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## Beautiful Things.

Beautiful faces are those that wear—  
It matters little if dark or fair—  
Whole-souled honesty printed there.  
Beautiful eyes are those that show,  
Like crystal panes where hearth-fires  
flow.  
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.  
Beautiful lips are those whose words  
Leap from the heart like songs of birds,  
Yet whose utterance prudence guards.  
Beautiful hands are those that do  
Work that is earnest and brave and  
true.  
Moment by moment the long day  
through.  
Beautiful feet are those that go  
On kindly ministries to and fro—  
Down lowliest ways, if God will it so.  
Beautiful shoulders are those that bear  
Ceaseless burdens of homely care,  
With patient grace and daily prayer.  
Beautiful lives are those that bless—  
Silent rivers of happiness,  
Whose hidden fountains but few may  
guess.  
Beautiful twilight at set of sun,  
Beautiful goal, with race well won,  
Beautiful rest, with work well done.  
Beautiful graves, where grasses creep,  
Where brown leaves fall where drifts lie  
deep  
Over worn-out hands—oh, beautiful  
sleep!

—Ella P. Allerton.

The County Superintendent of Public Instruction will hold the next regular examination for teachers' certificates, as required by law, at Jackson on second Thursday and Friday in October. White applicants will be examined on Thursday and colored applicants on Friday.

Applicants who are unknown to the Superintendent should furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral character.

White applicants who failed to attend the Teachers' Institute held at Jackson last March will be required to give satisfactory reasons why they failed to attend or else no certificate can be granted them.

In order to obtain a certificate it will be necessary to pass a satisfactory examination on spelling, defining, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, elementary physiology and hygiene, history of the State and United States, Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching, and the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and of their effects upon the human system in connection with the divisions of the subject of relative physiology and hygiene.

The law provides that a general average of ninety per centum and over shall entitle an applicant to a first-grade certificate; a general average of eighty per centum over shall entitle the applicant to a second-grade certificate; and a general average of seventy per centum shall entitle an applicant to a third-grade certificate; but no certificate shall be issued to any applicant who makes less than fifty per centum on any one branch, or whose general average is less than seventy per centum.

Frequently applicants appear at the examinations who have not prepared themselves on all the branches and request that they be allowed to take part of the examination and the balance at some future time, but such requests cannot be granted for obvious reasons.

Sometimes persons who do not intend to become teachers, and who do not expect a certificate, appear at the examinations and ask to be examined, and this is to remind all such that the time of the Superintendent is so fully occupied that he cannot give their work the attention it might merit.

A people which take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants.—Ibid.

The Legislature of North Carolina, session of 1891, enacted a law requiring "that the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and special instruction as to their effect upon the human system in connection with the several divisions of the subject of physiology and hygiene shall be included in the branches of study taught in the common or public schools in the State of North Carolina, and shall be studied and taught as thoroughly and in the same manner as other like required branches are in said schools, by the use of text-books, in the hands of the pupils, and orally in the case of pupils unable to read, and shall be taught by all teachers and studied by all pupils in all schools in this State supported wholly, or in part, by public money."

The State Board of Education adopted Brand's "Good Health for Children," price 20 cents, and Brand's "Health Lessons for Beginners," price 28 cents, for use in the public schools of the State. These books give a large part of their space to the consideration of the nature and effect of alcoholic drinks and narcotics.

The act further provides "that it shall be the duty of the proper officers in control of any school described in the first section of this act to enforce the provisions of this act, and any such officer, school director, committee, superintendent, or teacher who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this act, or shall neglect or fail to make proper provisions for the instruction required and in the manner specified by this act for all pupils in each and every school under his control and supervision shall be removed from the office, and the vacancy filled as in other cases."

Teachers accepting position in the public schools of this State are in honor bound to carry out the provisions of this law in good faith and those who fail to do so, if the fact becomes known, will have their certificates revoked.

## Lost Opportunities.

In every one's life there are certain opportunities, certain chances, which once past, never turn. The mistake of a lifetime is easily made. The turning of a corner, the refusal of advice; the neglect of the intimations of God's providence; the disregard of His Word; the grieving of His Spirit for a single hour, may shift the course of a life, and turn beauty to sorrow, darkness and distress. How many lives there are which might have been filled with sunshine and gladness, but for some fated mistake some sad and ruinous failure, some silly caprice, some hasty word, some foolish error, made in a moment, but never to be repaired. And often these mistakes are made, unthinking and unnoticed until it is too late to remedy them. The gate of opportunity may stand open to day; if we enter, it is well, if we neglect it, we may mourn and lament out folly, but can never correct the error.

The Lord is giving us opportunities from time to time; He is giving us opportunities to-day, they are before us if we will take note of them; if we will heed them, they are for us, if we neglect them, the time may come when we shall mourn their loss; and One who sees things more clearly than we can see them, will say, "Oh, that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things that belong to thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes."

What then shall we do with the opportunity of to-day? It is before us; it is upon us. Are our eyes open to see it, are our hearts open to embrace it; are we ready to heed the voice of God; and listen to the words he speaks? Are we ready to obey the command which he gives us to-day; and so be ready for the blessings that to-morrow shall bring? There is no hour when disobedience, or neglect, or carelessness, or sin is safe; there is no moment which is of little importance. "Behold now is the accepted time. Behold to-day is the day of salvation."—Exchange.

## ANSWER TO "FAIR PLAY."

OFFICIAL RECORDS OF H. R. DELCATCH AND "FAIR PLAY" COMPARED.

MR. EDITOR: In the last issue of THE PATRON AND GLEANER, I saw a letter written by a crank of Wiccacane, addressed to the Republicans of Northampton county, and when I see a crank with a long sweep I like to turn it for fun.

Well, Mr. Fair Play, when I read in your letter that you had always been loyal to your party I hollered, "Treason." Everybody in the post office looked around, but I blared my eyes open and dropped my under lip so low that no one thought it was me that hollered. I didn't want them to know it was me, as I did not want to expose you, but after reading your letter and knowing that you misrepresented the convention, I feel it my duty to reply. Mr. Fair Play, you stated in your letter that the convention on August 27 was illegal. Why have you changed your mind? Did you not go to the convention Aug. 27 and ask to be nominated for Register of Deeds? and would you not have considered the convention all right had you been nominated? Again you call it a Democrat-Republican drunken convention. I was there and saw Jo. Doles, who was no delegate, but wanted to make a long speech in seconding your nomination. That was the commencement of the worst wrangle I ever saw in a convention. Now it seems to me you were at the bottom of that "drunken convention."

You say the convention was bought for twenty-five cents per head, and of course those that were pledged for you are included. I believe that statement a "whopper." They wanted to nominate a man that could be elected and their best judgement was H. R. Deloatch—he is the man; we are going to elect him. Had Mr. E. E. Roberts been nominated I think he would have been elected. He has been Register of Deeds and made a good one. I have nothing to say against Roberts; he is a gentleman and loyal to his party. But Mr. H. R. Deloatch is our nominee and he will be elected. He has always been loyal to his party, and has been Register of Deeds, and his record is good; he held his term of office until his term expired.

Now, Mr. Fair Play, let us look at your official record. Did you not get an appointment under this present administration? and would you not have held that position to day had you been competent? Is not that your record? I believe it is. Mr. Deloatch held his office because he was competent and you was thrown out because you were not competent; that is your official record, and any colored man with one "grain of race pride" will not follow you. I write the above as you requested to hear from different parts of the county on race pride.

You ask why the convention on the 27th failed to nominate treasurer and other county officers. I will answer the question by asking you one: why did not some intelligent, wealthy colored man ask for the nomination?

There is always one or two loyal fellows in Wiccacane who tries to lead the Republican party but according to their record: they can't lead a calf to water.

Mr. Fair Play, don't forget that H. R. Deloatch, our own "Chunk", will get there about three lengths ahead of all opposition. And when you answer this article be sure and answer my question, but don't say anything about your loyalty—that makes me holler "Treason."

Just go on with your machinery. Every time I catch it running I am going to stick my fingers in the fly-wheel and you will see the dust fly just like a farmer thrashing a smutty sheath of oats. OBIDIAH. Woodland, N. C., Oct. 3.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THEIR SESSION HELD AT JACKSON LAST MONDAY.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session October 3, present: C. R. Harrell, Chairman; E. Baughman, S. N. Buxton, W. P. Vick and Jos. A. Garris.

The following accounts were approved and ordered to be paid:

W. L. Stanley, list taker, Gaston township, \$22.00.

R. S. Parker, for E. F. Rice & Co., for merchandise for Home of Aged and Infirm, \$60.28.

J. F. Boyce, repairing bridge across Urahaw Swamp, \$73.00.

N. W. Blanchard, coffin for pauper, Jos. Parker, \$2.50.

W. L. Johnson, for repairing bridge across Potecasi Creek, \$81.71.

J. T. Maddrey & Co., goods for John Cook as per order of Board, \$4.00.

J. E. Bristow, for two coffins for paupers, \$5.00.

J. B. Griffin, for lumber and nails for footway across Urahaw Swamp, \$9.15.

J. A. Buxton & Co., goods for Home of Aged and Infirm, \$95.00.

J. J. Dukes, for shingles for Home of Aged and Infirm, \$32.50.

R. S. Gay, for serving road orders, \$5.40.

D. A. Jordan, board of prisoners in jail, \$107.45.

Wright Bros., coffin for pauper, \$2.00.

M. F. Stancell and S. N. Buxton were appointed to have seats provided for the Court House and remove the Judge's stand.

E. Baughman and J. A. Garris were appointed to have some bridges repaired.

The following persons were allowed provisions from the Home of Aged and Infirm for three months; Martha Pates, \$4.00; Rachel Parker, \$4.00; Charity Parks, \$2.00; Billy Harding, \$4.00; Mrs. Martha Pritchard, \$4.00; Jack Yallday, \$4.00; Celesta Anderson, \$4.00; Rebecca Brickle, \$4.00; Ben Brewer and wife \$12.00 for six months.

Several persons were relieved from paying double tax.

W. C. Cook on petition of E. B. Lassiter, J. J. Lassiter and R. I. Beale, was appointed lumber inspector for Roanoke township.

Chairman Harrell and Clerk Fleetwood then retired and J. A. Garris was elected Chairman, pro tem, and W. P. Vick, Clerk. The Board then proceeded to appoint poll holders for the next election as follows:

North Wiccacane: J. D. Bottoms, W. R. Vick, Sena Cowan and Henry Stephenson.

South Wiccacane: H. C. Lassiter, Col. Deloatch, Norfolk Garriss, George Deloatch.

Seaboard: J. W. Gay, B. D. Stancell, W. H. Haithcock, Jesse N. Cotes.

Woodland: H. C. Edwards, Paul Harrell, J. W. Copeland, J. E. Peele.

Rich Square: J. W. Leak, E. J. Gay, John W. Ashe, Chas. Magget.

East Roanoke: W. P. Blanchard, P. R. Murphy; Wm. Lassiter, Nelson Mitchell.

West Roanoke: S. J. Drake, Henry H. Grant, James Boone, David Davis.

Harding's Store: S. M. Bailey, Joseph D. Bennett, Peter Hunt, General Faison.

East Gaston: R. E. Cleaton, J. B. Collier, Buck Floyd, Dollison Turner.

West Gaston: J. L. Green, Vandome Valentine, Henry C. James, D. D. Walker.

North Kirby: D. N. Stephenson, B. K. White, J. W. Hicks, Elijah Lassiter.

South Kirby: E. T. Johnson, Uriah Watson, Anthony Tyner and Octavins Hayley.

Jackson: Samuel Calvert, Wm. A. Grant, Selden Jeffers, George Hawkes.

## I. O. G. T.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT LODGE HELD AT BETHANY.

MR. EDITOR: The Chowan District Lodge I. O. G. T., convened at Bethany with Ray of Sunshine Lodge on Tuesday, September 27, 1892. Reports from various lodges showed an increase in number of members and a growing interest in the work. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The impression has gone abroad in Northampton county that the organization of the Prohibition party in said county was a movement by the I. O. G. T.

Therefore, be it resolved, That, we the District Lodge, I. O. G. T., in a regular meeting assembled at Bethany, that we may set the order of Good Templars in a proper light before the public, do hereby deny that the order is responsible for the organization of said Prohibition party, and we state there has never been any action in the order for the purpose of organizing any political party.

The obligation taken by any one joining the order does not interfere with the religious or political rights of such person or persons joining the order; they are not under any obligation in connection with the order to vote for any particular political party.

While there may be some members of the order belonging to the Prohibition party and will vote that ticket, there are many others who belong to other political parties and will vote for the nominees of said parties. We are not a political organization, but we are an order trying to save our fellow men from the great evil and sin of interference.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PATRON AND GLEANER with a request to publish.

The following were elected officers for the next year:

C. T. J. B. Stephenson; Com., J. M. Martin; S. J. T., W. K. Bridgers; V. T., Miss Minnie Mactia; Sec'y., W. C. Faison; Treas., Miss R. L. Vincent; Chap., W. A. Piland; Mar., J. E. Davis; Guard, Miss Kate Fleetwood; Sen't., Walter Garriss; Dep. M., Miss Ruby Vaughan; Asst. Sec., Miss Mattie Hedgepeth; P. O. T., Q. T. Gatling.

J. A. Garriss offered the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We were impressed with the fact that the Juvenile work is the nursery of the temperance cause and that the life, prosperity and growth of the order of Good Templary depends upon the proper training and education of the children in Temperance. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That we give more zeal and earnestness to the work of the Juveniles, and insist and recommend that each Sub. Lodge of Good Templars establish and organize a lodge of Juveniles at each of their places of meeting.

2nd, That this District Lodge appoint a committee of three members of this lodge to co-operate with and assist the District Superintendent of Juveniles in organizing new Lodges wherever practicable, and in visiting lodges; and in doing all they can to advance the interest of the Juvenile work.

3d, That the 2nd day of our regular meetings be set apart and devoted entirely to the interest of the Juveniles.

4th, That in the month of August in each year we have a celebration of the Juveniles of the district at some place as near central as possible, and that competent speakers be procured for the occasions.

5th, That at each June session of this Lodge the C. T. appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to see that No. 4 of these resolutions be fully carried out.

We all extend thanks to the members of Ray of Hope for their brotherly hospitality, and we pray they may live long to extend to others the same loving welcome.

W. C. F. Margarettsville, Sept. 29.