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For Longer Terms.
Raleigh News and Observer.

At a meeting of the joint committees on education Monday night the bill requiring counties to provide for a four months school in every district and for a more equitable apportionment for the second hundred thousand dollars for the public schools, was unanimously voted a favorable report. It is one of the most important pieces of legislation that will be before the present General Assembly. If it is passed it will mean a long step forward for the public schools.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner in an interview yesterday gave a reporter of The News and Observer the following reasons for the passage of the bill:

1 The law appropriating the second hundred thousand dollars was enacted in 1901. Notwithstanding all the observed increase in wealth, the applications for aid from this appropriation for a four months' school term have increased. For the past five years these applications each have exceeded the appropriation by twenty or thirty thousand dollars, rendering it necessary to reduce the amounts asked by twenty or thirty per cent. It seems, therefore, unlikely that the application or that every district will ever get a full four months' school term under the present plan of distribution.

2 The bill requires each county to obey the Constitution by providing a four months' term each year in every school.

3 To those who help themselves in this way the State guarantees one-half as much as they raise by the special levy for a four months' school term, or \$1 for every \$2 thus raised for schools.

4 It authorizes the State Board of Education to apportion the balance of the second hundred thousand dollars to equalize the school terms in all the counties of the State, as nearly as may be.

5 By requiring each county to provide for a four months' school, instead of relying entirely upon the State, the bill encourages economy and absolute guarantees a full four months' term in every district.

6 The amount then received from the second hundred thousand dollars could be used to strengthen the schools, improve the teachers by paying better salaries, and lengthen the school term in these weak counties.

7 It will aid in correcting inequalities in the assessment of property, for under the present method of distributing the second hundred thousand dollars the lower the assessment of a county the more help it will need and get from this appropriation. An examination of the apportionment of the second hundred thousand dollars will show that some counties receiving aid therefrom are more able to provide a four months' term without aid than some counties that are providing such a term without aid.

8 It will give weak counties that by the strictest economy, and oftentimes by fairer assessment of property, are now barely getting a four months' school term without aid from the second hundred thousand dollars, a chance to share fairly in the distribution of that appropriation.

9 It will place the responsibility of supporting an unnecessary number of small districts upon the local authorities and the people of the county, instead of laying that burden upon the State. The present method of distributing the second hundred thousand dollars tends to perpetuate unnecessary little districts, for the more of such districts a county has the more money it needs and the more money it gets from the second hundred thousand dollars.

10 To sum up, this law would encourage self-help, promote economy, guarantee a four months' school term and more in every school district of every county, discourage a multiplicity of unnecessary small districts, tend to correct inequalities in assessment of property in different counties by placing all weak counties on the same footing in providing a four months' school and in sharing fairly in the distribution of the second hundred thousand dollars, strengthen the school by providing more money to pay better salaries and secure better teachers, and lengthen the school term.

The New Child Labor Bill.
Charlotte Observer.

The bill for the regulation of child labor in North Carolina, introduced in the lower house of the Legislature by Mr. Dilling, of Gaston, and already published in this paper, is the voluntary proposition of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina and is volunteered at a time when no threat of hostile legislation is being held over the manufacturers. It modifies very materially existing conditions, in that, while it offers for the current year no change in the existing law as to the minimum age of child workers in cotton mills—12 years—it provides that after 1907 no child under 13 years of age shall be employed or work in a factory except in apprenticeship capacity and then only upon certificate that it has attended school at least four months during the preceding year. Among the other provisions is one that after 1907 no child under 14 years of age shall work in a cotton factory after 10 o'clock at night.

The letter from the chairman and secretary of the special committee of the association, endorsed by its president, which was read by Representative Dilling when he introduced the bill, states no more than the simple truth. The manufacturers are keenly alive to whatever evils attach to cotton mill conditions and are themselves rapidly applying corrective measures without being compelled to them by the operation of law. They do not over-state the case in saying that the work of betterment which they have accomplished and have in hand is "monumental." They are misunderstood by some of their own honest and well-meaning people and are systematically misrepresented by salaried reformers and a class of foreign sentimentalists. These men are not monsters, but men, and have hearts in them as those in other men. They have manifested their disposition to do right by their help and now have met the Legislature before it had made or threatened a move upon them with a volunteer measure which, if enacted, will vastly improve the mill situation.

Jap School Question Ended.
Washington, February 13.—The Japanese school controversy is settled so far as President Roosevelt, Mayor Schmitz or members of the San Francisco school board are concerned. An amicable adjustment of the question now rests with Congress. If the amendment to the immigration bill, proposed by Secretary Root, excluding foreigners who use their passports to secure admission to the United States "to the detriment of labor conditions in this country," is adopted by the Senate and House and the immigration bill is passed at this session of Congress the San Francisco board of education will rescind its order establishing the Oriental schools, unless the Japanese government agrees to a proposition for separate schools which will provide equal facilities for the Japanese children.

Mayor Schmitz and his associates had a conference with the President this afternoon and assured Mr. Roosevelt that the amendment to the immigration bill was entirely satisfactory to them. Secretary Root participated in the conference and made a report on his negotiations with the Republican leaders in Congress and the Japanese ambassador. Mayor Schmitz to-day pointed out to President Roosevelt and Secretary Root the advantages that will be gained by the Japanese children if the Oriental schools are maintained and expressed a willingness to give the Japanese equal educational facilities to those given to the white children of San Francisco. If the Japanese government will agree to this proposition the school board will establish a sufficient number of Oriental school houses to accommodate the Japanese and will give the children individual instruction. Mayor Schmitz says that the Japanese make faster progress in the Oriental schools than they do in the white schools and that in the mixed schools the Japanese only retard the progress of the white children.

A Ripe Old Age.

Mr. George W. Pelton, 72 years of age, Akron, Mich., writes: "For many years I have been greatly troubled with chronic Constipation, and thought there was no help for me. I have used nearly three bottles of Drake's Palmetto Wine with result that I have no trouble from Constipation, and believe a cure is assured. Drake's Palmetto Wine has done for me that all other medicines failed to do."

N. J. Knight, 79 years of age, 94 Pierce St., New Bedford, Mass., writes: "I had La Grippe, which left me with severe Catarrh of Mucous Membrane all through my body, a very hard cough mornings, enlargement and inflammation of Prostate Gland, bloody urine, and my sufferings were intense. I am taking Drake's Palmetto Wine; have used less than two bottles so far and am gaining in every way. I did not hope to ever feel so well as I do now, and have great cause to rejoice that I found such a wonderful medicine as Drake's Palmetto Wine." For sale at all drug stores, 75 cents a bottle, usual dollar size.

A test bottle will be sent prepaid, free of charge, to any reader of this paper who writes to Drake Co., Wheeling, W. Va. A test bottle often cures.—R. P. Freese.

What Our Reporter Saw in New York.
A recent visit to one of the largest paint factories in the world, disclosed machinery that was producing 10,000 gallons of paint, and doing it better and in less time than 100 gallons could be made by hand mixing.

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The Japanese war scare appears to be merely our old friend, the yellow peril, in a new guise.—Washington Star.

Piles got quick relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Remember it's made one for Piles—and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, or blood-piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see!
R. P. Freese.

Reflections of a Bachelor.
New York Press.

The most that schools seem to teach is your children how little you know.

A girl thinks it is flirting when she would look at a fellow if he didn't at her.

A man can have a lot of ideas until there is a chance to put some of them into practice.

If a man could increase his income the way he can his family he would have a chance.

A Great Day for the State.

Charlotte Observer.

The Bickett bill, or, if you please, the substitute for it, is a law, the Senate having passed it yesterday with amendments which the House readily accepted. The passage by the General Assembly, by a unanimous vote in both houses, with few remarks and no debate, of a bill carrying an appropriation of a half million dollars, is a most extraordinary occurrence and a crown of glory for the body. It is the highest evidence it could afford of its right-mindedness and of the fact that upon this point, at least, it is a truly representative body for upon the subject of care of the class of larkened intellect, at whatever cost, the people are united. It is no cause for wonder that the bill did not quite suit Senator McLean—it no doubt fell short of the views of a good many members of the Legislature; it does not suit the Observer, which feels sure that Senator Blair and Representative Bickett, along with those in either house who thought with them, are right in believing that the way to do this thing is to do it quickly by an issue of bonds. However, the end is to be attained, and those who are fervent in their desire to see it reached can well afford to swallow their disappointment about the road chosen to the end. It is enough to know that North Carolina is to provide for all of her insane and all whose intellects are defective, congenitally or otherwise. It is to the everlasting glory of the State, and no legislative act in its history has done more to shed lustre upon the name of North Carolina than that completed yesterday. For it the General Assembly of 1907 will ever be remembered with gratitude.

When every member of the Legislature was so sympathetic and so gracious, and when so many favorable influences were engaged, it seems wrong to designate individuals, and yet it ought to be said that the chief credit for the consummation is due Representative Bickett, of Franklin, and Senator Webb, of Boncombe. If all those whom the State should thank were enumerated, the list would embrace not only a roll call of the Legislature but would look like a census report.

Tuesday and yesterday something was done for North Carolina.

Teachers Killed in Philippines.
By Publishers' Press.

Manila, Feb. 14.—Two American school teachers, W. J. Bassister and Walter J. Lise, are reported killed in a raid of Pulajines in which they burned 20 towns in the province of Occidental negroes and killed six members of consular yesterday. Schools were the main points of attack and complete reports of the loss of life are lacking.

Hunting for Trouble.
"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of barns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Allegheny, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at T. R. Abernethy drug store. 25c.

"Would you look at that homely old bat making goo goo eyes in this direction! Do you suppose she's got the nerve to try to flirt with me?" "No no—I think she wants to see me. It's my wife. But I'll go and ask her, if you wish."—Cleveland Leader.

Sillicus—I always get mixed on the use of "shall" and "will."
Cynicus—Oh, wait till you get married and you will discover that a man says, "I shall," and a woman says "I will." Philadelphia Record.

"Now about airship?" "Well?"
"Will they allude to them as aerial greyhounds?" "Why, certainly not. They will be sky-terriers, if anything."—Washington Herald.

Paragraphs From The Durham Herald

As the people of South Carolina can only choose between prohibition and a dispensary there is not much consolation in it for the other crowd.

If Mr. Justice attempts to get back at all the newspapers that have criticized him he will be busy for a considerable time after the Legislature has adjourned.

If they expect us to believe that the people of Brownsville shot up the town they will have to explain where the people secured government arms and ammunition.

Talking about the criminal records of the various towns and counties, none of us are any better than we should be. We did not have a hanging in this county for twenty years but this was not because we did not have sufficient excuse for it.

It would not be so bad to keep some things out of the papers, but if a press censorship is to be started who is to say where it will end. And we have been getting along fairly well for a good many years without it.

It is a pleasure to tell our readers about a Cough Cure like Dr. Shoop's. For years Dr. Shoop has fought against the use of Opium, Morfium, and other unsafe ingredients commonly found in cough remedies. Dr. Shoop, it seems, has welcomed the Pure Food and Drug Law recently enacted, for he has worked along similar lines many years. For nearly twenty years Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure containers have had a warning printed on them against Opium and other narcotic poisons. He has thus made it possible for mothers to protect their children by simply insisting on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure, Sold by R. P. Freese.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.
It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

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"Sir," said the young man, "will you permit me to pay my addresses to your charming daughter and try if I can make her love me?" "Certainly, my dear boy, and there is no reason why you should not succeed. Lot of others have."—Translated for Trans-Atlantic Tales from La Saeta.

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Roused Even The Clock.
New York Times.

What some persons may term superstition has come to the policemen of the Oak Street Station. The old eight-day clock, which for 42 years has hung on the wall of the section room, is running again.

Without any apparent reason it stopped on the very day that the two-platoon system was inaugurated and it could not be induced to run again.

Doorman John Anthony took it down and examined it, for he is something of a clock maker, but his efforts were fruitless. Then he sent for the department clock maker, who took it away to his shop and returned to it to place saying it was "all right." But it ran for just nine minutes and then refused to go.

The old timepiece was forgotten until Sunday, January 27, when as Captain Toole was about to turn out men for their first tour of duty under the new five-platoon system Doorman Anthony heard the "tick, tick" of the old clock. The men heard it, too, and all looked up in surprise.

"I guess the five-platoon order did it," said Anthony, and the policemen think so, too, for it has run ever since.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

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