

A CENTURY OF EDUCATION—OUR PROGRESS SINCE 1800.

The United States began the nineteenth century with an average of 82 days of schooling for each person. They begin the twentieth century with an average of 998 days of schooling for each person. The rate of increase is shown by the following figures taken from the report of the United States Commissioner of Education: Beginning with 82 days in 1800, the rate has increased to 238 days in 1840; 420 days in 1850; 430 days in 1860; 672 days in 1870; 792 days in 1880; 892 days in 1890; 998 days in 1900. The estimate includes instruction in the common schools and colleges: The average for the eleven Southern States in 1900 was 433, or about the same as that for the whole country in 1860.

Congressman Blackburn, who was in North Carolina last week, was asked in Salisbury about the report that Mr. Linney would oppose him for the Republican nomination in "de ate" this year, and answered that he had no information from Mr. Linney to that effect. Very likely he has not. Linney is too good a lawyer to give his case away to the opposition, but meantime he is sawing wood. According to all information the bull of the Brushies is making a dead set to oust Blackburn and the chances are said to be in his favor.—Statesville Landmark.

Gen. Methuen, the British commander, who was recently wounded and captured with a large part of his force by Gen. Delarey, of the Boer forces, has been released by Delarey and returned to the British lines.

The Heroic Spirit.

The heroic spirit is manifested more often than many of us imagine, for the most truly heroic deeds are seldom exploited in the public prints. When a man wrecks a ship in war, destroys the breastworks of the enemy or makes a dashing charge, capturing a few prisoners and a line of wagon trains, he is denominated a hero, and the world worships at his shrine until he makes a fool of himself, which is generally not very long. Then he passes from the scene and another worthy occupies his place as hero for a brief season.

But these are not the kind of heroes we have in mind, nor is theirs the truly heroic spirit. In the every day affairs of life we are afforded glimpses into the lives of some men and women who are living the heroic life, and battling with superb courage and sublime heroism with adverse circumstances and conditions, and some of them, God bless them, are coming out more than conquerors through their indomitable energy and persistent effort along every line of honest endeavor. For instance, last April an old man in this county borrowed something over \$100 to make the final payment on his place and gave a mortgage on the little farm to secure the debt. Last year crops were bad and prices low, but despite this he made a payment of \$50 on the debt, and last Saturday sent to town \$60 more, which almost discharged the debt. He was sick and unable to come and bring the money himself, but he sent it to the man he owed. This money he had made during the winter months working in monazite, and his sickness now is probably due to exposure at work during the severe winter weather. This man and his wife are both old and neither very strong, and when we come to contemplate what they must have sacrificed and endured in making a saving of \$50 from their little one horse farm and \$60 from work in the monazite business since their crop was gathered, we cannot fail to be impressed with the sturdiness of their character and the truly Spartan courage of these heroic old people who have labored successfully to free their farm from debt. All honor to them and may they live long their useful lives!

Easter is but a few days away. You will want to look your best, sir. Take the hint? B. F. DAVIS, the Clothier.

NEW POSTAL CARDS.

When Four Millions Have Been Bundled Up They Will Be for Sale. Washington Evening Star.

A new one cent postal card is now being printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and when the first issue of 4,000,000 has been counted and bundled the new card will be placed on sale. Its distinctive feature is that the new card contains a vignette of President McKinley in lieu of President Jefferson's portrait. The issue of the Jefferson card will be discontinued when the present stock on hand is exhausted.

When desired by purchasers the new postal card will be furnished in sheets of forty cards each. It is expected this arrangement will effect a large saving to purchasers who have the messages or addresses printed on postal cards. In order to avoid the heavy black device at the top of the Jefferson card and leave a clear space for the postmark, the new postal card has three lines of small type printed about an inch below the top of the card. The card is thus divided laterally into two sections—one for the postmark and one for the address. The official description of the new card is as follows:

"In the upper right hand corner is a portrait of the late President McKinley, three quarters face, looking to the left, with the words 'Postage One Cent' above and '1843 McKinley 1901' below the stamp and following its elliptical contour. The portrait used for the subject of the stamp is one which was preferred by Mr. McKinley himself. The stamp is practically devoid of ornament. To the left of the portrait are three straight lines of lettering, the top line being one sixteenth inches below the upper edge of the card and containing in small capital letters the words: 'The Space Above is Reserved for Postmarks.' The second line is made up of the words 'Postal Card' in large, plain capitals. The third line is in the same type as the first, and reads 'The Space Below is for the Address Only.' In the upper left hand corner is a coat of arms of the United States, its position balancing that of the stamp in the upper right hand corner. Above the coat of arms in the same style of capital letters used above the stamp are the words, 'United States,' and below it the words 'of America,' following the contour of the coat of arms. Black ink will be used in printing this card. The card will be the same size, 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, as the old one bearing Jefferson's portrait."

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To the Public School Teachers of North Carolina:

Correspondence of the News-Herald. The authorities of the State Normal and Industrial College desiring to render every possible service to the educational interests of the state have decided to offer women teachers an institute of one month.

This is intended especially for those teachers who desire to better equip themselves for their work, but who, for various reasons, are unable to pursue the full course.

A matriculation fee of \$2 will be charged which will entitle the person paying the same to all lectures, library privileges, use of textbooks etc. The only additional expense will be for board and laundry, both of which will not cost more than \$3 a week.

In the department of Pedagogy, lectures on the best method of teaching all the common school studies will be given, and the students will have an opportunity to spend some time in the Practice and Observation School.

In addition, lectures and laboratory work will be offered in the different departments of science.

Besides the regular faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College, we shall have with us several city superintendents and other prominent educators to deliver special lectures.

The institute will begin April 29th and close May 24th.

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A Letter from a Former Citizen of Burke to the Farmers of Western North Carolina.

Correspondence of The News-Herald. Since free grass in Texas or the west is a thing of the past cattle-raising has become a scientific industry. Formerly the cowman claimed all the country he wanted, and the question of acreage did not enter into his calculations. It is not so now, and we have more eaters year by year and less meat or better prices. Now I have this to say to the land owners of North Carolina: It does seem to me that you all could make money raising cattle, for you are already on the market.

The question was asked of old: "What will make a country rich?" The answer was, "Feeding cattle." Now, you have the land and water, but no grass and your stock law is all right, but the taking away of your fences is all wrong. Keep the stock law, but fence all the land and put all the poor land in Bermuda grass, and if it takes all the country so much the better, for if your land was all clear of timber and set in Bermuda grass it would be worth \$50 per acre, and I am informed that Bermuda grass grows well in North Carolina, and cattle on a thousand hills is much better than a government forest or park. If grass will do well, it is then only a question of time when the cattle raiser will say, blessed is he who has something to sell for his desire is to raise cheap and sell high. A few sheep and goats would also do well, and they say they are also good to eat.

Now, it will take some time to fix up for cattle-raising; but the man that goes into it, I think, will make it pay well, for the great item is you have plenty of good water, and if you can get the grass you will come out alright.

I say if I was back there and had the land I think I could make money out of cattle, sheep and goats. You want but few hogs in that part, for it takes grain for hogs, but a few on grass and grain will do well and Bermuda is the grass in any country. So put all of 'them old poor fields in Bermuda grass, for it takes grass for cattle. And the dairy business in that part of the State would pay well, I think. But the cattle and dairy business is no child's play, for a man must put his thinker to work on the matter and read all you can on stock-raising and go at it with your eyes open.

Say, take a look at the land you make but little off of, make every acre pay. Why pay taxes on land and it pay nothing?

And a few words more: Let every farmer take his own county paper, and see that your neighbor reads the same, for it is the man that reads that keeps up with the times, and the more readers a county paper has, the better the reading and the liver the paper will be. Newspapers will keep the boys at home on the farm. Every family should take from 3 to 10 newspapers. What is \$3 to \$10 a year to know all that is going on in the world and at the same time be at home at work? Think of it. Why, it is like a school teacher in the family all the time, and the brighter thy neighbor, the brighter thy self and family. It hath been said of them of old, "Charity begins at home," so first, the home paper, then others, and I say the NEWS-HERALD is a good county paper or State paper. A county makes herself just what she is, and the times or conditions are what the people make them.

Now, it must not be taken that I think you are not doing well. You are doing well, but I think you could do better. Put all the acres of land to work.

Yours truly, THOS. A. MCGALLARD, Garza, Texas, March 11, 1902.

New tints, tones and color Blendings in our Spring Neckwear. B. F. DAVIS.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, well and favorably known in Morganton, is rendering good service in his reports to the Charlotte Observer of the Wilcox trial now on at Elizabeth City. The evidence is now all in and argument in the case has begun.

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Mr. C. B. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from chronic dysentery for thirty-five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other medicine he had ever used. For sale by W. A. Leslie, druggist.

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