
 Halifax Co. } Court.
 R. L. SMITH
 against
 SALLIE F. SMITH.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax county to secure absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now binding him to the defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1905, at the court house of said county in Halifax, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 22nd day of Dec, 1904.
 S. M. GAY,
 Clerk Superior Court.
 SANDS GAYLE, Atty. 12-22-54

Notice!
 North Carolina, } In the Superior
 Halifax County } Court.
 ELIZABETH BROWN
 against
 ATLAS BROWN.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Halifax county to secure the Plaintiff an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now binding her to the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the 5th Monday before the 1st Monday in March, 1905, at the Court house in said county, in Halifax, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 22nd day of Dec, 1904.
 S. M. GAY,
 Clerk of the Superior Court.
 SANDS GAYLE, Atty. 12-22-54

\$25 Reward.
 A reward of Twenty-five Dollars is hereby offered for the arrest and sufficient proof to convict any person for tampering with the electric light plant of Scotland Neck, or any of its wires or fixtures.

By order of the Board of Commissioners.
 J. E. SHIELDS, Mayor.
 Dec. 7, 1904.

1904 Christmas 1904

The fourth Christmas in the 20TH CENTURY

HAS MANY SURPRISES.

Among the most pleasing surprises is what you find in the

Magnificent and Mammoth Display OF PRETTY THINGS IN OUR STORE.

Your money counts much and a long way

THE CHILDREN

All want to come and want you to come with them to see what's here. We can't tell you ourselves, so all will have to come and see for themselves. As an

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN SILVER

- Silver Spoons, Butter Knives, Silver Knives and Forks, Sugar Shells, Cream Spoons, &c., &c.
- Manicure Sets, Silver Handle Umbrellas, Tea Services, Berry Sets, Mirrors, &c., &c.

GLASS:

Fine line Cut Glass in Water Sets, Vases, Pitchers, &c.

OTHER WARES:

Japanese hand-painted Vases, Gilt Vases, Mantel Ornaments, all kinds Chocolate Sets, cups and Saucers, &c.

JEWELRY, JEWELRY:

Fine and Full Stock of Best Watches and chains, rich Rings, and Various sets in gold and silver.

SUITABLE XMAS PRESENTS:

Albums, Toilet Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Glove cases, Bureau sets, and whatever else you need to make your sweetheart or friend a xmas present.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls!

A special assortment of handsome Dolls to please the girls.

Things for Boys.

Drums, Spelling Boxes, Animal Boxes, etc., etc.

Young Men's counter:

Collar and Cuff Boxes, Boxes with Brush and Comb and other things they need. Finally, if we have not mentioned what you need ask for it and we will pull it out.

Best selected stock of these goods ever seen here and at the easiest prices.

Call and we'll help you make your Christmas pleasant.

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 DIGESTS WHAT YOU EAT
 The \$1.00 bottle contains 2 1/2 times the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.
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 Cures all Kidney and Bladder Pains.