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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1890.  
 "NO PEOPLE," remarks the Chicago Inter-Ocean, speaking of the attention paid to Mrs. Harrison and friends on their Southern trip, "exceed our southern countrymen in their gallantry and courtesy to women." And yet these are the same countrymen whom the later-Ocean and other Northern Republican partisan journals try to make their readers believe are continually employed when going about with a shot-gun hunting for colored Republicans.—Star.

ELSEWHERE in these columns will be found a sketch of the life of Mr. Washington Duke, of Durham, N. C., who last week gave \$35,000 to the Trinity College. Such characters as Mr. Duke's are worthy public notice and in his life will the young find a lesson worth their time to study. This noble man started in life with only fifty cents capital, but by his earnest endeavors in life to succeed and taking God as his guide, he has at last achieved that earthly reward—wealth. And his life has been such that he now has no fear but what there is in heaven for him a crown worth more than all earthly gifts.  
 The sum donated by this Christian gentleman is not to gain for himself worldly popularity, but to promote the highest learning under the guidance of Christian men. Would that other of our capitalist could thus be brought to see the necessity of giving the rising generation a thorough Christian education.

The storm which swept over the country last week will long be remembered by our people throughout the land for the destruction wrought by it, both to property and life. The storm began on Wednesday the 23 in Idaho and moved eastward. Thursday morning it reached eastern Kansas that night it was in eastern Illinois. Friday morning it reached Lake Erie and during that day it moved eastward, and Friday night it reached the New England coast.  
 The terrible cyclone that passed over Louisville, Metropolis, Nashville, Little Prairie, Cabondale, Mill Creek, near Cairo, all in Illinois. Evansville and Jeffersonville, Indiana; Bowling Green and Marion, Kentucky; Fayetteville and Gallatin, Tennessee, was very destructive to the country and loss of property and lives. The cyclone followed in the path of the great storm. At first the width of the swath cut was less than 100 yards, but as it proceeded on its way of destruction it became wider.  
 In the far North-west the storm took the shape of a blinding snow storm and blizzard white on this side of the Mississippi, was visited with heavy winds and rain.

FATHER J. J. BOYLE, the Catholic Priest at Raleigh, who was tried some months ago for a felonious assault upon Miss Geneva Whitaker, of that city, was again called up on Thursday last week for a second trial. Thursday was spent in empaneling a jury and taking evidence. Friday the entire day was taken up in examining witnesses. On Saturday at 12:15 p. m. the evidence closed. The State having the opening and closing speeches Col. Argo opened in a brief speech, merely wishing to outline the law and the facts.  
 Col. Argo was followed by Col. Fuller for the defense, who made an elegant and able speech in which he tried to impress upon the jury the solemnity of the duty entrusted to them. The next to address the jury was Mr. R. H. Battle, who made a great effort in behalf of the defense. He was followed by Mr. Geo. H. Snow, who arose to make the last speech for the defendant, which was delivered in the most pathetic manner.  
 At 6 o'clock when Mr. Snow had closed for the defendant, Solicitor Argo arose to close the argument on behalf of the State, which was closed about 7:40, whereupon Judge McRae began to review the evidence and delivered his charge to the jury.  
 The jury took the case at 9:30 and retired. At 11:35 the foreman announced that the jury were ready to return a verdict. The Court was called to order and as the Clerk called their names the jury filed in and a death-like silence prevailed. The clerk asked if the jury had agreed upon a verdict and several of the jurymen answered, "we have." They were then asked if the prisoner was guilty or not guilty? And when the words "Not Guilty" fell from the lips of the foreman wild shouts went up from the crowd and so soon as quiet could be restored Judge McRae said: "The prisoner has been acquitted and there is no reason why he should be longer detained." Then Col. Fuller addressing the prisoner said: "Father Boyle, you are a free man." Whereupon Boyle grasped the hand of the Colonel and thanked him for the able and successful services rendered in his behalf.  
 Thus ended the trial of Ex-Priest, J. J. Boyle, which has caused so much comment since last May.

**A NORTH CAROLINA MAN.**  
 A SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF W. DUKE, OF DURHAM, N. C. FROM YOUTH UP—HIS RELIGION AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY.  
 Thinking that our readers would like to hear something of that man who has recently made such a liberal gift to the Trinity College, we give below a sketch of his life and character from youth up, as published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate, March 26th. It begins by saying:  
 "He was the founder of the great business of W. Duke Sons & Co., which business was begun by him on a capital of fifty cents, and was P. C. only valued at seven and a half millions of dollars. The world is now their field of business—their names being known to the uttermost parts of the earth. The history of the rise and progress of their business sounds like a romance—more like fiction than fact.  
 Mr. Washington Duke was born on Little River, in Durham county, (formerly Orange) Dec. 20th, 1820. He was one of a family of nine children, all of whom have died except one brother, who resides in Tennessee. The family was of English ancestry. He was brought up as a farmer boy, his educational advantages being quite limited. He bought a small farm near Durham, N. C., where he made a comfortable living until he entered the Confederate army. At that time he had been married twice. He then had four small children, his second wife having died prior to that time. He sold all his property, put his three youngest children with his kindred and he and his eldest son went into the army. Just before the close of the war Mr. Duke was taken a prisoner and imprisoned in "Castle Thunder." He was released at the close of the war, footed it home, found his property all gone, and no home but ruin and desolation. He had a \$3,000 Confederate bill which he sold for 30 cents in greenbacks and on this began life anew. He secured a pair of army mules and some second-hand farming implements, made a crop, he and his boys manufactured his crop of tobacco into smoking tobacco, and peddled it from his wagon in the eastern part of the State during the winter. His first factory was a little log house, about 10 by 12 feet, and about seven feet high. In 1871 he removed to Durham, built a small factory on the site of the present one, and he and his boys from that have built the business up to its present immense dimensions.  
 Mr. Duke is a Methodist of the old-fashioned, genuine type. He joined the Methodist Church at Mt. Bethel in 1832—he has therefore been an active, zealous Christian for 57 years, all the time assisting as liberally as his means would justify in the building of churches and support of the ministry, and was probably the first mover in the matter of building a Methodist Church in Durham, N. C. He feels that whatever he has done in this line and the sacrifices made for the cause at many times during his life, have all proven blessings to him. He attributes largely his success in life to the observation of the Scripture text which he found on a card handed him by his Sunday school teacher when a boy 7 years old, namely: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and which so impressed him that it has ever been fresh in his memory.  
 He is justly proud of his great business and of his noble boys. His son, J. B. Duke, is at the head of a business in New York with a capital stock of twenty-five millions of dollars. His sons, B. N. Duke and B. L. Duke, reside in Durham, the former managing the business there. The old gentleman is hale and hearty—a fine specimen of a man, full of life and humor, and full of good deeds. He has an elegant home with his daughter and son-in-law—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lyon. Long may he and his "boys" live to bless the world with their wisdom and wealth, and when each one has filled out the allotted time to them in this world, may they form an unbroken family circle in the better and brighter home above."

**FROM CRESWELL.**  
 CRESWELL N. C., March 31, '90.  
 MR. EDITOR:—As I have not seen much county news, and especially from Creswell, in the BEACON for the past few weeks, I will endeavor to write you some of the latest.  
 Farmers are planting corn and making ready to plant cotton. The last snow we had in this month made sweep-stakes with the pea crop in this section.  
 Fresh fish are plentiful here now, you can buy shad and all kinds of fish at your own price, on the streets almost every day.  
 People commenced gardening too soon, they have planted seed but nothing will be reaped from them for the cold weather has killed the little plants.  
 I see for the past week several drummers on our streets, and among them were Mr. H. S. Owens, of your town, also I noticed Mr. W. Cooper, of your place, in our midst on Sunday last.  
 There has been recently several run-mad dogs and hogs in this neighborhood; it is nothing strange to hear a gun fire at night and a dog howl.  
 Mrs. Dr. J. L. Hassell, of this place, is visiting relatives in Chowan county.  
 The Grippe is still holding on here yet—Mrs. Dr. W. H. Hardison is very ill.  
 On Friday, March 28th, departed this life, Mr. J. L. Howell, of Brouchtin, aged 44 years. He leaves a wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He had the skillful attentions of doctors W. H. Hardison and J. L. Hassell, of this place, and W. H. Ward, of your town. Mr. Howell will be missed by many people here, and elsewhere. He was Mayor of this place, and in his death our town loses one of its most valuable sons. He was one of our large stock-holders and secretary of the Creswell Academy, which office he filled with honor to the school. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and has lived the life of a devoted Christian, and we are sure our loss is his eternal gain.  
 Mr. W. A. Alexander, who was so badly hurt a few weeks ago by the falling of a barn, is, we are glad to see out again.  
 On the 1st of July we are to be treated to a daily through mail to Norfolk and to our County Seat—Plymouth. Under the present system it takes from 5 to 6 days to get a reply to any letter sent to your town and it is only 26 miles distance.  
 Nothing more at present, so I will close, but will write again soon.  
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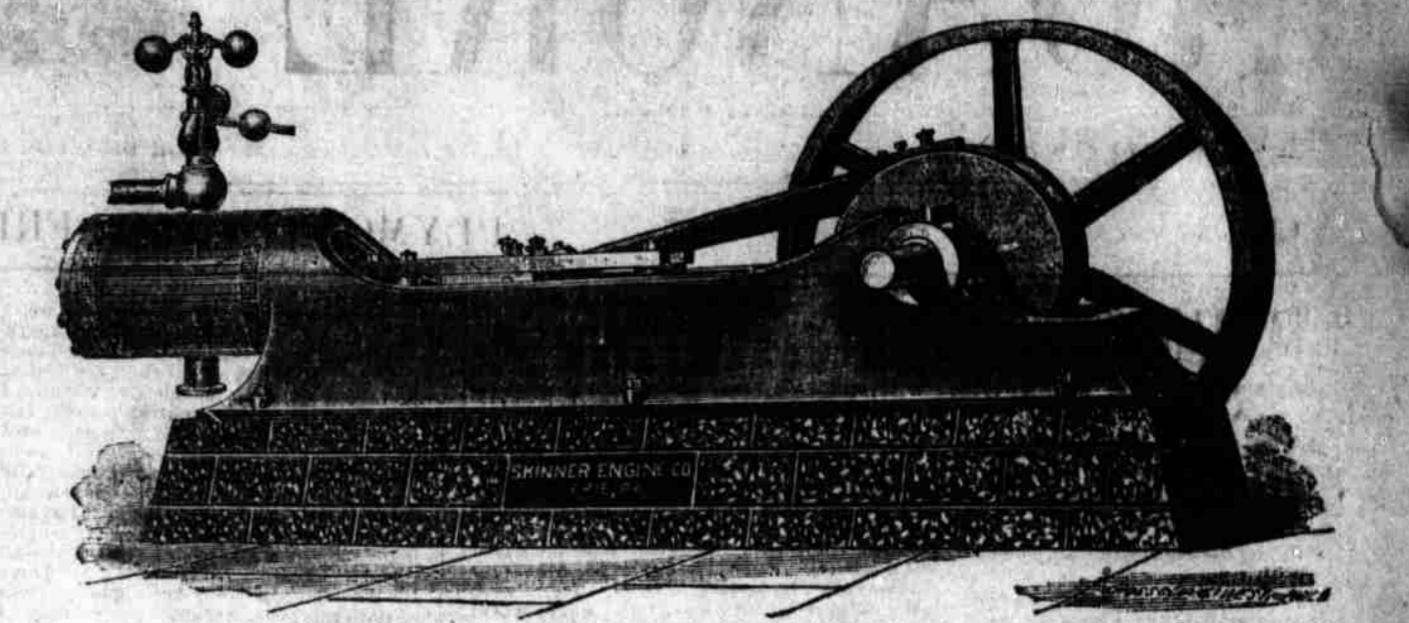
**EDUCATION NO. 3.**  
 BY OLD SOL.  
 HE GIVES A FEW MORE REASONS WHY FARMERS SHOULD BE EDUCATED.  
 In my last letter I endeavored to prove to the many readers of the BEACON the necessity of farmers being educated in order that they might adorn society, guide the ship of State, and vote intelligently, but those, though of vital importance to the commonwealth and sisterhood of states, is not by any means the only thing for which the farmer should be thoroughly equipped by a judicious education.  
 There is a great deal of business connected with farming, in fact it is all business, as much as merchandising or any other occupation in which men engage. It may not perhaps be absolutely necessary for them to understand the science of book-keeping in all of its various forms, but it is important that they should understand enough of it to keep the books of the farm in a systematic way. He should keep an itemized account of all purchases made and of all sales and investments. He ought to know exactly what it costs him to produce a crop, so that he can compare the cost with the price received, then he can tell whether he is advancing or retreating. He can then regulate his expenses accordingly and keep from becoming involved in debt. A lack of this knowledge accounts in a great measure for the loss of so many of our farmers being carpeted with mortgages. There are also contracts to draw up and deeds to write, which will, if he can do it himself save a good many lawyer's fees.  
 In addition to the above, we also maintain that a scientific and classical education is useful to the farmer, enabling him to distinguish at once, by a correct analysis, between good and spurious fertilizers, as well as to understand perfectly the bulletins which are constantly being sent out by the State Agricultural Experiment Station. Not only does a thorough education enable the farmer to properly adjust his business, but it is also a source of happiness to himself and family, (for he must have a family or be worse than a nuisance,) and of innumerable benefits to his neighbors. It is true that education can be made the servant of avarice, vice and crime, as well as of God and humanity, but it is our duty to educate and pray for the young, leaving the result with them and their God. "One must plant, another must water, but God must give the increase." This reminds one of a very important matter, to wit: The collection of proper persons as teachers. No school, either public or private, should be taught by any person whose life is not adorned by the graces of the Christian religion.  
 I am glad to notice in the different journals of our State that the people are becoming aroused upon this important subject, and are realizing the necessity of educating their sons and daughters in order that our beloved State may rank foremost in intelligence, as well as in wealth, valor and patriotism.  
 In these articles I have said little or nothing about the importance of educating the girls, but I assure you that I have not neglected those earthly angels, because I believe in ignorant wives and mothers, but I thought I would leave this part of the subject to be discussed by a more able pen than mine, viz: the pen of "Wild Rose," which will in the future as in the past, labor with untiring zeal in the cause of her sisters.

MR. EDITOR these articles are about to come to a close, though the subject is by no means exhausted, yet I think that enough has been said to arouse the pride and dormant energies of our people and cause them to erect suitable school buildings for the accommodation of their children.  
 And now Mr. editor, in the conclusion of this series, I once more appeal to the citizens of Roper in behalf of their children, and of generations yet to come, to provide for the enlightenment and elevation of their posterity. Thus they will live to a good and noble purpose, and their names will be honored and venerated by their children.  
 When the inspiring rays of the star of intelligence shall disperse the dark clouds of ignorance which has so long blackened the intellectual horizon of our county, then will dawn a new era; an era pregnant with new industries, new and better government and everything that is great, good and sublime.

**BOYLE ACQUITTED AND RALEIGH DISGRACED.**  
 Scotland Neck Democrat.  
 On last Saturday night at a late hour the jury in the Boyle case in the Superior court of Wake county returned a verdict of not guilty, and the libertine was acquitted of what he was before condemned.  
 We have no comments to make on the verdict; but we are heartily ashamed of the scene in the court room at the announcement.  
 Boyle was congratulated with vociferous applause, notwithstanding Judge McRae had asked that there be no demonstration, whatever might be the verdict. The daily papers reported that numbers of persons shook hands with the perjured villain and even called upon him loudly for a speech. Shades of departed decency! Whether convicted or acquitted, he stood before that tribunal of justice and power by his own confession, guilty of the diabolical and damning crime of destroying the life and hopes of an innocent maiden—innocent in that he in his priestly office could have guided her aright rather than have ruined her; guilty of the crime of bringing into a happy home the blackening shadows of disgrace that can be lifted from it never more; guilty of the crime of disgracing his holy office and the name of his church; guilty of the crime of blotting with his ballist deeds the records of a high court of the great state of North Carolina, to which he came under the robes of hypocritical holiness, a drunken debaucher, a libidinous wolf and an unbridled libertine. And yet when he was acquitted, he was wildly cheered and was called upon to pollute the air already befouled by his presence with a speech in the august presence of a high court of justice.  
 Such a scene was a disgrace to any civilization, not to say that of North Carolina of 1890; and was contemptible enough to brand all who engaged in it, or in any way winked at it, as modern Sodomites.

**Who is the Heir?**  
 The Governor has received a letter stating that a man named Archie Brinkley died at Auburn, California, in September, 1889, and left considerable property. He left a sister who is supposed to be living in either North Carolina, Virginia or Georgia, and who is one of the heirs. There is about \$1,000 of the estate which is due her, and the administrator would like to be in possession of any information concerning her. Mr. Brinkley was a Confederate soldier, and has lived in California about ten years.—News and Observer.

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