

**EDUCATIONAL COLUMN**

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**WE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS.**

"Ability of Means and Choice of Funds."

We are able now in most of the school districts, where the great mass of the people get all the schooling they ever secure, to keep the school open at least eight months in the year, and we are able to pay the teachers for every such school at least a minimum salary \$50 per month if we only thought so.

Do our teachers get anything like this amount? Are the teachers not as important as our county officers. These officers are always paid liberal salaries.

Now, just in proportion as we employ competent teachers and train the people into an industrious, intelligent, productive, law abiding citizenship, just in that proportion we get citizens instead of criminals, industry instead of idleness, intelligence instead of ignorance; hence the teacher is the more valuable and his or her compensation should be as liberal as any other. Is this the case now?

**A Vital Institution.**

The public school, in order to become a vital institution, must be patronized by the whole people. It should reach most effectively the masses of the people in this great nation.

How is this to be done? By State laws making education compulsory. Instruction is so much needed by each citizen for his own sake and for that of society, that the father who neglects to provide for his child's instruction sins against the child and against society, and it behooves the State to punish him.

Compulsory education implies attendance in schools maintained and controlled by the State only when there is no attendance in other schools known to be competent to impart instruction in the required degree.

The compulsory laws usually enacted in certain States of the Union, are, in our opinion, objectionable in a few of the incidental clauses. These we are confident will readily be altered in approaching sessions of the legislature. With the body of such laws and their general interest in the direction of hastening universal instruction we are in most hearty accord.

**Novelties in Jewelry.**

Watch bracelets are being shown in a variety of styles.

In floral brooches the enameled orchid has many adherents.

Some new silver chatelaines are pierced in delicate figures.

Monkey skin card cases have tiny silver monkeys leaping upon them.

Jewelers are exhibiting vinaigrettes with enameled pansies as stoppers.

A match box representing a block of cord wood, in oxidized silver, is odd.

Silver toothpicks are made to resemble as closely as possible the quill article.

A silver match box of recent issue takes the form of a cowl and hooded monk.

An inexpensive addition to light requisites is a silver stationer with garnet-incrusted top.

A scarf pin that has many admirers is a small green turtle, set about its shell with emeralds.

Even a hideous little gold lizard, with ruby eyes, finds admirers among those searching for brooches.

Glittering from the head of a snake ring is a cluster of small diamonds, surrounded by small rubies.

Silver match boxes, designed to imitate cigars, with enameled labels to denote the brand, are being revived.

The bowl of a piano lamp is decorated with scenes of the Louis XVI. period and revolves on a pedestal of Sevres.

Among several new and rich hock conceptions is a fac-simile of a feather about two inches in length, made of pure white enamel, with the bone studded with small diamonds and a beautiful solitaire resting in the center of the gracefully-curved tip of the feather.

**A Tale of Summer Days.**

A tale of roses and roguery is wafted from the last midsummer days. It was at a seaside resort, and a young man, a veritable Prince Charming, before whom all women go down and who cannot help "practicing" when he is near a pretty girl, was at his usual occupation—devoled to several of them at once. He counted, in fact, this time four victims to his attractions. As two, however, were at the hotel on the beach and the other pair in separate cottages in different directions, he had managed to make all happy without any clashing.

Just before the season closed, however, the fair cottagers went with their parents to pass a few days at the hotel en route to their city homes. Four sweethearts under one roof were too much for even this clever campaigner. He concluded that the situation was too complicated for him, and a prompt departure was arranged for. The evening he left he managed to see each girl separately and to murmur in her ear a tender tale of love. He would take no decided answer then, but if his affection was returned he begged her to wear at breakfast the next morning a red rose which he gently pressed upon her. The last interview took place about 11 p. m., and the midnight train bore the young scamp to New York.

At the first meal on the following day four young women appeared in the dining room with red roses thrust in their belts. The gay cavalier not presenting himself the girls after a time began to compare notes, and all that worries those deceived damsels is to know whether their joint lover had any means to discover how many of his roses were worn at the breakfast table.—Her Point of View in New York Times.

**A Duck Hunter's Adventure.**

Martin Boland, of North Lyme, had an exciting experience while duck shooting Monday, and thanks his lucky stars every morning for the fact that he is still in the land of the living. He had been about the mouth of Lord's cove nearly all the day and had met with fair success, and had loaded his decoys into his small duck boat, intending to start home. Just then he heard the loud "honk" of wild geese, and a moment later saw a flock of some twenty of these waterfowl settle in the river about half way from shore to shore.

He resolved to have one of these geese on his string, and attempted to scull near enough to get a shot. He kept his eyes on the birds, and consequently did not see a huge cake of ice that was bearing down upon his craft. He realized it, though, when a mass ground up against the boat, overturning it and throwing him into the chilly water. His gun, a Colt's breech-loader, fell from his hand and went to the bottom of the river, and is likely to remain there. Boland had a hard fight, and when, after a desperate effort he succeeded in pulling himself upon the ice, he fell exhausted.

His danger was not past by any means, as he had no means of gaining the shore, and it was with a heart full of anxiety that he saw the distance between his ice raft and shore rapidly diminish, until seized by an eddy it whirled into the shoal water and he was safe.—Hartford Times.

**An Airship to Cross the Ocean.**

A remarkable experiment is going on not far from London in a pretty little Kentish town called Berley. Here a party of American scientists and artisans are constructing an airship which is expected to cross the ocean in seven hours. The inventor, capitalists and workers are nearly all from Bridgeport, Conn., and are confident of success. By invitation I ran down there and saw a mysterious mass of metal and machinery, of which I could make nothing intelligible. I did see models, however, which rose from the table and flew around the interior of the great work room, describing circles and curves at the will of the sender.

If the complete ship does half as well as the model it will revolutionize the world. Every workman is sworn to absolute secrecy, and thus far little or no information as to what the mechanism is has reached the outside world. The superintendent is Hiram Maxim, an American inventor of ability. Next to him are Mr. House and his son, who are both endowed with high inventive talent.—Cor. Philadelphia Times.

**Queer Electrical Mishap.**

A queer accident befell a Portland woman last week. An electric light wire had sagged to the tin roof of her house, and the current was conducted by the water conductor on the outside of the house to a trap in the cellar, thence by the waste pipe to a washstand on the second floor, thence by the water pipe to the street, so that when the lady put her hand on the faucet of the water pipe she couldn't let go. But luckily the wind was blowing, and, as the wires swayed, the water pipe and its adjuncts were electrified with but an intermittent current, so the lady was liberated after a few minutes' imprisonment and considerable suffering.—Lewiston Journal.

**Joan on the Paris Stage.**

Paris is to see "Joan of Arc" upon the stage once more. The town council has voted \$800 to bring out, at the Chatelet, Deputy Fabre's drama called after the national heroine. The stage manager, if he does justice to the play in providing fitting accessories, is to be rewarded with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, an honor which has been granted to M. Duguesnel, of the Porte Saint Martin, and M. Honcke, of the Hippodrome, for the intelligent pains they took in bringing out "Joan of Arc" at those places.—Cor. London News.

**And More, Too.**

The supreme court of this state has just decided a lawsuit begun twenty-one years ago, and involving the title of a \$2,700 farm. The lawyers have not only eaten up the farm, but all the contestants could rake and scrape as well. They had hoped the suit would run about ten years longer, as the pay was steady and could be counted on.—Detroit Free Press.

**In and Around Asheville.**

As THE DEMOCRAT is read very largely by visitors to the city, and many who desire information concerning our city and section, we insert the following items of interest:

**Hotels in and Around Asheville.**  
Battery Park, J. B. Steele, manager.  
Swannanoa, Harris Bros., 5 Main St.  
Grand Central, S. K. Chedester, Patton Avenue.  
Carolina House, W. A. James, N. Main St.  
Seville House, (old Eagle), S. Main St.  
We term Hotel, Dr. L. B. Halyburton, Main St.  
Single Hotel, J. L. L. Single, Patton Avenue.  
Oaks Hotel, Dr. Greenwald, Oak & Woodfin Sts.  
Whynah Sanitarium, K. V. Ruck, Camp Patton.  
Glen Rock, A. G. Halyburton, Depot.  
Skyland Hotel, 8 miles out.  
Arlon Park, 10 miles out.  
Alexander's, 10 miles out.  
Carrie's White Sulphur, 5 miles out.  
Blackwell's White Sulphur, 12 miles out.

**PRIVATE RESIDENCES WHERE BOARD CAN BE OBTAINED.**

Anderson, Mrs. R. W., 29 Bearden Avenue.  
Adams, Mrs. J. S., 41 Spruce St.  
Baird, Miss Vickie, 1 mile out, S. Main St.  
Broese, B., College St.  
Carroll, W. O., 125 French Broad Ave.  
Cohu, Misses, 31 Haywood St.  
Chamberlain, Mrs. S. E., Church St.  
Carron, C., Barnett place, 122 Patton Ave.  
Erwin, Mrs. Kate, College St.  
Gano, Miss, French Broad Ave.  
Millard, Dr. B. T., The Villa, 53 Haywood St.  
McDonald, G. L., 59 Bailey St.  
McClure, C. J., 24 Grove St.  
Millard, Dr. B. T., The Villa, 53 Haywood St.  
Moore, Mrs., College St.  
Polly, Mrs., Chestnut St.  
Portner, Mrs. M. R., 76 Haywood St., opp. Flint.  
Reed, T. R., 125 North Main St.  
Reynolds, Mrs. T. E., 88 North Main St.  
Reynolds, W. T., 22 Woodfin St.  
Simmey, Mrs., 125 North Main St.  
Sneathers, Mrs. J. E., 318 Patton Ave.  
Stockett, Mrs. A. C., Flint St.  
Trenholm, Mrs., 106 Academy St.  
Van Gilder Place, Mrs. J. H., College St.  
Way, Mrs. C. B., "Deil Rosa," 2 miles N. of city.  
Weaver, Dr. H. R., Chestnut St.  
Wolfe, W. O., Woodfin St.  
(Any errors or omissions in this will be gladly corrected, as the matter is to be kept standing in THE DEMOCRAT.)

**PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND AND DISTANCES FROM ASHEVILLE.**

NAME	MILES
Oaks Hotel, in the city.	0
Beaumont (altitude nearly 2,800 ft.)	1
Top of Toward Mountain	1
Campbell's White Cottage View	1
Oakland Inn	1
Fernhurst (Connally's View)	1
Hazzard Hill	2
Riverside Park	2
Tahkokote Farm	3
Bilton Park	3
Richmond Hill (Pearson's View)	4
Reynold's View (Gouche's Peak)	5
Elk Mountain	5
Yonkers View	5
Sunset Drive	6
Strawberry Hill (Clark's Farm)	6
French Broad River, next jetty	1
Graves of	1
Swannanoa River, nearest point	2
drives of	10
Lee's Chalybeate Springs (Iron)	2
Sulphur Springs Hotel	5
Blackwell's White Sulphur Springs	10
Quail's Spring	10
Arlon Park	10
Reems' Creek Falls	10
Alexander	10
Craggy Mountain, to foot	14
to top (altitude 6,000 ft.)	18
Mount Mitchell, to foot	18
to top (altitude 6,717 ft.)	28
Hot Springs (on French Broad River)	37
Waynesville White Sulphur Springs	31
Hickory Nut Falls	33
Bald Mountain (of volcanic notoriety)	35
Cave of the Winds, Pools (Chimney Rock, etc.)	35
Pisgah Mountain (altitude 4,657 ft.)	35
Swannanoa Gap	18
Casser's Head	45
Hendersonville	45
Buck Forest	35

**AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE.**

January	38	July	71
February	39	August	70
March	44	September	63
April	59	October	52
May	65	November	42
June	69	December	37

**PIEDMONT AIR LINE.**

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PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULE.  
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75th Meridian time used when not otherwise indicated.

EASTBOUND		No. 51	No. 53
		Daily	Daily
Lv. Knoxville,		8:50pm	8:10am
(90th mer.)		12:35am	1:42pm
Ar. Asheville,		12:40am	2:02pm
Lv. Asheville,		5:33am	6:42pm
Ar. Salisbury,		9:25am	10:25pm
" Danville,		3:15pm	4:55am
" Raleigh,		1:05pm	7:35am
" Goldsboro,		2:50pm	12:40pm
" Wilmington,		6:00pm	
" Lynchburg,		12:25pm	12:55am
" Washington,		7:40pm	6:35am
" Baltimore,		8:50pm	8:25am
" Philadelphia,		3:00am	10:45am
" New York,		6:20am	1:20pm
WESTBOUND		No. 50	No. 52
		Daily	Daily
Lv. New York,		12:15am	4:30pm
" Philadelphia,		7:20am	6:57pm
" Baltimore,		9:45am	9:30pm
" Washington,		11:24am	11:00pm
" Lynchburg,		5:40pm	5:07am
" Richmond,		3:00pm	2:30am
" Danville,		8:40pm	8:05am
" Wilmington,		9:00am	
" Goldsboro,		2:40pm	8:00pm
" Raleigh,		4:40pm	1:30am
" Salisbury,		12:45am	11:25am
Ar. Asheville,		7:22am	4:22pm
Lv. Asheville,		8:08am	4:28pm
Ar. Knoxville,		11:00am	8:25pm
(90th mer.)			

No. 55, A. & S. R. R.		No. 54, Daily	
9:15am Lv. Asheville,	Ar. Hendersonville,	7:00pm Lv. Asheville,	Ar. Hendersonville,
10:00am Ar. Hendersonville,	8:05pm Lv. Hendersonville,	6:07pm Lv. Asheville,	Ar. Hendersonville,
12:40pm Ar. Hendersonville,	8:40pm Lv. Hendersonville,	3:40pm Lv. Asheville,	Ar. Hendersonville,

**MURPHY BRANCH.**  
(Daily except Sunday.)

No. 18, (Daily except Sunday.)	No. 17, (Daily except Sunday.)
7:30am Lv. Asheville,	Ar. 4:05pm
9:30am Lv. Waynesville,	Ar. 2:05pm
12:45pm Ar. Bryson City,	Ar. 9:45am
5:20pm Ar. Andrews,	Lv. 5:50am

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