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LOCAL taxation for public schools is strongly urged in the able address of the distinguished educators of this State, who recently held an educational conference at Raleigh. This address is published in another column, and in publishing it we cannot refrain from expressing the opinion that the cause of education would be best promoted and the usefulness of the public schools be best increased by adopting an amendment to our State constitution similar to the one introduced by this writer in the Senate last winter.

The object of that constitutional amendment was to continue the levy of a sufficient State tax to keep up a four months' term in EVERY school district (both white and colored), and then to allow each race to pay a special, or extra, tax on its own property and polls for its own schools. Its object was not to decrease the terms of any colored school, nor to decrease the amount now paid by white people for colored schools but its object was simply to enable the white people of any school district to tax themselves extra, that is levy a special tax on themselves, for the better education of their own children. And why not?

We hope that our next Democratic State convention will endorse and advocate such an amendment to our State constitution, and let it be fully discussed in the next campaign. The white people of North Carolina are now paying all they can or will pay for the education of negro children, and in few districts will they vote to pay special or extra taxes for that purpose. But the white people in nearly every district would pay an extra or special tax to give their own children longer school terms. And why not let them?

Let the press of the State discuss this matter and express their views and opinions. Men and brethren what say you?

SENATORS Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, had a fight in the Senate on last Saturday, and were separated with difficulty. Blows were exchanged and the pugilists then clinched like bull dogs. It was the most disgraceful scene of the kind that has ever occurred in the United States Senate. Brooks' attack on Sumner, although in the Senate Chamber, was not made while the Senate was in session. The Senate promptly passed a resolution adjudging both Senators to be in contempt and referring the matter to a committee for such further action as may be necessary. In the mean time neither Senator can vote or speak in the Senate. We are ashamed that they hail from a Southern State.

IN his serial novel, entitled "The Leopard's Spots," Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., incidentally refers to "a fee" paid his hero (Charlie Gaston) for delivering a Tenth of May memorial address. He would not have written such a libel on Southern people if he had not been living so long among Yankees and had become accustomed to their mercenary custom of being paid for everything they do.

We venture the assertion that no Southern man ever received or expected any "fee" whatever for delivering a memorial address on any 10th of May. Such addresses are not made for money, as are addresses of every kind when made by Northern speakers.

GEN. TOON, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, died at Raleigh last Wednesday. He had been very sick for several weeks, but was much better and was sitting up. He died suddenly from heart disease.

Gov. Aycock has appointed as his successor J. Y. Joyner, professor of English at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, who will hold the office until the election next November.

This is an excellent appointment, and places at the head of our public school system an educator of much experience and capacity who has been devoting his time and talents to the great cause of education with marked success.

CONGRESSMAN Pou, in his able speech last week, forcibly illustrated the injustice done the farmers of this country by the Republican high protective tariff. He called attention to the fact that some of the great trusts of this country, protected by a high tariff, are actually selling their products cheaper abroad than they are to the people of this country.

For instance, said Mr. Pou "they are selling farm implements, grain drills, harrows and things of that kind cheaper to the people of South America than they sell to our own people here in the United States."

Now, what do the farmers of this country think of that? Where is the justice or fairness in it? In order to remedy such an injustice Mr. Pou prepared an amendment and read it in his speech, as follows:

"When any article manufactured in the United States is sold at a lower price abroad than in the United States the President, having ascertained such to be the case, is authorized and empowered to suspend the collection of the duty on similar articles imported into this country, from such period for such lengthened time as the President may deem expedient."

Of course, however, a Republican House would not amend their tariff laws even in this manner, and yet these trusts protected by Republicans pretend to be too peculiar friends of the farmers.

Two school houses Burned

Monroe, N. C., Feb. 21.—The Pool Helms and Miss Sarah Bivens were married here today. Both are from Mineral Springs, at Wingate. They are quite young but were with the permission of their parents.

Two hundred American school teachers started for Sunday from New York for Havana.

A $3,000 organ, the largest and best in Fayetteville, has been placed in the First Presbyterian church.

The Governor orders a special term of Harnett county court, and commands April Nathaniel Allen to preside.

The Agricultural Department is advised that a vigorous movement for the tobacco culture in the State is planned.

There were three burglaries in this State last week. The burglars were Lincolnton, Asheville, and Wilkesboro.

President Roosevelt's daughter Christened the yacht of the Emperor of Germany when it was launched last Tuesday at New York.

The Army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year carries a total of $[illegible] which is more than the Federal army has cost annually since the war.

The House Committee on Territories has unanimously agreed to report bills for the admission to statehood of the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma.

There are now over 70 applications for the admission of insane patients to the State Hospital at Raleigh, but room of which can be obtained for the institution is now full to overflowing.

Judge Walter Neal has been holding a session in court at Greensboro and seemed pleased with him as the successor of that place that they have in Judge Bynum, a highly competent judge.

Trinity College, at Durham, has elected Mr. B. N. Duke has agreed to support it for one year, and has placed funds for that purpose in the hands of the trustees. This is said to be equal to an endowment of $100,000.

Prince Henry, the brother of the Emperor of Germany, arrived at New York on last Sunday and was received with high honors. He went that night to Washington, where he is the guest of the United States government.

Chairman Simpson has called the Democratic State Committee to meet in Raleigh on Tuesday, March 25, to call the State Convention and to consider questions of party policy connected with the approaching campaign.

The executive committee of the North Carolina State Journal met at Raleigh on last Tuesday and organized by electing R. H. A. London chairman and Clement Manly secretary. It was resolved that the next annual meeting of the association will be held at Asheville the 4th of July.

Charlotte News: Mr. A. C. Smith, of Mooresboro, N. C., has invented and has the patent pending in the Patent Office of a very simple, but clever device called a detachable clip with which a hoe, fork, rake or any tool of from instrument of that kind can be changed on the handle at will, being attached and detached in an instant. Mr. Smith is manager of the Jas. T. Lingrand estate farm on the Pee Dee river, a 30-horse farm and one of the largest and best farms in Richmond county.

Fatal Fire In New York.

New York, Feb. 22.—Fire early this morning in the Park avenue hotel and the 71st regiment armory, this city, resulted in the loss of nine lives and the destruction of property valued at $750,000. The dead persons were all guests of the hotel. Flames were first discovered in the armory, and forty-one regiments left it. It was found that the hotel was on fire.

His Ashes Will Sleep Here

Chattanooga, Feb. 22.—After the remains of Ex. United S[illegible] Senator Isham G. Harris had been buried at Memphis, Tenn., it was learned that he had previously for the ashes to be taken to his old home in Montgomery county, N. Y., where the wife was buried, and that he desired that the remains should rest beside hers. The casket of his old friend, and companion, shot out of, and fell from the stage.

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Jacksonville, Fla., 21.—Steamer Seminole has been sold, now on way to N. Y. where she will be used in Ponce's Porto Rico trade, formerly owned by Clyde family, now in arrears, mortgage. Oswego City, not, he was hunting and hunting [illegible] all machinery, the contents [illegible] in the middle [illegible] has the elbow. From the [illegible] of the wound [illegible] pounds [illegible] day [illegible]

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Difficult Trolley Patent.

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To Be Taken Up Monday.

It is possible that the Tillman-McLaurin duel on the Senate floor will come up on Monday when the Senate [illegible] Senator McLaurin [illegible] Senator Tillman.

The challenge was written while Gaging to the [illegible] which he [illegible] to meet in Raleigh on Tuesday, March 25, to call the State Convention and to consider questions of party policy connected with the approaching campaign.

Washington Letter.

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Washington, Feb. 21st, 1902.

That the House of Representatives has ceased to be a deliberative body and has degenerated into a mere meeting place, the adding of a small number of men, by courtesy called members, but actually strangers, has been exemplified for a number of years by those in close touch with its workings, but never to its acme, have the high-handed and tyrannical methods adopted by the present speaker and his colleagues to secure the passage of the tariff bill been equalled or even approached. The proceedings last Monday were a source of mortification to every member of the House possessed of sufficient intelligence to comprehend the meaning.

Announcing that a large conference of their own party, and some specially of the Republican majority, were engaged in a caucus behind closed doors and sealed doors for the purpose of giving the Democrats an opportunity to witness the spectacle caused by the Wise and Mossed members, supposedly the best own and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and protecting the Aldrich, [illegible] whose money has [illegible] personal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]