

COMMENCEMENT AT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Will Take Place This Year on May 20th. Distinguished Speakers Have Been Selected.

Commencement this year will occur on May 20. The officials are particularly fortunate in the selection of speakers for this occasion.

The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Bertram E. Brown, rector of the Episcopal church at Tarboro. Mr. Brown has a wide reputation as a scholar and speaker. The hour for the sermon will be 11 a. m., May 20.

The literary address will be delivered by Hon. A. B. Martin, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Martin was for some years State superintendent of public instruction in South Carolina. He is now connected with the Department of Agriculture in the National Capital. Superintendent Newbold says

he had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Martin in Charlotte, N. C., last January, and that he is a most interesting sure, and will please our people. The hour for the address is 2.30 p. m., May 20.

Immediately following the address a brief report of the year's work will be made by the superintendent, and the graduating exercises will occur. An interesting musical program for each service is being arranged by the music committee, composed of Mr. Betts, Miss Bonner and Miss Moore.

Miss Bonner's final music recital will be given on the evening of May 19, at 8.30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

COTTON IS RUINED

Fully Half of The Young Growth is Ruined.

SO STATES THE REPORT

Many Planters in the Southern States Have Abandoned Efforts to Replant Cotton, and Will Make Corn Instead—Cotton Mills Now to the Rescue.

New Orleans, April 27.—That fully half the young cotton throughout the entire belt has been ruined by frost, is the conclusion from reports received today. In the eastern and the northern parts of the belt the early crop has been entirely ruined. In Louisiana and southern Mississippi the damage will not be so heavy, although many planters have determined to abandon efforts to replant cotton, and will make corn instead. Several points in southern and central Mississippi report that farmers fear that what cotton they could plant would be so late it would be ruined by the boll weevil along in August. The result will be diversification and the abandoning of cotton.

The first reports of the famine in cotton is the only feature of the frost damage that has been modified. Cotton-mills now say they have more of a supply than was first believed. Many mills are placing their seed on the market for planting and have quit grinding.

LABELING MARRIED MEN.

Eighteen society women of Pittsburgh have hit on a novel method for putting an end to flirtations by their husbands and other married men. They have started an agitation to have a law enacted compelling all married men to wear a wedding ring as a symbol of the marriage tie. Thus, they argue, all members of the female sex will be able to tell whether a flirtatious glance comes from a married or an unmarried man.

In this agitation the women of Pittsburgh pay a very subtle compliment to their own sex, taking it for granted that none of their kind would flirt with a married man. The Pittsburghes do not state whether it is proposed to have the plain gold band, which is suggested, burned into the flesh so that it will not come off, or merely worn in the usual manner. Unless the burning process is adopted, we timidly express the fear that some husbands—not all, of course—would feel at liberty when embarking on flirting expeditions. This fear, however, arises from a cynicism which, we hope, is not universal.—Washington Post.

PARENTS' DAY

Active Preparations Are Being Made for the Exhibition Next Week.

The pupils and teachers are getting ready for the exhibition next week, May 4, 5 and 6. It will be encouraging to see all the citizens be present sometime during the exhibit. Those who have children in school will most surely attend, because of the interest they naturally feel in the progress of their children. Others will not have this attachment to cause them to attend, but it is hoped all citizens, both ladies and gentlemen, will visit the school on one of these days.

The children are working hard in anticipation of having you visit them. Will you disappoint them?

THREE REELS AT THE GEM.

Don't be angry with your next door neighbor just because she has been telling you about the fine program seen at the Gem last night. Profit by last night's loss, and join them to night in a pleasant hour down at the Gem. You are always sure to come away satisfied, and feel like the going was worth your while.

"The Hand of the Heiress," a dainty bit of acting depicting a wealthy American girl with sufficient independence to refuse the foreign title her parents proposed buying for her.

"Loving Hearts," a pretty story well acted, which represents a love letter discarded by the author of a story uniting eight lives before the discovery is made that it is merely a bit of fiction. It's a lively romantic little farce.

"Betrotted" is a magnificent drama with an unlimited amount of beautiful scenery not to be excelled.

"Fishing Industry at Gloucester, Mass.," is a most interesting industrial picture showing the different phases of this oldest industry. Can you imagine a more varied program? The best of music, both vocal and instrumental.

bureau, declaring that he was born for the work and that he hoped he would live long to carry it forward. The ceremonies were attended by special and diplomatic representatives of the various nations forming the union.

HUMPHREY BILL

To be Discussed at School Auditorium

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29

Joint Debate Between Greenville and Washington High Schools—Greenville Has the Affirmative and Washington the Negative in the Contest. Promises to Be Lively.

Are you in favor of the Humphrey Bill now pending in Congress being enacted into law? This bill is intended to pay a subsidy to ship-builders ostensibly for carrying our mails on the seas.

This question will be discussed in the debate in the Public School Auditorium Friday evening, April 29, at 8.30 o'clock. Charlie Meekins, grade 7A, and Enoch Simmons, third year in the High School, will represent Washington High School in this debate. These boys are to say that this unfair bill should not be made a law.

Two boys from the Greenville High School are coming to champion the affirmative side of the query. Thirty or 40 people are coming from Greenville to encourage their boys. Now it is up to Washington people to come out in large numbers and help by their presence and sympathetic interest to win the debate for Washington. Our home boys will be greatly encouraged if you will be present at 8.30 when the debate begins.

TWO CAUGHT

Two of the Escaped Prisoners Have Been Recaptured.

Another one of the prisoners who broke the County Jail last Monday yesterday, being C. L. Norris, charged with an assault with deadly weapon on one Thomas Carrow, at the house of Clark Bell.

W. H. McFarland was re-arrested on Pearce street yesterday. Thus two of the escaping prisoners have been apprehended. A News representative in talking to the captured prisoners this morning learned that their work of escape started about 11 o'clock Monday night, and the opening was made large enough between 2 and 3 o'clock. The bricks were first removed by means of a large pocket knife belonging to William Skipper. The knife was found to be inadequate, so the bars in the bedsteads were brought into play. With two of these prisoners succeeded in making the hole large enough to escape.

After the four had gotten out they went to the docks and secured a boat tied to the wharf near the Havens grist mill. They all four rowed out to Washington Park, where they loitered all day. When night came on two of them struck the "gravel train" and two decided to visit Washington and see what was going on. McFarland and Norris state that they paraded all the principal streets and were not molested at all. Some time during the night Norris decided to return to Greenville and McFarland got as far as Grimesland, where he gave out from walking. He then returned to Washington and was "squealed on," the consequence being he is now behind the bars awaiting his regular trial at the next term of court. Skipper is still at large, as well as the one from Washington county in jail to serve a sentence of two years for wife-beating, etc.

Norris says he did not want to make his escape, but was compelled to. No trace of Skipper or the Washington county man has as yet been ascertained.

HOUSE OF NO REPEATERS.

The Gaiety Theater gives no repeaters, and those who attended the first-class performance last night are today more than complimentary in their praise. All the pictures exhibited are the very latest and not over three weeks old. Tonight two feature pictures are scheduled. "As It Is in Life," Biograph, has already achieved a national reputation, and the management is to be congratulated on securing it so early for Washington patrons. "In the Frozen North" has so far startled the entire country. The scenic effect and climaxes of this panoramic picture have never been surpassed in North Carolina. The illustrated song tonight is "No, No, Your Mother, Who Do You Love?" It is needless to state that Mr. Whitton, the great Southern tenor, will deliver the goods in this popular and thrilling melody. Altogether the Gaiety should be a Mecca for a first-class performance tonight. Since the present management has been in charge the Gaiety has been liberally patronized, caused no doubt by the high-class performances that have been given nightly. A rich treat awaits all who attend this popular place of amusement this evening.

Improvements are being made to the interior of the Savings & Trust Company building, corner of Main and Market streets.

THE TWO WAYS

Large Congregation at First Baptist Church.

WILL CLOSE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Service Yesterday Afternoon Was Much Enjoyed—Friday Night Will Close the Meeting—Rev. Mr. McFarland Has Accomplished Much Good in Washington.

The large congregation at the First Baptist Church was profoundly impressed with the masterly sermon preached last night by Rev. R. A. McFarland on the subject, "The Two Ways." The minister graphically depicted the way of the many in the broad way leading to destruction. He called attention to the classes of persons in that way, and declared that not only the heathen, but Americans, North Carolinians, Washingtonians, and even persons in the congregation before him were going this downward path. He then turned to the other part of the subject and showed the advantages of the other way, the company there, the satisfaction, the end of that way, with all the glory of the departed.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister invited those who desired to come into this way, and three persons came forward for membership into the church.

The service yesterday afternoon was very tender. Mr. McFarland chose as his subject, "Heaven." Those present spoke in the highest terms of this sermon.

The revival meetings, which have been very successful, will come to a close tomorrow night. Mr. McFarland will preach tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.

The Court—So you ask divorce from this man on the ground of mental incapacity. What proof have you that he's insane? The Woman—Who said he was insane, your honor? The Court—Why, you say he is mentally incapable. The Woman—Yes; incapable of understanding that I'm boss.

Field and Nye. Eugene Field was a great lover of old books and quite a collector of them. His means were not adequate to his desires, however, and one of the quaintest proofs of this was a slip of paper found by a purchaser of an old volume in Field's handwriting, evidently an impromptu verse: Kind friend, for goodness' sake forbear: To buy the book thou findest here, For when I do obtain the pelf I mean to buy the book myself. Another bit of rhyme which is thoroughly American is in the preface to one of Bill Nye's books. It runs: Go, little booklet, go, Bearing an honored name, Till everywhere that you have went They're glad that you have come.

Castor Oil. The castor bean is a native of India. The United States produces most of the coarser kind of oil, while all the finest comes from India. Common castor oil is of a ugly greenish tinge and has to be allowed to stand in the sun to bleach, but the Italian article is beautifully clear when first cold drawn. Cold drawn oil is the best. It is got by crushing the fresh seeds between steel rollers. The castor oil plant can be grown in England, but there it is an annual. In southern Italy it becomes a tree twenty feet high and strong enough for a child to climb up into it.

A CORRECTION. In giving an account of the date when the time for bestowing crosses of honor for Confederate veterans expires, the Daily News had it 1910. It should have been 1912. We trust all interested will bear this in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

CHILD DEAD. Orethe, the 14-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Flynn, died at the home of her parents on Pearce street yesterday afternoon. The remains were taken to Pamlico county this afternoon for burial.

APPENDICITIS. Dr. Jack Nicholson has returned from Bath, where on Monday he operated on Mr. Jack Meekins, a young man of 20 years of age, for appendicitis. The patient is getting on nicely.

BOUND OVER TO COURT. Lewis Barrow, colored, of Chowan county was tried before Justice of the Peace A. Mayo this morning, charged with retailing. He was bound over to the next term of court in the sum of \$100, which he failed to give. The defendant is now in jail.

The schooner Mary, Gaillard, Capt. G. N. Howard, arrived in port this morning, consigned to E. R. Nixon & Co., loaded with merchandise.

JUDGES FOR DEBATE. The following will act as judges for the joint debate at the school auditorium tomorrow night between the Washington and Greenville High Schools: Rev. M. T. Pyle, Washington; Prof. H. E. Austin, Greenville, and Prof. R. G. Kittrell, Tarboro.

J.K. HOYT'S HURRY-UP SALE.

Friday, April 29, Saturday the 30 & Monday, May 2nd. SEE WINDOW

Extra Special For Friday Lasting two Minutes only

No 'Phone Orders Filled

9 A. M.	11 A. M.
5c. Pearl Buttons, only 3 doz. to a customer,	15c Long Jet Hat Pins, only 2 to a customer
1c doz.	5c each
2.30 P. M.	3.30 P. M.
12 1-2 ct. 40-In. White Lawn, only 10 yards to a customer,	15c Kimona Crepe—Extra Special
6c yd.	8c yd.
4.30 P. M.	5.30 P. M.
25c. Silk and Satin ribbons	15c Pillow cases, 45x36, only 4 to a customer
9c yard	9c each

For any time during the sale some other Bargains for you

50c. Dress Goods, Fancy.	37c. Yard.
10c. Gingham, Dress.	8 1-2c. Yard.
10 and 12 1-2c. Cotton Dress Goods.	8 1-2c. Yard.
17c. Gingham, 22-inch.	13 1-2c. Yard.
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Bed Spreads, 11-4.	98c.
40c. Table Damask, Bleached.	29c. Yard.
\$1.25 and \$1.39 Muslin Gowns	98c. Each.
SPECIAL HURRY-UP PRICES ON ALL LADIES' SUITS, SKIRTS AND HATS.	

Watch for Saturday's Big 2 Minute Bargain Sale

J.K. HOYT WASHINGTON'S GREATEST STORE

CARDPARTY AT BELHAVEN.

Mrs. W. T. Marsh was at home to her friends in Belhaven last evening entertaining at cards. Delicious and tempting refreshments were served. The following were present:

Miss Myrtle Swindell, Miss Mattie Topping, Miss Ethel Swindell, Miss Griffin, Miss Olga Smith, Miss Meyer, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mr. Virgil Walker, Mr. C. C. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Cox, of New Bern, Miss Lizzie Rogers, Raleigh. No social function has occurred in Belhaven this season that carried with it more pleasure and enjoyment.

POLL TAX AND VOTING.

The State constitution has provided that those who wish to vote in the fall elections must pay their poll tax on or before the first day of May. The attorney-general has recently decided that as May 1 falls on Sunday this year voters may legally consider Monday as the last day, thus giving them a day of grace, so to speak.

The payment of poll tax on time is an important matter, and every man who has not attended to it should do so at once. Losing of the right to vote by not paying this tax within the specified time does not work relief from its payment. It is still due and collectible just as if there were no such provision in reference to the franchise. Were the case otherwise there might be some slight motive for some people not paying it—those who are willing to relinquish the right of suffrage in order to save a small sum.

CRIME OF OLD AGE.

The United States government discharged two of the oldest men in the customs service yesterday, Benjamin F. Small, 75 years old, and for more than thirty years in the service, was the first man to go. He was old and had outlived his usefulness, so he was discharged. Small had \$58 coming, and when he was handed the few dollars and told that his services were no longer needed, he broke down and cried. He has an invalid wife. During the last few months he had been absent from his duty, as inspector at the sugar refinery, on account of sickness.

Small when a young man was prominent in Nevada. He was a man of affairs in that State, and was the proprietor of the Arlington Hotel in Carson in the early days. His character was tested in the days when dishonest men were in the local custom

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Gaiety Theater.
- J. K. Hoyt—Ladies' Shirt Waists.
- The Hub—Men's Clothing.
- Lanette Bros Quilts.
- Thomas' 5 and 10c Store—Opening.
- J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Gala.

VIOLIN LESSONS

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L. G. SCHAFER, Washington, N. C.

PARASOL SALE STILL GOING ON

They must be all we claim—and more, if you could be governed by the judgment of the many who have already visited this sale—for they have admired and bought. But we have a plenty more for a day or two.

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