

A CAMPAIGN "OF" EDUCATION.

Much Has Been Done in Educational Line in Recent Years But Much More Yet Remains to Be Done—The People should Demand a Campaign "For" Education, and For Aid For the Elementary Schools by the 1909 Legislature.

To the Editor of The Observer: A great "campaign of education" is now being waged in North Carolina, but it is not so much a campaign for education. Within the next six weeks much will be written and said about the tariff, trust, railroad regulation, syndicate, trusts, injunctions and other questions of national concern, but there will be little said about the duty of the State to provide more schools. The legislative candidates all over the State will discuss learnedly the national issues, but most of them will betray great ignorance about the actual conditions of the public schools in North Carolina. One party will, perhaps, speak about extravagance in office, and a wasteful administration of the public school fund; the other party will make a counter charge of corruption and short years ago, and that will be about as far as the discussion of educational matters will go. It needs not a prophet, or the son of a prophet, to predict that the question of greatest importance to the people of North Carolina, the paramount issue, will not be given a full and free discussion unless the people themselves force it to the front. The speakers will indulge in many glittering generalities, but they will not offer any specific plans for the improvement of the schools.

That much has been done in the last few years to improve the public schools of the State is admitted by all. That much remains to be done is equally true. There are some things about our educational work which we would like to pass over in silence, but we cannot get away from certain facts, and facts are stubborn things. About one-third of all the children in the State are not enrolled in school. There are no houses or schools for them if they should go to school. The State has provided scarcely money enough to maintain for four months schools for the two-thirds who are in school. Many a teacher in this progressive State of ours is trying to teach forty, fifty or even sixty pupils, with twenty-five or thirty recitation days, for \$20 a month, or even less. In many counties there is not a four months' term. There are still to be found log school houses, and many districts in which there is no school house at all. We point with pride to what we have done; are we making any definite plans concerning the things we have not yet done?

In many counties the actual school fund last year was no greater per capita than it was five or six years ago. In these counties the increase in school population has kept pace with the increase in property valuation. The State has made no increase in the tax levy for schools, nor has it increased the special appropriations to maintain a four months' term. The Legislature of 1907 made large increases in the appropriations to all objects except the elementary public schools. The annual appropriation to the State University was increased from \$25,000 to \$70,000; and the other institutions of higher education received equally generous treatment. Ample provision was made for the insane, the deaf and dumb, the blind and the old soldiers. But nothing whatever was done for the public schools. Now that these other worthy objects have been amply provided for, let the Legislature of 1909 increase the appropriation for the elementary public schools?

In one county in the State, Catawba, the teachers have taken up the matter and are asking that the next Legislature make an additional appropriation of at least \$100,000 to the public schools, this appropriation to be divided among all the counties on a per capita basis. The legislative candidates of both parties have promised themselves to work and vote for such increased appropriation. Catawba county has twenty or more local tax districts, but after helping themselves in this manner, the next Legislature there is not enough money raised to run the schools four months in the year. If Catawba county is not able to run the schools four months, what about those counties that have few, if any, local tax districts?

In most of the counties the voting of local tax districts is now at a standstill, because the communities that will vote such a tax have done so already. What will be done to provide houses and teachers for the hundreds of thousands of school subjects that are not in school? From what source will come the funds to maintain a full four months' term in every district in the State? How much longer must teachers be overcrowded and overworked and be paid such small salaries? These are some of the questions which ought to be discussed all over the State in this campaign of education and for education.

Limestone College Opens Wednesday.

Special to The Observer: Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 18.—Limestone College opens Tuesday and preparations for the opening of the young ladies now going on at the college. All indications point to a most successful opening with an attendance that will be a decided increase over that of previous years. Mr. Lince has been in receipt of letters from prospective students all summer and as the time for the opening draws near the letters increase and he is besieged with applications of the students-to-be. The same able faculty that did such good work last year will return with the exception Prof. Paul Loring, the music director, who will be succeeded by Prof. Henry Wood Perrin. Professor Perrin comes with flattering endorsements from critics high in the musical world and under his leadership the musical department of Limestone which has long ranked with any in the South, will continue its excellent work. The college buildings are now being thoroughly overhauled and when the first of the young ladies arrive Monday everything will be in shipshape order to receive them.

Wants No Rice Thrown.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dispatch, 17th. Officers of the police department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad today received orders to stop the throwing of rice by bridal parties at the stations and in the trains in the future, and are now pursuing how they are going to do it without offending patrons of the line. They cannot think of making arrests of the exuberant wedding guests who throw the rice and are planning a campaign of education.

A CLEAR COMPLEXTION AND BRIGHT EYES.

In most cases a shallow, blotched complexion and dull heavy eyes are due to poor digestion. Dr. Cassell's Food and Life, or Dr. Cassell's Fruit Syrup aids digestion and stimulates the liver and bowels and makes the complexion smooth and clear. Dr. Cassell's Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or grip and is mild and pleasant to take. Beware of cheap imitations. Dr. H. Jordan & Co. and W. L. Hart & Co.

JOHN MOTLEY MOREHEAD.



Mr. Morehead, who is a native of Charlotte, is now a resident of Spray, Rockingham county, and is the Republican candidate for Congress, in the fifth district. Upon being informed of his nomination Mr. Morehead sent the following telegram of acceptance, being in New York at the time: New York City, Sept. 20, 1908.

William Grissom, Greensboro, N. C. Express to convention my appreciation of honor conferred. Will undertake the race believing that our Charlotte platform and nominees will appeal successfully to a public long since exhausted and disgusted with the agitation and introduction of disturbing factors by the Democratic politicians in their desperate search for an issue for the coming election. I believe a conservative and business administration will be demanded and the Republican party can await the result with confidence.

JOHN M. MOREHEAD.

DROWNED IN LAKE TOXAWAY.

A Dismal Tragedy at Popular Summer Resort Wherein a Young Lady Lost Her Life—September the Most Beautiful Month of the Year in the Mountains.

Special by Staff Correspondent. Lake Toxaway, Sept. 19.—It is passing strange to a newspaper man how slowly news travels in this mountain section, and how many live news items escape the newspapers altogether. I learned a few days ago of a distressing tragedy enacted at this beautiful resort, but not until today, and then after inquiries in many directions, could I secure the names of those concerned. The hotel closed last Tuesday and the tragedy occurred two weeks ago and none of its rapidly shifting quota of guests was present from that day to the time of my arrival.

The bare facts are these: Mrs. E. M. Backus and a young woman from Macon county, Miss Rogers, who acted in the capacity of companion to Mrs. Backus, were horseback riding. In crossing one of the many rustic bridges herabulous the structure gave way, precipitating the horses and their fair riders into the lake. Mrs. Backus, with rare presence of mind, grasped the saddle and her horse swam safely to the shore with her, but Miss Rogers clung frantically to the neck and mane of her horse and both were drowned. The remains of Miss Rogers were taken through the country to her home near Franklin.

The Backus family is wealthy and was from the North—just where one does not know. With the closing of the larger hotels here, at Lake Fairfield and at Hreward a great many of the visitors have departed, but a great many remain to enjoy the glories of September at an altitude of 3,100 feet—really the most beautiful month of

the year in the mountains and the most beneficial perhaps to health-seekers. Maj. J. C. Hemphill and Mrs. Hemphill, who have been spending some time in this neighborhood, are completing their vacation at Victoria Inn, Asheville, while Mr. Paul E. Napier, of The Register, who is with the party, has returned to Mobile. Other guests at Pisgah Forest who will return home next week are Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hill, of New Orleans, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, of Bayside, L. I. R. W. V.

MISHAP OF AVIATOR.

Gail Robinson Fell Eight Hundred Feet Without Injury. Washington Dispatch, 18th.

The tragical mishap which cost Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, of the United States Signal Corps, his life yesterday, is the most recent of many resultant from man's persistent efforts to conquer the air. Lillenthal, a German scientist, and M. Pflcher, another student of aeronautics, probably were the first martyrs to the cause of the heavier-than-air type of air craft. The former was killed in the summer of 1896, while experimenting with his "gliding machine," which is said to have furnished the first model for the Wright brothers. The latter met his death about the same time in a test of his own aeroplane. On September 3d last Charles Oliver Jones, the Hammondsport, N. Y., aeronaut, fell to his death from his dirigible balloon, Boomerang, while giving an exhibition flight in Connecticut. While it involved no loss of life, the destruction of Court Von Zeppelin's mammoth dirigible balloon by lightning at Echtergen, near Stuttgart, Germany, on August 2th, last, was one of the severest blows yet struck at aerial navigation.

One of the most remarkable escapes from death in aeronautical history was that of Gail Robinson,

A YOUNG WOMAN'S VOY.

THE FIRST HER LIFE HAS KNOWN.

A Charlotte Girl Who Has Been Paralyzed from Childhood Recovers the Use of Her Limbs and the Power of Speech—Made an Invalid at the Age of Eight Months; Now Eighteen Years of Age and Never Known a Single Day of Life Until a Few Days Ago—The Story of Her Sad Existence and Her Happiness Over Her Relief.

There is in the City of Charlotte today a young woman, 18 years of age, who might be said to have been born again, or at least her real existence must date from a few days ago, when she acquired the use of her limbs and the power of speech. For over seventeen years, this young lady being now near her eighteenth birthday, Miss Beulah G. McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCall, of Groveton, has been paralyzed. Through the happy days of childhood to womanhood, this unfortunate girl dragged out a dreary existence of an invalid, helpless, unable to dress herself or speak distinctly enough to be clearly understood.

Doctors said that Miss McCall suffered from a peculiar form of nerve paralysis, which deprived her of the use of her arms and shoulders, and interfered with the clearness of her speech. Fourteen doctors, men learned in medicine and surgery, were consulted in this case, but her affliction baffled medical and surgical science and no hope was held out to her for any life, other than that of an invalid.

But the spark of hope never left the fond parents of this sufferer. Every new remedy suggested as a possible cure was given a thorough trial, and each failure seemed to strengthen the determination of the parents to obtain relief for their daughter. In some manner the attention of Mr. W. A. McCall, the father of the young lady, was called to Plant Juice, the remedy now being introduced in Charlotte by Col. Frank A. Dillingham. He bought one bottle of this medicine at Hand's drug store and took it home to his daughter, and to the great joy of the patient sufferer and anxious parents, the paralysis began to disappear. Miss McCall feels that Plant Juice has given her new life; she has recovered the use of her arms, and for the first time in her life, is now able to dress herself. The inarticulate sounds which formerly fell from her lips, have taken the form of human speech and while she is not yet able to speak as clearly as a person whose power of speech had never been impaired, she speaks much plainly and intelligibly. Her former condition is now a thing of the past. Mr. McCall came to Hand's drug store Saturday morning to bring the joyful tidings of his daughter's recovery and save the following account of her relief: "My daughter, Beulah G. McCall, age 18, has been a sufferer from paralysis since childhood. The disease wrecked her nervous system and affected her most in the shoulders and arms, and also her speech, which was indistinct. This disease developed as the result of a shock sustained when she was a child of eight months. "I have made every effort to find a cure and have consulted fourteen doctors, but my daughter obtained no relief until I got a bottle of Plant Juice at Hand's drug store and gave it to her. She had never been able to dress herself until after she had taken this medicine. There is a marked improvement in her speech, for all of which we can thank Plant Juice. "The relief Plant Juice has afforded Miss McCall is one of the greatest achievements of this remarkable remedy since its introduction here. The fame of Plant Juice is known throughout this State, as shown by the orders now coming in to local dealers from all over every part of North Carolina.

who called the Kanbenschue airship at Springfield, O., July 13th, 1907. Robinson fell 800 feet, the only mark of his experience being a small scratch. Every one of the bystanders who witnessed his ascent expected to see Robinson dashed to a pulp. At first his machine shot downward so rapidly it was difficult for the eye to follow him. As he neared the earth, the machine slowed up and he reached ground safely. When the people looked to the wrecked balloon thinking to find Robinson a corpse, he was coolly lighting a cigarette.

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Will Ascertain Flood Damages in Cumberland.

Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Sept. 19.—Mr. Q. K. Nimocks, county attorney of Cumberland, who recently wrote Governor Glenn requesting him to have the flood conditions in the Cape Fear valley investigated by a commission, which request was referred by the Governor to the War Department at Washington, to-day received a communication from Maj. Herman C. Schumm, of Fort Caswell, who has been detailed by the Secretary of War to learn the amount of damage and make a report of the same. Major Schumm requests Mr. Nimocks to make a detailed report of the damage in the territory familiar to him. In accordance with this request Mr. Nimocks is having inquiry blanks prepared to be sent to responsible parties in each neighborhood for the purpose of ascertaining in detail the damage in Cumberland.

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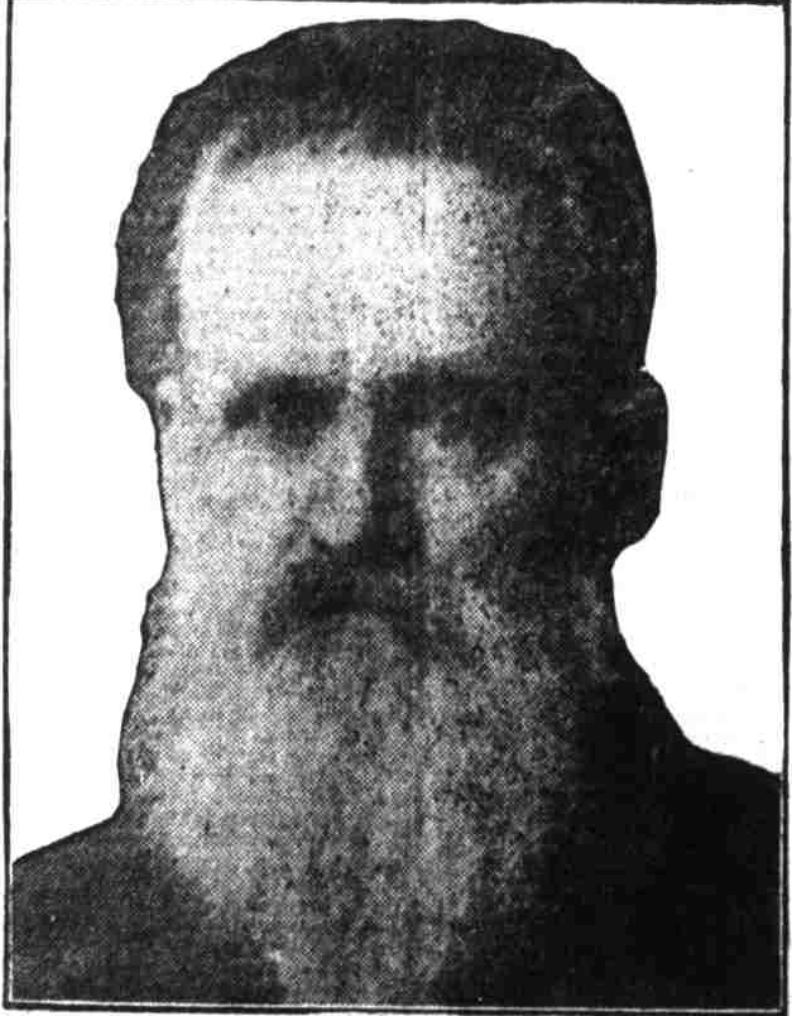
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