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An Interesting Article by Prof. B. B. Dougherty.

[Unavoidably deferred from last week.]

EDITOR DMOCRAT: The State heretofore has been spending \$300,000 for the Public Schools, \$75,000 going to the High Schools, per capita, and \$100,000 to the poor counties to equalize the school term.

The last Legislature gave the \$75,000 to the High Schools and divided the remainder (\$225,000) per capita to every county in the State. Watauga gets \$1,408.45 from this fund. After this is done the law provides that the County Commissioners may levy enough tax to run the schools four months. This was done in Watauga, raising the tax 5 cents on the \$100 valuation over last year.

After all this county can participate in an equalizing fund about \$400,000 to bring the school up to a six months term, or as near as may be. Each County Board of Education must submit a sworn statement to the State Board of Education on the first Monday in December. Then the State Board divides up the equalizing fund, starting in the county with the shortest term and bringing them all up equal.

According to the salary list of last year, this fund would lengthen the schools about six weeks but last year in each county the salaries were raised and the compulsory school law added a large number of teachers, bringing down the length of term. Before December State Superintendent Joyner has no way to know what salary list in the State will be. The Board of Education in each county cannot know what amount of money will be coming to the county until notified by the State Superintendent.

Here is the trouble. Our schools in the Western part of the State are out before many of them begin in the Eastern part.

Since the holidays we have been notified that Watauga could depend upon 22 days above the four months, but the exact amount could not be given until February.

We suggested that schools could run 5 or 5½ months. Those that had 5 months can have two more days next year, those that had 5½ months would have three days fewer next year. It will be noticed that the State is spending about \$700,000, or one third of the entire income for the public schools. We have been greatly pleased with progress of the public schools, and we congratulate the people for the good work they have done, making Watauga one of the foremost counties of the mountains.

Respectfully,

B. B. DOUGHERTY, Co. Supt.

The Catholic church recently received a bequest of \$265,000 to be used in Mission work, and now it is announced that probably \$100,000 of it will be spent in North Carolina to advance the Catholic Cause.

HORRIBLE BLOTCHES OF ECZEMA

Quickly cured by Dr. Bobson's Eczema Ointment, C. P. Caldwell, of New Orleans, states: "My doctor advised me to try Dr. Hobson's Eczema Salve. I used three boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Dr. Hobson's Derma-Zema soap. Today I have not a spot anywhere on my body and can say I am cured." It will do the same for you. It's soothing, healing, antiseptic action will rid you of all skin humors, blackheads, pimples, Eczema blotches, red unsightly sores, and leaves your skin clear and healthy. Get a box today. Guaranteed. All druggists 50c. or by mail, Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Senator Simmons celebrated his 60th birthday on the 20th, of January.

Eva Booth, head of the Salvation Army in this country is very ill in New York.

H. B. Varner of the Lexington Dispatch is said to be thinking of running for Congress.

President Wilson, by executive order names Col. George W. Goethals, builder of the Canal, first governor of the Canal Zone.

Mrs. Eva M. Murphy has entered the race for Congress as a progressive, in the Sixth Kansas district.

The chairman of the democratic State Com. of Col. is a woman, Mrs. Gertrude Lee, who has for a number of years, been active in politics.

Former Senator, Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois died in Washington on the 28th. ult. after a short illness. He held public office for 50 years but died in very moderate circumstances.

On the 28th. ult. 80,000 rounds of ammunition, which the Federal authorities think was intended for use by revolutionists in San Domingo, was dumped into New York Harbor.

Rev. H. G. Hophaver, principal of the School at Startown, Catawba County, was recently fined in a magistrate's court for whipping a pupil. He appealed to the Superior Court.

Walter Reynolds of Winston-Salem recently attempted suicide by the laudanum route, because his lady friend refused to attend a show with him. Pity he did not succeed.

A flower pot fell on Thomas McWard's pet corn at Charleston West Virginia and so enraged him that he seized an old musket and proceed to shoot off the corn and also, of course the toe it was on.

There is a movement on foot looking to the moving of Surry County's court house from Dobson to Mt. Airy. Prominent men in that county think that the next General Assembly will be asked to grant a vote upon the measure.

By a vote of 46 to 16 the Senate a few days since passed the Alaska Railroad bill, which gives the President the right to purchase or construct 1,000 miles of railway in Alaska, the cost not to exceed \$40,000,000. The President is to be responsible for the selection of the route.

Dispatches from points on the Pacific coast say that since it was charted by the United States Government that the highest seas have been recorded within the past few days. They have had terrible storms doing much damage to property in many places.

The management of the Granite Quarries at Mt. Airy has arranged to secure a number of Scandinavians from their native country, to use through the coming summer. They have used Irish and Italian labor, but with poor success. They added fifty stone cutters to the force on the 28th.

Five of the nations invited to take part in the great naval procession that will start at Hampton Roads and cruise by way of the Panama canal to the Golden Gate, have notified the State Department of their acceptance. They are Argentine Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain and Portugal. It is believed that all the maritime nations of the world will be represented in the line.

Go To Raleigh, February 13-15.

I doubt whether any meeting has been held in North Carolina with such a comprehensive and constructive program for the general upbuilding of our State and its people. Every patriotic North Carolinian, and especially every earnest church member, ought to try to attend.

So says Governor Locke Craig of the meeting of the North Carolina Conference for social service to be held in Raleigh February 13th, 14th and 15th.

The title chosen by President Clarence Poe for his address, "The North Carolina of Tomorrow—A Message to Commonwealth Builders", indicates sharply the spirit and aims of the entire meeting. The program then takes up our rural and mountain problems; public health, education and morals; and industrial and urban problems. The speakers include, among the State's agricultural leaders, E. L. Daughtridge, J. Z. Green and W. J. Shuford; in education such names as E. K. Graham, J. Y. Joyner and W. S. Crosby; woman's interests are represented by Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, Mrs. John Van Landingham and Mrs. Anna S. Richardson, of the National Congress of Mothers; Dr. W. S. Rankin and Dr. L. B. McBrayer speak on health subjects; Horace Kephart's subject is "The Development of our Mountain People"; the improvement of our cities and of industrial conditions is to be discussed by R. D. W. Conner and J. S. Carr, Jr.; while A. M. Seales, of Greensboro, and G. H. Hastings, of Winston-Salem, are also listed for important topics.

Greatest of all will be the meeting on "The Church and Social Service" participated in by Dr. W. L. Poteat, Rev. Neal L. Anderson, Rev. Plato Durham and others of this State, and by two of the greatest religious leaders in America today—Dr. Shailer Matthews, of Chicago, the head of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. John A. Rice, of Fort Worth, one of the South's foremost Methodist ministers, and Chairman of the Church and Social Service Committee of the Southern Sociological Society.

THE KING OF ALL LAXATIVES.

For constipation use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, New York, says they are king of all laxatives. They are a blessing to all my family and I always keep a box at home. Get a box and get well again. Price 25c. At Druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Haiti is in a state of revolution, and the President, Michael Oreste, fled from the capital a few days since, taking refuge aboard the German cruiser, Vinetta. In order to safe-guard the lives and property of Americans, the Montana has landed her deck force of 150 men there.

The new State building in Raleigh was opened to the public in an informal reception on last Tuesday, the day the spring term of the Supreme Court opened. The building was presented by J. A. Long Chairman of the building committee and Gov. Craig accepted it for the State.

"Be still sad heart and cease repining" about the high cost of radium. We are now assured by Joseph M. Flannery, president of what was said to be the only concern in the country extracting radium from ore, that "radium prices will drop automatically, perhaps to \$80,000.00 a gram." There is said to be enough radium ore in Colorado to supply the earth five times over.—Wilkes Patriot.

A Tribute of Love.

The Death Angel has again visited the little village of Silverstone and claimed as his victim the wife of Mr. C. E. Smith. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. L. Hickman, and her body was laid to rest in the family grave yard to await the resurrection morn, while her spirit, we believe, is basking in the sun-light of God's eternal bliss.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. John P. Wilkerson, and was married to Mr. C. E. Smith at the age of 18 years, to which union was born one child, Little Earl, now 23 months old. She was loved by all who knew her, and leaves behind to mourn her loss a father and husband, one child, five sisters, two brothers and a host of friends. We have the great consolation that while we can never see dear China again in this life, but by the help of God we can meet her in the great beyond, where we have every reason to believe she is enjoying the reward of the righteous.

"Sad is the hour of parting, here she will come no more, still we may hope to meet her safe on the golden shore. Sweetly she sleeps in Jesus, never to wake or weep; dear Claud, behold your loved one sleeps her last long sleep."

We extend to the grief-stricken husband our deepest sympathy.

One who loved her.

SUE FOSTER.

NANNIE SMITH.

FEEL MISERABLE?

Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back.—Electric Bitters renews your health and strength. A guar anteed liver and kidney remedy. Money back if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madison of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from venereal liver trouble for eight months. After four doctors had given him up he took Electric Bitters and is now a well man. Get a bottle today; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. 50c. and \$1. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Little Acts Tell.

A man's life in his family, with his wife, with his children, with his mother, with his neighbors, is not made up of grand stands and plays and defiance of the elements and all that sort of thing; it is made up of a series of little acts, and these little acts and little self restraints are what go to make up the man's character.—Prof. William H. Taft.

A WINTER COUGH.

A stubborn, annoying, depressing cough hangs on, racks the body, weakens the lungs, and often leads to serious results. The first dose of Dr. King's New Discovery gives relief. Henry D. Sanders, of Cavendish, Vt., was threatened with consumption after having pneumonia. He writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery ought to be in every family; it is certainly the best of all medicines for coughs, colds or lung trouble." Good for children's coughs. Money back if not satisfied. Price 50c. and \$1. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

A boy named Kannew was arrested in Ark. for throwing at a street car. We his ma to "paddle her own Kannew."

Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as Administrator of H. E. Aldridge, deceased, late of Watauga county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of February, 1915, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This Feb. 5, 1914.

JOHN L. FOX, Administrator.

E. S. COFFEY, Attorney.

Too Old to Recoup His Loss.

Old Fort Sentinel:
Mr. Johnson Elliot, who lives on Cedar creek, just over the McDowell line, attained the age of 100 years last August. Until last week, when fire destroyed his humble home, he had lived in a log cabin built by his own hands 75 years ago. This old man had been saving little by little until his accumulation of gold and silver amounted to about \$3,000,000 which he had secreted about his dwelling; and although the cabin doors were minus locks, his money remained safe until the flames last week consumed his home and its contents—all but \$425. This amount being hid in the bed, did not melt on account of the roof falling in on it and partly smothering the flames.

Mr. Elliot had been advised about a month ago to deposit the money for safe keeping. Quite a sore loss in such extreme old age; but as we cannot take our gold with us, possibly this loss will not be as hard on him as it might have been to some one much younger.

[Moral: If you have money hoarded away about your home, you had better deposit it at once in some good bank, three of which we have in this county. There it is safe from fire, flood or burglars, so far as you are concerned. The Bank is responsible to you for your deposits. Better attend to this at once lest you meet with the same fate that has overtaken the centenarian named above.]—Democrat.

A cheap reputation soon wears out.

FINE STOCK FOR SALE.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1914, at my home on Meat Camp, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder the following live stock: Four nice, blooded heifers, two extra good milk cows, three head of horse stock—one mare and two fillies—all first class. Terms of sale, 6 months time with note and approved security. This Jan. 22, 1914.

W. W. BLACKBURN.

SANDS, R. F. D.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Under the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed on Aug. 5th, 1904, by Daniel V. Yates to J. C. Grimsley to secure notes to the amount of \$205 which mortgage is registered in the office of Register of deeds of Watauga co. N. C. in Book J page 269 we will, at the court house door in the town of Boone, on 6 February 1914 sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands, situated in Watauga county, N. C. on Beeson Mountain and known as the George Grimsley and Wm. A. Grimsley lands being the land conveyed by deed from J. C. Grimsley and wife and Ann Grimsley to said Daniel V. Yates, and for a more definite description reference is made to said deed containing 120 acres, more or less to satisfy a balance of \$205.33 due on said notes and for costs of sale. This Jan. 10, 1914.

S. W. CULVER, NELLIE WELLSBORN, Assignees of Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the superior court before the clerk Polly Farmer and husband William Farmer, vs Julia Swift, Louisa Swift, James Thompson, Bina Thompson Robert Thompson, Joe Thompson Annie Walker and husband Grover Sallie May, Margaret L. Hanson and husband Geo. Heuson, Rose Thompson, J. W. Stephens and wife Isabella Stephens.

The defendant Ann Walker and husband Grover Walker and James Thompson and wife Lillie Thompson, Julia Swift and Louisa Swift above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county by the clerk thereof for the purpose of selling that tract of land in Watauga co. Cove creek township, known as the J. W. Stephens home place, containing forty acres more or less, for partition of the said lands among the tenants in common, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the superior court of Watauga county at his office on the 26 day of Feb. 1914 at the hour of ten o'clock and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the petitioners will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This Jan. 7, 1914.

W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

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2-27-13 1 yr.

VETERINARY SURGERY.
I have been putting much study on this subject; have received my diploma, and am now well equipped for the practice of Veterinary Surgery in all its branches, and am the only one in the county, all on or address me at Vilas, N. R. F. D. 1.
G. H. HAYES,
Veterinary Surgeon.
1-17-11.

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— DENTIST. —
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