



Before Retiring.... take Ayer's Pills, and you will sleep better and wake in better condition for the day's work.

THE PILL THAT WILL.

The Jackson and Rich Square Telephone Co. INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Trespassers--Take Notice. All persons are hereby forbidden to cut, remove or damage, or in any way injure, any timber or property of any description which we own in Northampton or in any other county in North Carolina, without our special permission.

FLOWER POTS. I have a nice assortment of Flower Pots which I am selling cheap.

MATTRESSES. Mattresses of all grades. I want the patronage of the trade. I think I can please in quality and price.

Wall Paper Buggies &c. MAKE SELECTIONS AT YOUR OWN HOME FROM THE 1898 ART WALL PAPERS.

James H. Baugham, Rich Square, N. C. Ripans Tablets cure headache. Ripans Tablets: pleasant laxative.

THE GUMBERY SCHOOL.

The Teacher Replies to the Kicking Patrons.

Mr. Editor:—I did not intend saying anything in regard to the dissatisfaction about the school I taught in Gumbery through the columns of your paper; but as there has been so much said and published in regard to this matter, I feel it a matter of duty to say a few words, not in defense, but to give an explanation to those who do not understand the nature of this case.

Two weeks before I began teaching this school, I had no idea of teaching. The school was offered to a friend of mine who refused it; being informed of this, I applied to the same committee-man, who readily gave his consent, and said he was sure the other committee-men would also be perfectly willing for me to teach.

I was appointed to teach this school Saturday the 6th of Nov.; the following Friday I was examined, and Monday the 15th I commenced teaching. I wasn't aware of any one being opposed to me, as teacher, the day I began teaching. I will admit I received a second grade certificate, but in justice to myself, will say, I left school about six years ago and of course was somewhat deficient on some of my studies, as I had scarcely any time for reviewing. Had not my time been so limited, I think I can safely say, I would have received a first grade certificate. Although I have not attended college yet it is not because I have not had the opportunity of doing so.

When they came to me complaining I suggested to them, (as the committee did,) to bring or send any pupil or pupils they thought I couldn't teach, and come themselves, and see whether or not I was competent to fill the place. They refused this proposition, and I expect if the reader would exercise a little thought he or she would know why they refused. They said Mr. Stephenson's son quit the school and remarked he "was as competent to teach as I was."

willing for any one to test it to the fullest extent. I simply say this for the benefit of those who do not know me personally.

These five or six patrons claim to be placed in a position to know the facts in regard to the management of this school. Now lets use a little common sense in this case and see if they do. Would the position of these few patrons, whose literary attainments are indeed limited; and who have not patronized this school, give them the chance to know as much about the management of this school, as the patrons who did patronize it. And again ought they to place their judgment against five committee men, and the county Spervisor, and say the teacher is not competent to teach the school?

There are other things which I might refer to, yet, I don't think it necessary. I wish to say that the letter Mr. D. M. Stephenson wrote to your paper a few weeks ago gave the true facts in regard to this matter. Mr. Editor, I do not write this to begin an argument through the columns of your paper. If these patrons will confine themselves to the truth, and lay aside all prejudice, I don't think they will have any just ground for complaint. I will simply say this for myself: I have a clear conscience in everything that I have done in connection with this school.

R. L. S.

Handsome New Train. Seaboard Air Line—"Atlanta Special." The magnificent train of the Seaboard Air Line, known as the "Atlanta Special," which runs solid from Washington to Atlanta, Ga., and which equipment was originally built by the Pullman Palace Car Company, is now undergoing a thorough overhauling and rebuilding at the Portsmouth Shops.

Politeness in Children. Henry Ward Beecher said, "Politeness is a religious duty, and should be part of a religious training." The law of politeness applies to men and women quite as much as to children; and if courtesy and kindness are the natural expressions of parents the children will naturally adopt good manners.

The Future of "Lady" Mexico now has lady ball fighters, Brooklyn has lady football players and Middletown, N. Y., has a lady streetcar motoman. If this thing keeps up we shall ultimately have lady everything except lady women.—Journal.

The Danger of Spring Which arise from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilly. This great medicine cures all spring humors, boils, eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood, it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vitality and vigor.

No Cure—No Pay. This is the way all druggists sell Grover's Laxative. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults refer to it as "bitter nauseating tonics." For bilis and fever and all forms of malaria cost, 50 cents.

LESSONS OF THE FLOWERS.

They are the Great Teachers, and Speak a Universal Language.

"Nothing teaches us so much in this world as flowers if we will only watch them, understand the messages they exhale, and profit by them," writes Edward W. Bok in April Ladies' Home Journal.

The attendance, not counting the Summer School, exceeds the highest number ever reached (in 1857 '58) by 47, and includes for the first time women among the list of students, one of whom, it will be noticed, is a member of the Senior Class, a graduate of Guilford College.

Convalescence. Only those who have had the good fortune to pass through a really serious illness will be able to realize the charm of the word "convalescent."

When a Stranger Goes to Rhode Island. In Rhode Island, when one begins to tell a story, if one is on a train, the story is likely to be finished in another State.

No Extra Charge. A father recently wrote to Oxford University: "What are your terms for a year? And does it cost anything extra if my son wants to learn to read and write as well as row a boat?"—Tid-Bits.

The University.

We have received a copy of the catalogue of the University, and the following letter from Dr. Alderman, acting President in Dr. Gora's absence in Europe, which we earnestly commend to our readers:

We send you by today's mail a copy of the latest catalogue of the University. Upon examination of the same you will find the teaching force to consist of 38 instructors; 377 Academic students; professional 143; Summer School for teachers 185, making a total enrollment of 605, exclusive of all duplicates.

A new department, that of Pharmacy, has been added, which enrolls 17 students the first year. This issue of the catalogue was printed entirely by students, and in typography, appearance and quality of work is excellent.

We wish very much to obtain the correct address of every Alumnus of the University in order to supply them with all the publications of the University, and thus keep in touch with them.

REPORT OF INSPECTORS.

To the Board of Commissioners as to the Condition of the Public Roads.

Below will be found report of road inspectors submitted to the County Commissioners, sitting as a Board of Road Supervisors, at meetings held in the Courthouse in Jackson March 31, and April 1, 1898, including description of the roads, names of contractors and amount to be paid on each during the year. In cases where roads were reported as worked and in good condition one fourth the contract price was paid. Those not worked were not paid for.

WICACANEE TOWNSHIP, W. P. VICK, INSPECTOR.

No. 1. From Turner's X Roads to Diamond Grove, Bridgers & Garris contractors, \$14.95. Examined 30th 1898, road has been worked very well and is in fair condition.

No. 2. From Calvert's Gate to Britts Hill, Bridgers & Garris contractors, \$19.95. Examined 25th of March, 1898. This road is well worked.

No. 3. Britts Hill to Early's Fork Bridgers & Garris contractors, \$14.95. Examined 25th of March, 1898. This road is in fair condition.

No. 4. Britts Hill to State line, J. T. Harrell contractor. Examined 25th of March, 1898. This road has not been worked at all.

No. 5. From Kirby line to Branch's Bridge Road. B. P. Long contractor, \$14.75. Examined March 25th, 1898. This road has not been worked; one dangerous ground bridge near Rogers' rotten.

No. 6. High Bridge to State line, L. L. Taylor Jr., contractor, \$19.00. Examined March 30th, 1898. This road has had a little work done on it, yet in bad condition; side ditches neglected and needs cleaning out.

No. 7. John Valentine's to Ella Hayley's, John D. Bottoms contractor, \$12.00. Examined March 31st, 1898. This road has been worked and in fair condition.

No. 8. From Diamond Grove to Galatia Church, Bridgers & Garris contractors, \$19.95. Examined March 25th, 1898. This road found in fair condition; side ditching needed badly.

No. 9. J. B. Johnson's Fork to Ivey's gate, N. E. Allen contractor, \$14.75. Examined March 29th, 1898. Some work done on this road but much more needed being done on it to make it a good road.

No. 10. Ivey's gate to N. T. Calverts gate, Bridgers & Garris contractors, \$14.95. Examined March 24th, 1898. more real work done on this road than on any twenty miles that I have examined.

No. 11. From Pruden's Fork to Stancells old place, N. E. Allen contractor, \$10.00. Examined March 29th, 1898. This road is in bad condition, no work of any consequence done on it; it is full of stumps which make it dangerous to drive over.

No. 12. Stancells old place to Drew Flythe's, N. E. Allen contractor, \$17.70. Some work done on this road, but much more needed to make it in fair condition.

No. 13. From Sharon church to Jesse Pilsands, J. D. Bottoms contractor, \$9.50. Examined March 25th, 1898. Road in fair condition; very little work done on it.

No. 13. Mt. Carmel church to R. D. Madreys, L. L. Taylor Jr., \$7.00. This road is in good order although there seems to have been very little work done on it.

No. 15. From R. D. Madreys to Faisons Old Tavern, L. L. Taylor Jr., \$23.00. Examined March 24th, 1898. It has been worked, but is in bad condition at this time.

No. 16. From Faisons Old Tavern (CONTINUED ON 4TH PAGE)

RIPANS The modern standard Family Medicine: Cures the common every-day ills of humanity.

SEED CORN. Few people seem to realize that there is as much difference in varieties of Corn as there is in wheat, oats or any other field or garden crop.

Cary's Klondyke Corn. This White Corn is the result of several years careful selection and growing by Col. W. Miles Carey, formerly of Sublett & Carey, commission merchants of Richmond, Va., but now of Charlotte county, Va.

Cooke's Prolific Corn. This is a valuable variety of White Corn, first produced by the late General Cooke on his plantation on the James river. Since that time it has been very greatly improved by careful selection and cultivation.

Improved Southern White Snowflake. This is a most valuable white field variety: one that makes a large yield and, when ground, makes meal of the finest quality. It also makes a splendid roasting-ear corn, being a deep-grained, producing large-sized ears, of a shape that is most salable for green corn in our markets.

MILLS H. CONNER, Rich Square, N. C.