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Supt. Logan D. Howell, of Raleigh, before the University Summer School.

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[Continued from last week.]

ATTENDANCE AT OUR SCHOOLS.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE DEPRECIATING IN

VALUE.

education as our schools have been

giving, it is becoming less and less

year by year. The attendance at

the schools last year was less by

years ago. In 1895 sixty-one per

cent. of the white school population

was enrolled. The next year the en-

rollment fell to fifty-six per cent.

The falling off in the colored schools

was even greater: From fifty-nine

per cent. in 1895 to fifty-two per

cent in the next year. The total

enrollment fell in one year from

373,563 in 1895 to 348,616 in 1896,

WHAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE DOING.

last year. But what was done by

the other half? Little more than

learn the A, B, C's. Not half the

average white teacher in North Car

months she teaches, forty one chil-

dren. But their attendance is ir-

regular, and if we should visit her

school on an average day, we would

find twenty-eight pupils present,

only thirteen of these far enough

advanced to study arithmetic, only

seven geography, four in grammar,

and two in United States history.

COST OF EDNCATION.

children in the different states. The

spend upon each child only \$3.40 a

year. This is less than any other

state, except South Carolina which

spends \$3.29. The wealth of Mas-

achusettes is five times as great as

North Carolina's, but Massachu-

etts spends for each child at school

bout ten times as much as we do,

\$33.98. Seven Southern states

pend for the education of their chil-

Iren twice as much as we do: New

Mexico, Florida, Louisiana, Okla-

noma, Virginia, Texas and Arkan-

ARE WE TOO POOR TO EDUCATE?

it what they have never examined

into, and when only the wish is

father to the belief that our com-

ax as North Carolina.

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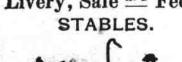
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OUR EDUCATIONAL POSITION.

Our position among the sisterhood of illiteracy of whole population, native white people, second; in ength of school term, forty-ninth in amount expended for each pupil, forty-eighth; in amount of taxation in proportion to wealth, forty-third; in salaries paid teachers, forty-ninth.

ARE WE TAXED TOO HEAVILY? There can only be one excuse for such a condition—enormous taxes for other things. But taxes in North Carolina are not enormous. They are less than anywhere else in the Union, except in Nevada and Idaho. The tax rate for all purposes in North Carolina is only something

There is no pleasure in making hope to change it. public such humiliating facts about our state-except for the hope that months in the year we cannot hope they may arouse to action. For to educate the body of the people these conditions exist, and North very highly, even if we had the best | Carolina must face them. Shutting of teachers and every person of our eyes to them will not remove school age attended every day the them; denying them will not change schools are open. As a matter of them. But having seen the cause fact only about a third of them do of our failure, we ought to know how to make our public schools a

> success. LOCAL TAXATION IN THE UNITED

STATES. The distressing fact is, that little, Very nearly all the school tax in North Carolina is imposed by the legislature, less than twenty communities supplementing this by a self-imposed local tax. Here again we 4,454 than it had been eight years are | shind in educational progress. the United States are raised by local taxes. Thirteen states, including Massachusetts, have no state taxes. All their school taxes are local. As local taxes.

> OUR LARGE GENERAL SCHOOL TAX. This is our need now in North Carolina. Our State tax is already one of the largest, only six other when we come to count the local

maintained among a population so ter than do their grandchildren." scattered as ours. Local taxation is not peculiar to the North or to cities. Kansas and Nebraska are great farming States and settled only about half as thickly as North Carbraska seven. Arkansas is not as end. densely settled as North Carolina.

nearly twice as long as ours. sota, Louisiana.

na is too poor to do more; that we Compared with other states south re in fact spending as much upon and west North Carolina is well office it gets. neans as the wealthy states "up populated. Scarcity of population ur schools in proportion to our cannot excuse our illiterate condi-North." This statement can be nade only by men who are guessing tion.

THE NEGRO IS NO EXCUSE.

Nor can we plead the negro as an excuse. Seven states-South Caromonwealth is acting as nobly in her lina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georpoverty as others with more abund- gia, Florida, Virginia, Alabamaance. The truth is we are taxing have a larger share of negro populaourselves for schools less in propor- tion than North Carolina, and they tion to our means than all the other all have a larger school term than states but six-Wyoming, Arizona, ours, and all but Alabama have a Alabama, Texas, Nevada, New heavier school tax. Georgia has Mexico. But all these states except 300,000 more negroes than North New Mexico have income from in- Carolina and a school term ten weeks vestments, which goes to their longer. Virginia has 75,000 more school funds, and amounts in some negroes than North Carolina and a

Mississippi is a poorer state than Simmons the Druggist.

North Carolina. Its per capita wealth is \$9 less. Over half the of states is then this: In per cent population of that state is black; in North Carolina about one-third seventh; in per cent of illiteracy of Mississippi also has fewer towns than North Carolina and less persons to the square mile. In spite of these tacts Mississippi offers its children a five-months school term, North Carolina a three-months term. Mississippi does this by paying money for it. Its school tax is more than twice as heavy as North Carolina's. As a result there is not half as much illiteracy among its white population as we have.

THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME, Let us stop trying to excuse our ignorance and selfishness and narrow-mindedness. We are behind over half the average for the United all other states in the education of the people. The sooner we recog-ET THESE FACTS AROUSE US TO ACTION. nize this fact the sooner we may

The Sweet Tie Between Mother

The careful shelter of the girls of the stately Colonial days in American history is as possible with us today as it was in the olden times, writes Edward W. Bok, deprecating, in the August Ladies' Home Journal, the too great liberty given young girls by their parents. "Not in the letter, perhaps, but in the spirit. But before we can bring back those ideal influences it is necessary that we should return to one or two of the conditions which existed and made those influences possible. Our mothers should be more familiar with their daughters Two thirds of the school funds in than they are. The multifarious outside duties into which women of this latter day have gone have not served to strengthen the tie between mother and daughter. If anything a rule the States that have the best they have loosened the relation. schools support them mainly by The Colonial mother lived in her home: The mother of to-day lives sible for the introduction of the Rustoo much outside of it. The daughter of the Knickerbocker home was the first thought of the mother ; the over forty thousand square miles in daughter of to-day is all too often the United States. Alfalfa, beet, States having a heavier one. But the last thought of the mother, turnip and other field and garden Such changes in home affairs are taxes and the general tax North notimarks af progress. In fact it Carolina drops to lowest of all but requires a reading of old books sometimes to see how little actual are the farmers of this country at all All kinds of tin work and re-children studied arithmetic. The LOCAL TAXATION IN AGRICULTURAL progress we have really made. There are objections that local would be for us to go back a bit, taxation may suit Maine, but it and see whence we started. There will not suit our condition as an are potent lessons for us in the past. agricultural people. We hear men Our grandmothers knew a thing or the farmer is not careful to buy pure saying that good schools cannot be two. Some things they knew bet-

> Ignoring the Colored People. S. otland Neck Commonwealth-

The national administration is again slowly opening the eyes of the olina. Kansas has no State tax, colored people. Their applications and Nebraska only 3-10 of a cent, at Washington for ap-pointment to Sheep will do excellent service in but by local taxes Kansas keeps its places of importance are being schools open six months and Ne- ignored, and will be ignored to the

The colored people stand no Its tax rate for schools is two and showing with the R-publican party a half times as great as ours, and for places of emolument. They two-thirds of it comes from local may sweat and speak and sweat durtaxes. Arkansas' school term is ing every campaign; but when it comes to appointment to important None of the following states are so places the Republican memory is thickly settled as North Carolina just as treacherous towards colored and they raise all, or nearly all, their men as is the Democratic memory. school tunds by local taxes, and all Here and there a colored man gets have an average school term of from elected to some county office; somefive to eight months : North Da- times they get to the Legislature ; kots, South Dakots, Montana, Wis- and one in the whole nation last ecnsin, Wyoming, Florida, Minne- year succeeded in getting to Congress; but ordinarily the colored race pays a thousand prices for every

Their remuneration is not half worth their effort, time and other expenditures; and their great longing for office and craze for "representatation" have much to do towards keeping them poor and shift-

It would be much Letter for the race as a whole if they would let politics alone for about fifty years earnest and make for themselves a foundation on which to stand as

John Griffin, of Zanesville, Ohio, says: "I never lived a day for thirty cotland Neck Commonwealth.

The successful man is by no means helpful to himself alone; he helps a great many people as well. There isn't a healthy, vigorous, energetic, self-reliant, successful man whose example does not breed the same qualities in others, and personal contact with such men is an active stimulant and direct aid to success. He awakens in us new strength and arouses ambition. He winds us up and sets us going .-Durham Sun.

The foregoing is worth reading again. The men who are worth most to any community are the succesaful men. Men who make a fair success in business conducted on a plane of strong integrity and by honest dealing are an inspiration, food. indeed; and we ought to be very careful how we throw impediments in their way.

Occasionally we find a man who is so small as to envy others who excel him and discount him in the race; and not infrequently this envious person endeavors to impede the progress of his more successful competitor in the world by unfair insinuations and questionable comment on the successful man's course But such effort to injure a true man never fails to come as a boomerang upon the head of the ill-disposed person who sends it forth.

Let us ever rejoice in the real success of true men about us; for the successful ones are the only solid things for any community to depend upon.

Farm Hints.

hlladelphia Record. Unclean seed has more to do with the distribution of weeds than all other causes combined. These are brought upon our farms in garden and field seeds from foreign countries. Russian flaxseed is responsisian thistle, which first appeared upon a single farm and now covere seeds imported from Europe are the potent cause for the contamination of our lands with farm weeds. Nor particular in saving their seeds, fields containing weeds often being set apart for seed crops, insuring the foulest seeds in many cases. And then in the purchase of seeds seed only, but plants whatever the dealer offers him. Until these methods are done away with we must expect to have new pernicious weeds constantly appearing among

The wheat field after harvest may be given up to sheep and poultry. destroying young weeds as fast as they shoot up out of the ground, and as there will be more or less grain left on the ground the fowls will utilize it.

It is better to defer trimming trees until fall than to do so now, as there will be less liability of injury after the sap begins to go down.

Summer pruning of peach trees is recommended by many advanced orchardists. It should be remembered that peach buds live but two years, and the utmost care should be taken, therefore, not to so trim the trees as to preclude the possibility of bearing from a dearth of buds. A careful system of pinching back in summer from the early growth of the tree will generally able to bear and properly mature a make no bad debts, we do business on our own capital, hence we heavy weight of superior fruit.

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rom the Poultry Keeper.

what should be the case :

Ten cents per pound is about the the whole year.

weeks, and it should then weigh two DER CO. New Yor pounds, if highly fed, the 10 cents covering the greatest abundance of

ly the highest limit of time during which a hen will lay.

Ten hens with one male is about the proper proportion.

Ten quarts of corn or its equivalent should feed a hen two weeks, plenty of shade is provided. if she is of a large breed, but ten quarts in three months is about a fairer proportion.

males of the larger breeds, one #ear

Ten eggs is the average number to each pound.

ens, are enough for an acre.

Ten chicks, when just harched, weigh about one pound.

eggs during the year. This allows for some laying more than 100 eggs each, while others may not lay so many.

The Moulting Season.

V. H. Camborn, in Home and Farm. During July and August the fowls, if in healthful condition, will fall and winter's success will depend success. on the care shown during this time. With proper attention they may be carried safely through the trying time is from sixty to seventy days; and should be in condition to shell out eggs by the first or middle of September. Fowls with free range or a Smooth Shave, in fact anything in the Barber line; you will do well needed to promote the new growth Building, over T. A. Albright's drug of feathers, and many pass through the period so easily that the change every appointment. is scarcely perceptible.

Cut This Out and Paste Up:

If you wish to remember some things, here are a few rules for you, under the decimal system. Though not exactly correct, they are about

Ten hens in a house 10x10 feet re enough.

The yard should be at least ten imes as large as the floor of the

Ten weeks from shell to market is the time allotted a chick.

average price of hens in market for Ten cents should feed a chick ten

Ten months in the year is usual-

Ten flocks, each consisting of ten

Ten hens should läy about 1,000

Not so though with those that are

denied their freedom. The terrible strain on the system must be met with most favorable care and attention, otherwise the \$8 a month, 3 Brief Courses, 3 Fulf

birds will begin the winter season Courses, Law and Medical Schools with only a partial coat of feathers, | and School of Pharmacy. Graduate and are sure to furnish no eggs, even should they live through the cold months of December and Jan-

Do not wait until the old plumage begins to fall out. Begin now and feed just what is needed for this one special purpose. For the morning feed a proportion of wheat bran and corn meal, about two parts of the former to one of the latter; slightly scalded, and made into a stiff or shade, call on me. My shop is dough. Not a full feed, but just House Square. sufficient to allay the hunger.

From then until evening keep thett busy scratching for wheat thrown in lit'er.

A little oil meal mixed with the morning meal every other day will greatly facilitate the moulting. Add a few drops of Dougles' Hixture to the drinking water, and see to it

Guard the fowls carefully during rainy weather, and do not under any circumstances allow then to re-Ten pounds is a good weight for main out at night. If the house appears too hot, opens the doors and windows, and leave them free to come and go at will. Most of this season's pullets are late hatches; therefore those who are lucky enough to get the old hens to laying early, will find good prices and ready sales:

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