

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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There is a bitter election struggle raging over reciprocity in Canada.

It pleases us to know that pellegra is one disease that is not contagious.

President Taft will begin a 13,000 mile campaign tour to-morrow, 15th.

We say good roads and good side walks and streets. What do you say?

From the latest returns it seems that the State of Maine went wet Monday.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election in 1913. He may change his mind several times before that time.

Governor Kitchin has named Mr. H. A. Foushee, of Durham, as Superior Court Judge to succeed Judge J. Crawford Biggs, resigned to become a member of the law faculty of Trinity College. The appointment is a good one.

Senators Thomas S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson were renominated for the long and short terms in the United States Senate from Virginia in the State wide primary held in that State last Thursday. It was a big victory for these men.

The Raleigh Daily Times changes hands in the announcement made by J. V. Simms and Jno. C. Drewery, owners, and Jno. A. Park and associates are the purchasers. Mr. Simms has made the Times one of the best afternoon papers in the State and the new owner, Mr. Park, says that it is going to be still better.

The trial of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., came to an end at Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Friday of last week when the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and the Judge fixed November 24th as the date for electrocution. The conviction is no doubt a just one and gives general satisfaction everywhere. Much sympathy is expressed for the aged father of the young man.

Let the law in regard to sign posts be enforced. The Greensboro Telegram says:

"The Durham Herald calls attention to the fact that road overseers often disregard the law which says sign posts must be erected at road crossings and places where the roads fork. No doubt this law is a dead letter in most of the counties and in all except rare cases. It should be enforced, however, as it is a good law. Signs are a great convenience to travelers over unfamiliar roads."

Essex Items.

Essex, N. C., Sept. 12.—Prospect for a good harvest are very bright throughout this section of the country.

Mr. E. T. Ellington's new cotton gin is nearing completion.

Mr. G. L. Knight has installed a new press to his cotton gin.

Mr. J. R. Wollett, who has recently purchased a new roller mill, is making nice flour and meal. This means a great benefit to the farmers, and we hope that it will induce the farmers to sow more wheat in the future.

Mr. Sidney Williams has opened up a fine stock of fall goods.

Miss Lula Maddrey left last week to resume her studies at King's Business College, Raleigh.

Miss Lula Knight visited at Arcola last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Elma Mabry spent last week with relatives at Ringwood.

Quite a number of our people attended services at Bethesda Sunday.

Conductor—Did you get out and stretch your legs when we stopped at the junction? Passenger—Well, not exactly; I went into the dining car and had them pulled.—Brooklyn Life.

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The Price of Picking Cotton.

Editor The Commonwealth:—Every season some trouble arises with the farmers in this community about the price paid for picking cotton. It seems impossible to get an understanding or an agreement about the matter, but it is a great mistake to allow such conditions of affairs to continue. Farmers should have a thorough understanding in each community concerning the price for picking cotton and should under all circumstances abide by it. It is altogether unfair for any farmer to send his wagons around where the cotton pickers live and make the offer of five cents per hundred more than others are giving and thus move a squad of cotton pickers from one man's field to another, and in the interest of community harmony I offer the plea to the farmers of Scotland Neck and community that they will all abstain from such course. If it becomes necessary and right to raise the price for picking cotton let it be so understood among all and let all raise alike at the same time. Whatever be the price let us all pay the same together and thus be fair each to the other. What I have written is in no way intended to dictate a price but in the interest of harmony between the farmers themselves and between farmers and laborers. I beg that all endeavor to pay the same price for picking cotton and not take advantage of one another. It seems to me, however, that the present prevailing price of 35 cents per 100 is as much as farmers can afford to pay for picking cotton while cotton is selling for less than 12 cents per pound.

E. E. HILLIARD.

News From Glenview.

Glenview, N. C., Sept. 11.—Rev. G. W. May filled his regular appointment at Hickory Chapel last Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday the house was filled to its capacity and he preached from the 29th verse of the 26th chapter of Acts, "And Paul said, I would to God that not only thou but also all that hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am save these bonds."

After the sermon the announcement was made that a marriage would take place, and as Mrs. T. M. Powell played the wedding march, Mr. Gilliam Wilson entered with his best man, Mr. J. F. Walker, and at the same time entered Miss Bettie Aiford leaning on the arm of Miss Daisy Walker. They met at the altar where Rev. G. W. May spoke the words that made them husband and wife. They left for Whitakers where they boarded the north bound train No. 80, and will spend their honeymoon in northern cities. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

Rev. J. W. Frank will commence a meeting at Central Cross next Sunday.

The weather has been exceedingly hot and dry. It is agreed by all that this has been the hottest and driest year since 1881, thirty years ago. Wells continue to dry up to such an extent that the matter of water is becoming somewhat alarming, although it is raining to-day, and it is hoped that it may continue until the drought is fairly broken.

Two-thirds of the cotton is open, and labor is not obtainable to pick it out at any price. Peanut digging is also on hand and the farmers are in a push and scramble to harvest the crop.

The cotton crop will not be as large as that of last year. A large percent of the bolls are opening premature. The lint is short and inferior.

Mr. G. G. Viverette is preparing a new cotton gin. This will make three gins in our town.

Mr. Charlie King is home from Norfolk to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. King.

"Wood's Crop Special" for September, says—"It is always advisable, in our opinion, for farmers to put in as much of their land as they can in the fall. We nearly always get seasonable growing weather during the fall and the early spring, and crops sown in the fall not only furnish a cover crop for the soil, but are growing and thriving at seasons which in recent years have proved most advantageous in our southern soils and climate. We would therefore urge our farmers to sow all the land possible in suitable crops this fall, so as to provide against the repetition of short feed crops another year."

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Schools may not make men and women, but they will always help. Certainly the lack of educational advantages will not make men and women. Because the little log school house with the slab benches and two-by-four blackboard has turned out strong men and noble women, it does not follow that they would not have been even stronger and nobler and have had greater influence for good if they had had better advantages in their youth. Because your hero, perhaps, learned his letters for himself by a flickering fire of lightwood knot and got most of his learning in the "School of Hard Knocks," it does not follow that there is no better way of training men. All the evidence agrees that the more of opportunity, the more of culture, there can be put into the life of boy or girl, the better will be his or her chances for developing into the worthiest and most useful type of manhood and womanhood. We believe, with Elbert Hubbard, that it is a good thing for a boy to have had the privilege of warming his feet cold mornings on the ground where the cows lay the night before; but we also believe that it is good for him to have had the privilege of going to a school house made neat and bright and cheerful without and within, and of advancing from that school house to higher institutions of learning where he can breathe the air of academic inspiration, absorb the traditions and ideals of his college, and acquire all that it can give of learning and culture and breadth of thought.—The Progressive Farmer.

Wadford's X Roads Items.

Wadford's X Roads, Nash County, Sept. 13.—As the fodder through this section is all about housed our farmer friends are getting busy picking cotton. We are sorry to say that the cotton crop through here is not what we once expected it would be, in fact all the crops are considerably damaged from the dry seasons we have had. Though we must report a better corn crop than has been for years.

Mr. D. J. Wadford was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday, but he is able to be out again now.

Mr. I. O. Wadford made a business trip to Whitakers today.

Mr. G. N. Edwards passed through here today enroute to Battleboro.

We think the widowers of this section are all trying to find them a companion, but being unable to decide which girls of the county they think are the best looking or which ones they like best, they gave an ice cream supper at Mr. J. G. Bennetts a few nights ago and asked the young ladies, in order to get them all together, so they could select one, and you can bet it was real amusing to see them trying to decide which girl they had rather talk to.

There is being another room added to the Salem school house and school will begin in a few days.

Miss Bessie and Fannie Edwards, of Washington, N. C., who has been spending some time with their sister, Mrs. C. M. Bennett, is now in Rocky Mount, spending a short time with their aunt, Mrs. S. N. Edwards.

Mr. R. L. Avent, our Star Route mail carrier, was a few days ago thrown out of a job though we hope it is for the best as all most his entire route is covered by the R. F. D. carriers now.

The Salem and Glenview base ball boys had a match game last Friday on the Salem grounds, the score stood 4 to 9 in favor of Salem.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$182,885.32
Overdrafts..... 714.83
Bank house and fixtures.. 6,500.00
Other real estate..... 1,400.00
Cash on hand..... 9,808.92
Cash in other banks..... 27,766.95
Total.....\$228,576.02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....\$ 10,000.00
Surplus..... 30,000.00
Undivided profits..... 2,764.67
Unearned discount..... 3,146.28
Cashier's checks..... 1,823.45
Deposits..... 180,841.62
Total.....\$228,576.02

I, Ivey Watson, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

State of North Carolina / ss.
County of Halifax / ss.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of September, 1911.

J. W. WHITAKER,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
GEO. B. CURTIS,
C. E. MCGWIGAN,
R. C. DUNN,
Directors.

Notice.

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The Bank of Hobgood,

at Hobgood, N. C., at the close of business Sept. 1st, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....\$14,462.00
Furniture and fixtures... 413.32
Due from banks & bankers 1,215.65
Gold coin..... 287.50
Silver coin, etc..... 110.51
National bank notes, etc. 831.00
Total.....\$17,399.98

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$ 5,000.00
Undivided profits, etc..... 112.71
Bills payable..... 4,000.00
Time certificates deposit. 2,000.00
Deposits subject to check 6,213.27
Cashier's cks outstanding 14.00
Total.....\$17,399.98

State of North Carolina / ss.
County of Halifax / ss.

I, E. P. Hyman, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of Sept., 1911.

W. N. HERRING,
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