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SOME MOTHER'S CHILD.

At home or away, in the alley or street. Whenever I chance in this wide world to meet. A girl that is thoughtless, a boy that is wild. My heart echoes softly: "'Tis some mother's child."

IT PAYS TO FARM.

"Only a boy," is a very common phrase, and it generally means that a youngster cannot be expected to settle down to the serious business of life and achieve any marked degree of success. This is a mistake. Frank Hagan, of Ingersoll, Tex., is sixteen years old. He has just quit school after winning several prizes. During his school days he cultivated three acres of land at odd times, producing cabbages weighing 30 pounds and onions averaging a pound each. The crop netted him enough to pay for forty-eight head of range cattle.

That boy deserves a medal—Atlanta Constitution.

A LITTLE GIRL'S EXPERIENCE IN A LIGHT HOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers of the Gov. Light house at Sand Beach, Mich. and are blessed with a daughter four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measles followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly until she was mere "handful of bones".

The Big Show managers of Chicago have ordered the Florida exhibit to be removed. The complaint is it is not kept in order.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

MEET AND TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS.

- Bills ordered to be paid: L. F. Ziebler, \$10.00 for 2 coffins. 1 for Sam Harris, 1 for Tom Armstrong. L. W. Parker, \$5.50 for taking lightning rod from Court House, and care of Court House for month of July. J. H. Robinson, \$23.60 for board of prisoners and T. K. fees. B. H. Miller \$9.25 care of Bettie Bunch. W. P. Jones \$44.24, for 2 days and mileage as Commissioner, 3 days and mileage revising tax list and labor on the Dillard and Rocky Hock bridges. E. F. Waff, \$8.17 for repairs on Bolton Bridge. T. D. Byrum, \$16.45, 1 day clerk to Board, 3 days clerk to Board revising tax list, minutes for publication and fees for July. Z. W. Evans \$68.28 for lumber on Dillard Mill bridge and 2 months supplies to poor house. L. W. Parker \$2.25 for over charge of Miles Tatum's tax. J. W. Spruill, \$2.00 for assisting the Board in revising the tax list. E. F. Waff \$13.00, for 2 days and mileage as Commissioner and 3 days and mileage revising tax list. J. H. Robinson is hereby instructed to get a home for A. J. Jordan. J. W. Spruill is hereby authorized to keep Jim Harris from Edenton and if he can not keep him from town, to send him to poor house. Ordered, the Sheriff have the necessary white washing done in the Court House. That the clerk or W. J. Hardison on the tax list, if he being sick in his time. That the Sheriff have a gate put on the Court House, out of galvanized iron also have it painted if necessary. T. D. BYRUM, Clerk.

If France really wants to fight something small let it drop Siam and square off a Governor White—Chicago Mail.

It is not so bad as to banks. There are 3,900 National banks. Of these 105 have failed, and some not National. Most will resume business. There have been no failures in twenty one States and Territories, and in New York City but one failure.

The Chicago Silver Convention adjourned. It was against repealing the Sherman law until free coinage comes. Ex-Representative Pierce, of Tennessee, made a fierce attack upon the President.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE.

The Complete School Charts lately bought by some of the Districts are now in the care of Mr. A. T. Bush, Edenton, from whom the Committees should, without delay, get them.

I recommend that when not in use by the School that bought them they be loaned, under proper safeguard, to a neighboring school.

The time for the next regular examination of applicants for Teachers' Certificates is September 14th, 15th and 16th, if under the terms of the Law (page 46, section 10, Public School Law) any extra examinations are necessary, let the applicants come to me on Wednesday, August 16th.

I would call the attention of teachers to the University of North Carolina's "University Courses." Instruction will begin at Chapel Hill, Sept. 7th. Public School teachers will receive free tuition. Prof. E. A. Alderman, of the Chair of History and Philosophy of Education, invites correspondence.

Respectfully, ROBT. B. DRANK, Chowan Co. Supt. Public Instruction, THE FARMER.

The farmer has his drawbacks of course, and his produce often does not bring him as much as it should, but his position of independence if he makes the most of his opportunities and advantages, puts him a long way ahead of us. As an exchange says, in these times of financial stringency, when the banker, the merchant, the mechanic and the professional men are at their wits' end to keep enough cash on hand to supply the necessities of life, the independent position of the farmer is sharply illustrated. His hens furnish eggs; his cows milk and butter, his garden seasonal vegetables and fruits, his corn the sweetest of meal, his poultry yard, pig sty and pasture the best of meats and the surplus yield of his well tilled fields are readily exchanged for what he does not produce. Happy and enviable is the lot of the farmer!—Go'd Leaf.

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