

## Summer School Becoming The Largest In The South

It takes the average Italian child 100 hours to learn to spell, the German child 1500 hours, an American child 2500 hours. Dr. Maurice B. Fulton, Professor of English at Denison College and speaker from the National Spelling Board of New York, gives the above figures as his chief reason for advocating simplified spelling. He addressed the summer school Saturday night on the above subject. The classic and logical rules of spelling so bewilder the child that it takes him twice as much time to learn the rudiments of education. Dr. Fulton stated that the board proposes 500 logical changes in spelling and that they are working for a reform in spelling and not a reform of spelling and that opposition to this move is mere prejudice and inertia of custom. Already thirty colleges and state legislatures have endorsed the move, and such publications as Current Opinion, Literary Digest, and The Independent use the simplified words. No radical changes are made. Typical changes are those for thorough, doubt, discount for discussed, program for programme, and catalog for catalogue. The principle is to drop the unneeded silent letters.

Dr. Francis P. Venable, who was compelled by poor health to resign from the Presidency of the University this spring, addressed the teachers Friday night on the subject "The Spelling of a Nation." He discussed the recent wonderful growth of Germany. He spent the most year in the Empire and the wonderful changes impressed him greatly. He said, "The reason for the wonderful growth of Germany is due to the fact that she has had one great man in the time she has had a million. It was in the time when she was a province to be solved, he made for his teachers. There are practically no illiterates in Germany. She undoubtedly has the best school system in the world."

Prof. Ernest L. Starr, English teacher in Salem College, said in a lecture last Wednesday on "Beneath North Carolina's First Man of Letters" that this state is decidedly not a literary state. If it were it would be impossible for it to have allowed northern funds to move Beneath's body to its present resting place in Salem. He chastised the people of the state with neglect of the work of the authors of the state. In spite of this neglect it is the opinion of Mr. Starr that the author of "Poe's Cottage at Fordsville" and "We Walked Among the Whispering Pines" is here to survive.

Domestic Science, a new course for the Summer School, has been started under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Cunningham of Durham, who at one time Government Demonstrator in the Department of Agriculture. This course will run for three weeks, and will include actual preparation of staple dishes and lectures on the theory of cooking. About 75 are in the class.

The Summer School is rapidly becoming the largest in the South. The registration has reached 579, and is still growing. Last year the number was exactly 300. Two years ago the total was 463. Each year for some time has been a large number than ever before. Probably four fifths of the enrollment are women.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION BY UNIVERSITIES

A striking illustration of the changing conditions in educational ideas may be found in the growing specification on the part of leading universities of their responsibility to the public. In former generations a university was regarded as a thing apart, and a college professor was looked on, not only by the humorous paragraphs of the newspapers but also by the mass of people, as a man living in a world of ideas, without any connection with practical affairs. Today our leading universities are recognizing not only the opportunity, but also the duty of making available their knowledge for the benefit of the masses. This tendency is highly commendable, especially in the field of public health and prevention of disease. The Harvard Medical School has a standing committee on public lectures which arranges each year for a course of Saturday afternoon talks by members of the faculty. These talks are open to the general public and are on topics of general interest. The following list gives the names of the lecturers for the current season:

Industrial and International Genes, "The Care and Feeding of Young Children," "What the State Board of Health is Doing to Protect the Health of the Citizens," "The Dangerous Effects of Patent Medicines" and "The Preservation of the Natural Teeth." This year's course includes talks on "Rational Baby Feeding," "Bodily Effects of Eggs and Fat," "Spectacles and Eye-Glasses, Their Use and Abuse," and other subjects of practical interest. The lectures given in the past have proved of value and so popular that they are now being issued in little pocket-sized volumes at popular prices under the title of "Harvard Health Talks." In Minnesota the daily news is co-operating in the same kind of work. A series of articles on disease and its prevention by Dr. E. P. Lyon, dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School, recently appeared in the Minneapolis Journal. The University of Missouri is one of the few state universities that has recognized the growing tendency by the organization of a distinct department on public health. A series of bulletins for public reading and distribution are being issued. The five so far completed are on "Bacteria and Disease," "The Prevention of Typhoid Fever," "The Prevention of Contagious Diseases School children," "Recreation," and "The Relation of Strenuous Exercise to Early School Life." Each of the universities has apparently worked out its plans in accordance with the needs of its own particular field. In Boston, popular Sunday afternoon lectures in Minnesota, newspaper articles, and in Missouri, pamphlets on specific subjects seem to meet existing conditions. The significant feature in the present movement is that our universities are recognizing their responsibilities to the public and are making serious, intelligent and practical efforts to meet them.

Just When the Pain Was Worst. The dentist (getting even with his photograph). "Look, please, please!"—The Tailor.

Rev. J. C. Campbell, pastor of the Payne Memorial Church, Nicholsonville, has gone to Edenton, N. C., where he expects to spend the next two weeks in the interest of his church at that point. Mr. Campbell delivered a sermon of deep thought at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. The pulpit of the Payne Memorial was acceptably filled by Rev. H. B. Searight, who after the sermon administered the sacrament. Both sermons were much enjoyed for both speakers are among the best in their church in North Carolina. Pastor Searight always preaches with delight at the Payne Memorial Church, and his discourse on last Sunday evening was no exception.

## GREAT SERMON WAS DELIVERED PAYNE MEMORIAL

James Woodard passed away at the County Home Monday morning. The deceased was between seventy and eighty years of age. For years he had been both deaf and blind, and notwithstanding his great affliction he was cheerful and always had a good word for those with whom he came in contact.

## INMATE OF COUNTY HOME PASSES AWAY

Archie Josh says: "I never yet saw any folks come out from the city if the farm makes such a difference about its beauty as dandelions and weeds."

Real Love. A woman still bright at her husband's death. She says she never loved him as she does now.

## GEO. WRIGHT HAS RETURNED BACK HOME

Mr. George Wright, who has been for a number of years in the oyster and crab business in Chesapeake, Md., has decided to come back to his old home. He is now connected with the well-known firm of G. A. Phillips and Bro., insurance and fertilizer dealers on East Water street. Mr. Wright is the oldest son of Mr. M. J. Wright and a nephew of Mr. G. A. Phillips. He is a young man of fine business acumen and is a valuable addition to the firm of G. A. Phillips and Bro. Mr. Wright expects to return to his family to this city within the next few weeks. His return has been met with genuine pleasure by his wide circle of friends, and he has every wish of the Daily News for success.

## ALL HOPE HE MAY RECOVER HIS HEALTH

It will be gratifying to the many friends of Rt. Rev. Robert Strang, D. D., bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, to learn that while his condition is still precarious at his home in Wilmington, it is now favorable. Strang's hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Bishop Strang was stricken while attending the general convention of his church in New York last fall and since that time has not been able to assume his regular duties in this diocese. Although still confined to the Episcopal residence in Wilmington, it is to be hoped he can again delight the citizens of Washington in the pulpit of St. Peter's parish. No man holds a warmer place as a speaker than Bishop Strang. May his recovery be speedy.

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## CARABAJAL MAY RESIGN HIS OFFICE IS REPORT

MEXICO CITY.—Authoritative quarters here declare that unless a quick agreement is reached between the contending factions in Mexico, Francisco Carabajal, minister for foreign affairs, will sever his connection with the administration.

Washington, D. C.—General Carranza formally notified the United States that he would engage in no mediation whatever with the Huerta delegates and would accept only terms of absolute surrender. Carranza has announced his unwillingness to deal with Carabajal regarding him as the creation of Huerta. Nevertheless, it has been suggested that parleys for the quiet transition of power might take place if Carabajal appeared in the role of representative of a faction, rather than as a provisional head of a government, which the Constitutionalists refuse to recognize.

Carranza, it was declared, intended to follow the plan of Gaudalupe, which provides for military occupation of the capital. However, several European and South American nations, it was said, might frown on such a course. They regard with apprehension the possibility of fighting in Mexico City and forceful assumption of power without some previous guarantee to the populace. The impression prevailed widely in Washington today that hostilities in Mexico was near an end. It was suggested today that if arrangements of peace were settled upon, Carranza would enter the capital with only a comparatively small force to help preserve order. The remainder of his armies would remain at the capital's gates or near their present headquarters to be dispersed upon the restoration of peace. All hope of any parley between representatives of Huerta who look part in the Huerta proceedings and the Constitutionalists under the banner proposed by the South American nations has probably been abandoned.

## ALL SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms this evening at eight o'clock. All the members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted. Notwithstanding that all the members are requested to be present all citizens are urged to attend. There is no organization so worthy as the Chamber of Commerce.

## CANTELOUPES BEING PRAISED BY CITIZENS

Mr. L. T. McGowan, who resides near this city is surely an expert in the cultivation of canteloupes. Last Saturday he exhibited at this office some of the finest specimens ever seen in Washington. They are uniform in size and not a one has been served on the table from his farm that did not prove entirely satisfactory. For years Mr. McGowan has been par excellence in this role. The Daily News office is more than appreciative for a sample of Mr. McGowan's products.

They can be purchased at Walter Credit Co., Harrison & Phillips, and A. J. Cox.

SHOULD BE STOPPED. Whether the custom is in vogue all over Washington or not this paper cannot state, however, it is being practiced in certain parts of the city—that is to say, that colored boys getting swill and garbage from the back lots for dogs, etc. always take occasion to use the sidewalks instead of the street to carry it to their homes. The sequence is that a stench is left behind that is almost unbearable. Can't something be done to put a stop to this practice? The police should get busy.

Let's build in Washington Park.

## SEMI-ANNUAL SALE BEGINS WEDNESDAY

The \$45,000 Semi-Annual fifteen day sale of new and dependable merchandise will be offered at actual cost for fifteen days only. The sale starts on Wednesday morning, July 15th and closes Saturday, August 1st. The readers of this paper are asked to read the display ad on third page. To parse it will be profitable in more ways than one. The motto of the Bowers-Lewis Company is that they advertise what they have and have what they advertise. The doors of this popular emporium will be open promptly at 9 o'clock. Additional help has been employed and unless something unforeseen happens this sale promises to be one of the most satisfactory ever conducted in Washington. Remember the sale of bargains is afforded tomorrow morning.

## A MEETING OF INTEREST TO FARMING

A meeting of great interest and importance to farming, manufacturers of road machinery and material, and to automobile users, has recently been held by the Executive Committee of the American Highway Association, at which were present representatives of the Executive Committee of the American Road Congress, which is to be held at Atlanta, Ga., the week of November 9th. Among those present were Mr. Leonard Tufts, chairman; Mr. Logan Waller Page, Director of the Office of U. S. Public Roads; Mr. A. G. Batselder, chairman, Executive Board of the American Automobile Association; Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway Company; and Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers Record.

Many matters of interest to the Association and the Road Congress were discussed and reports were made by the officials of both organizations. Among the things agreed upon by the committee were strong steps looking to securing the lowest possible railroad rate ever given to a road congress.

One of the most important resolutions passed by the committee was that of establishing a Woman's Auxiliary Department of the American Highway Association for the purpose of bringing together the women of the country for a concentrated movement to aid in securing the honest and efficient expenditure of road funds and to see that the roads of the country are properly maintained. It is expected that this organization of women will give added impetus to the road movement in general. Mrs. Robert Baker has been appointed by the President of the Association to head this new department.

The officers of the Fourth American Road Congress reported that the exhibit space available, had been nearly exhausted and that it may become necessary to request the city of Atlanta to close and roof another street adjoining the auditorium. Indications point to an attendance breaking all previous records.

It is hoped that the Washington Atlanta Highway, now being maintained under government supervision will be largely completed, at least to such an extent as to permit of tourists using their automobiles.

## HE RESTFUL IN WASHINGTON PARK

Mrs. Louise Bright returned today from Bonneton, N. C., where she has been visiting Miss Butt, daughter of Mr. W. M. Butt of the Board of County Education. She enjoyed her outing immensely.

HOLDING HIS OWN. It is more than gratifying to the friends of Mr. E. B. Moore to know that he is still holding his own. Although not able to leave his home his condition is much better. No citizen of Washington has a wider circle of friends.

## The Gay Sisters Best Show In Washington This Season

### AN ADVOCATE IN PRODUCT THE OF GOV'T

Washington, D. C., July 14.—The River and Harbor Appropriation bill is the product of a representative form of government, and I am a firm believer in the representative character of our government," said General Dan C. Kingman, Chief of Engineers, as he discussed the criticisms now being made against certain features of the river and harbor bill.

"The River and Harbor Bill is the combined judgment of the corps of engineers, engaged on river and harbor work, plus the intelligent understanding of the needs of particular localities on the part of the committees of the two Houses of Congress having improvements of our rivers and harbors in hand.

"Without the representative character of our legislation, it is my honest conviction that appropriations for projects might find their way into budgets that would favor of 'pull' rather than have the project stand up on its own merit.

"The Representative is the mouthpiece of his constituency, and as such is supposed to present to the Committee of Congress the needs of his people, and if he should ask for legislation that his people do not want or do not demand, they will very quickly tell him so and will very readily find some one who will represent their interests.

"So far as the charges go that the present River and Harbor bill contains an unlimited amount of 'pork,' I am happy to state that in so far as the engineer corps is concerned there has been no recommendation made that has not been made the subject of close and painstaking study. The Act of 1902 provides that after Congress has ordered a survey of a project, the local or district engineer reports upon the advisability, adequacy, cost and commercial importance of the improvements. This report is in turn, referred to the Division Engineer who approves or modifies it as the facts appear before him. From the Division Engineer the report goes to the Board of Engineers for rivers and harbors who examine it with scrupulous care, giving their approval if the project be meritorious, and finally it reaches the Chief of Engineers to be examined by him with just as much discrimination as was shown the project by those below. At each stage of the proceeding local interests may be heard, for or against the contemplated improvement, then, after it receives the stamp of approval of the Chief of Engineers it is transmitted to the Secretary of War, who in turn sends it to Congress for legislation on the subject.

"Is it not fair to assume, in view of the careful investigation that is given every individual project by the Corps of Engineers engaged in river and harbor work, that anything that looks like 'pork' will be discovered by this body of trained engineers, and will be reported upon adversely? It is ridiculous to believe otherwise for the entire corps is jealous to a degree of its good name, and its reputation for clean methods as the servants of the people.

"The criticism that is being made against certain appropriations for creeks, as carried in the River and Harbor bill, is also most unwarranted. What would an appropriation of \$5,000 accomplish for the month of the Mississippi or the Ambrose channel? You might just as well shove that many dollars into the sea as to expect it to make an impression upon either of these two great projects. But \$5,000 spent on a creek may be the difference between increased freight movement, or the absolute abandonment of the stream as a means of transportation. There are numberless creeks in the United States, the word 'creek' being but a local designation for a stream whose tonnage rival mighty rivers and a few thousand dollars spent upon them mean the development of sections that otherwise would remain virgin soil. It means increased crops, increased markets, and increased prosperity.

The "Gay Sisters Musical Comedy Company" opened at the New Theater last night to practically a crowded house on the first show. The reputation which preceded the Gay Sisters was more than lived up to. In fact it was difficult for the performers to proceed with their work on account of continuous applause that they received. The show opens in full stage offering a stage setting that was beautiful in the extreme, a cultured interior with a water scene in the distance which appeared most natural aided by electrical effects. All the musical numbers which are produced by Miss Silna Gay, who is also manager and sole owner of the company, were exceptionally rendered. Such versatile chorus is seldom seen, and is composed of most graceful dancers. The wooden shoe buck and wing dance and highland fling were much appreciated. All numbers were splendidly led by Irene, Mary and Boush and Sarah Klein. The comedians are very clever indeed and kept the audience busy holding their sides all during the performance. Nat Haines as the hotel proprietor is certainly a comedian of note. Billy Cabel as a "soda dispenser" and J. A. McCorden as the dope fiend are pleasing entertainers. Never has there been any troupe of this kind here that has so well pleased the amusement seekers for some time, in fact it can be said that the Gay Sisters Company are way beyond any thing that has ever been here. We predict a crowded house for them for the balance of the week. For the Gay Sisters will certainly keep Washington Theater goers royally entertained all of the week. There also was at this popular play house last night four of the best pictures that has been seen here for some time. They ran a two reel feature on the first show, then there was a complete change of another two reel feature on the second performance. This house is giving their patrons more for their money than they ever received in this city. A spectator at last night's performance stated to a Daily News man this morning that no show had ever visited Washington viewed from every viewpoint that was more pleasing. The informer said that he had visited all the big cities of the country and none excelled the Gay Sisters Musical Comedy Company last night. It was great. A great crowd is looked for tonight at the New Theater.

## THE MARKET THIS YEAR FAVORABLE

Everything points to a great tobacco season in Washington this year. One has only to pay a visit to the warehouse plat and see for himself what is going on. Everything there is thrifty and lively. The warehouses are being enlarged and by the time the market opens in August no market in North Carolina will be more able to take care of the farmers both as to products, team, etc. One hundred and fifty stalls are being erected; the warehouses are being doubled in capacity. Last year's market was a conspicuous success and this year points to a success more marked.

Daily Thought. He that bestows a gift should forget it; he that receives one should ever hold it in remembrance.—Solon.

## WORK PROGRESSING

Work is progressing rapidly on the Laughinghouse and Daniel and Warren buildings on Market street. When completed they will be a credit to growing Washington. According to the plans no building in the city will be more attractive.

## HAS RETURNED HOME

Miss Mary Adelaide Duke, daughter of Deputy Sheriff J. C. Duke of Fanteo, who recently underwent an operation at the Washington Hospital has recovered sufficiently to return to her home. The news of her convalescence is gratifying to her many friends.

That one-half of one percent 'pork' in the River and Harbor bill was paid to the Senate.