

**The Watauga Democrat.**

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Stand by the Common Schools.

The bulwark of the nation to day is to be found in the quality of its citizenship—to make it plain, in the manhood and womanhood of its people. An educated citizenship is a blessing, nay, it's a country's salvation; the reverse of this condition is a curse. We have no criticism to offer relative to our many excellent colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning. What we do mean is to strengthen and support our common schools; extend their influence, lengthen the school term, pay the teachers better salaries, then get the best teachers obtainable, and the college, university, the seminary the fashionable school etc. will take care of themselves. In connection with this we submit a statement recently made by Charity and children, a paper published at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., that clearly illustrates the necessity for standing by our public schools. It says:

"Twenty-two young people left Thomasville this fall to attend high schools and colleges as opposed to the half dozen who went to college from here four years ago. Graded schools have made this difference, and indeed the graded school is the prime factor in the education of children of any town, whose people have been far sighted enough to lay this bedrock of education in their community. The crying need of our people now is not so much for better colleges and universities and stronger ones as it is for good common schools, not a three month term with inadequate teaching force and poor equipment, but an eight or nine months term with competent teachers and enough of them to give ever child their individual attention. Stand by your common schools and in that way you will do most to advance the cause of the university, for from the country academy and the town graded school do the colleges and universities draw their best and strongest support.—American.

**Bilious Attack Quickly Cured.**

A few weeks ago I had a bilious attack that was so severe I wasn't able to go to the office for two days. Failing to get relief from my family physician's treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man.—H. C. Baily, Editor of the News, Chapin, S. C. These tablets are for sale by all dealers, Boone, and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

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**Hopeful for Democracy.**

Pennsylvania has voted for the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, and a Democratic victory was complete. Even the old country staid bys that never deserted the Republican colors have either gone over bodily or, have barely pulled through.

In New York City there is not enough of the Republican party left, according to the figures on the mayorality, to make a decent escort for the political funeral of its candidate, Mr. Ivins.

Ohio has gone Democratic. Not only has the state elected a Democratic governor, but a legislature Democratic in both branches.

Massachusetts has chosen a republican governor but the majority is a small one compared with the old time triumphs.

On the whole it looks as if the Democratic party was preparing to make trouble next year, when a full membership of the House of Representatives is to be elected, and when there will be important contests over Government ships.—Philadelphia Inquirer (Republican.)

Some people besides college students have strange ideas regarding jokes or hazing, as shown by a dispatch from Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Felkner, a popular young couple, who had just been married, were bound hand and foot and hauled through the principal streets of Indianapolis in a dray wagon, followed by a crowd of their fool friends who are described as "yelling like maniacs." As a result of this experience the bride is in a dying condition. At the new home of the couple the hazers turned everything upside down, placing the kitchen furniture in the parlor and the parlor furniture in the kitchen, filling the stove with dishes and a brie-a-brac and otherwise putting the establishment in confusion. This form of hazing is worse, if possible, than that engaged in by the students of Kenyon college, and it was thought that the latter had reached the limit.—Charlotte Observer.

**A Runaway Bicycle.**

Terminated in an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for burns, scalds, skin eruptions and piles, 25c. at Blackburn's.

North Carolina has a law which makes it a punishable offense to point an unloaded gun or pistol at any person. This may be the reason why North Carolina is getting a head of Virginia in population. Norfolk Landmark.

**Chapped Hands.**

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**He Had a Personal Interest.**

Blankville is a small place, but has enough enterprising citizens to maintain a lecture course. One of the lecturers last year delivered an interesting discourse on the wonders of radium.

He told of its discovery, its enormous cost and the great things that were expected of it in the future. At the close of his remarks, he said he would be glad to answer any questions his hearers might feel like asking him as to particulars he had overlooked or not made perfectly plain.

After a pause of a few moments, an earnest looking man rose and said there was one question he would like to ask.

"What is it?" said the lecturer.

"I'd like to know," responded the man, a spasm of pain contorting his features, "if radium will cure bunions."—Youths Companion.

**Matrimony.**

**What is marriage?**

Marriage is an institution for the bind.

When a man thinks seriously of marriage, what happens?

He remains single.

Should a man marry a girl for her money?

No, but he should not become an old maid just because she is rich.

When a girl refuses to a "sad courtship" what does she mean?

She means that the man got away.

Is an engagement as good as marriage?

It is better.

Why does a bride wear a veil?

So she may conceal her satisfaction.

When a man says he can manage his wife what does he mean?

He means he can make her do anything she wants to.—Detroit News.

Of two kinds is the preacher in politics—the right and the wrong. The right kind of a preacher is never out of politics. For what, after all, is politics, rightly understood, but sound morals translated into action? The true preacher, veritably representative of the Higher Law, preaches politics every time he enters the pulpit. He preaches it, a-hove all, in his daily walk and talk. He tells men by word and by example that they should in civil life, as well as in business and in home life, do the right and avoid the wrong. He ties himself by with no faction, and promotes, as a minister of the gospel, no partisan interest. But as an exponent of the Truth he is bound to hit and down the Lie in the caucus, in the convention, at the primary and the polls, as well as in business and domestic life.—Louisville Herald.

Cupid takes a day off when the feminine match-maker gets busy.

A woman has brains to be able, without any, to do so much more than men.

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A country minister in a certain locality, took permanent leave of his congregation, in the following pathetic manner: Brothers and sisters, I come to the place where I must say goodbye: I don't think God loves this church, because none of you die. I don't think you love each other, because I never marry any of you. You don't love me, because you have never paid my salary. Your donations are mouldy fruit and wormy apples, and by their fruit ye shall know them. Brothers and sisters, I am going to a better place. I have been called to be the chaplain of a penitentiary; where I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on you. Good-bye!—Selected.

**Last Call for Taxes.**

I will be at the following places on the days named for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1905:

- Boone, Boone, Dec. 4 '05.
  - Meat Camp, Vanney's store, December the 5th.
  - Ball Mountain, Voting place, December the 6th.
  - Stony Fork, Virgil, Dec. 7th
  - Elk, Cox's Store, Dec. the 8th
  - Blue Ridge, Stories' Store, December the 9th,
  - Blowing Rock, Blowing Rock, December the 12th.
  - Watauga, Shull's Mills, December the 13th
  - Shawneebaw, Banner's store, December the 14th:
  - Beech Mountain, McGuire's Store, December the 15th,
  - Laurel Creek, John Wards, Store, December the 16th:
  - Beaverdams, Sweet water December the 19th.
  - Cove Creek, Mable, Dec. 20 h.
  - North Fork, Thomas' Store, December the 21st.
- Remember I expect these taxes paid by January the 6th, 1906 and if you want to save cost pay before that date.

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