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Why Popular Education Has Failed in This State.  
 BY SUPT. LOGAN D. HOWELL,  
 Of Raleigh, Before the University Summer School--The Cost of Education, Etc.

The following is a brief synopsis of a paper read before the University Summer School by Superintendent Logan D. Howell, of Raleigh, on "Why Popular Education Has Failed in North Carolina."  
 In considering the results of popular education in North Carolina, we must compare this State with all others in the Union. One of the results of education is wealth. Judged by this standard, education in North Carolina has lamentably failed. For with the exception of Illinois, and by Mississippi there is less wealth per capita in North Carolina than anywhere else in the Union. But South Carolina and Missouri have over half their population black. North Carolina one-third.

more than the A. B. C's. Not half the children studied arithmetic. The average white teacher in North Carolina enrolls during the three months she teaches, forty-one children. But her attendance is irregular, and if we should visit her school on an average day, we should find twenty-eight pupils present, only three of these far enough advanced to study arithmetic, only seven geography, four in grammar and two in United States history.

**CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.**  
**Southern Pencil Pointers.**  
 Mrs. W. J. Cooke, of Asheville, N. C., committed suicide while temporarily insane.  
 Richmond, Va., wants the next convention of the Baptist Young People's Union.  
 Emanuel Rich, a prominent Atlanta merchant, committed suicide by cutting his throat.  
 The struggle over the proposed Tennessee constitutional convention has opened up vigorously.

**NEWS ITEMS.**  
 The Miners' Strike the Only Hindrance to Better Business.  
**R. G. DUN & CO'S REPORT.**  
 Crops Helped by Abundant Rains.  
 Still Large Stocks of Cotton Goods Accumulated.  
 R. G. Dun & Co's report of trade for the week ending July 17th, says: Excepting the great coal miners' strike, which may terminate at any time, there is scarcely a feature of the business outlook which is not encouraging.

**TURLEY APPOINTED.**  
 A Memphis Man Named as the Successor to Senator Harris.  
 His Dispensary Bill Gets Through U. S. Senate Without Opposition.  
 WILL HARDLY PASS THE HOUSE.  
 General Effect of the Bill is to Carry Out the Provisions of the South Carolina Dispensary Law.

Senator Tillman has succeeded in passing his dispensary bill through the Senate without objection. The bill provides that all fermented, distilled or other liquors transported into any State or Territory for use, consumption, or sale shall be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State, and shall not be exempt by reason of being introduced in original packages for private use or otherwise; and such liquors shall have absolute control of such liquors within their borders, by whomsoever produced and for whatever use imported, provided that no such liquor shall be introduced or transported into any State or Territory for use, consumption, or sale which is prohibited by the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory.

**TO MAKE WAR ON U. S.**  
 Spain and Japan Leagued Together to Protect Cuba and Hawaii.  
 Paris, July 15.—(By Cable)—A dispatch to a news agency in this city says enquiry at the American embassies there has elicited a confirmation of the rumor that the governments of Spain and Japan have arranged an offensive alliance against the United States. The terms of the understanding in the hands of the United States are that in the event of an actively aggressive movement on the part of the United States against the Hawaiian Islands, both Spain and Japan shall declare war simultaneously against the United States and shall make demonstrations along both the Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of the country.

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A Great Landslide in Vermont.  
 News has been received at Montpelier, Vt., of a big landslide that occurred on the fifth, in the mountains near Lincoln. A slide half a mile wide came down the side of the mountain, a distance of over half a mile, sweeping off every tree and movable rock, which were piled into an immense heap of debris in the valleys below. Several towns were partially covered. It was only a short distance from the big slide that occurred June 8, 1827.

**WOMEN ON THE ROCK PILE.**  
 Kansas Women Threaten Vengeance if the New Order is Carried Out.  
 The orders of the police commissioners of Kansas City, Kan., that women prisoners must work on the stone pile along with the men, has caused a great commotion, and has not yet been put into effect.

**MADE A DYING STATEMENT.**  
 A Woman Assaulted, Knocked in the Head and Thrown on a Bed.  
 Major Terrell, a negro, criminally assaulted Mrs. Martin Thomas, a white woman living in the country, five miles from Elba, Ala. She was alone in her home with her six-month-old boy. During the night she was assaulted and thrown on her head and thrown on the bed beside her sleeping infant. Fagots of pine wood were then piled around her by the brute and set fire. The flames attracted the attention of some passers-by, and they reached the woman in time to get her dying statement. The baby was roasted. Terrell was arrested and was being given a preliminary trial when a mob broke up the court, took him out and hanged him.

**THE TARIFF BILL AGREED ON.**  
 The Republican conferees on the tariff bill, representing the two houses of Congress, have agreed upon all the items of the bill, and the result of the partisan conference will be submitted to the Democratic members of the conference at the full meeting. Cotton bagging and ties are taxed, the stamp tax dropped, and the sugar schedule has been changed quite materially. It is thought that an early adjournment of Congress is in sight.

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**TO WITHHOLD WHEAT.**  
 State Organization Proposed in Kentucky to Bring About Higher Prices.  
 Kentucky wheat growers met at Lexington to take steps toward withholding their present crop of wheat from the market until the higher prices which they expect to become a certainty. Millers are paying 62 cents for new wheat, and the farmers think the price will be at least 75 to 80 cents a month. John B. Kennedy, of Bourbon county, was made chairman, and William Steele, of Woodford, secretary.

**BOY FOUND TIED TO BUSHES.**  
 Young Tennessee Girl Murdered Near Her Own Home.  
 At West Point, Tenn., Miss Rene Williams, a young girl, sister of David Williams, a telegraph operator, was found murdered and tied to a bush. She was horribly mangled and had been dead several hours.

**SHERIFF D. J. BRADHAM,** of Clarendon county, has withdrawn from the Congressional race in the Sixth district. Failing health is the cause.

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