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EDITORIAL BRIEF MENTION.

YESTERDAY 103 YEARS AGO THE American Congress then assembled in Philadelphia adopted the famous Declaration of Independence.

SOME OF OUR NORMAL STUDENTS are demonstrating the fact that people can live a great deal more cheaply than is supposed.

THE GRADED SCHOOL MEETING was distinguished by the excellence of the addresses made by some of our most distinguished Professors.

WE HAVE BEEN AMUSED WITH a copy of a newspaper printed with a lead pencil on half a sheet of letter paper.

Chap. 2. His keen blue eyes did not roam from right to left as his horse picked his way over the rough road.

A MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR of Texas to its Legislature, now in session, is to be found in the Galveston Daily News of June 17.

Any one who will visit the public free schools in the city of Houston, under the management of Prof. Smith, will be made to understand the great benefit in our common schools of teaching teachers how to teach.

We understand that Prof. Smith is to be an associate of Maj. Hotchkiss in teaching, this summer, five Normal Schools, established in various parts of Mississippi.

EDITORIAL NOTES ON BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Tennyson's new Poem was partly written when he was nineteen years old. The "fourth part" or conclusion is a work of his mature life.

The first edition of "George Eliot's" new book "Theophrastus Such" was sold before its publication. One circulating library ordered 500 copies.

Prince Albert delighted in no books more than in the earlier, fresher works of George Eliot.

The poet Longfellow writes to a boys' and girls' school a friendly salutation and replying to a query as to "how he can write so many things that sound as if he were happy as a boy."

Theophrastus Such speaking of capriciously tempered people says: "It is essential to what is worthy to be called high character that it may be safely calculated upon."

Queen Victoria has conferred the honor of Knighthood upon Henry Bessemer whose name is inseparably associated with the development of the steel industry in England and other countries.

The sister of Keats, the poet, is living in Madrid in old age and poverty. A fund for her relief is being raised in England.

We have received a copy of "Pests of the Press" an address delivered last year to the Press Association by Dossey Battle, of the Tarboro Southerner.

REV. DR. WINCKLER has declined the Presidency of Wake Forest recently tendered him. Now let the Trustees put on their specs and look carefully through North Carolina for a President.

THE UNIVERSITY NORMAL SCHOOL.

THIRD TERM.

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Monday, June 30.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Usual exercises enlivened by each member of the school including the Faculty being required to rise and repeat a verse of Scripture, and give chapter and verse; the subject being faith. Prof. Ladd said they acquitted themselves handsomely.

PROF. NOBLE.

Latin class. Nouns of second declension. Lesson on the ablative case. Rule of 'cause, manner and means.' The Prof. first asked what was the subject of the day's lesson, and the first one to whom he put the question could not tell.

Different members of the class at the board writing. Prof. gives out the English and they translate it into Latin as they write. Those who remain seated parse the sentences on board, decline nouns, &c.

PROF. TOMLINSON

continues on Grammar—and Prof. McIver on Reading. Sounds of letters discussed, and members of the school called up to read, &c.

PROF. LADD

at 12 o'clock was very entertaining. Qualifications of a teacher, the theme. Very hard to know how to manage other people's children—a gigantic work.

Neatness of person in teacher necessary. No matter if your boots be patched, so they have been well blacked. Brush your hair neatly. Lady teacher with neat calico and well dressed hair and nice bow. (LEDGER reporter puts it beau which however it is clear the Professor did not mean.) Would rather see a rattlesnake on the floor than tobacco spit.

The man who gets mad, and shows it, is a weak spot.—Children criticize you.—Patience from Latin word which means to suffer. Teaching is a self-sacrificing profession. Teachers are public servants. Learn discretion in conversation. Weigh your words in the school-room. You will become a poor wandering minstrel if you are not discreet.

PROF. TILLET

on English Analysis at 7 p. m., and Prof. Mangum at night in Chapel, a lecture—subject: "The Best Lights are those that Shine from Above." The higher a teacher's education, the

more easily he can impart instruction in the lower departments. All classes in a common school demand knowledge of higher studies in the teacher. The Alphabet should be studied—its history, &c. Concentration of all the powers demanded. Elocution particularly difficult.

You also need to study the student. The physique, the mind, its capacity, and development. Teaching is the intercourse of mind with mind.

In order to teach we must be able to control. Here is a great difficulty—to know how to control the mind. Study of Psychology necessary. * * * To train man for his great moral mission, train his moral nature.

Tuesday, July 1.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Betts. PROF. McIVER.

Review of his former lectures. Definition of numbers—Concrete numbers, Abstract, Simple, Compound, &c. Gives examples of multiplication—methods of proof. Curiosities of No. 9, &c.

PROF. LADD

on School teachers' trials. Every heart knows its own bitterness. How many of you have had trouble with parents of your pupils. (Only seven rise to reply.) Wonder at so few. Don't know where you all have been living. School teachers' trials arise mainly from the fact that he has to deal with the weaknesses of other people.

(Prof. Ladd, to the extreme delight of the LEDGER reporter, says that if Cicero were to come back and hear his name pronounced "Kikero" he would soon return to his rest.)

REV. N. B. COBB

at night. How shall we Develop North Carolina? What does she need to bring her out? Possesses great natural advantages. * * * Enumerates her minerals—(150 different kinds). Her water-power, products, &c. Ya-kin river, Little Tennessee, and others. Why is it all left lying idle. Only one four-hundredth part of all the water-power East of Blue Ridge made use of. Contrast with New York. Most of N. C. lands still wild forest. How comes it? Our boys have been going away and giving their services to other States. When I was here at College, Gov. Swain said that nearly three-fourths of the Congressmen and Governors of Western States were either North Carolinians or graduates of the University of N. C. (Applause.) I wouldn't applaud that statement. New York started in the race a little behind N. C. * * * Our youth must be educated for North Carolina. They know nothing about her. A young man got a situation as teacher in one of the most intelligent communities in the State who could not bound a single county within it—because cousin John, who was on the school board, thought that cousin Robert, who had gotten through his crop, might as well be making \$20.00 per month as any one else. * * * Tells of letter from Supt. of Education in Massachusetts—wonderful to see how much and what high branches they teach in their Common Schools.

We must educate our mechanics. People from abroad come here and not only know more about everything else than we do, but know more about our own State than we do. They pick out our best lumber, know where our best lands lie. Education—not merely reading, writing, ciphering—but education tells in every employment a man can go at. Look at Northern machinery—we can't manage machinery—our machinists and mechanics lack mental training—education of their faculties.

Colored people in this State show more alacrity in this matter than whites in some places, and will get ahead of them. * * * We must establish good graded schools. In Fayetteville such was the opposition it was thought impossible to start one, the attendance is now 450 pupils, at an expense of \$2800. It is by far the best and cheapest way to educate. The poorest boy can get a good education. * * *

(This was a capital address, though Mr. Cobb refused to call it anything but a "talk." President Battle hopes we shall have more such "talks.")

Wednesday, July 1.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Prayer by Mr. Doub. Announcement of the Programme of the Teachers' Association to-day. After

lectures in course from Profs. McIver and Tomlinson, the Association met. Sung "Carolina." President Battle made the opening speech. Words of welcome and gratulation. Unity of teachers a fine thing. Have made a good beginning from which great results may be expected. A grand coalition against ignorance, prejudice, &c.—His theme should be Education for farmers. The agricultural interest much the greatest one in the State. A conservative class and much there worthy of praise. But too great disposition to give their children advantages which the parents themselves knew nothing of.

Education in practical matters wanted.—The great problem is to learn how to derive from the earth the maximum product at the minimum expense. Our lands must be brought up to 40 bushels of wheat an acre. Tells of a man 80 years of age living all his honest and industrious and toilsome life on his poor rocky bit of land—never got any higher, or any richer, and ended life as he began it because he never had intelligence enough to know how to improve his lot. An educated man is a competent man—is to be trusted in work—knows how—can combine—invent—think. (Gives examples, in a manner most animated and earnestly inspiring.) A worn out field is a sick field. Needs medicine—stimulant. Cotton field needs some sort. Corn field needs another. An American characteristic to wish to see our children better than we are ourselves; better off; better educated. For this we work willingly.

Treasures hid in the earth. Marls, bones, mines. Use of a State Geologist. Men have discovered valuable mines and then lost all through ignorance. Man dived his cabin with mud full of gold dust, &c. (Many who heard this speech of Mr. Battle's say there never has been and never can be a better speech delivered in that Chapel. Nothing could have been more inspiring—and at times he rose into eloquence that left his audience breathless.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Mr. Scarborough. Did not propose to give a written speech. Comes with only plain facts to state.—Gives his own experience.—Belonged to the uneducated class Mr. Battle spoke of. Set out at 24 years old in a Confederate soldiers' uniform with an agent to get an education. Went to Wake Forest and studied there four years.—Taught school, till elected to his present position. His experience in it.—Public school system of N. C. considered.—Calvin H. Wiley and his good work thereon. (Applause.) President Caldwell.—First bill to establish common schools—1776—Gov. Miller—

Four hundred and twenty-two thousand children in North Carolina, and \$452,000 to educate them. All building of school houses, repairs, and other expenses to be supplied out of that fund, leaving less than \$1 to each child's school term. Teaching school nine weeks for 90 cents per head. Such pay lies at the root of the poor teaching. Bro. Cobb spoke of last night.—No man who was worth anything as a worker would consent to give his time for such compensation. Poor pay, poor teacher, &c.

(This address, though rather too long, was in the highest degree valuable, being practical, sagacious, and full of information. Mr. Scarborough is a man of good sense, and fully awake to the pressing needs of North Carolina, namely, more education, and of a better quality, and better inducements to first class teachers to engage in the business. If we want good teaching we must pay well for it. That's the right key-note.)

Wednesday night we had a lecture from MR. HORNER on "Language as the Instrument of Thought."

A FRIEND SENDS US A COPY OF THE Fifth Report of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice. To read it is like lifting a curtain which has heretofore concealed a world of vice of an aspect so peculiarly malignant, and so especially designed for the corruption and degradation of the young and innocent that the mind recoils, as it contemplating the work of fiends. In the five years of its existence the Society has done much. Branch Societies have been formed in Boston, Chicago and other large cities. Guilty parties have been arrested, convicted, and punished, and their stock confiscated, and public attention has been awakened to stamp out the curse. All good men everywhere are entreated to aid the work. Anthony Comstock, Sec., 150 Nassau St., New York City.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The Franklin county folks had a grand time on the 4th.

The Press Association will not convene till the 20th of August.

Memphis has been cleared up, and is now reported as "epidemic proof."

Dr. B. F. Arrington, of Goldsboro', is going into the cultivation of the silk worm on a large scale.

The Christmas dinner of the U. S. Consul in Bangkok, Siam, was composed almost entirely of canned fruit from America—turkey, chicken, beef, fish, vegetables, fruits of all sorts, mince pies.

Miss Duer, of Maryland, who shot and killed her intimate friend, Miss Hearn, has been tried and brought in guilty of manslaughter, but recommended to mercy. On payment of a fine of \$500 she was released.

Mrs. Hull's murderer has been arrested, and is a negro—formerly a waiter in her house. He confessed at once, and says he did not mean to kill her. He saw a window open and entered the house to steal. He tied her up to prevent her making any alarm, and was "shocked" to find that he had caused her death.

The Clarksville (Tenn.) Tobacco Leaf of June 6th, informs us that Rev. Dr. Shearer, another of our highly respected neighbors of the ante war times, has been elected Professor in the School of History, English Literature, and Rhetoric in the Southwestern Presbyterian University, situated at Clarksville. The Stewart College, of which Dr. Shearer was President, has been merged into this University.

The value of fruit crops in the United States is estimated at \$140,000,000 annually, or about half the value of the wheat crop. Michigan is put down for \$4,000,000 worth. California produces 10,000,000 gallons of wine. Norfolk, Va., reported last year 3,000,000 quarts of strawberries. In Great Britain fruit is scarce and dear. Peaches and tomatoes are grown in hot houses—also grapes. America is sending her canned fruit over there.

When the Zulus rushed in on the British detachment of Col. Wood, and while there was yet open road in one direction, Col. Weatherly, a cavalry officer, clapped his son, who was with him, a boy of thirteen, on horse-back, kissed him and told him to fly for his life. The lad jumped from the saddle, struck the horse a lash which sent it galloping off—then said: "Father, I'll die with you." The father handed his revolver to the child just as the Zulus reached, over British bodies, the spot where they stood. Weatherly slew five Zulus before he fell, but the son was killed at once.

LATEST NEWS.

Mt. Hood, in Oregon, has become a volcano. Clouds of sulphurous smoke have been issuing from its summit.

The President has sent in his veto message, and Congress has adjourned. The Democrat party appears satisfied with the session's work.

A Mrs. Rolland shipped into the rapids of Niagara river, June 21st, and was carried over the falls. She and her husband were just completing a tour round the world.

The health of the Emperor of Germany is rapidly failing. He is eighty-four, and the attacks upon his life have already weakened his powers. On his death Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, who married the crown Prince, will be Empress of Germany.

The villainous word coined that is going on in America has got a fresh lift. We have been sufficiently disgusted with "hotelist," "burglar," "executed," "interviewed," "donated," "walkist," "suicided," but what are these outrages to the new word furnished by the death of the French Prince in Africa? People are now said to be "assaulted!"

When the ex-Empress Eugenie heard of her son's death, after one sharp cry of agony she fainted and remained insensible a long time. Since then she has given way to paroxysms of grief. Queen Victoria has paid her a visit—the scene was most affecting, and when the Queen re-entered her carriage she was weeping. All the crowned heads of Europe have sent her messages of condolence. She neither eats nor sleeps sufficiently to preserve her life.

St. John's Day was celebrated at the Orphan Asylum in Oxford with great enthusiasm. Speeches were delivered by Judges Cox and Merrimon, and other distinguished gentlemen—1500 people present, and dinner enough for all. The orphans were allowed to sell ice-cream and lemonade for their own benefit, and when the proceeds were counted out it was found that one hundred and twenty-eight orphans had fifty cents apiece. To many of them it was the first cent they ever earned.