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## Educational Notes.

Now that the rural public schools will soon begin to close it is hoped that a large number of pupils and teachers from the country districts will enter the Public High Schools. Already we learn by report from these schools that a good many are taking the high school course. What is needed now to make these schools a success is a large number from the country. Here in our county as in our State, most teachers are in the rural districts. The country will continue to furnish the teachers. The High Schools are located in different parts of the county as convenient to all sections as possible. A great many can attend them and board at home. Others will have to board off but tuition is free. Good teachers, anxious to carry these new schools to success, are presiding over each.

We need more teachers and we need thoroughly trained teachers. The public school course embraces first seven grades of study. A teacher who knows these can get a first grade certificate. Still the teacher who knows only these carries a great burden; he tugs along with all he can carry.

It would be much easier were the teacher far ahead of the pupils. To Arithmetic it adds Algebra and Geometry; to English Grammar, Rhetoric, Literature, and Composition; to North Carolina and United States Histories it adds Ancient Medieval and Modern History; to English Language it adds Latin or Greek; to Descriptive Geography it adds Physical Geography, etc., embracing a thorough academic course. Teachers mastering the course could do far better work in the public schools. They could fill any place in the graded schools and would command salaries commensurate with their proficiency in this or any other State. They could make teaching a profession, since long term of schools would be open to them.

Let every boy and girl in Johnston county remember that these schools are open free of tuition to all far enough advanced to enter the course. The State of North Carolina has thus made it possible for all to have a high school training free. By these schools opportunities for the youth are greater than at any other stage of our history. The future calls for a better scholarship in the teaching profession.

J. P. CANADAY.

## Judge Boyd Threatens to Punish Blind Tiger Patrons.

While holding a special term of the Federal Court in Raleigh last week, Judge Boyd intimated from the bench that if parties who buy liquor from blind tigers are brought before him under indictment from the grand jury he will impose sentences in keeping with the sentences meted out to the blind tiger men themselves. The position of Judge Boyd is that one who by buying a drink procures the breaking of the law is himself guilty of breaking the law.

There is no question that the patron of an unlawful institution is an aider and abettor in violations of the law.—Exchange.

## Death of Little Girl.

Selma, N. C., Feb. 13.—Little Annie, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hare, died here Tuesday afternoon after an illness of some three or more weeks and was buried in our Cemetery Wednesday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of our people, and while we know it is God's will still their hearts are torn and bleeding, and the vacant place can never be filled.

## Keep Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

## If Anyone Accepts A Newspaper he Must Pay For It.

The following question was submitted to the Merchants Journal at Raleigh.

Wendell, N. C.—If a man in 1903 subscribed to some journal for one year and the publishers of this journal have continued sending their publication to him ever since, who through inadvertence failed to advise the publishers of his desire to discontinue the subscription, has this failure to notify rendered him liable for the amount equivalent to the last two years' subscription?

The editor of the Merchants Journal, who is a well known lawyer, answered as follows:

Reply.—If a newspaper is sent to any person, and he accepts it he must pay for it. When he wishes to bring his subscription to an end he should so inform the publishers. If they continue to send the paper, or if he has subscribed only for a limited period, and the paper is sent to him after that he should refuse to accept it. He should leave it in the postoffice box, if it is delivered through a box, should ask the postal authorities to take it out and return it, and to refrain from putting any more copies into his box. If they continue to be put into his box he should persist in returning them to the postal authorities or in directing those authorities to take the paper out of the box or keep it out. If it is delivered by a carrier he should refuse to accept it. His obligation to pay for the paper if he accepts it is no peculiarity of "newspaper law," as it is sometimes called. If a householder should order ice to be delivered to him daily during the month of July, and if the ice man should continue his deliveries in August, the householder would have an option to accept the ice and pay for it. He cannot accept it and still refuse to pay for it on the ground that he has not ordered it.—Merchants Journal.

## Postoffice Robbers Caught.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—Officers arrived here this morning from Lancaster, S. C., with five "veggies" to await trial here at the May term of the United States District Court on the charge of blowing open and robbing the safe of the postoffice at Dunn, Harnett county, on the night of December 28th. They are J. T. Leonard, Charlie Williams, James Scanlon, C. F. Shaw and Henry S. Hallen, the latter being a one-armed man. They were captured at Van Wick, January 8th, by a posse of citizens who had been put on the alert through a confidential letter from postoffice inspectors to postmasters throughout that section to look out for postoffice robbers who had been tracked to that section. The men had with them a valise of explosives and other material and instruments for "safe blowing work" and were heavily armed. The postoffice inspectors claim to have very strong evidence of their connection with the Dunn robbery, but in the event they are not convicted here they will be carried back to South Carolina to stand trial for having "safe-cracking" explosives in their possession, which, under a special act of the Legislature of that State, is punished severely.

The Bible has civilized whole nations. It is the one book that can fully lead forth the richest and deepest and sweetest things in man's nature. Read all other books—philosophy, poetry, history, fiction—but if you would refine the judgment, fertilize the reason, wing the imagination, attain unto the finest womanhood or the sturdiest manhood, read this book, reverently and prayerfully, until its truths have dissolved like iron into the blood. If you have no time, make time and read. The book Daniel Webster placed under his pillow when dying is the book all should carry in the hand when living.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

## Polenta News.

There is a general rejoicing at the knockout of the Pine Level dispensary.

There will be preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Starling.

The matrimonial fever continues to rage. There are other marriages to take place soon.

Repairs will be made on Oakland Church at an early day. Mr. Henry Smith has the matter in charge.

On the 1st day of March there will not be a dispensary or saloon in Johnston County. Let us rejoice.

Mr. J. W. Green is having a neat cottage built near his house. It will be occupied by Mr. Louis Coats and wife.

Mr. Chester Bunday and Miss Williams will be married Wednesday night of this week. Particulars in next issue.

Our people all regret that Rev. B. Townsend declines the call to the Shiloh Church. He says that his engagements are such that he can't accept this year.

The public and private roads are in much better condition. Thanks to Messrs. J. W. Myatt, G. B. Smith and others who have done so much to get them in good fix.

We learn that Rev. Mr. Bowen will preach at Shiloh Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Let the people turn out to hear him, especially let the members of the church be in attendance.

We are pained to chronicle the illness of Mr. John Sanders, and sincerely hope for his speedy recovery. He has been confined to his bed for several weeks, and at last reports was little or no better.

Mr. W. M. Weeks and family have moved back to this section, and are occupying the residence formerly owned by Mr. Fletcher Austin. Mr. Weeks will engage in farming and merchandise. We welcome them back.

The Polenta Public School, taught by Miss Lou Young, has come to a close. The dialogues, and declamations on the evening of the close was credit to both teacher and pupils. There is no better teacher in Johnston County than the one who presided over our school during the past session.

Mr. W. H. Coats sold this week eighteen acres of land, with an ordinary house on it, for nine hundred and fifty dollars, which we consider a pretty good price. In this neighborhood land is high, and holders are not anxious to sell at the prices offered. Dr. G. A. McLemore was the purchaser of Mr. Coats' land.

The bridge at Barbour's Mill is to be made one hundred and twenty-feet longer, and from the bridge to opposite the mill house a new road is to be made, which will be a great help to the traveling public. The road near the bridge during rainy weather has been impassable at times, hence the public will rejoice at the improvement.

Mr. H. E. Weeks and Miss Lou Coats were happily united in wedlock on the evening of January 29th, at the residence of the bride's parents, J. E. Jones, J. P. officiating. Miss Lou is the beautiful and popular daughter of Mr. C. J. Coats, and Mr. Weeks, the son of Mr. F. M. Weeks, is a popular young farmer. This young couple have hosts of friends, who wish for them a happy voyage through life.

There is a good deal of cotton still unpicked. The weather has been such as to keep pickers out of the field. TYP.

Whose letter is it? I have a letter from Greenville, Miss., addressed to Samuel James Mitchell care of Smithfield Baptist Church. Would be glad to find the owner.

J. M. Beaty.

## Gratuitous Advice.

The world is growing better fast, I'm pessimist no more Even politics is losing now The bitterness of yore.

"Rats" "snug up" to us Democrats And seek to change our pace, And put us in good training for The Presidential race.

They keep on whispering in our ears Gratuitous advice, And warn us not to follow one, Who has been beaten twice.

The "once-grand party", they declare, Deserves a better fate, Than riding on the same old mule That always comes in late.

"The mule might do it better fed, The rider's 'obsolete,'" And trusting to his leadership, Simply invites defeat.

It seems to give them genuine pain, While for our good they're plotting; To think we will not take advice And quit our old "jog-trotting."

I guess we ought to thank them some For their solicitude, But this may be a "sucker's bait" And not meant for our good.]

So let's not nibble at their bait— Those "chaps" are mighty sly, I fear it is the spider's game Of "Walk in, Mr. Fly."

Trot "Jumbo" out and saddle up; Mount Caunen, Taft or Hughes; Bill Bryan and that mule will beat Whichever one you chose.

Old "Jumbo's" getting "seedy" now Flop-eared and dull of eye, His "tusks" sawed off and given the boys

Who deal in "Finance high."

But watch that mule, he's frisky, see! Begins the earth to paw; And soon you'll hear his old-time shout:

"Ya haw! ya haw! ya haw!"

J. T. ELLINGTON,

Clayton, Feb. 12, '08.

## Judge Hargis Shot by His Son.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 7.—Former County Judge James Hargis, for many years member of the State Democratic Executive committee, accused of complicity in many killings and a prominent figure in the feuds which have disreputed Breathitt county for several years, was shot and instantly killed in his general store here yesterday afternoon, by his son, Beacher Hargis. The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers. The exact cause of the murder has not been learned, but it is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between father and son for some time. The two men are reported to have had a severe quarrel several nights ago, when the father, it is alleged, was compelled to resort to violence to restrain his son. Young Hargis, it is said had been drinking heavily of late.

He came into the store and was apparently under the influence of liquor. Judge Hargis, it is said, spoke to his son about drinking and a quarrel resulted. Father and son stepped behind a counter when the son, after a few minutes conversation, drew a revolver and fired five shots. Four took effect, Judge Hargis falling dead. The young lady stenographer and the customers in the store fled in fright.

## Information Wanted.

I would like for any person in the county who knows of any crime committed while the parties were under the influence of whiskey for which the participants were sent to the penitentiary, jail, roads or fined for such act. Also for any death which occurred while the party was under the influence of whiskey or where death followed the effects of whiskey to write me the full particulars. Names of correspondents will not be used. All I want to know is what whiskey has done for Johnston county in the last ten years, and will be used in the coming prohibition campaign. Please write as soon as possible so that full statistics may be made.

Very truly,

R. J. NOBLE.  
Selma, N. C. Feb. 12.

## Benson News.

The meeting at the Free Will Baptist church continues.

Mr. J. S. Royal and wife, of Emporia, Va., visited relatives here recently.

Mr. Henry Blount, of Wilson, is expected to lecture at the school auditorium to-night.

The public debate to be given at the Academy Friday night is exciting much interest among some of our citizens. Come out and hear the discussion.

Mr. Junius P. Hall, who has a position with the Jefferson Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, has opened up an office in the Johnson Block adjoining the law office of J. M. Morgan.

Mr. C. W. Anderson left here last week with his family where he will reside in the future. His friends regret to see Mr. Anderson leave our town but wish him success in his new home.

Our population has been increased by three within the last week by arrival of baby boys at the homes of Messrs. J. H. Rose and Noah Creech and a baby girl at Mr. Gaston Lee's. No race suicide in this section.

The following invitation was received here today: Mrs. S. J. Duncan requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Bessie May, to Mr. J. E. Wall Wednesday evening, February the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and eight at eight o'clock, Baptist church, Benson North Carolina.

Our town is making strides forward on material lines. We have a splendid fire company and Howe Fire Engine which is propelled by gasoline motors. Soon we are promised a newspaper and job office and a splendid bank is to open up at an early date. Our school has grown until an additional teacher is to be employed. Our merchants all seem to be doing well. We need to take another forward step and have stock law in town. Common decency demands it, and the people are ready for it, then why wait?

That Benson is to have a bank that will be permanent, and a credit to the town, is now a settled fact. It all developed so quickly that it seems almost like a dream, and yet the facts are very evident. Mr. John Ellington, of the Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville, with Mr. Armfield, of the same city, are largely interested in the enterprise, as is Mr. Wade H. Royal, and citizens of Benson are large subscribers to the capital stock. The bank will be organized in a few days and open for business in the shortest time possible. We welcome this much needed institution to our growing town and predict for it a splendid success. To the wise manipulation of Mr. Wade H. Royal is due the decided success of interesting outside capital to invest, as well as local interest and investment. It is rumored that a building will be erected on the vacant lot adjoining the Benson Drug Company's store for banking purposes. The building is to have a stone front and will be an attractive addition to our already large number of splendid business houses.

Benson, Feb. 12.

## Suffering & Money Saved.

E. S. Loper, of Marilla, N. Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I have ever found." Heals burns, sores, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at Hood Bros., Druggists.

Make sure that, however good you may be, you have faults; that, however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that, however slight they may be, you had better make some patient effort to get quit of them.—Ruskin.

## General News.

Budapest, Feb. 8.—Count Hadik this afternoon announced his engagement to Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York. The marriage will take place within a few months.

An Asheville dispatch announces the death of "Big Tom" Wilson, of Yancy county, a famous bear hunter of that section. It was he who found the body of Professor Mitchell who was killed in 1857 by falling down a precipice on Mount Mitchell while making an exploration of the mountains in that part of the state. Wilson was about eighty-five years of age.

New York, Feb. 8.—A license to marry was issued to-day at the city hall to Franklin Carter, former president of Williams College, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sabin Leake, of Williamstown. Dr. Carter described himself as a professor at New Haven. He has lectured at Yale University since his retirement from the presidency of Williams, in 1901. Dr. Carter gave his age as seventy, and Mrs. Leake's as sixty-eight.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 8.—Her body hacked into hundreds of pieces with an ax, Mrs. Jane Bowers, aged sixty, was found murdered this morning in her home at Pleasant Walk, Fredrick County. The fragments of the body were piled in a mass on the floor. Not even a finger was left whole by the murderer, and no recognizable fragment of the head could be found. A ring was the only thing that served to identify her.

Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman has just completed a summary of reports just gathered from the cotton, woolen and knitting mills of the State that shows a most creditable gain over last year's reports the summary being for the forthcoming annual report of the Commissioner. The report shows 328 mills in the State with \$45,777,535 capital; 2,768,578 spindles, 52,572 looms and 5,161 knitting machines. Ninety-seven per cent. of the mills report 114,540 horse power used in operating the machinery. There are 52,178 employes of whom 25,353 are males and 20,221 adult females with about 127,418 people dependent on the mills for support.

## West Carolina Tragedy.

Marshall, N. C., Feb. 8.—John and James Randall, aged fourteen and fifteen, respectively, stood guard with shotguns over their father, John Randall, all night Wednesday in the same room where lay the body of the boys, mother, who was killed by their father.

At the hearing the boys testified that they caught their father soon after the tragedy and threatened to kill him if he attempted to escape.

Randall all night long sat near the bier of his wife, with two rifles pointed at him.

Elsha Randall testified at the coroner's inquest that Mrs. Randall came to his house the morning of tragedy for refuge, saying that she was afraid her husband was going to kill her.

The coroner's jury found that Mrs. Randall came to her death by means of blows inflicted by her husband. The Randall family is one of the best known in this section.

## Neighborhood Favorite.

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters says: "It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This alternative tonic is sold under guarantee at Hood Bros., drug store, 50c.

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.—Goethe.