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Why Popular Education Has . Failed in North Carolina.

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In considering the results of popular education in North Carolina, we must compare this State with all others in the Union. One of the results of education is wealth. Judged

Carolina one-third only. Our condition is worse territory except six, namely: Louisiana, South Carolina, New and theorgia. But all these states except New Mexico have a larger per cent of negro popu-Virginia and Florida also have their illiteracy is less than ours.

OTHER STATES ARE EDUCATING FASTER THAN WE.

admit, but the most humiliating three months in the year we facts about our State-except is this, that our State was near- cannot hope to educate the body for the hope that they may er being the most illiterate in of the people very highly, even arouse to action. For these 1890 than it had been in 1870. if we had the best of teachers conditions exist, and North Car-It is true the whole amount of and every person of school age olina must face them. Shutilliteracy was somewhat re- attended every day the schools ting our eyes to them will not duced. But we have been more are open. As a matter of fact remove them; denying them laggard than other Southern only about a third of them do will not change them. But Florida which has this. nearly half its population black The distressing fact is, that failure, we ought to know how has gone by us, so that whereas little education as our schools to make our public schools a ucation their children, will be 1895 sixty-one per cent of the this by a self-imposed local tax. people in the American Union. rolled. The next year the Shall we let this come to pass?

ILLITERATE WHITE PEOPLE.

territory of New Mexico. Our ment fell in one year from 373,- the best schools support them State ranks worse in illiteracy 563 in 1895 to 348,616 in 1896, mainly by local taxes. when we compare the white a loss of nearly 25,000. people of the different States thans when we count the ne- lation did not go inside of a groes. This does not mean that school last year. But what was the white people of North Caro- done by the other half? Little Carolina. Our State tax is allina are more illiterate than more than learn the A, B, C's. ready one of the largest, only the negroes. It does mean that Not half the children studied six other States having a heavi- mile in twenty minutes; he will the white people of North Caro- arithmetic. The average white er one. But when we come to trot a mile in six minutes; and lina are the most ignorant of all teacher in North Carolina en- count the local taxes and the he will gallop a mile in from the white people in the United rolls during the three months general tax North Carolina three to four minutes. States except in New Mexico, she teaches, forty-one children. drops to lowest of all but six. and that the negroes of North But their attendance is irregu-Carolina have more education lar, and if we should visit her LOCAL TAXATION IN AGRICULTURthan the negroes of several school on an average day, we other States.

of every four in North Carolina far enough advanced to study but it will not suit our condition cannot read; to be exact, the arithmetic, only seven geograilliteracy is twenty-three per phy, four in grammar, and two cent. The enormity of this ap- in United States history. bears when we consider other-States. Massachusetts and Nebraska have less than one per most anywhere else in the twice as much as we do: New as long as ours. Maryland, Delaware, Missouri, Oklahama, Virginia, Texas and are so thickly settled as North great deal of suffering. Buy it at Arizona, Texas, Florida, Mis- Arkansas. sissippi and West Virginia. We ARE WE TOO POOR TO EDUCATE? nearly all, their school funds by Dunn, N. C. have more illiterate white persons than South Carolina and We hear it said that North average school term of from five Scheele discovered glycerine as "good manners," must be Central Asia, and was first used

SHORTEST TERM OF ALL. For twenty years we have been Carolina. that have an eight months' term teachers, forty-ninth. of longer, twenty-four States Mexico, Alabama, Mississippi or longer, thirty-one States that There can be only one excuse acy among its white population though I am not sorry to have an American flag in Toronto Methodists, both lay and clerithat have a seven months' term have a six months' term or lon- for such a condition-enormous as we have. ger, this includes Virginia, Ar- taxes for other things. But Let us stop trying to excuse thing, more patient with my Queen's jubilee, one dollar and ing meetings in Des Moines

ATTENDANCE AT OUR SCHOOLS.

These facts are unpleasant to With a school term of only

in 1870 we ranked 8th in illiter- have been giving, it is becom- success acy, in 1890 we ranked 7th. At ing less and less year by year, this rate it rate it is only a ques- The attendance at the schools tion of time when North Caroli- last year was less by 4,454 than na, the other States having ed- it had been eight years ago. In ty communities supplementing the home of the most illiterate white school population was enrollment fell to fifty-six per cent. The falling off in the colored schools was even great- Thirteen States, including Mas-Already it is the home of the er: from fifty-nine 'per cent in sachusetts, have no State taxes. mospilliterate white people in 1895 to fifty-two per cent the All their school taxes are local. the United States except in the next year. The total enroll- As a rule the States that have

Nearly half the school popushould find twenty-eight pupils About one white person out present, only thirteen of these

· COST OF EDUCATION. Union, including the States of Mexico, Florida, Louisiana, None of the following States liniment in the house, will save a

Georgia combined, more than Carolina is too poor to do more; to eight months: North Dakota in 1789

Alabama and Mississippi, more that we are in fact spending as South Dakota, Montana, Wyothan Louisiana and Texas, much upon our schools in pro- ming, Wisconsin, Minnesota, whose combined white popula- portion to our means as the Florida, Louisiana. tion is twice as great as North wealthy States, "up north." Compared with other States Carolina's. Delaware, Mary- This statement can be made on- south and west North Carolina land, District of Columbia, Vir- ly by men who are guessing at is well populated. Scarcity of ginia and Florida, together fall what they have never examined population cannot excuse our short of North Carolina's num- into, and when only the wish is illiterate condition. ber of white illiterates, but father to the belief that our Nor can we plead the negro their aggregate native white commonwealth is acting as no- as an excuse. Seven States population is over twice as bly in her poverty as others (South Carolina, Mississippi, with more abundance. The Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, truth is we are taxing ourselves for schools less in proportion to ger share of negro population what scorn on the lip! What a haughty The cause of this large per our means than all the other than North Carolina, and they cent of illiteracy is seen when States but six—Wyoming, Ari- all have a longer school term a thing for dolls and the skipping rope. we compare the school terms of zona, Alabama, Texas, Nevada, than ours and all but Alabama he this standard, education in other States with North Caroli- New Mexico. But all these have a heavier school tax. Turned into a creature to strut or mope. With her pride of feather and peacock The report of the United States, except New Mexico, Georgia has 300,000 more nefinited. For with the excepfinited States Commissioner of Education South Carolina and tion for 1894 and 1895 gives which goes to their school funds, School term ten weeks longer.

Mississippi there is less wealth the except New Mexico, Georgia has 300,000 more nesuith the mincing step that we see at a play.
And the properlisp and the courtesy primgod gave to the parents a child, and they
which goes to their school funds, School term ten weeks longer. Mississippi there is less wealth the average length of terms of and amounts in some cases to as Virginia has 75,000 more neper capita in North Carolina the public schools of the United much as the tax collected. groes than North Carolina and than anywhere else in this States, one hundred and forty- Twenty-three States, including a school term twice as long and But South Carolina one days, or over seven months. Kentucky, Arkansas and Mis- a school tax nearly twice as and Mississippi have over half North Carolina's is the shortest sissippi, have over twice as great as ours. their population black. North term of all, sixty-three days, heavy a school tax as North Mississippi is a poorer State

But the first object of educa- struggling in vain to teach four Our position among the sister- capita wealth is \$9.00 less. Over how many people experience is to remove illiteracy. months in the year. All the hood of States is then this: In half the population of that State within themselves a struggle Judged by this standard our other States except South Caro- percent of illiteracy of the whole is black; in North Carolina not to be what is called "odd." popular education has been an lina, Alabama and Oklahama, population, seventh; in per about one-third. Mississippi al- One brilliant young woman deignominious failure. In fact have more than a four months' cent of illiteracy of the native so has fewer towns than North clared that she hoped the numthere is no such thing as popu- term. The school terms in white people, second; in length Carolina and less persons to the ber was not large. lar education here. For the New Jersey, Rhode Island, of school term, forty-ninth; in square mile. In spite of these "I often feel a prompting to people are not educated. More Massachusetts, Maryland, Dis- amount expended for each pu- facts Mississippi offers its chil- do some queer and unconventhan a third of those over ten trict of Columbia and Connecti- pil, forty-eighth; in amount of dren a five-months school term. tional thing, just for the sensacut are three times as long as tax in proportion to wealth, Mississippi does this by paying tion of doing it, and to surprise law—a law of love.—Home lic liquors in the State, and the ours. There are thirteen States forty-third; in salaries paid money for it. Its school tax is others," she said. "It is a real Companion.

ARE WE TAXED TOO HEAVILY?

thing over half the average for it. the United States.

ing public such humiliating having seen the cause of our

Very nearly all the school tax the Legislature, less than twen-Here again we are behind in educational progress. Two-thirds of the school funds in the United States are raised by local taxes.

OUR LARGE GENERAL SCHOOL

This is our need now in North

There are objections that local taxation may suit Maine, as an agricultural people. We high in a working day of eight himself conspicious, to "show who said: "Whose findeth a horse ever saw? He don't like it hear men, saying that good schools cannot be maintained among a population so scattered as ours. Local taxation is not sixteen years, but may reach mere silliness or vanity than Let us see what it costs to ed- peculiar to the North or to cicent of illiteracy among their ucate children in the different ties. Kansas and Nebraska are native white population. There States. The average for the great farming States and setare seventeen States with less United States is \$18.98 a year tled only about half as thickly than two per cent. Counting for each child. We spend upon as North Carolina. Kansas the District of Columbia and each child only \$3.40 a year. has no State tax, and Nebraska excluding the Indian Territory This is less than any other only three-tenths of a cent, but and Alaska there are forty-nine State, except South Carolina by local taxes Kansas keeps its States and territories. There which spends \$3.28. The wealth schools open six months and Ne- earth," said the merchantile firm of are thirty-seven of these that of Massachusetts is five times as braska seven. Arkansas is not Haas, Harris, Brim & McLain. of odd person is apt to miss this alhave only half as much illitera- great as North Carolina's, but as densely settled as North Car- Daws n, Ga, in a recent letter to the together, and thus be shut out cy among their native white Massachusetts spends for each olina. Its tax rate for schools Chamberlain Medicine Co. This is from those sweet, common bless- Spain are forming an alliance noticed that those who say my population as North Carolina. child at school about ten times is two-and-a-half times as great the universal verdiet. Chamberlain's ings which should bloom daily to fight the United States preaching is coarse are the sore-In other words the white people as much as we (\$33.98). Sev- as ours, and two-thirds of it Pain Balm is the finest preparation in every peaceful and well or- Should they attempt to annex backed ones that the devil has of North Carolina are twice as en Southern States spend for comes from local taxes. Arkan- the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, dered house hold. It may be Hawaii or free Cuba and the re- been riding. Morth Carolina are twice as the white people al- the education of their children sas' school term is nearly twice beniese business beniese business business

> Carolina and they raise all, or For sale by N. B. Hood, Druggist, local taxes, and all have an

than North Carolina. Its per It would be interesting to know more than twice as heavy as wrench to go on my way and North Carolina's. As a result give up the notion, but I will

kansas and Kentucky; there taxes in North Carolina are not our ignorance and selfishness sister Helen, who is the most costs. lation than North Carolina. are forty-one States (all but enormous. They are less than and narrow-mindness. We are eccentric person on earth." eight) that have five months' any where else in the Union, behind all other States in the a larger per cent of negro poputerm or longer, this includes except in Nevada and Idaho. education of the people. The She reveled in gowns and hats

There is no pleasure in mak- Train Blown From the Track.

Concord, N. H., July 15 .nado which devastated the

platform at the summit of the from the track and down the tle more from her. precipitous side of the mountain. It was completely de-

have been a terrible loss of life terruption in the train service.

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ture three of the best remedies (D swellings A 25 cent bottle of this

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE LA-DIES, FURNISHED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

A LOST CHILD.

Munsey's Magazine. -Joseph Dana Miller, in

HOW NOT TO BE ODD. BY KATE UPSON CLARK

Helen was indeed eccentric. animals, rejoicing in the shrieks violence. The terrific cloudburst and tor- of the "other girls," for the sake of shocking whom the northern portion of the State doubtless indulged her whims. on Wednesday furnished a She carried little snakes around United States in the interest of help me God, I would never startling addition to the history in her pocket. Finally she be- an international bimetallic con- give my influence while I live of Mount Washington and its came engaged to a man whom ference and the two together to foster an institution that will she had known only two days, have made a proposal to Eng- ruin my boys after I am At the afternoon hour, when and was married to him within land to join in the movement. as you have been doing. the wind had attained its high- a week. It is not strange that It is reported that the confer- never have anything to do with est velocity, one of the moun- after living with her husband ence will be called to meet in liquor. I will never use tain trains, consisting of a pas- less than a year they were di- the United States. senger car, baggage trailer and vorced. Then, with a broken in North Carolina is imposed by engine, was standing on the heart, which has its use as an antidote for "oddity," she remountain. The wind picked it tired with her caprices to an upup as if it had been a toy and per room in her father's house, blew it completely over, off and the outside world heard lit-

The father and mother of this willful young person were excellent people. They did not Luckily, there was absolutely realize that their daughter's no one either on the engine or performances and her unoridled bing away. in the car, else there would indulgence in the whims which usually amused more than starto record. There was no in- tled them were leading her on a dangerous road. It is possible that they might have diverted her restless activity into useful channels if they had only begun soon enough, but they feared, like most parents of "odd" children, that they might be smothering genius in thwarting or restraining her; so they gave her her way, and it led to her life-

long unhappiness. are not cherished by him as genius, and all the common

One of the chief accomplishments to be taught the young is not getting their share of the of living with others." The bruises, burns, scalds, pains and if too strictly insisted upon, cle Sam's Navy; all her war- right side, you and I will be as warps and degrades our civili- ships have been notified to be in thick as seven in a bed; but if zation. This is undoubtedly readiness and prepared to sail you are not, I don't want to be true, but, on the other hand, a at a moment's notice. certain amount of conformity to exacted from each individual as medicine by Storck in 1762. 1807 by Sir Humphry Davy.

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bers will be impaired. Conformity to higher precepts requires a considerable degree of uniformity as well.

There are none so good to live with as the comfortable ones whom we can count upon; or, as the saying is, can "put our finger on" when we want to know how they stand. For all that most of us care, the ecentric ones may go their brilliant from the usual shackles. The great majority of good people recognize an obligation to pare

lation than North Carolina, yet Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, The tax rate for all purposes in sooner we recognize this fact the of bizarre patterns, never by Thursday a severe earthquake principal objection to him is the West Virginia, Texas and Flor- North Carolina is only some- sooner we may hope to change any chance getting anything shock was felt, and much dam- same objection I have to a louse like anybody else's. She got age was done to walls of build- he gets his living off the head up in the middle of the night, ings in the city. The inhabi- of families. It is true he is ensaddled her pony and took long tants were greatly frightened. gaged in a damnable business lonely rides. She dissected In 1895 this same city experi- manufacturing drunkards of mice and all sorts of available enced several shocks of great your boys and sending them to

** The McKinley wave of prosperity seems to have been caught and locked up. Suppose the ring at Washington is on guard and will keep it confined to its own interest. The Republicans have it by the horns and the Populist by the tail. Poor thing, its life blood is eb-

** The "dog days" are upon us, that is the heated term of July and August in which dogs are said to be subject to go mad Some noted scientists say that this is all a mistake; that a dog is as liable to go mad from rabies in December as in July.

It is quite worth while for obtained a divorce from his question under consideration. parents to consider, when they obtained a divorce from his question under consideration. It's whether or not you are de-He can pull a weight of 900 find "oddity" cropping out in a ately left for Cincinnati where cent yourself. 'His preaching's pounds without wheels on a child, whether his little foibles he married a wealthy young too coarse!' Say, do you know He can lift 500 tons ten feet much through a desire to make acting on the advice of Solomon coarsest thing a sore-backed off," as from a spontaneous wife findeth a good thing, and He attains his greatest size and irressistible impulse. Od- obtaineth favour of the Lord.'

** North Carolina has not as He can exist five days with sense in the family may well be yet been recognized by Presi-His supporters in this State are

routine, and to what is known . Aconite grows in Siberia and

NOT SATISFIED.

Yet the eye is not satisfied!!

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are you may feed it every day and hour, just what a horse needs when in bad With the honey-dew of love's sweet

The heart is not satisfied; For more than the world can give it It has infinite wants and infinite needs; or the happiness of large num- | And its every beat is an awful cry or love that never can change or die;

The heart is not satisfied ! -From the Editor's Scrap Book.

Rev. Sam Jone's Plain Talk.

One may not approve everything Rev. Sam Jones says or does; but he has the knack of compelling the people to hear him, and causing them to understand his meaning. He has ways and glory in their freedom been speaking in Iowa, which was a Prohibition State till the late deal of the Republican party with the liquor party of that off their eccentricities, and live State. The laws have been so humbly and modestly according amended as to permit both the credit of this infamy belongs to the Republican party, which ** The Canadian authorities has the support of many profesthere is not half as much illiter- not yield to such an impulse, fined the man, who tore down sing Christians, including many had it. It makes me, for one during the celebration of the cal. Sam Jones has been hold-Iowa, and this is the way he talked to his audience:

"I am not much given to lam-** At Laibach, Austria, last pooning the saloon-keeper. My hell, but I want to tell you that he is simply manufacturing to order. You have licensed him ** France has joined the to do that kind of work. So will never go where it is sold, I will never vote for it, and I won't train with the gang that

"I am not responsible for the election of any man, but I am responsible before God for my ballot, and if there is only one Prohibition vote cast next election day, you can put it down that that fool preacher Sam Jones, down in Georgia, cast

"The Republican party says it is a party of moral ideas. It is a lie. Talk about a party of moral ideas planting saloons all over this State! I say it is a lie. The Democratic party is just as bad, but it doesn't pretend to be virtuous; it doesn't play the

May be some of you old Republican sinners are saying to yourself: 'I don't like that fel-** A young minister of the low's preaching; he's too coarse. Christian church in Kentucky Let me tell you that isn't the widow. He undoubtedly was that a curry-comb is about the a bit. He begins to kick whenever he sees it coming. But a horse that is sound all over just lays up against a curry-comb and enjoys it. The trouble isn't that the curry-comb is coarse, solid food and without water, brought to bear upon its destruc- dent McKinley in any appoint- but that the horse has a sore ments of much importance. back. So the trouble isn't with my preaching, for if you are sound in your religion it won't what the clever author of the pie, they think. The prosperi- hurt you, but if the devil have "Our customers say you manufac- "Petrie Estate" calls "The art ty wave has not struck them yet. been riding you old rascals around until your backs are sore it will probably seem a little ** It is stated that Japan and coarse to you. I have always

"If you are clear over on the thick with you, you dirty dog." -The Templar.

Potassium was discovered in