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Elbert Hubbard says he expects to see the day when no school teacher will have more than twenty pupils.

Judge Peebles believes in the use of the rod when boys are too young to be punished by imprisonment. At Guilford court last week he let seven young boys off by having their parents to whip them.

It is no surprise that the Baltimore capitalists who visited Greensboro last week expressed themselves as amazed at the growth and hustle in the business operations and manufacturing industries of Greensboro.

It is said almost every one indicted in a great number of retailing cases in Guilford court last week were acquitted owing to the rulings of Judge Peebles. How this is, we do not understand, as the law is so plain and clear as to selling liquor that it is exceedingly difficult for any one to sell or aid in the sale, without license, and escape conviction unless the jury wants to acquit at all hazards. But sometimes an unwilling witness gives more trouble than anything else, and makes the road the states travels difficult.

A bill has been enacted by the general assembly of New York authorizing a bond issue of \$50,000,000 to improve the highways of the State. The question is to be submitted to the popular vote next fall. North Carolina cannot expend so large an amount but the State should do something for good roads.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has adopted a report urging the improvement of the country roads as indispensable to the economical conduct of the internal commerce of the State, and approved the proposed amendment to the constitution to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds for good roads in the State. It is said the opposition to these bonds will come almost entirely from the farmers.

Careful estimates fix the weight of farm products raised for market in New York annually at 12,000,000 tons. All this vast tonnage is hauled over public roads to the railroad station or to the nearest market. The average distance for hauling is estimated at three miles and the cost of hauling over bad roads is not less than 25 to 50 cents a ton per mile. This would make a cost of hauling to market the products of the farmers and truckers of New York at \$9,000,000. A good road saves nearly half this cost.

The second tragedy in the family of Richard Croker, within the last three months was the untimely taking off of Herbert V. Croker, who died from some drug on a western train on Thursday night of last week. Another son of the ex-dominant New York leader was killed in Florida while taking an automobile ride. It is only another instance of the misfortunes and fatalities which overtake wayward and pampered sons of fortune who spend their lives in idleness and spending the money some one else has earned and often contracting debts which are never paid.

And thus it is. The latest is Andrew Carnegie's niece has run away and married the family riding master, formerly the coachman of the bride's mother. He is 42 years old and has two children. Time only will give her opportunity to repent her folly. And boys are just as bad. They are sent to college and thousands are spent. They finish up, blow in all the money they have and all they can borrow, never pay a debt, put up at fine hotels and drink and carouse and finally become do-nothings and cant marry even a respectable coachman's daughter. Not all rich men's boys do this way, but some do.

The Agricultural Department at Washington is sending out a notice that is the production of wheat there is no longer a surplus in this country. The population has increased so rapidly that last year the United States imported much Canadian wheat. At the present rate it will not be many years until we will import wheat regularly, unless farming methods are changed. The average production of wheat in the United States is only eight bushels to the acre; in Europe the average production is thirty bushels to the acre. This is due to the different methods of farming. There are enormous profits in the growing of wheat when it is gone at in the right way but there is no profit when the ground is scratched here and there by a five inch gouger.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The cost of bad roads is one of the heaviest burdens farmers bear. We cannot afford not to improve our highways as much as possible. Good roads bring about a saving to the farmers and also enhances the value of land. The farm or town which is difficult to reach is not so valuable as the one which is easy of access. When travel in the country is an arduous task there is not only less commercially but there is less in an intellectual and social way. With good roads farmers can haul their crops to town at their leisure and when the land is too wet to work or in winter.

Good roads are blood vessels through which flow the material and industrial life blood of the section they permeate.

For generations it has been the custom to pay our teachers in atmosphere, climate and sunshine, but it is time to stop this. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

If you believe in good roads talk to your neighbors about their importance. Think about the importance of good roads. They cost money but they save more than they cost.

The Courier is for better schools, better school buildings and for better roads. It takes money and work to get these things. It also takes time and patience, but to him who labors and waits there is hope.

It is estimated that the \$50,000,000 of bonded indebtedness which New York State proposes to issue in good roads will save the farmers in cash in hauling to market the full amount of the bonded indebtedness in less time than five years.

New York State proposes a bond issue of nearly a million dollars for each county in the State. North Carolina cannot do that much but could do one tenth as well and improve the roads and pay it all back within less than ten years in hauling to the farmers.

New York can spend \$50,000,000 for good roads because that State has heretofore expended many millions and which have benefited the State that her citizens can afford to spend more than a State which has never had road improvements and whose citizens have never been benefited thereby.

No State with bad roads can pay much at first toward building good roads, for property is worth but little where the roads are bad. Road building is done by degrees and the better the roads are, the better the State is able to pay for good roads. There is expansion and increased life and energy where there are good roads.

The Oremus Arson Case.

The case of Fred Oremus and others, charged with burning the barn of Eben Smith, was called for trial in the Superior court of Guilford county, last Thursday. Messrs. Farrington, B. Mann, Scott and Steadman, counsel for the defense, only submitted affidavits and arguments that the defendants were not ready for trial and Judge Peebles granted a continuance.

This is the case in which Iona Stanley, a respectable citizen and Fred Oremus, Prince Farrington and other arrested and bound in court for selling whiskey. Shortly afterwards Mr Stanley's barn and contents were destroyed by fire and the alleged that the defendants did it. Oremus has since made a full confession, implicating the others. The parties were tried, later in the day, on the charge of illegally selling whiskey and found guilty. James Richardson was fined \$200 and the case in seven cases, but judgment was suspended in all save one. The different defendants pleaded guilty to about 20 of the charges.

Bride Duke's Troubles.

R. L. Duke who had a whole lot of trouble with his wife, Alice Weld-Duke, has made a partially voluntary transfer of all his property to Messrs. R. B. Boone and Neal Edwards. It is understood this is an outcome of the settlement of his troubles in the courts of New York.

These gentlemen will have entire charge of all the business of Mr Duke with the exception of real estate transfers in which he must be consulted and to which he must put his signature. An unconfirmed report says Mrs Duke will remove to Durham and go into the manufacture of tobacco.

Durham and South Carolina Railroad.

The Pittsboro Record says the grading of the Durham and South Carolina railroad is progressing rapidly and will be completed by the last of August. About fifteen miles of the road bed is graded from the Seaboard Junction and another fifteen miles will bring it to Durham. The company has a force of 200 men and 100 mules at work and expect to put on more men and mules shortly. This road is being constructed without aid from any town, county or township and its promoters have not done any blowing. Mr W. Bonal is the vice-president and general manager.

Several houses were blown down in a storm at Selma, N. C. on Friday of last week.

SHALL WE EDUCATE?

Does it Pay—A Comparison of Results.

In his essay on Burns, Charles once thus wrote: "An advanced man stands, as it were, in the midst of a bonfire of wisdom and ignorance, filled with all the weapons and engines which man's skill has been able to devise from the earliest times and he works, accordingly, with a strength and power beyond what he is naturally capable of. He means are the common sense and reason that the mere work done is the measure of his strength. A dwarf behind his steam-engine may remove mountains, but he himself will have them done with a pickaxe and hammer by a man that looks three times as large as he is."

Here we have expressed by a metaphor the modern educational creed. And its truth will be more evident in this country than in any other. If it is true, it will take the trouble to read the paragraph quoted above and study what it means. It will give him a new idea, perhaps, of what education means, and I believe it will help him to answer in the right way our question—shall we educate?

When we stop for a moment and think that the children of today will be the citizens, the legislators, the governors, the statesmen of tomorrow—and when we think too that the welfare of the state and nation will be more or less in proportion to the citizenship it produces, we are helped in the answer we shall give to the question—shall we educate? For the civilization of which we boast will soon be in their keeping and how well they shall perform their duties as its representatives will depend upon how well we have prepared for citizenship in the present age.

So much for the general argument. Now a word about the method. In the morning, for when the way and children are prepared, parents will not depend on what you say and will look for some evidence of preparation to keep an opportunity. There will be no more "yes" and "no" answers, for they will make for the spirit of the preparation, and for the development of the individuality of the child.

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STATE NEWS.

Late Happening in the State Briefly Told.

Wm. H. Hearn, of Albemarle, died on Wednesday of last week. A son belonging to the High Point Normal and Industrial school died of hydrophobia one day last week.

Gov. Glenn has ordered a special term of Wake Superior Court, with Judge Fred Moore presiding, to begin on June 12th, to try the Gattis-Kilgo case.

Nineteen were killed and over one hundred injured in a railroad disaster on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Harrisburg, Pa. May 10th.

A negro boy received injuries by jumping from a moving train at High Point last week from which he died a few hours later.

The handsome, new graded school building at Bow's Summit, Guilford county, was completed and dedicated by the wife of the late Judge Friday. The building has been finished.

Wm. T. Reeves, a prominent business man of Durham, was born one day to the Superior Court last week in a court held on the charge of not doing his duty in the recent municipal election in Durham.

The Southern Railway has leased the route of Mr. C. T. Leason in the Arcade building in Greensboro, now occupied by a Masonic lodge, and will open an apartment hotel.

The storm at Cary in Wake county on Friday afternoon and was the worst since 1904. The tower of the Baptist church was blown to the ground. There was much damage done in and about Cary.

Mr. W. C. Rains, of Greensboro, has built a large plant at High Point for the manufacture of building stone blocks and J. H. White and others will engage largely in the manufacture of plaster.

A tornado swept over the town of Sevier, Orange county, on May 10th. Five hundred persons were killed or injured. Later reports give the total as 600 and 60 injured.

Dr. P. Phillips's body together with the bones of a woman were found by lightning at Wake county on last Friday night. Miss Ann Alford was found in the falling tree and the blowing down of trees and some small houses.

Olson McAllen, the negro attorney from Guilford county, who had been on the State farm in Halifax county and in the penitentiary since August 1901, serving a year term, escaped from the farm, May 10th.

A fire in a building at High Point on Friday afternoon, which blew down many trees and fences, was blown down, beginning at the top of the hill. The loss to farmers is estimated at \$100,000.

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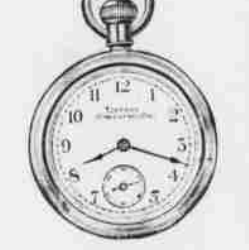
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WASHINGTON DUKE'S WILL.

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