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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

High Point is to have a new coffin and casket factory. Contracts have already been let for the buildings.

Senator Overman will be temporary chairman of the State Democratic convention, which meets in Charlotte on the 14th of July.

Caldwell county is becoming greatly interested in good roads as was evidenced at a recent meeting of the good roads association at Lenoir.

Thirteen prisoners were sent from the Federal Court in Greensboro last week to the Federal prison in Atlanta. The terms range from one year to five.

The town of Hickory has let a contract for the construction of new streets and cement sidewalks to cost \$55,498. Hart, Abbe & Co., of Hickory, got the contract.

At Monroe last Friday the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State laid the corner stone for the Confederate monument which the Daughters of the Confederacy are building there.

Charlotte has been chosen as the next meeting place for the National Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, the first week in September. The union now has 30,000 members.

According to The Highlander, Shelby's population is 3,200, not counting the mill villages; counting the mill population, which is just outside the town limits, the total is 4,070.

The Republican judicial convention of the thirteenth district met at Hickory Wednesday and nominated A. A. Whitener, of Catawba, for judge. F. A. Linney, of Watauga, was renominated for solicitor.

With the election of officers and the selection of Hendersonville for the 1911 convention, the eighth annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' Association in session at Salisbury last Wednesday came to an end. The feature of the closing meeting was the resolution offered for the repeal of the Homestead law.

Census Figures to Be Given Out Soon.

Washington Dispatch. The mammoth task of recording the 13th decennial census of the United States has progressed to such a point that within a few days the census bureau will begin to make public the population of the largest cities of the country. The figures for the cities containing 75,000 or more people will be given out first. They will be followed later in the summer by the population of States by counties, which also will include the cities of 8,000 or more persons.

In the development of North Carolina's industries, the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is taking a foremost part. Its students are giving their lives to improving our farming, our trucking, our dairying and stock-raising. They are rapidly making their way into our factories, our electric power-houses, and our shops. They are helping to build our roads, our bridges, and our railroads. Indeed, they are just the men needed at this stage in the State's growth. We are glad to note that more young men than ever before are seeking, through this well-equipped institution, a place in our industrial progress. We call attention to the advertisement in this issue.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

[This department is reserved for letters from the people on various topics. The Progress is not responsible for the views of its correspondents. All communications must be originally signed for our protection though the name may be withheld in publication.]

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

A Course Should be Added to the Public Schools—Also Manual Training for Boys.

Something that should appeal to all who are interested in our public school should be the immediate addition of a course in Domestic Science.

The greater part of a child's early life is spent in the school room, with the demand for outside study, combined with music and art, and daily social duties. There seems to be little time for a girl, especially, to fit herself as a high type of house-keeper. Many think that a womanly instinct will, "somehow, carry her through," not realizing that woman occupies a special place in the world, and though she may be fitted and equipped for any position life may offer to her, she should be pre-eminently prepared for the special work demanded of her as the home maker.

The simplified course of Domestic Science such as has been successfully used in the public schools of several other states for the past ten years, consists of three parts. First—The home, its furnishings, its care, and the proper sanitation. Second—Food, the chemical value of various foods, together with the preparation of such foods to avoid waste. Third—Clothing, sewing and millinery. Below the seventh grade the little girls are taught to correctly sew, and to construct the most accurate and complete wardrobe for their dolls. Even below this grade, the primary classes and the kindergarten are gradually being interested in very simple things.

The eighth grade, having learned the details of all the lower grades, are taught the proper use of a sewing machine with all its attachments and construction, also to properly cook all meats and vegetables etc, so that any girl completing this simple course has a liberal idea as to the care of a home.

Many institutes and some universities have a higher course consisting of twelve and more parts, where pupils can continue the work begun in their home school, and fit themselves as dietitians for hospital, asylum, children's home, clubs, schools, etc. Many preferring this work to other occupations taken by many women. Some of these institutes conduct night classes where many women employed during the day can improve in this line of work.

Students of our economics, assure us that the days of cheap living are past, that owing to our constantly increasing population and the enactment of various laws and ordinances, with the extravagant living of the American people—the cost of food will gradually increase. We are told that one population doubles every twenty-five years and as such, this increasing consumption of one product will exceed their production. As this food question is something that closely affects people at large and our public schools are for the education of the populace, there should be no question of greater interest, than the health and welfare of a people governed by the judicious knowledge of buying and serving food.

Many may say, "I do not care for my daughter to be trained as a cook or a housemaid. I will teach her what she should know." Yet, how many girls marry with no knowledge of the food question except to make "perfectly delicious fudge" over a chafing dish.

Domestic science does not exclude any of the duties of the school room, but is so deftly combined with them as to form a pleasing diversion and make its pupils capable of appreciating the cost of living and intelligently apply their knowledge and the com-

ing generation may prove that those who have been trained as a home-maker and a house-keeper from the primary grade have found this domestic science course an invaluable blessing and possibly an almost practical solution of the servant problem, for the wife and mother will be able to conduct her home, whether it be plain or palatial, in a capable manner and the family income more judiciously expended.

The following article was taken from a recent paper published weekly in a small town.

"The Domestic Science luncheon was given at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday. The following menu was served:

Cream of Asparagus Soup with Crotons, Veal Croquettes, scalloped potatoes, sprinage, jelly, white cherry salad, orange sherbert with both buns and wafers, coffee, mint sticks. Cost per person, 15c. The dainty place cards were painted by one of the class. Guests besides the class, were Prof. A., Mrs. B., Mrs. C. and Mrs. R. Two members of the senior class supervised and planned this lunch and the one on Tuesday next will be given by Miss D. and Miss G."

What we should have is a small house or rooms, properly fitted with such things as needed for a single course, then a good sensible practical teacher, where part of one day each week, the pupils from every school, within walking distance of the town could come for their instruction as well as the children in our own graded school. In one of the smaller places, the women of the town completely furnished the five-room house rented by the school board; at one of the large universities \$10,000 was spent in building and properly furnishing a nine-room house for the study of Domestic Science; in a number of the schools the boys have joined the classes with the girls and accompany the teacher and class when the lesson takes them to the market where they are shown the different kinds of meat and different cuts of meat, and its nutritive value. Then on return to the class-room each takes their white cap and apron, and a copy of the recipe that the teacher has written on the black board, and the lesson begins in earnest. It may be only a lesson to make corn or wheat muffins, but they will be correctly taught, and asked to try again the same receipt at home.

At one of the large universities many of the students went and took the lessons in proper laundry that they might know how to carefully and correctly launder their dainty lingerie gowns and waists. And while we are thinking of these things for the girls, let us not forget the wonderful value of manual training for our boys.

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Mr. Webb Seated.

Washington, June 23.—Representative Webb was seated by the House today. The Smith contest is a thing of the past.

The committee stated in its report that after careful consideration of all the evidence it was able to find nothing in the evidence to justify any of the charges made by the contestant.

"If there is any evidence whatever to justify the charge that any illegal votes were cast," continues the report, "there is no evidence at all to show for whom said votes were cast and certainly no evidence to show that Webb was connected with casting them, if any were so cast. There is no evidence showing that a single illegal vote was cast for Webb."

Education.

If we work upon marble it will perish, if we work upon brass time will efface it, if we rear temples they will crumble into dust, but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave upon those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SOUTH

This Section Gets Only \$20,000,000 Out of \$1,000,000,000 Distributed.

Washington, June 22.—The present congress has appropriated one billion dollars, of which \$20,000,000 has been distributed among the fourteen southern states. This is only one-fiftieth of the total, and serves to emphasize the manner in which the south is discriminated against by the party in power in the expenditure of public money. The territory comprised by these states contains one-fourth of the area of the entire country and one-third the population. The rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$55,000,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors, gives only \$11,000,000 to the south, although the south has 2,635 miles of coast, which is twice as much as any other section of the country.

The agricultural appropriation bill discriminates against the south to the extent of giving it only one-third the amount appropriated for the west.

The public buildings bill is the only one in which the south receives anything like a just proportion of its dues. Of the \$19,000,000 the bill carries, \$7,500,000 goes to southern states. Although congress has been lavish in its expenditures, it has sadly neglected the public highways, in which the south is particularly interested. Only \$114,000 is appropriated for good roads, and this to defray the expenses of an insignificant bureau in Washington. The Republic of France expends annually \$75,000,000 on public highways.

Ohio Democrats-Renominate Harmon and Endorse Him For President.

Dayton, Ohio, Dispatch, Wed. Judson Harmon today was renominated for Governor on the Democratic ticket by acclamation.

The following resolution, presented by the committee on resolutions, was adopted by the convention, endorsing Governor Harmon for the presidency in 1912:

"We invite the attention of the nation to Judge Harmon and the work he is doing for Ohio. Two years hence it will have been completed, then we can spare him for larger duties. He believes that guilt is personal, is acting upon that belief at home and would act upon it in larger fields. A high sense of duty provides his only motive for official action and his sense of justice alone compels judgment. Firmness and strength mark him the man to supplant vacillation and weakness. The nation needs a real man and the Ohio Democracy here presents and endorses for the President, in 1912, Judson Harmon."

Gardin Items.

Nealville, June 30.—Capt. G. H. Gardin who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Simmons, at Charlotte, returned home Friday.

Mart Howard is visiting around Gardin.

Mrs. Clyde Wood of Asheville was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown, this week.

What is looking fine in this section.

Our nearest little town Glenwood is improving.

S. Fyatt has moved from Mad Out to Glenwood.

Miss Ada Brown returned home Thursday from a visit to her sister in Asheville.

Miss Emma Higgins is visiting in Marion.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Reel is very ill.

Mrs. Edna Padgett is visiting at Mrs. John Caswell's.

Miss Carrie Gardin's health has improved. MARGOLD.

HOW TO WRITE IT.

A Few Suggestions For the Guidance of Our Correspondents.

As some of our correspondents do not seem to understand clearly what we desire for publication, as neighboring news, we give a few simple rules as mere outlines for what is wanted: Births, marriages, deaths, public gatherings, religious, educational, or otherwise, all furnish good material for a newsy letter.

In writing of births, the simple announcement of the birth of a new baby with name of its parents and its sex is all that is necessary. In marriages, tell who the contracting parties are, where they live, when they were married and by whom, where they will live after marriage and if they will take a bridal trip, also a description of the marriage and of the wedding presents, if the affair be of unusual importance. In writing of deaths tell the name of the party, his age, where he lived and his church affiliation, if any, where buried and who conducted the services, and who the surviving members of the family are. In case the death is by accident give particulars of the accident and the cause if possible.

Don't write of the virtues or characteristics of the deceased in a newsy letter, that should be left for the one who writes his obituary.

In writing of public gatherings tell the objects of them, the place, the time and who the principal participants were, with a synopsis of what was done, etc. New buildings and improvements of any kind to the roads, on the farms and in the methods of farming or raising stock or crops are all news items of much importance. For instance it is worth much more to a community to know how to grow a good crop of any kind or to do any kind of work in a labor-saving way, than it is to know that Mr. A. visited in the neighborhood last week.

Avoid as much as possible chronicling the calls made by one neighbor upon another who live on adjoining farms. There is little news value in such items.

In writing up news it is much better to say a thing will be done than it is to say it has been done. For instance it is better to tell the readers that Rev. Blank will preach at such and such a place next Sunday than to say that Mr. Blank filled his pulpit last Sunday. The first is news, the latter is history. The movements of the people of the community and the health of the people, the conditions of the crops and such items are interesting. It is not necessary to say we had rain, or snow, or unusually cold weather as every body knows that without seeing it in print. However, unusual storms or local weather conditions may be worth as to some extent. A good correspondent will always be on the lookout for such items as improved methods of doing work, new kinds of crops and breeds of stock to be found in the community, also all new buildings and other changes that are going to be made in the community. These are only a few simple suggestions that we trust may be helpful to beginners.

Crooked Creek News.

Crooked Creek, June 24.—Strawberries is away, on Uncle Eben has been asked to take his place. Will do the best he can.

We have been asked to state that Miss Jennie Hinder will teach the Methodist school which is expected to begin the 11th of July.

We hope the "letter day" will come soon to Knoxville, it certainly is bad on him.

We think June, everybody is in favor of progress, even Quaker, Ed. Mae Quaker?

Several from the creek are attending the teachers' institute this week.

The farmers are having some fine weather for harvesting their grain.

Wonder what has become of Ben. Suppose he is pretty busy this season. Don't get too busy, Mr. Ben, if there are a good many sweet flowers.

As Dr. Cook seems to be right much of a poet hope he will let us hear from him occasionally when he gets to the North Pole again. Would like to hear some polar region poetry.

UNCLE EBEN.

If you have a boy give him some shares in the McDowell Building and Loan Association and see that he keeps the dues paid. We will assist you—you get good returns.

Pay Your Taxes.

This is to notify all parties that have not paid their taxes that on August 1st, I will advertise all property that taxes are due on. You had better call and settle and save cost. This is the last notice.

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