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THE SIX-MONTHS' SCHOOL AMENDMENT

"I got along without an education and my son is no better than I am"—we have heard that argument or rather excuse, given for opposing special tax levies for increased length of public schools and the argument was invariably made by men who would not be required to pay ten cents in additional tax.

Such excuses were heard years ago but are rarely heard today, for North Carolinians are beginning to learn that an investment in brains is even more profitable in dollars and cents than an investment in good roads, an investment in improved machinery, an investment in soil-nourishing fertilizer. It is brains that push any state forward and our duty to the rising generation is to give them every educational advantage possible to prepare them to engage in the battles of business, the battles of life.

From all corners of the new South the cry is for better schools and longer schools. From far-away Texas we hear the papers appealing for an increase in funds allotted to public schools from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The Progressive Farmer seconds the motion and urges every Southern state not only to proclaim the six-months' school, but to double the educational appropriation.

That paper well says: "The farmers of the South can never reach the level of prosperity, influence and intellectual development of farmers in other sections until we double our expenditures for public schools. There is no use taking it by dribbles—in the average Southern community we must actually double the amount spent for public schools; and even after doubling we shall be only just abreast of the average American state."

On yesterday we had somewhat to say about the proposed tax amendment to the Constitution.

In our opinion an amendment of equal importance is that which would provide a six-months' public school for every town and community in North Carolina. The hope of our state rests with the farmers of the future. They are the bone and sinew of our very existence. If the six-months' school is worth while to the city it is not of equal value to the farmer.

And, after all, would it be waste to put more money in public education? Let the other states answer.

Did you know that today there is only one state in the Union which spends less than North Carolina on public education? Did you know that the average annual amount per child spent in this state is only \$4? What kind of an education can we give the rising generation on such a basis of pauperized expenditure?

On the other side of the continent lies black-soiled Washington. Blessed by nature with an abundance of alkali in already rich land, she turns out more wheat than any state in the nation. She raises cattle by the hundreds of thousands. Sheep graze on every hillside. Washington apples are sold on the streets of Charlotte. But Washington's people are not naturally more enlightened than our own. In fact with her heterogeneous foreign population that state can not be compared with old North Carolina—the home of patriots. Washington makes money rapidly but it costs a great deal more to live there than it does here.

There is one way in which that state excels all others. She has seen the value of public education, and whereas we only spend four dollars per child Washington invests thirty-two dollars in the education of every boy and girl within her bounds. Go where you may over the sedge-grown hills and plains of that state and you will scarcely get out of sight of a beautiful schoolhouse. Teachers' salaries range from \$75 upwards and the educational system of that Western state is a model of perfection.

We have a hundred natural advantages over Washington state, for while her income is derived from only a limited number of sources, we have a thousand avenues of profitable business enterprises. Some day we will catch up with Washington, and the balance of the states, for the whole South is awakening to the importance of public education.

The amendment to the Constitution which provides for a six-months' public school is a step on the upgrade.

Here is a table of figures which tells more than we could tell if we wrote all day. It shows just what the states of the Union are doing for their boys and girls:

Average Annual School Expenditure for Each Child by States, 1910.	
1. Washington	\$32
2. California	\$27
3. New York	\$25
4. Massachusetts	\$25
5. Nevada	\$25
6. Montana	\$24
7. Colorado	\$24
8. Illinois	\$23
9. Ohio	\$22
10. Connecticut	\$22
11. New Jersey	\$22
12. North Dakota	\$21
13. Arizona	\$21
14. Vermont	\$21
15. Oregon	\$21
16. Rhode Island	\$21
17. Wyoming	\$20
18. Utah	\$20
19. Minnesota	\$20
20. Idaho	\$20
21. New Hampshire	\$20
22. South Dakota	\$20
23. Iowa	\$20
24. Indiana	\$19
25. Michigan	\$18
26. Pennsylvania	\$18
27. Nebraska	\$18
28. Maine	\$17
29. Kansas	\$16
30. Wisconsin	\$15

THAT MOREHEAD CALL

The more we come to think of it that call of Standpat Regular Republican State Chairman John Motley Morehead for a convention of the remnants of the Republican party the more the wonder of it grows upon us. If it could be answered by a gathering of the forces he calls to meet in Raleigh on August 20th what a curious gathering it would be.

The invitation in the call is for the Republicans of the Lincoln-Grant-Garfield, McKinley-Roosevelt-Taft brand to assemble in convention. This would be an incongruous gathering, rather a motley crew, to say the least of it, if one will for a moment consider what elements of Republicanism would be gathered in in one convention. Let's consider it briefly.

Lincoln and Grant were as unlike as it is possible for men to be. Garfield and McKinley were entirely dissimilar. The world knows well what Taft says of Roosevelt and what Roosevelt says of Taft. These two could hardly be said to have purposes in common. This variety of contradictions invited by the Hon. John Motley to assemble is only equalled by the brew of the witches in Macbeth. In one of his recent letters in this paper "Savoyard" applied the language of Shakespeare as to this witches' brew to the Republicans in the Senate and it fits in just here as to what a mixture there would be if the contradictory Republican forces named in the Morehead call should be corralled, that description reading:

"Fillet of a fenny snake
In the caldron boil and bake,
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and owl's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth bubble."

Here's another thing along this line. It is a most noticeable thing, one to cause wonder if the reason were not at hand, that the call for a Republican State Convention in North Carolina is never made in the name of any of the representative North Carolina men of that party. The Republicans never use names of local Republicans with which to conjure. It would seem that Chairman Morehead might have added to his call the names of some of his party leaders in the state, some of those who were to the front in the dark days of reconstruction, and that he might have come down later and placed with his sextette at least the name of the last Republican Governor, Russell, so as to say, "Behold, we are seven."

But that's not the Republican party way, for the record at home is one it wishes to bury in the dead past. Democracy is different. It appeals to the people of North Carolina in the name of its national, State and county leaders. Will Chairman Morehead do as much? Democracy's strongest asset in North Carolina is the work of Vance and Scales and Fowle, of Jarvis and Carr, Aycock, of Glenn and Kitchin and Craig, in the State affairs. Not so with the Republicans. That party would of the record made by its leaders cry and cry, as did Macbeth, "Our damned spot." It is a party bereft of state names with which to conjure.

How many men, indeed, would attend a Republican State Convention if the call were boldly made in the name and official record of the Republican party of North Carolina, called in the name of its reconstruction day leaders, of its one Governor since then, Dan Russell; or of its last nominee for Governor, Tom Settle? The call of state chairman John Motley seems to have slipped a cog or two, and to have slipped some names. And we are not surprised that it did. With the Republicans it is "Let us forget" and not that call to remember great services in "Let We Forget."

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND TY- PHOID

"Why don't you tell the college students of the state about the anti-typhoid treatment?" said a college president a few days ago. This is a good suggestion. This precaution against typhoid is all the more urgent since statistics indicate that there is nearly always a rise in the typhoid fever rate when people return from vacations or to college in the fall. The thing for the college students to do, is to get immunized; that is to take the anti-typhoid treatment before going that he may be ready to enter unhandicapped when school opens. But if for any reason he should not be able to take the whole treatment before school opens he should start now and finish after entering, whether the college offers the anti-typhoid treatment free of cost to all its students or not.

Colleges are now taking advantage of the State's free offering of the typhoid vaccine and are arranging with the college physician to give the treatment free of charge to all the students not previously immunized. One large college that for a number of years has suffered from the ravage of typhoid, completely wiped it out last year by immunizing practically all the students. Other colleges will no doubt want to know they are safe and will look to the immunizing of their students before or immediately after the school opens.

Pope Pius is confined to his room by illness. The doctor has ordered that all audiences by the Pope be suspended.

31. Missouri	\$14
32. Oklahoma	\$13
33. West Virginia	\$11
34. Delaware	\$11
35. Maryland	\$10
36. Florida	\$8
37. New Mexico	\$8
38. Louisiana	\$7
39. Texas	\$7
40. Virginia	\$6
41. Kentucky	\$6
42. Arkansas	\$6
43. Tennessee	\$6
44. Georgia	\$4
45. Mississippi	\$4
46. Alabama	\$4
47. North Carolina	\$4
48. South Carolina	\$3

—Charlotte News.

FOR STATE-WIDE PRIMARY

Hon. Josephus Daniels Has The Following Article in a Recent Issue of The News & Observer:

"The next Legislature is committed to the State-wide primary. It ought to go further and include the counties. Nothing short of an up-to-date State-wide primary law will do. Anything else will put too much power in the hands of a few men, who make a profession of politics, and dominate their precincts and counties. No boss ever desired a primary. The people of North Carolina by a long and hard fight finally compelled the Democratic State Convention to adopt a plan for a state and district primary. The counties can demand that they be included; they can select primary men for the Legislature. That is what I predict will be done."

"The Progressives—the Bull Moose party—will favor a primary or go back on everything they have said since they came into existence. If there be any Republican counties in the state this year the men sent to the Legislature should be primary advocates."

"No state that is progressive lacks a primary law. North Carolina is progressive, and should enact the legislation proposed."

"Some timid Democrats are uneasy about the primary, lest it hurt the Democratic party in North Carolina. They have not studied what has been done in Mecklenburg, the pioneer primary county in the state. Before the primary, conflicting Democratic factions kept that county in an upheaval, charging crimes against the ballot, and the Democratic majority was not large. The majority has steadily grown. Every voter there knows that his vote counts for just as much as any other man's vote. The poorest man in the county has as much voice at the ballot box as Chas. Tillett or Frank Osborne. If his candidate is not named he knows that he lacked votes."

"Look at Haywood and Buncombe. Haywood was the first of the mountain counties to adopt, and put in operation the primary. The Democratic majority there has grown. Buncombe county used to swing to one party or the other. Now it is Democratic. Take Guilford and Forsythe, and compare them. Guilford adopted the primary and Forsythe was afraid to do it. Guilford is strongly Democratic and Forsythe is often doubtful. Had Forsythe discarded the old system and adopted the primary when Guilford did, it would be safely Democratic every election."

ON THE JUMP

Outline of One Week's Work of a Whole Time Health Officer.

No county is so poor it can't afford a health officer and no county is so rich it can afford to be without one. The trouble with counties having health officers is, they try to kill their health officer. They seem bent on working him to death. Here is a part of a personal letter from the Nash county health officer which shows how they appreciate health work there:

"I am still busy with my typhoid vaccination campaign. The past week was the busiest I have ever spent, I believe. I will mention some of the things that I did. On Monday I spent the day in the Mount Pleasant community trying to organize them so as to obtain the community work being done by the Rockefeller Commission. On Monday night I gave an illustrated lecture at Middlesex, 28 miles away, getting home at 2 o'clock the next morning. On Tuesday morning I spent the time preparing advertisements for new dispensary points and on Tuesday evening I read a paper before the Fourth District Medical Society at Tarboro. On Wednesday I held my dispensary at Middlesex and on Wednesday night gave an illustrated lecture at Momeyer. On Saturday morning I conducted the dispensary at Spring Hope, in the afternoon spoke at the joint annual meeting of the Juniors and Woodmen of the World, held at Rocky Cross, 19 miles away. On Thursday evening I had a dispensary at Momeyer. Friday morning I conducted the dispensary at Rocky Mount and on Friday afternoon visited Red Oak to attend a meeting of the health committee of the community. Today I am conducting a dispensary at Nashville and hope to go to Sharpsburg this evening."

At these dispensaries the principal work consists in giving anti-typhoid treatment, in examining for hookworm and giving the treatment, in vaccinating against smallpox, lecturing on health matters and explaining details of sanitation, such as construction of sanitary privies, anti-malarial work, etc. Time never hangs heavy on their hands.

It has been shown that if these health officers did nothing but wipe typhoid out of the state or greatly reduce it, which is an easy possibility now that we have the anti-typhoid vaccine, they could save at least 1200 lives annually. These 1200 human lives valued at \$1700 apiece would be \$2,040,000 or over 400 times the cost of a good health officer for every county. Every county should have a health officer. Does yours have one?

RAILROAD EXPECTS PROSPERITY

Few chapters of the country's economic history compare in interest with the growth of our railways both in mileage and mechanical equipment. And the advance is always going on. The Pennsylvania Railroad is about to change its 100-pound rails for still larger 120-pound rails. In addition it is ordering tremendous locomotives, locomotives that will pull as much as sixty old-time locomotives pulled.

Such plans mean only one thing. The Pennsylvania is a business proposition; it is not run for the purpose of speculation. And it knows that business is going to be good, that it will justify the great orders for new equipment. It has learned the precept of Mr. Morgan that "the man who is a bear on America will go broke."

It looks as though real business concerns were not depressed by the outlook. They are getting ready for prosperity.—Milwaukee Journal (Independent Republican).

Sickened by Calomel

If you ever saw anyone made sick by calomel you won't want any more calomel yourself. There's no real reason why a person should take calomel anyway, when fifty cents will buy a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic—a good remedy that perfectly and safely takes the place of dangerous calomel, which is only another form of deadly and poisonous mercury.

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OLD SAYINGS

As poor as a churchmouse,
As thin as a rail,
As fat as a porpoise,
As rough as a gale,
As brave as a lion,
As spry as a cat,
As bright as a sixpence,
As weak as a rat,
As proud as a peacock,
As sly as a fox,
As mad as a March hare,
As strong as an ox,
As fair as a lily,
As empty as air,
As rich as was Croesus,
As cross as a bear,
As pure as an angel,
As neat as a pin,
As smart as a steel trap,
As ugly as sin,
As dead as a door nail,
As white as a sheet,
As flat as a pancake,
As red as a beet,
As round as an apple,
As black as your hat,
As brown as a berry,
As blind as a bat,
As mean as a miser,
As full as a tick,
As plump as a partridge,
As sharp as a stick,
As clean as a penny,
As dark as a rail,
As hard as a millstone,
As bitter as gall,
As fine as a fiddle,
As clear as a bell,
As dry as a herring,
As deep as a well,
As light as a feather,
As hard as a rock,
As stiff as a poker,
As calm as a clock,
As green as a gosling,
As brisk as a bee,
And now let me stop,
Lest you weary of me.

Exchange.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS.

North Carolina crops on August 1, according to the government report, were in a satisfactory condition, the principal ones being some above and some slightly below the five and ten-year averages.

Corn, rye, hay, apples, peaches, watermelons and cantaloupes were above the average, while oats, buckwheat, potatoes, both Irish and sweet, tobacco, cabbages, sorghum and peanuts, were a little below the average.

At present prices the indications are for a

\$41,000,000 crop of corn.
\$20,000,000 crop of tobacco.
\$6,000,000 crop of wheat.
\$1,500,000 crop of oats.
\$1,200,000 crop of Irish potatoes.
\$5,000,000 crop of sweet potatoes.
\$7,000,000 crop of hay.
The conditions as to other crops are given as follows: Cabbages 68, apples 76, peaches 77, watermelons 80, cantaloupes 79, sorghum 80, peanuts 83. No figures are given on these as to yield. With the exception of cabbages, these averages are higher than for the United States as a whole.

"The prosperity for which the country has waited since the Republican panic of 1907 is almost here, and in our efforts a kind Providence smiles upon us. Crops were never better; our granaries will soon be full to bursting with garnered grain. When the elections are held this fall, in the pleasant Southland 30,000,000 acres will be white with cotton, our greatest exchange crop, the crop which brings here gold from all the rest of the world; when the elections are held this fall, on 107,000,000 acres in the colder north the ripening corn will be rustling in the breezes of autumn. It is impossible for Republican orators, for Republican journals, for Republican prophets of calamity and disaster, to stop the rising tide of prosperity; they cannot contend against the conditions which confront them now.—Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, in Congressional Record.

HOW FRENCH PEOPLE CURE STOMACH TROUBLE

A household remedy of the French peasantry, consisting of pure vegetable oil, and said to possess wonderful merit in the treatment of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles, has been introduced in this country by George H. Mayr, who for twenty years has been one of the leading down town druggists of Chicago and who himself was cured by its use. So quick and effective is its action that a single dose is usually enough to bring pronounced relief in the most stubborn cases, and many people who have tried it declare they never heard of anything to produce such remarkable results in so short a time. It is known as Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy and can now be had at almost any drug store. It is now sold here by Asheboro Drug Store.

The United States government last Saturday announced itself as opposed to the floating of loans in this country for the benefit of a belligerent power in Europe. Switzerland, a neutral country, inquired if she might float a loan in the United States and was informed the restrictions would not apply to a neutral country.

When the Great Grief Invades Your Home

It is too late to give thoughtful consideration to the selection of a funeral director. It is our desire in this notice simply to call your attention to the fact that all of our facilities are at your service and that you may call upon us at any hour of the day or night, with the certainty of thoughtful and considerate attention.

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OPENING OF TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

The fall term of Trinity Public High School will open Monday, September 14. To all students living in the townships of Trinity, New Market, Back Creek, Tabernacle, and Randleman, there will be no charge for tuition provided the student can enter the high school department. To others not in the special tax district tuition ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 will be charged. Board can be secured from \$10 to \$15 per month. Students who complete the high school course can enter the State Normal College without examination. The assistant teachers for the coming year are as follows: Primary department, Mrs. Kate Norment, of Trinity; intermediate department, Miss Emma Hunter, Huntersville; assistant high school teacher, Miss Lula Rudisill, of Henry River.

We earnestly intend to carry out the following three-fold policy in conducting the school: discipline, thoroughness of school work and the instillation of the fundamental principles of morality and religion into the minds of the students who attend school. For further information concerning the school address, D. C. Johnson, Principal, Trinity, N. C.

TO MY DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS

I wish to return my sincere thanks to all my good friends in Randolph who gave me such loyal support in my recent contest for the nomination as clerk of the court of the county. The fact that I was defeated only by a fraction of a vote is evidence of the faithfulness with which you stood by me in the race. For this I am deeply grateful.

I take this occasion also to pledge my hearty support, as in the past, to the entire Democratic ticket, and shall expect to see the usual safe Democratic majorities rolled up next November.

Very truly yours,
A. E. BURNS.
August 18, 1914.

The first American eggs for the London market since the war troubles in Europe, were shipped on the steamer New York, of the American line one day this week. In the refrigeration department were 36,000 dozen eggs for the London dealers. These eggs cost 25 cents a dozen here; conditions were such in London that they went on cable orders. There were calls for more, but the steamer could not accommodate them.