

THE LENOIR TOPIC.

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MAJOR FINGER speaks by authority on the subject of education, for he is the State Superintendent. When he declared, in his speech in Lenoir, what the law is in respect to the length of the school term, he did so plainly and without equivocation. He did not point out any way by which it could be evaded. Indeed, there is no room for evasion; it is either to carry out the law in this regard or to break it openly. The Superintendent did not take it upon himself to say whether or not in any county this law has been evaded. He simply laid down the law and it was for those most interested to say whether in Caldwell or any other county it is observed or is a dead letter. Then, assuming that the law is neglected in any county, the Superintendent did not assume to say that the blame must lie solely upon one pair of shoulders or upon the shoulders of any set of men. He rather suggested that the people themselves are to blame. If they will voice an unmistakable public sentiment in favor of any measure the persons entrusted with the power to make that measure operative will not hesitate long before answering this sentiment. In other words, if two years ago or one year ago the people of Caldwell had shown that they were very much in favor of a 4-months term for the public schools they would have had them. Now, it is time for the people to speak on this subject. We must educate; but to educate we must have schools. To change the subject, but still remaining with the Superintendent, he spoke wisely in regard to moral as well as mental culture and he did not neglect a timely reference to physical culture. Mens sana in corpore sano, a sound and healthy mind in a healthy body, is the true idea of an educated person. This includes moral training, for no mind with a vicious inclination can be termed whole or sound. If Superintendent Finger succeeds in awakening in North Carolina an enthusiasm for the kind of education about which he himself seems to be so enthusiastic he will do a great work for his State. We await with interest and solicitude the result of Major Finger's endeavor.

WE WOULD not for the world pose in the attitude of a chronic grumbler and sneerer at the lawyers. That is an occupation too well-filled at present to need any new recruits. In copying the following from the Asheville Citizen, however, we would suggest that Judge Gudger might well imitate Judge Montgomery's plan of making a payment of costs result upon every continuance and that such a man as Judge McRae might push matters forward a little faster: So far, very little has been done to justify the demand made for additions to the facilities to obtaining justice. The escape of a number of prisoners who were to have been tried at this term, and the prompt disposal of two other criminal cases early in the week, brought the civil docket up for action—to find no body ready; and yesterday, the day set for taking up that docket, was comparatively an idle day, nothing to do, and the Judge at liberty to appear on the streets, or attend to his own affairs. It was not fault of Judge Gudger that he was idle. He was at his post, ready patiently to give his time and learning to the causes coming before him. The bar is at fault that there was confusion in the consideration of the calendar, in that they were not ready for business, and that consequently precious time is lost or wasted. This of course is a rebuke to the zeal and the judgment of those who urged an increase of Judges and an increase in the duration of terms. If the favor granted by legislation, at considerable increase of cost, is to be trifled with, it will not be difficult to create a reaction of public sentiment. Justice must be made to move faster with the facilities accorded to it, or there will be a clamor raised that must be heeded. Of course there must occur some cases to which unavoidable delays are presented. There are exceptions to which every body will submit. But the whole current of justice need not be obstructed or delayed.

Bishop Lyman was in Cashier's Valley, Transylvania county, far from railroad and telegraph, when his daughter, Mrs. Cox, died. A special messenger was sent to him from Asheville Friday.

STATE TOPICS.

Winston has 23 tobacco warehouses.

The oldest man in Burke is Clem Fair, aged 97.

A new Lutheran Church is being built in Salisbury.

An Eastern Fruit Fair is talked in the eastern counties.

The law against killing deer expired week before last.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor met in Winston last week.

Sloan's history will be ready for delivery about the first of December.

Brighton, Mitchell county, a new postoffice with John G. Burseson postmaster.

Black Mountain has been selected as a permanent location for the Teachers' Assembly.

The people of Wake voted down the new road law given the county by the last legislature.

A big excursion from Winston and Greensboro to Asheville tomorrow. Fare from Hickory and return \$1.50.

The "Yadkin Railroad" was organized at Salisbury, last week, and John S. Henderson elected President.

The Landmark says that a citizen of Catawba sat as a juror in a case tried at the late term of Iredele court.

Judge Montgomery compels all parties who are not ready for trial without good excuse to pay costs to date.

A Virginia paper says it is reported that Ray and Anderson are hiding near Weaverville, Buncombe county.

Thomas Shields, who killed Jos. G. Sitton in Mecklenburg, is very low with typhoid fever in the penitentiary.

Married in Lincolnton, Thursday night, Dr. Anzi A. Alexander, of Charlotte, to Mrs. Julia Eady, of Lincolnton.

A man in Onslow killed 7 alligators last week. One of them had a grown sheep and a loggerhead turtle in him.

Last Wednesday night in Winston the fire block of 9 business stands was destroyed by fire. Loss \$20,000; insurance \$7,000.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Black Mountain Pioneer, Burnsville, Yancey county, has been received. E. S. Warrock, editor.

Richmond and Anson are having a controversy in the Rocket and Times as to which is the healthier county of the two.

The regular annual August picnic at Mocksville in favor of the Oxford Orphan Asylum resulted, last week, in a collection of \$250.

Died suddenly in Raleigh Mrs. Fanny Lyman Cox, wife of Gen. W. R. Cox, M. C. in that district, and daughter of Bishop Theodore B. Lyman.

Durham will build an immense tent large enough to hold thousands and Rev. Sam Jones will at an early day begin a protracted meeting under it.

The case of Gaston county against McKee, late Treasurer, to recover \$1,700 for which he shows a receipt alleged by the county commissioners to be a forgery, took up a large part of Cleveland's court last week and week before. There are 11 lawyers and 105 witnesses, the suit costs \$200 per day and the costs already foot up \$3,500.

In Randolph county, Jodie Gordon, a mail rider, swapped a mule for a horse to J. T. Shaw. In a week the mule died and Shaw had Gordon and his son Amos, arrested for cheating. As neither side was ready for trial and as Gordon wished the case removed before another magistrate he and his son were remanded to the custody of the constable and were not allowed bail. The constable "imprisoned" them in an old corn crib, chaining them to the logs and pinioning their arms. There they staid for four days. In the meantime great indignation was aroused among the people and hundreds went to see the prisoners. The magistrate released them and made the prosecution pay the costs. Suits for damage have been begun by Gordon and his son.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The business boom is about to begin, say all the papers.

Mr. Gladstone, the "grand old man," is spending the summer in Norway.

Gov. Hoadly was re-nominated by the Democratic Convention of Ohio at Columbus on the 20th.

Agricultural liens in South Carolina amount to \$3,000,000 less than in 1882 and the crops are much better.

Germany and Spain are at odds because the former is attempting to seize the Caroline Islands which the latter claims.

The Iowa Democratic convention favors the repeal of the prohibition laws and calls for a high license. It also endorses the President.

The cotton prospects are for the best crop ever raised. The acreage is 18,000,000 acres or 1,800,000 more than in 1882 when the crop was 6,900,000 bales. On the first of August the condition of the cotton crop was 60¢ against 94¢ in 1882.

Gov. Jarvis has arrived safe and sound at Rio de Janeiro and has been received by Dom Pedro. His first impressions of Brazil are favorable.

A sailor from a schooner just in from Cienfuegos was attacked with yellow fever in New York, Thursday. There is no danger of it spreading.

It is estimated that the South will make 50,000,000 bushels more of corn this year than last and at less expense. Georgia will make 40,000,000 bushels, 9 million more than last year and 15 more than the year before. The increase in South Carolina is 4,000,000 bushels over last year.

The talk in New York is all about who will be the candidates of the two parties for Governor. It is probable that a friend of the administration will be selected by the Democratic convention which meets in September and the President is of course anxious to be "endorsed" by a popular victory. The Republicans will of course put up their strongest man and if Cleveland is "endorsed" it will mean something. Senator Everts is strongly backed by the Republicans and the chief inducement for him to accept is that, if elected, he will almost surely be the Presidential nominee in 1888. Blaine is said to favor Everts. We do hope the Democrats will be wise and put up a man whom all parties can support!

TOWN TALK TOPICS.

Trivial Incidents and Idle Gossip from the Outlying Hamlets.

It costs \$5 to get drunk and down in Asheville.

Winston claims the "champion horse-back rider east of the Blue Ridge," and she is a lady.

A 77-pound watermelon, 3 feet and a half round and 2 feet and one inch long is the sensation in New Berne.

Statesville was languidly excited last week over the dreggy part of court and over the cemetery election which comes off next Monday.

The Marionites held a "fair" in the court last week, which footed up \$92.70 to be devoted to the brass band which they seem determined to have.

The "court house ring" in Charlotte has a watermelon bee every evening and Mayor "Bill" Johnston presides with as much dignity as is possible under the circumstances.

In Tarboro the washer-women have formed a "Union" and demand extortionate prices. The indignant Tarboroans are about to import some Chinese washee-washee and then the dark damsels will be without any occupation.

There is a snarl in municipal affairs in Winston. The rate of taxation, certain special taxes, a Sunday law, &c., have caused the members of the town council to disagree and one has resigned. The chief of police has also resigned.

The row in Winston last week was over a lost boy, Richard Stone, aged 8 years, who had gone into the country and, losing his way, stayed all night with a farmer and came home in the morning. In the meantime, all the bells were rung, drums beat and the Forsyth Riflemen and citizens turned out on the hunt for him.

The people of Concord are terribly perturbed over the postoffice. Mrs. Dusenberry, the present incumbent was re-appointed in January and is a very "offensive partisan." There is but one other applicant for the place, the county superintendent, and he is a good Democrat, but it has so far been impossible to remove the present incumbent. The postoffice is the one theme of interest in Concord.

Downsville Letter.

Downsville, Aug. 21.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: Corn and tobacco crops are looking beautiful and are both a great deal better than they have been for several years past; also there is a larger acreage this year of both than was ever known before in this section.

The wheat crop in this part of the county was rather a failure this year owing principally to the fact that the ground was too dry and hard to be plowed last year.

This failure on wheat has, however, taught us an important lesson, and that lesson is, that for fear of drouth, we must begin early and use every opportunity for breaking our wheat land. So our farmers have heeded the lesson and gone to work, and are now as busy as they can be preparing land for large crops next year.

The present prospect for abundant crops of all kinds this year, and the earnestness of our farmers in preparing for large crops of wheat, oats, &c., next year, all seem to indicate that an era of prosperity is dawning upon us, and we trust that no cause whatever will hinder its coming.

Mrs. R. L. White, of Hickory, is now on a visit to friends and relatives at this place.

Fruit is abundant, both apples and peaches, but the prices given for it when dried, are so small that many would prefer distilling. That would doubtless pay better than drying, but we do not advocate that principle and are glad to say that we have no distilleries in this section.

A small party of young folks from Little River, with some eastern visi-

tors, made a trip to Hibrinton on the 15th and were highly pleased with the visit.

The awe-inspiring grandeur of the mountain itself, as well as the beauty and splendor of the scene from its summit, are worth far more than the cost of many visits. Such a mountain as this, commanding as it does, a panoramic view of the most beautiful part of the county is truly worth being proud of, and who in Caldwell county is not proud of Hibrinton? Surely future genius will immortalize this beautiful mountain in "Song and Story" sending its fame throughout the civilized world.

What has become of the Stock Law in Caldwell county? Is it dead? R. L. D.

"Father Edwards."

MORGANTON, Aug. 20.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: In a recent issue of your paper, the following declaration is made concerning Father Edwards: "Old Father Edwards, that good old man of 80 odd years of age, whom his people has turned out to grass, has wandered back to his old friends and his wife's grave at Rutherford College to die."

What does all this mean? Now, I am credibly informed that Father Edwards has a good comfortable home at Rutherford College, where he and his wife, with two granddaughters have been living for some ten or twelve years. After the death of the old lady, one or the other, or both, of these girls have been living with their grandfather. One of the girls married several years ago, but remained with him for some time; then the other came and remained with him until she married, which she would not do until she had made satisfactory arrangements for her grandfather to be taken care of.

Mrs. Falls was to rent his home with the understanding that he was to furnish his own room and board with her as long as he might wish to stay.

About four months after this, the old man visited this granddaughter, and being pleased with the situation, he consented to move his furniture and live with them. Not long after he had moved, the business of this young man was destroyed by fire, and he was compelled to give up his comfortable home and go to live with his father. Finding that there was no room for the old man with these two families in the same house, he, (Father Edwards) determined to move back to his old home at the College, notwithstanding his young-est son had offered him a home at his house all the time.

Rev. T. H. Edwards, on learning the inclination of his father to move back, at once made the arrangements with Mrs. Falls to take care of him, and both he and the other children stand pledged to Mrs. Falls to pay all necessary expenses over and above what the old man may be able to meet in the rent of the house, &c. These being facts, as I am very credibly informed, it is very unkind in "Incognito," whoever it may be, to make such slanderous statements in public print.

C. M. ANDERSON.

Our Clay Letter.

CLAY, Mitchell Co., Aug. 18.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: The people of Carey's Flat and vicinity, in your county of Caldwell, have gotten up a petition to the Post Office Department asking for the establishment of a new postoffice, about half way from Globe and Clay postoffices, which are 13 miles apart. We who live within the delivery of Clay postoffice have an interest in this matter. This letter will go from here to Boone, thence to Patterson, and in the course of a round-about way of some 60 or 70 miles—perhaps more—will reach your several days hence, yet your printing office is only 33 miles from Clay. And you, Mr. Editor, are also interested in this movement, for every new postoffice which is established in your county adds a few subscribers to your list. So give it a good send off. A semi-weekly mail is asked for.

A party of "Grand Rounders" touched here a few days ago. They were from Mooresville, Iredele county. They had been on their "winding way" three weeks, and had already visited Lincolnton, Shelby, Chimney Rock, Hendersonville, Buck Forest, Caesar's Head, Brevard, Asheville, Bakersville, Roan Mountain, where they found a very large hotel, not yet finished, and from thence here, where they unhitched, partook of a good dinner and went on to finish the "round" by visiting Blowing Rock, Lenoir, Taylorsville, and home.

S. A. Lawrence and wife, T. T. Goodman and wife, Misses Julia Snede, Maggie Houston, Emma Rankin, Messrs. W. W. Rankin and R. V. Houston constituted the party.

Mr. Richie has loaded on a wagon some grain to take to Lenoir's mill—12 miles away, and this reminds me to say that there is a mill site, and good water power here on Linville river, to be given to anybody who will obligate himself to erect a good saw and grist mill and run them. The site is on a tract of from 40 to 50 acres of excellent meadow land covered with timber, which will be sold very cheap.

Speaking of Lenoir's mill, which is in Watauga county, reminds me to say that I went over there the other day and was very much pleased with the "lay of the land."

Capt. Walter W. Lenoir owns thousands of acres on Watauga and Linville rivers. These two rivers head within about 100 yards of each other, but take different courses—

the one starts off in a northerly direction and continues its course into Tennessee and loses itself in the Holston river; Linville courses southward and is finally "taken in" by the Catawba river in the county of Catawba. Four miles from here, near the head waters of these two rivers—Watauga and Linville—the Captain has a beautiful grass farm, on which I saw a herd of those beautiful cattle—the Devons—grazing. It made my eyes water because I have not a Devon heifer calf to rear for a family cow. For such purpose the Devon cows are as good as any, while the Devon oxen are the very best for work oxen. And while one is buying he had always better "get the best."

The weather, like the poor, we always have present with us. When not of one kind it is of another. For the past month wet has prevailed at the rate of five to one, and the days on which it has not rained, cloudy weather has prevailed over the fair. So farmers have had to harvest under great disadvantages, and have sustained losses of hay and grain to some extent.

Brushy Mountain Association.

This body met with the church at Boone, last Thursday, and there was a large attendance. Rev. W. A. Pool tells us that Mr. R. A. Spainhour, of Moravian Falls, was chosen Moderator and Mr. W. E. White Clerk. Several prominent men from the central part of the State were present, among them Prof. Royall, of Wake Forest College, Mr. Joseph H. Mills and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro, who is on a visit to his father in Alexander county.

PERSONAL.—We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our friend, Len. W. Estes, at Blowing Rock.—Rev. A. W. Moore was in town Monday canvassing for the Centenary, a Methodist paper published at Lancaster, S. C.—Mr. Homer Bernhardt is on a visit to Lenoir.

NOTICE.

The notes and bonds taken by me in the fall of 1884, for Star Brand Guano are now due and in my hands for collection. Come forward and settle up without further notice, as I have to make settlement with the Company the 1st day of September. Some have failed to pay up for 1883. I hope they will pay up at once as further indulgence cannot be given. R. R. WAKEFIELD. August 10, 1885.

"Star Brand" Guano and "Navasau" Guano for wheat, for sale by E. F. WAKEFIELD, Lenoir, N. C. I will sell as cheap as the cheapest. Call on me before buying elsewhere, at the hardware corner. H. C. Martin will wait on you when I am absent. Respectfully, E. F. WAKEFIELD.

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