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The following is not written primarily as Democratic "politics," but purely in the interest of the children of Washington County, who are its greatest asset.

If it wasn't so ridiculous it would be extremely funny. In 1906 the Republicans of this county almost arose in arms fighting Tom Blount and the Democratic party for robbing them, as they said, by imposing a school tax sufficient to give their own children a four-months school. At one place, we remember, this opposition was extremely abusive, and personal violence was only avoided by the ability of the Democrats present to control themselves.

Mr. Blount and the Democratic ticket was elected and the four-months school given to the children of those who would have deprived them of this advantage, electing rather to have them kept in the fields to grow up in ignorance rather than spend a few dollars for taxes and the labor they might save.

These schools were started despite their opposition, and soon proved so beneficial and popular that these men began to "sit up and take notice," and in less than eight years, be it said to their credit and honor, they awoke to the interest of their children and helped vote an additional special tax in almost every district in the county to provide the children still greater educational advantages, the result being that this county today shows an illiteracy of only four per cent., a much better showing than many of the wealthier counties of the state. And those who witnessed the display made by our country children here on County Commencement Day last March, made possible only by this Democratic administration, and not feel proud, is indeed selfish and ungrateful.

Republicans desired to keep the country children where they WERE; the Democrats said they should have something better, and placed them where they ARE. Old, 12x20, one-room, dilapidated shacks have given place to modern, well-lighted, well-ventilated, well-heated school-houses, and the dollar-a-day teacher who could spell "incomprehensibility", with the old "blue-back" speller under his nose, and could "figger" through long division, but was fit for nothing else, has been side-tracked, and well-equipped teachers are now training our children for the higher life in every branch of study.

The Democrats gave you this, and has not only carried it to its present stage of efficiency, but is improving it every day, and yet, the Republicans, who still oppose this but dare not do so openly in the face of public approval, in the hope of creating dissatisfaction, resort to picking at and criticizing every feature in it that does not appear to them perfect and appeals to you by claiming that each of their candidates "know how and will endeavor to make a decided improvement on our present school system."

Good Lord, deliver us. Do they think the people have forgotten; or do they really believe they would welcome back again conditions as they really existed under their administration just a few years ago?

Voters of Washington County, especially the young men and fathers who have and are being benefitted by these improved

for yourselves, and then answer it at the ballot box on November 7th, next.

Roper Community Fair.

CHANGE OF DATE.

Owing to the big show being billed for Plymouth on Nov. 9th, instead of the 7th, as was at first understood, it has been deemed advisable by the management to change the date for holding the Community Fair to some future time.

A committee meeting will be called Saturday afternoon, at which time a new date will be decided upon, after which sufficient advertisement will be given to fully acquaint you of the new date.



Cherry News.

Mrs. Ben Adams and child returned to their home in Baltimore Thursday.

Miss Jennie Ambrose of near Plymouth is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dewey Phelps.

Misses Callie Woodley and Mattie Davenport spent Wednesday night with Mrs. M. C. Spruill.

Cherry School is planning a Halloween party Friday evening November 3rd, for the benefit of piano fund.

Messrs Charlie Clifton, Jim White, and Philip Shugar returned from Norfolk Tuesday with a drove of horses.

The vocal class of Cherry School is progressing nicely. There will be some selections for the Hallow'en party.

We are glad to note the progress of our county in giving us concrete bridges over the river and creek near our school.

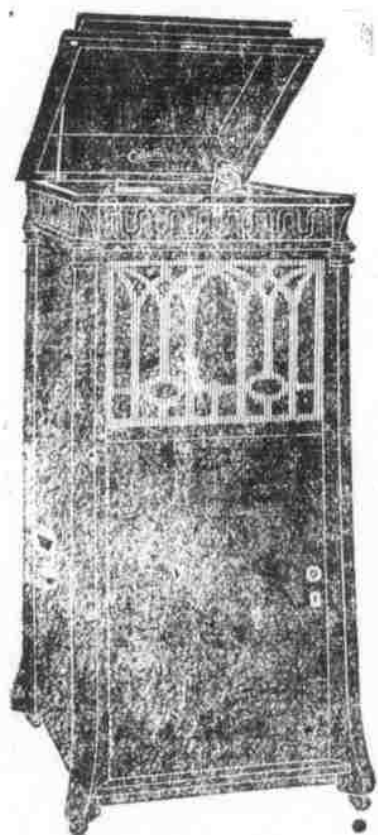
Mr. Jim Davis returned to his home Wednesday from St. Vincent's hospital where had undergone an operation. He is making fine progress.

The Ladies Betterment Association met Friday afternoon for organization with following: Mrs. W. E. Spruill, president; Mrs. G. A. Overton, vice president; Miss Estell Chesson, treasurer; and Miss Heppie Carr, secretary.

CAN YOU VOTE? Not unless you are registered. The books are now open but will close Saturday evening, Oct., 28th, at sunset. Be sure that your name and that of every other Democrat is properly on the books TODAY.

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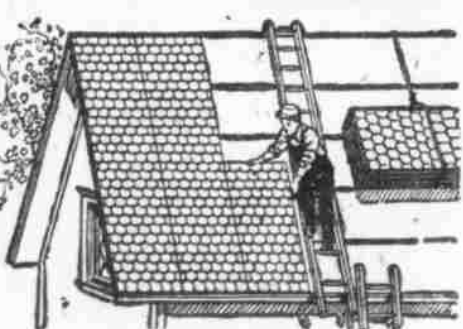


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BIG LINE OF MEN'S HATS, YOUNG MEN'S SNAPPY STYLES; \$1.48 TO \$3.00

SHOES! FOR MEN, \$1.75 to \$5.50
INCLUDES FLORSHEIM, WHICH ARE WORTH \$7.00 TODAY.

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OUR ENTIRE LINE OF STAPLE DRY GOODS WAS PURCHASED BEFORE THE ADVANCE IN PRICES. HIGH GRADE APRON GINGHAMS, WORTH 10c, WILL BE SOLD FOR 8c. DRESS GINGHAMS WORTH 12c WILL BE SOLD AT 10c. YARD WIDE SERGES WORTH 65 TO 75c WILL BE SOLD AT 50c. SERGES WORTH \$1.25 WILL BE SOLD AT \$1.00; WORTH \$1.50 TO \$1.75 WILL BE SOLD AT \$1.25. MESALINES TND TAFFETAS WORTH \$1.50 AT \$1.25. LAST YEAR'S PRICES ON UNDERWEAR AND KNIT GOODS. A FULL LINE OF MERSAILLES AND WHITE QUILTS, WORTH \$5. TO \$7.50, WILL BE SOLD FROM \$3.00 TO \$5.00. NICE LINE OF WOOLEN AND COTTON BLANKETS WILL BE SOLD FROM \$1.25 TO \$5.00. ABOUT 700 DOZEN HOSE, WORTH 20 TO 25c, AT 15c. FULL LINE OF THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN BUTTONS AND TRIMMINGS.

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