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The Watauga county board of education have resolved: that whenever the citizens of any neighborhood shall have built a good school house 20 by 30 ft. and 12 ft. high, under a gum ceiling, or proportionately larger, said house being lighted by six or more large windows, heated with two good stoves (or one stove and one fire place) and furnished with two nice blackboards, each 3 by 6 ft. or larger, they shall be guaranteed a district of which said house shall be the nucleus.

If a vote could be had in the winter on the fence questions it could be carried with a rousing majority. The Bureau of Statistics of Indiana, gives the seemingly incredible statement that the cost of fences in the United States amounts to considerable more than the national debt, which says that the fences of that State, if extended in a single line, would go around the world nearly fourteen times. Their aggregate length is put down at over 341,000 miles, and their total cost not less than \$200,000,000.

A correspondent of the Constitution tells the following about a mirage of the late Atlanta fire: "An old farmer and his family had encamped last Friday night a few miles above Marietta, and between midnight and day, while all were asleep in the covered wagon, he heard some disturbance among his teams, and on getting up to see about it he was astonished at a bright red glare that seemed to shine out and light up everything around, and, on looking up, he says he saw a terrible sight in the sky—a large red spot, in the middle of which he saw buildings on fire and men running to and fro. He says he plainly saw streets crossing each other and railroads and trains of cars, but all appeared upside down. The smoke and flames appeared to waft away towards the west till they died out in the darkness. He says he was frightened and called up his family telling them he thought judgment day had come and told them all to go to praying. In about half an hour it began to fade away, and had soon died out, leaving them in the same misty darkness as before. From his description, the buildings that he saw must have been the car shed, the Kimball House and the post-office, and also those that were burning. He said it looked to him like pictures he had seen of New York and London, but a great deal larger—almost as big as the whole sky—was his expression. It could have been nothing more or less than a perfect mirage. The atmosphere, if you remember, was very misty, and gave the fire a very singular and weird appearance even to those in the city."

Important Movement in Congress.

Judge Geddes, of Ohio, introduced into Congress, on Monday last, a resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States as to take away from the President the appointing power, and confer it upon a commission consisting of two commissioners, (to be appointed by nomination of the President and confirmation by the Senate,) acting with the head of the Department in which the appointments are required to be made, and making the term of office of all appointees six years.

This is the most important movement which has been made in Congress for many years. It would bring about civil-service reform thoroughly and efficiently, and break down the spoils system which has corrupted and degraded all branches of the public service. It would do more. It would relieve the President from the degradation and pressure of the multitudes of office-seekers, who incessantly crowd the Executive Mansion, and require all the time of the President to hear the innumerable applications and counter-applications for appointments to office, and which allow him no time to attend to the great interests and matters of public policy involved in the affairs of this great nation, internal and external. And more than all this, it would put an end to the wrangling commotions of our Presidential elections, which every four years convulse the whole country, and disturb business affairs.—American Register.

Here is Vance's last we find in the Greensboro Bugle: "Last week as Zeb Vance looked over the crowd of North Carolina Republican office-seekers congregated in Washington, he raised his hand and exclaimed, 'Lord, what a good time the honest men in North Carolina are having now.'"

Wilson and McDie are the new Senators elected for Iowa.

A Bright Outlook in North Carolina.

[From the Greensboro Patriot.]

With favorable seasons the year 1882 will see the largest small grain crop ever harvested in North Carolina. Commissioner McGhee says that early in the autumn, seeing the work of the drought with the crops, the department issued a circular in which the necessity for putting in heavy crops of small grain, particularly wheat, was strongly urged upon the farmers. The press of the State took up the idea and repeated the advice. Now as a result we have one of the largest, if not the largest grain crops ever sown in the State. In many counties the increase, as compared with last year, is two, three and four hundred, while some counties actually report it a thousand fold. Wheat was put in the ground up to the last available moment. This was the case in nearly all parts of the State, and where the work of the drought had been the worst the largest crop has been sown. The reports further indicate that the crops look well, and the indications point to an abundant harvest. Our observations and reports tally with Commissioner McGhee's. 1882 promises now to be one of the most abundant and prosperous years, agriculturally, we have had in a decade.

One of these days North Carolina will be honey-combed with railroads. The last one chartered and organized is known as the Cincinnati, Virginia and Carolina Railway Company, and is to have the following route: From Wadesboro, Anson county, N. C., running through Anson, Stanley, Cabarrus, Rowan, Davie, Iredell, Wilkes and Ashe counties in this State, through Grayson, Leayth and Tazewell counties, Va., entering West Virginia in McDowell or Mercer county, and thence through Wyoming, Logan, Lincoln and Kanawha counties to the city of Charleston. The capital stock is \$15,000,000, consisting of 150,000 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are Henry C. Hodgdon, Chas. G. Wilson, C. A. Burgess, Charles S. Williams, T. T. Underdonk and Thomas Alcock, of New York, and O. W. Wilnot, of Brooklyn.

Milton, Caswell county, offers superior facilities for manufacturing. The Chronicle says live men with capital could make this town the Lowell of the South. As this is the age of capitalists looking around for places to erect factories for manufacturing purposes they would do well to visit Milton. The town is accessible by railroad.

The Patriot says "the State is prospering and growing as never before," and thinks that "at no distant day North Carolina is to be the New England of the South."

PATRICK COUNTY, VA., January 24, 1882.

EDITOR REPORTER AND POST:—For the last few months past we have had quite a war—not of races, but of hearts—going on all along the State line; and the knights of Carolina have proven victorious, to the sad discomfit of many true Virginians. Beginning with Mr. Thomas Brimmon, of Surry, who bore off in the arms of triumph one of Patrick's fair lassies, Miss Jennie Lawson; next our old friend, Mr. Frank Hall, of Stokes, came, saw and captured one of our cleverest ladies, Miss Sarah A. Shelor; and last, our esteemed friend, Capt. Thos. J. Blackburn, of Stokes, who came over a few months ago to engage in his favorite avocation, teaching school, to the entire satisfaction of his many friends—he, gallant, unsuspecting soul, came to "teach the young idea how to shoot," and alas! poor Tom, he got shot; Cupid fixed her unerring aim upon him, and he fell a willing victim to the "winning winsome ways" of blushing beauty, and on the 23rd ult. the Captain was united in marriage with Miss Sue M. Boulton, of this county. Besides these victories reported in favor of our North Carolina braves, we know of several more from the same State whose hearts have been captured, and now are suffering the pain that absence gives to love's suspense. Our young men are very indignant, and object most earnestly to this one-sided warfare.—They would not object to a fair exchange. We know of several anxious souls who are looking longingly over at Carolina's fair daughters, and mourn because they are accepted not; and unless there are some negotiations and a compromise agreed upon, they threaten to barricade all the passes; or build a wall and bristle it with glistening bayonets. But our fair sex, with their wonted patriotism, have proposed that they be allowed to carry on the war against the Carolinians; that they will erect the breast-works—not, however, of the material used by Old Hickory in the defense of New Orleans; that they will throw out missiles, if not as destructive of life, will be more sure of their mark, and wounding will say, "Come rest in this bosom, my own stricken dear."

National Education.

We notice that a bill has been introduced in the lower branch of Congress providing that the public lands of the government be sold and the proceeds set apart as a fund for educational purposes. Although this scheme will doubtless find many opponents upon the old, and now obsolete, idea of infringement upon the rights of the States, yet we sincerely hope that it may be adopted in some form or other. The reverses and losses of the late war proved so disastrous to every material interest of our people that we are in no condition to quibble over mere technicalities. Beggars, as a general rule, should not be choosers, and we are free to confess that if the general government will take off our shoulders the cost of educating our children, we will urge no serious objection. "Barkis is willin'!"—Raleigh Visitor.

"Come here, my lad," said an attorney to a boy above nine years old. The boy came, and asked what case was to be tried next? The lawyer answered: "It is a case between the people and the devil—which do you think will be most likely to gain the action?" "I guess it will be a hard squeeze," said the boy, "for the people have the most money, but the devil has the most lawyers!"

John Keily, of New York, is reported dangerously ill. The Richmond, Southern & Western Railroad has consolidated with the Kentucky Narrow Gauge.

OBITUARY.

Died of dropsy, in the town of Danbury, N. C., at the residence of William A. Estes, Esq., on the 28th of January, 1882, at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., Dr. G. W. G. ESTES, in the 51st year of his age. Dr. Estes, was a native of Henry county, Va., where his early life was spent. His friends there, were all who knew him. He had no enemies at home, and none elsewhere known to the writer. His every action in life was governed by the most rigid rules of morality known to society. The cares and perplexities of life that disturbed others, did not seem to affect him in the least. His ideas were, that all things would work out right in the end. He was governed by the text of Scripture that says, "Fret not thyself because of evil doers." The writer has known him from his childhood, and has no recollection of ever seeing him angry with any one, or any living thing. He always had a word of kindness and advice for any one he might find in an ill or disturbed state of mind. In a word, his whole nature seemed to be made up of kindness. He made friends wherever he went. After the late war, he obtained a position on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, first at Greensboro, N. C., where he remained only a few years, then was transferred to Drakes Branch, in Charlotte County, Va., where he held the position of Agent up to the date of his death. Col. Buford, (the President of the Richmond & Danville Railroad) was strongly attached to him, on account of his strict fidelity in every relation of life, and kept him in the place of his choice, at Drakes Branch, where a few years since he married Lelia Thompson, with whom he lived happily up to the time of his death. During last winter, he exposed himself a great deal in the severe cold, from which dropsy attacked him. Finding that he was failing, he obtained a leave of absence, and came to spend the hot season with his brother, W. A. Estes, in Danbury, and drink the mineral waters of the neighborhood, in hopes of being restored. But he continued to grow worse. A physician was called, who did all he could to restore him, kind friends lent a helping hand, and the undivided and devoted attention of a good wife could not save him. He desired to live to make his family happy, and to raise the little boy who was born during his sickness; but a kind providence ordered otherwise, and he has left behind a wife who doted on him and an infant about four months old. May God be a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless, to lead them safely through life, and let all his friends and relatives be consoled, for he said at different times during his sickness (as the writer was informed) that all was right with him. He has finished his work on earth, his body has gone back to the dust, his soul has returned to the God who gave it, and let us trust that he is now with Christ, and the loved ones who have preceded him, and is now engaged with them in singing praises to God and plucking and eating the ambrosial fruit from the trees that grow in the Elysian fields that surround the throne of the eternal I Am. Now let me say to relatives and friends, that we, like him, will have to cease to work and live, then let us be ready that when we, one by one, shall come to the River, we may be prepared to pass safely to the other shore, attended by the Captain of our salvation, and "join the everlasting throng and crown him Lord of all."

The body of Dr. Estes was taken to Drakes Branch for burial at a place chosen by himself, by the side of a little daughter who died about 14 months ago. The body was attended to its last resting place by kind relatives and his dear wife and babe. In the Great day of eternity his body will rise again; it will put on immortality, the soul will again take up its abode in the body, and we shall know him again, even as we shall be known.

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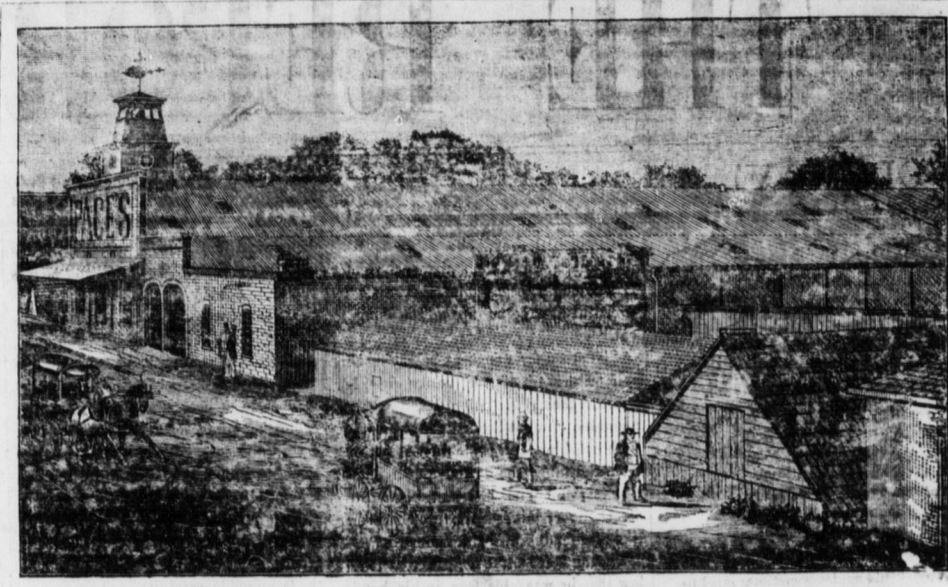
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