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The Country School.

News and Observer

Prof. Charles H. Utley, formerly of Wake county but now superintendent of the graded school at Webster, in Jackson county, writes for the Jackson county Journal an article on "The Country Schools" that deserves to be widely read:

Every one who has given the subject any thought has noticed that the great men in the city are usually those who come from the country. It is also true that the rugged characters who go to the city and find conditions there plastic under the touch of their personality generally leave children who are by no means of the calibre of their father, indicating that the city is not the place to develop the sterner virtues.

So for the sake of the city in which the country boy is to play such an important part the country boy needs good educational facilities. But Prof. Utley makes the plea for better educational facilities for the country boy, to the end that he may do more for the country. He would have the educated country boy stay at home instead of rushing off to the city.

Prof. Utley finds in the efficient country school the solution of the problem of the drift to the city. He well says that the efficiency of the country school in the future will largely determine the joy of living in the country. This is recognizing an essential fact in connection with the problem of keeping country boys in the country. Living in the country must be made more pleasant than it has been heretofore.

Answering the question as to how the country school will do what he says he can do. Prof. Utley says the country school must teach the natives how to live and how to get a living. It is well known that homes in the country are not as attractive as they might be and that the comforts of life are not as plentifully provided in the rural districts as they are in the city.

The well equipped country school will meet these needs from two directions. It will spread the refining influences which tend to make for happiness in the home and it will produce the efficiency which transmutes itself into the wealth which makes the comforts of life possible. "The future," says Prof. Utley, "holds out many flattering promises to the intelligent, progressive young people who are educated along the lines of industrial science."

There is no doubt at all about the strategic part which the country school will hold in the solution of the problem of supporting the teeming millions of the land. Greater production is clearly seen to be one of the crying needs of the day. The country school, teaching among other things the branches that will tend to enthusiasm and success in farming, can accomplish wonders towards bringing lagging supply within reach of hurrying demand.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Judge Pritchard Speaks.

Durham, N. C., Dispatch.

Judge Jeter C. Pritchard today registered his protest against the tango and the turkey trot and the slit skirt in the fifth of a series of meetings for men being held at the Baptist church. Judge Pritchard was heard by over 1,000 men, and many amens and nods of the head greeted what he had to say about the present-day fashion of the feminine part of the North Carolina population.

"The Conservation of Manhood" was the subject on which Judge Pritchard spoke, and he outlined a number of ways in which the fathers and mothers of the State could conserve the manhood of the rising generation. The distinguished jurist spoke with a seriousness characteristic of all of his discussions of moral issues. He talked in a conversational tone, but none of the addresses that have been delivered in Durham have been listened to more attentively.

His speech was filled with illustrations of the results of the failure of parents to give their children the proper home training. All of these illustrations came from the observation of the speaker while he was on the bench, in the Senate and in his present position.

The proper home training was the first means advocated for the conservation of the boys and girls of the State, and the second was prohibitive and repressive laws.

In the first case Judge Pritchard said that he knew of many instances in which the fathers left the whole training of the children to the mothers. That this was bad was shown from the fact that there are always times in the life of boys and girls when the strong arm of the father's authority is needed.

That the prohibition law was not an interference of the personal liberty of any man, but an effort to take the temptations away from the people, the young people of the State, was the position taken by Judge Pritchard on the whiskey question. He recalled some of the scenes from the early history of Madison County, and said that while he was practicing law in that section of the country he defended 57 murderers. The dockets of the county were crowded with murder cases. He told of the fight made against whiskey in that county, and finally wound up with the present day conditions of Madison.

The duty of the South in the enforcement of these laws was stressed. The duty rests heavier on the South than on any other section of the country because of the fact that the South is the most American part of the country, and hence on her depends the preservation of the American Institute.

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 fashion journal says: "Women all over the land are calling for more pockets. They should have them, for they have drawn upon the men's pockets for their necessities long enough."

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The burning of a steam laundry at Durham entailed a loss of \$10,000.

Henry M. Pindell, of Illinois, who was recently appointed Ambassador to Russia and the appointment confirmed, has declined to accept.

We learn from an exchange that there are now about 900 students in all departments of the University and that all are North Carolinians save 49.

Mr. M. M. Culp, of Mooresville, who for 30 years was an inmate of the State Hospital in Morganton, died suddenly a few days ago at the age of 75 years. He entered the institution from Raleigh when it first opened.

We are sorry to learn from the Advocate of the serious illness of the children of Rev. J. H. Green at Leicester. Mr. Green has many friends here, where his mother resides.

Recent earth quake shocks at Mendoza, Argentina, caused a panic, for in 1861 Mendoza was overthrown by an earth quake. It is about 60 miles distant from the volcano of Aconcagua.

The Howie gold mines near Waxhaw is producing a satisfactory amount of gold and the plant is to be improved at a cost of about \$250,000, says the Lexington Dispatch.

Statistics tell us that during the six months which ended Dec. 31st, the American people drank 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey and smoked 4,090,300,000 cigars and 8,711,000,000 cigarettes.

The Methodist church in Troy, N. C., was recently destroyed by fire. It caught from an old school building, in which the graded school was being taught, the new school building not yet being completed.

The New York Homeopathic Medical College has received a gift of \$25,000 for research work in cancer, from Lambert Snydam who for years has been much interested in scientific investigation along this line.

"A flying race" is to be pulled off next year during the Panama Exposition in San Francisco, and \$300,000 in prizes are to be offered. It is to be a race of flying machines around the world and the trip is expected to require 90 days.

The dormitory of the Elhanan orphanage near Marion was destroyed by fire on the first. It was a two-story frame building and the fire is supposed to have started from a stove flue or lamp. The loss is from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

A consignment of animal specimens from the South American jungles, has been received in New York from Col. Roosevelt, who for some time has been on a trip in South America of the nature of the one he took through Africa.

With only his night clothes on, a man who in lucid moments, says that his name is Gillis and that he came from North Carolina, was found wandering in Mason county, West Va., and placed in an insane asylum at Huntington, in that State.

Mrs. Kluttz, wife of Mr. Whitehead Kluttz, Secretary of the Canadian Boundary Commission, died on the 3rd in a Salisbury hospital. She would not have been married three years until April 2. She was a daughter of Rev. J. A. Linn, a prominent Durham minister, and was herself a devoted member of the Lutheran church. She leaves a little daughter less than two years old.

Mrs. A. E. Pease died in Asheville on the 28th ult., at the age of 91 year. She was a native of New York and came to this State soon after the Civil War. She was the founder of the Normal and Industrial College in Asheville where many a poor girl has been educated.

Prof. C. C. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instructions in the county of Wilkes, and who now represents the 7th Congressional district on the State Board of Agriculture, is a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture to succeed the Hon. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln.

The Monroe Journal with its issue of the 3rd, completed its twentieth year, and during all these years it has never missed an issue, neither has it ever in any way changed hands. It is one of the State's strongest and most interesting papers, and we hope it continued prosperity and many more years of usefulness.

Augustus Koopman, painter and etcher, died in France on the 31st ult., after an illness of several months due to paralysis. Mr. Koopman was born in Charlotte, N. C., in 1869, and left this state in boyhood. He was in the city of his birth last year, the first time in 30 years. He was a very celebrated artist.

From the Times-Mercury we learn that in West Hickory there is a young man 18 years old who is afflicted with fits as a result of the excessive use of cigarettes. He had several fits in church recently and it is said that when he has one, two or three men are required to hold him. He will probably be taken to the hospital in Morganton for treatment.

P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of the United States Bureau of Education approves a plan by which he says, two million children might be enlisted in vocational work. He says the practice of closing public schools in Summer is "primitive and preposterous," and that the most important problem of the day is to keep city boys from the three months contamination in the streets."

Convict Killed.

Wilkes Patriot.

Ernest McKae, a colored convict who was a member of the squad now at work on the W. & Y. R. R. on Elk creek in this county, was crushed and instantly killed last Monday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock by an immense rock weighing several tons, which was loosened a few minutes before by a blast that was made in the rock cut in which the convicts were working, and which hung to the bluff overhead until the convicts returned to their work after the blast was made. One of the guards noticed that the rock was loose and about to fall and gave the alarm. The unfortunate victim of the accident was unable to get out of the way of the rock and it fell squarely upon him, grinding his bones and flesh to a pulp on the rocks underneath him. The body was interred on the railroad right-of-way near the convict camp.

This is the first serious accident that has befallen any of the convicts, every precaution having been taken to safeguard them, and the death of this poor fellow is deeply deplored by the guards and railroad officials and employees alike.

CASTORIA

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Cars To Bethlehem.

A five line press dispatch carries the announcement that a French company of capitalists has secured from the Turkish government the right to construct an electric railway from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, and in one year from now, it is stated cars will be in operation between the points named.

Here we have another illustration of the relentless march of civilization. Along the beaten track which camels and donkeys traversed nearly two thousand years ago this modern electric car will glide on rails of steel, and the flash of the trolley pole will be seen at the site whereon the star of Bethlehem announced the birth of man's Redeemer.

While one would not deplore the triumph of man's inventive skill, nor seek to impede the progress of civilization, he must feel a tinge of regret that scenes so sacred as these connected with the mystery of man's redemption must be ruthlessly invaded by the modern money-maker. The raucous cry of "this car for Bethlehem!" will be heard above the prayers of the devout faithful who walk along the roads which the Savior trod.

There will be no sacrilege of course in the advent of street cars to Bethlehem; we cite the new order of things only to show that modernism knows no place that is sacred. It is a heartless destroyer of traditions and it stops not at sentiment. Could the shepherds who followed the star to Bethlehem come back again to the scenes of their pilgrimage they would see much wherewith to marvel. Could King David see again the hills about his birthplace he would not know them.

But however modernized it may become, Bethlehem will always be Bethlehem to the Christian world. The hum of electric flyers cannot drive into oblivion the indescribable roll of music which the shepherds heard when they caught the first angelic note in the song of the world's redemption. And even when the smoke of modern industry shall obscure the sky of the Holy Land, it will not blot out from the worshiping eyes of the faithful the blue vault overreaching the plains of Bethlehem and the Judean hills, once resplendent with the star of the Nativity. Thin lines of steel may thread the paths made holy, but there will still remain that celestial highway flung by an Invisible Hand when the dream of waiting nations was accomplished. - Asheville Citizen.

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