

## AID STATE SCHOOLS

Pressing Demand For Aid Before Legislature.

\$1,000,000 NEEDED FOR BUILDINGS.

The Game Law--No Child Labor Legislation--Three Counties Wanted--Power of Married Women to Make Contracts.

Raleigh, Feb. 9, 1909. The General Assembly of the State has now been in session thirty working days, and has made good time on local bills only, but mighty good time on them, and perhaps best for all concerned that such has been the case; for to this time there has actually been nothing done on the floor of either house that will in any way weaken the faith of the business world.

**As to The Game Law.**  
In a former letter it was said that there would be some game legislation at this time, that would spoil the plans of some, and it has passed the Senate, and will most probably pass the house, on which calendar it now rests. It is the Empire bill which was amended and allows no sale of quail or grouse for the term of two years, and in that time no hunter under penalty of law will be allowed to kill over fifteen birds in a day.

**Want Better Buildings.**  
A bill has been introduced in the house to build a new agricultural building at Raleigh. The Governor recommended a new and fire proof building for the State records and such as well as for the officers of the State to have such room as they needed.

**Senator Elliott Still Holding Out.**  
Getting his first resolution to adjourn the 15th February killed Senator Elliott has introduced another requiring all bills to be in by the 15th inst, and no more be allowed; and that the finance committee be required to make its report by the 15 inst.

**No Child Labor Legislation.**  
The committee on manufacture had a live hearing last week on the Hinsdale bill to prevent the working of children in the Mills. A large number of interested manufacturers and those who take the human side and some of the political side were heard in the matter, and the committee decided to report the bill unfavorably. Referring to this in his inaugural address, Governor Kitchin said in substance, that until the state provided more room for the indigent and asylums for the orphans, it was evident that some children must work in the mills.

**Three New Counties Wanted.**  
The proposition to make three new counties for the State makes interesting reading to many. They are located as follows: Raeford, county seat of the proposed county of Hoke, is in the extreme northern edge of Robeson county, and proposes to make itself of the counties of Robeson and Cumberland. The second one is to be called North Robeson, and proposes to cut Robeson in halves as it were and make the town of Red Springs the capital. The second covers the Robeson territory covered by the first, and springs a fight making the getting of either passed the death of the other. The third is from the west, and proposes to make a new county of the counties of Watanga and Mitchell, and to be called Avery, with the town of Linville City as a county seat. This is all to be fought out here yet.

**World Tax Trade Coupons.**  
There was introduced a measure that had for its object the taxing of coupons in the packages of cigarettes and such, for the reason that they were used to stifle competition, as stated. It was killed on short order.

**The proposition to tax all bottlers.** (they are now taxed,) as well as all small dealers in bottled goods made an interesting hearing before the finance committee, as there was a delegation there, representing many interests.

**Getting Many Officers On Salaries.**  
The tendency of the times is to put the county officer on a salary. County after county is doing that very thing now, and those who have done so find that it works to the good of the county.

**Married Women Power To Contract.**  
Representative N. B. Kendrick of Gaston County, has introduced and

the committee on judiciary has favorably reported a bill allowing a married woman to make contracts the same as a single woman. As it now states a married woman can make contracts for only three things: her own personal expenses; the support of the family and the payment of debts contracted before her marriage. The amendment proposed to that law provides she may make any contract she made or could make before her marriage. One lawyer on the committee said he knew of women who had plantations, which they could provide for cultivating before her marriage, but if married they could not contract for supplies for the farm nor do many things that were necessary for the proper care of the place, and he was in favor of letting down the bars. Law was discussed and it was found that the Supreme court has divided on the question, in a similar case.

**Peck's County Attorney Bill.**  
Senator Jonathan Peck of Scotland county has introduced a bill to amend the constitution so as to abolish the office of District Solicitor, and in his stead have a county attorney to prosecute all cases in the county, and be counsel for the county commissioners, and defend the county in all its need for a lawyer. This would solve the matter that has been talked of so much, and would put the solicitor at home. This will most likely die unless there is need for other constitutional amendments.

**They Need a Million Dollars.**  
The committee on education have never before in the history of this State had such calls for aid from the State's educational institutions. The figures are beyond the comprehension of many people and are the results of the work for better education in the commonwealth. The University needs \$450,000 to put it in such shape as it ought to be to take care of the 800 students there. The Agricultural and Mechanical College here like the University and the Normal and Industrial at Greensboro, has more patronage than it can take care of and is housing girls and boys outside of the buildings of the schools. Ex-Gov. T. J. Jarvis told the committee that were he Governor he would not hesitate to help to issue bonds for the amount of \$1,000,000, and put them all where they should be.

**Mr. Hayes of Wilkes Dies.**  
Saturday morning it was announced that the junior member of the house from the County of Wilkes had died, and on motion the house adjourned at noon in his memory.

## RACE WAR THREATENED.

**Pittsburg on the Verge of a Clash Between the Whites and Blacks.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., is trembling on the verge of a race conflict due to an effort by the police to put a stop to attacks on white women by black negroes. The determination of the police to rid Pittsburg of a lot of bad negroes has prompted several negroes of the higher class to give out interviews in which they predict a race riot on account of officious policemen and hysterical white women. This has aroused great excitement and trouble between the races is imminent.

**Attempts Suicide.**  
Miss Ross Cook, a waitress in the Guilford hotel in Greensboro, took a dose of poison one night last week in an effort to commit suicide. She left notes stating that the hotel management had treated her well but that she hoped that her associates among the employees of the hotel would be happier than she was. She was from Hickory and was said to be blue and dependent for several days before her effort to commit suicide. It was with the greatest effort that she was restored to life after taking the poison.

**Mrs. Ingram Sinking.**  
A special to The Courier from Salisbury yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock says:  
Mrs. Eva Asbury Ingram at Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium grows worse and death is expected hourly.

**Fire at Spies.**  
Fire destroyed the residence of Rory Britt a few days ago. Her little ten-year-old daughter who was alone in the house was fatally burned, death following in a few hours.

## HOME COURSE IN MODERN AGRICULTURE.

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FARMERS and others are becoming more deeply interested every year in the science of agriculture as taught in the special courses provided in many colleges. It is not only a subject of fascinating interest but means largely increased profits to the farmer. Those who cannot go to college can get the information in the above new feature to be published each week in The Courier.

The Home Course in Modern Agriculture will run for eighteen weeks in The Courier--nearly five months; and will be sent to your address for only 25 cents.  
Address, THE COURIER, Asheboro, N. C.

## WIFE SING SAYS W. GOULD BROKAW PUMMELED HER.

Cruelties Began Thirteen Days After Their Marriage Little Over A Year Ago.

JEALOUS, SHE AVERS, HE MADE THREATS TO SHOOT.

Has Notice of Suit Served by Publication--She Says He Deserted Her (New York World)

After a little more than a year of unhappy married life, Mrs. Mary Gould Brokaw, the beautiful young wife of William Gould Brokaw, wealthy sportsman and sportsman, has applied to the courts for a legal separation from her husband, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Justice Maddox, in the Supreme Court at Mineola, L. I., yesterday granted an order permitting Mrs. Brokaw to serve her husband with notice of the action by publication she having alleged that he was trying to avoid service.

Charges He Hit with His Fists.  
The suit came in no way as a surprise but the charges made by Mrs. Brokaw were far more serious than



MRS. MARY GOULD BROKAW.

was thought by those who professed to know the causes of the couple's unhappiness. For instance, Mrs. Brokaw avers that her husband struck her with his fists on several occasions, inflicting black and blue marks.  
Mrs. Brokaw is twenty-two years old and her husband forty-two. They were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Blair, of Chittanooga, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1907. Mr. Brokaw had been married fifteen years before that to Miss Coralie C. Couderc, niece of the late Frederic R. Couderc, the lawyer, but the first, Mrs. Brokaw divorced him five years later, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. She later married William G. Roeker, the lawyer who secured her divorce for her.

There was a note of ill omen at the wedding of Mr. Brokaw and Miss Blair. They met on a Hudson River steamboat among mutual friends and fell in love at first sight. After a tempestuous courtship, the wedding was arranged for, but owing to Mr. Brokaw having been divorced difficulty was found in getting the services of a pastor. The Revs. James Emseringham and Herbert G. Coginton, of the Episcopal faith, refused to perform the ceremony, but the Rev. Dr. George B. Spalding consented to officiate.

Pastor Said He Was Mistaken.  
After the wedding, Dr. Spalding, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Chittanooga, issued a

statement saying that had he known that the first Mrs. Brokaw had married a divorcee and not Mr. Brokaw he would not have performed the ceremony. Dr. Spalding said that he had been misled.

In making her application Mrs. Brokaw says discord arose between herself and her husband less than two months after they were married. She charges him with being in the habit of evading service in law suits and says that Nov. 11, 1907, at the Hotel Metropolitan, her husband disguised himself with false beard and wig to escape unrecognized from the hotel when a process server was waiting to hand him a subpoena in a suit for breach of promise. She says her husband fled in an automobile to the Laurel House, Lakewood, N. J., and when the process server arrived Mr. Brokaw climbed down a rear fire escape and escaped in his automobile to Philadelphia.

Five Months' Hunt For Him.

Mrs. Brokaw's process servers have been looking for the sportsman for several months, the application alleges, and it is the belief of Mrs. Brokaw that her husband is at his shooting lodge near High Point.

Mrs. Brokaw goes back as far as thirteen days after her marriage in stating the grounds for her action. She says that on Nov. 2, 1907, while she and her husband were stopping at the Hotel Seville, he came into their rooms intoxicated and offered her a bouquet of flowers. She thanked him, she states, but he abused her roundly, ordered his valet to pack his trunk and left the hotel. Later he returned.

Upon leaving the Seville Mrs. Brokaw says she and her husband went to Baltimore, where he had a minor operation performed. One day Mrs. Brokaw says she went out alone for an hour and upon her return her husband was in a rage. She declares he charged her with having gone out to meet a man. He also accused her, she avers, of having flirted with Dr. Martin, the surgeon who performed the operation on him.

Incident at a Dinner Party.

The next episode described by Mrs. Brokaw took place on Dec. 24, 1907, at a dinner at her husband's hunting lodge in North Carolina. There were many prominent persons at the party including Senator and Mrs. Hume White, of Syracuse; Judge Gilchrist, Thomas Starling, Samuel Willetts former master of hounds of the Meadowbrook Hunt Club; Mr. and Mrs. Joles Bache and James Martin, Mr. Brokaw's nephew.

Mrs. Brokaw says her husband suddenly accused her of flirting with "Jimmie" Martin and other



MR. W. GOULD BROKAW.

men. She left the room, embarrassed, she declares, and her husband followed. He said to her, she alleges:

## STATE CONVENTION.

Sunday School Workers to Meet at Concord April 6th to 8th Inclusive.

The State Sunday School Association will meet at Concord April 6th, 7th and 8th.

The executive committee met at Raleigh last week to arrange the details. It is stated that Mr. Micele-fresh, the national secretary, will attend.

At the meeting of the executive committee State Secretary J. B. Robertson offered his resignation which was accepted. His successor has not been elected.

Fire Bug In Rowan.

Robbers are believed to have set fire to the dwelling house and store of F. M. Tyson, 11 miles east of Salisbury, on the night of Feb. 3d. Only a portion of the household goods and stock of merchandise of Mr. Tyson were saved, as the fire had gained rapid headway when it was discovered.

"Take your clothes and go to hell out of this house, or I will go."

He then put his hunting cloth on and returned to her with his shotgun resting across his arm, she claims. She was crying and hysterical, Brokaw said, she avers:

"Go to hell, you fool, I could blow out what little brains you have with this."

Mrs. Brokaw declares this conversation took place in the presence of a nurse and a seamstress.

Declared He Kicked The Door Down.

In the month of January she and her husband returned to New York and stopped at the Hotel Essex. While there he refused to eat with her, she asserts, and finally ordered his clothes packed and left the hotel, vowing never to see her again. At 5 o'clock the next morning, she says, he returned in a drunken condition and kicked down the door. She ordered the maid to lock the door; whereupon her husband called her unmentionable names, she alleges.

Another scene is described in the complaint as having occurred in the same month at the Hotel Sevoy, this City. Mrs. Brokaw states that her husband accused her of having flirted with Dr. Satterwaite. The doctor overheard the conversation, she claims, and told Mr. Brokaw he was acting foolish. According to Mrs. Brokaw the physician told her husband their trouble was due to the fact that Mr. Brokaw had been a bachelor too long to appreciate a wife.

This scene apparently brought about a crisis, for Mrs. Brokaw states that Dr. Battle was summoned from Nashville, Tenn. In the presence of Dr. Battle and Mr. Brokaw's secretary, it is stated, an agreement was drawn in which Mr. Brokaw is alleged to have consented to cease being cruel to his wife and to provide suitably for her support. Mrs. Brokaw says her husband signed the agreement in the presence of the doctor.

Early last December Miss Taylor, a friend, telephoned her at Great Neck that she, Mrs. Frank Gould and a Miss Jenkins were going to motor through Great Neck with some men friends and would stop to take luncheon with her. Knowing her husband's dislike for anything in the nature of a dinner party which included men, she tried to prevent their coming, she says, but could not. The names of the men in the party are given as "Mr. Thomas, Mr. Holmes and a gentleman whose name I do not recall.

Threats by Telegraph.

Mrs. Brokaw says her husband had established a system of espionage and that the servants notified him of the party. He immediately telegraphed from High Point, she says, that he would close his Great Neck home if she was going to entertain any one but her brother or family. He said, she alleges, that his servants would refuse to serve her if she disobeyed him. On Dec. 17 he telegraphed her mother, the complaint says, that his wife had permitted one of the men to occupy his bedroom, which advised that of Mr. Brokaw. He added that his wife had failed to give him the names of the men and to explain her "peculiar" actions that night.

In conclusion Mrs. Brokaw says her husband is worth at least \$4,000,000 and has an income of \$200,000 a year. Her attorneys are Griggs, Baldwin & Pierce of No. 27 Pine street, and Mr. Brokaw is represented by Eugene L. Bushe, of No. 150 Nassau Street New York.

## KILLED STEP-FATHER

Terrible Tragedy Near Grays Chapel Saturday.

RESULT OF A FAMILY QUARREL

Chas. Alfred, Aged 18 Years, In Jail Charged With Murdering Luther Wilkerson His Step-father--Pleads Self Defense--His Statement.

Chas. Alfred, a young white man, aged 18 years, was committed to jail Monday without bond for causing the death of his step-father, Luther Wilkerson, which occurred at St. Leo's Hospital, in Greensboro Monday. During a family quarrel at their home, one mile from Grays Chapel on the Liberty road, Saturday afternoon, young Alfred cut Wilkerson's throat with a knife, severing his wind pipe. The wounded man was hurried to the hospital immediately, but he died from his wounds about noon on Monday.

Young Alfred was arrested by Sheriff Hayworth Monday morning, and waiting examination before Justice Pugh, of Providence township he was committed to jail without bond.

It is understood that Alfred will plead self defense. Alfred claims that his step-father had been making life miserable for the family for some time and that on Monday he had assaulted Mrs. Wilkerson with a sick of wood and threatened to shoot him. The prisoner says that when Wilkerson assaulted him with a gun, and fearing he would carry out his threat, he defended himself with his knife.

The defendant has employed Judge Bynum, of Greensboro to defend him. The body of Wilkerson was sent from Greensboro to Lineberry Station near Liberty where the funeral was conducted Tuesday.

## SEAWELL IS DOOMED.

Senate Committee Has Pigeon-Holed the Appointment to Wait for Taft to Handle.

Washington, D. C., Saturday, 6.--The appointment of H. F. Seawell as judge of the Eastern district of North Carolina is lying quietly in a pigeon hole and will stay there until Mr. Taft goes in. Then he will make another appointment and the Seawell document will not be resurrected. This is said to be the program in the Senate now. Both North Carolina Senators will fight the confirmation of Seawell. The President's friends signified a willingness to keep hands off and let Mr. Taft make the appointment.

## Death of Mr. Graham.

J. B. Graham, a well known railroad man of Durham died Sunday evening after a lingering illness. Mr. Graham was born near Jackson Springs, Moore County 38 years ago. He was agent for the Southern at Durham until a few months ago when he was forced to retire on account of his health. A widow and four children survive him.

## Two More Barns Burned.

Two barns were burned in Mecklenburg County last week. On last Friday night the barn of Wm. McLelland with two mules and three cows. On the same night R. G. Kendrick's barn near by was burned with a number of horses and cattle incinerated.

## Suicide at Asheville.

Jas. M. Hyatt, a prominent business man of Asheville, committed suicide Sunday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. His health and financial troubles caused him to destroy himself.

## Salisbury's New Car Line.

The work of laying the rails for the new electric street railway for Salisbury began Monday. Cars will be in operation from the Fair grounds to the Court House by May 15th.

## Jewish Synagogue at Greensboro.

The Hebrew citizens at Greensboro, have purchased the Friends' church and will convert it into a Jewish synagogue. The Friends will erect a new meeting house.

S. W. Phipps, of Guilford county, aged 83 years, died Feb. 5.