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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1912. NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS. More healthy interest is being manifested this year in the annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, which will be held at Greensboro this week, than was ever shown in any previous session.

It is said that the Teachers' Assembly this year will recommend certain legislation of vital importance to the educational progress of the State. If this is true, The Chronicle hopes and believes that the members of the State Legislature will give heed, believing in the capacity and patriotism of the teachers. Among other laws which it is said the teachers will recommend will be one for compulsory education. The State has an excellent child labor law, a law that is good from every humanitarian and broad economic and social aspect. A law that will compel all children between the ages of six and 12 or 14 years to attend school for four, five six or more months a year could be even more valuable. The child labor law has met the hearty approval of the people of the State. The Chronicle believes that a compulsory education law would be just as popular as soon as its workings had been demonstrated.

By all means give us compulsory education and any other just and equitable laws that will help North Carolina to develop and quicken the intelligence and increase the efficiency of her people. In one of its bulletins, the United States Geological Survey at Washington calls attention to the fact that it does not make analyses or assays of ores or metals for private parties. Many specimens and samples are received by the Survey, accompanied by requests for such treatment, with which it is impossible to comply. The force of chemists employed in the Survey is small, and their time is fully occupied by their official duties. The Geological Survey has no facilities at all for making gold and silver assays. The most that can be done is for the Survey geologist to give an off-hand opinion based on a simple examination of the specimen. If an assay is desired the proper course is to employ a private assayer or to send the specimen to one of the government assay offices, where a regular charge is made for such work. When specimens are sent to the Survey for examination, applicants should be particular to state whether they wish them returned, as otherwise they will be destroyed. Government assay offices are located at Carson, Nev.; Seattle, Wash.; Boise, Idaho; Helena, Mont.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and Charlotte.

It is to be hoped that the special committee of the board of aldermen will quickly decide to accept the proposed agreement arrived at between the executive board and the Southern Power Company for the better lighting of the streets of the city and the installation of a "white way" in the up-town section. With all of the present wooden trolley and electric light poles removed and ornamental iron and steel poles placed at intervals of 50 feet along the sidewalks the streets uptown will present an entirely different appearance. The only wooden poles remaining for a little while would be those of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which is now preparing to put its wires underground.

Charlotte is a busy place. It has been fortunate in having comparatively little loading during the recent years, except among a rather worthless class of negroes. The police department, however, should keep on the heels of this class and thereby aid in the construction work going on in the city. Much effective work has already been done but the situation demands that they stay on the job all the time.

Dr. F. O. Hawley declares that Charlotte is the healthiest city in the South and the second healthiest in the United States. That's awfully good news. Now if we clean up and keep the town real clean we can practically put the doctors out of business and confine the drug stores to the soda fountain and candy trade.

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The newboys and bootblacks might be a little less noisy about their wares in the Sunday morning church house.

LEGALIZED GRAFT.

A report of the Postoffice Department shows that the franking privilege extended by the government to members of the House and Senate cost that department nearly 20 million dollars last year. The deficit of the department for the last fiscal year was more than a million and three-quarter dollars. The cost of hauling political ammunition carried under the franking privilege was three and a quarter million, so that there could have been quite a neat profit shown by the department if the Senators and Representatives had confined the use of the frank to legitimate purposes. And this does not take into account the cost of the paper and the printing of the tons of this political reading matter.

The Chronicle would like to see Representative Robert N. Page of North Carolina made chairman of a special committee during the next Congress to investigate legalized graft in its several phases. The Democrats have cussed Republican Administrations for extravagance and kindred failings. Now is their chance to make good their talk. Congressman Page made himself conspicuous for his fight against the big mileage allowance given members of Congress, against the free seed graft and against the bill to increase the salaries of Senators and Congressmen. It is a well known fact that it does not cost 20 cents a mile to travel, even including Pullman and dining car service. In the olden days when the allowance was fixed it probably did cost that much. The seeds distributed by the government are notoriously no-good and there are precious few secretaries of Congressmen and Senators who receive the full \$1,200 now allowed to their employers as their pay.

The aggregate of the legalized graft if it could be ascertained and published would appal the Nation. The people would fare much better if this vast amount of money were put on post-roads and the postal rates were reduced. Penny postage could quickly become a fact if the Postoffice Department did not have so much dead stuff to carry. Congressman Page has very clear-cut ideas about this matter and with his fearless aggressiveness and natural ability he would no doubt get some mighty good results if given an opportunity.

It is interesting and gratifying to note the volume of capital being attracted to North Carolina for investment. The Southern Aluminum Company is spending millions in the development of its waterpowers and aluminum reduction plants at Whitney and just a few days ago mention was made of the fact that Pittsburg capitalists are preparing to invest six millions in the development of waterpowers and enterprises in the mountain section near Asheville. Add to this the amount of railroad building and other construction work of a gigantic nature going on in the State and the aggregate is almost beyond comprehension. And just a few years ago we thought we were poor and our young men were emigrating to the West and Southwest!

The newspaper men in various places are in a receptive mood in so far as the distribution of patronage under the new Democratic administration is concerned. Sherrill of The Evening Tribune is said to be pretty sure of the Concord postoffice. Atkins has a pretty good chance at the office at Gastonia and J. A. Robinson, formerly editor of the old Durham Sun, is hankering after the Durham postoffice. Bivins at Albemarle is in a receptive mood also. It cannot be denied that the pencil pushers had a large part in the recent campaign and why should they not have some "pie"?

Cleveland moved in quick succession from the position of sheriff at Buffalo to that of Governor of New York, then to the Presidency, and for his last term was nominated in spite of the bosses of his State. Wilson moved in quick succession from the position of president of Princeton College, to that of Governor of New Jersey, then to the position of President-elect in spite of the bosses of his State.

The other cities of the State can't understand why Charlotte, the center of the largest electrical distributing system on the Continent if not in the world, has not before now had an adequate and creditable street-lighting system. No city of more than 10,000 inhabitants in the Carolinas is more poorly lighted than Charlotte. However, even the best of them will not be able to touch us when the new system is installed.

The Atlantic Coast Line has just increased its capital stock six million dollars. This is an interesting fact to Charlotte folks when the announcement comes on the heels of various and sundry interesting rumors regarding the extension of the Coast Line into Charlotte, either from Wadesboro or from Raleigh, which it is expected will soon have the road through the building of the short gap between that city and Spring Hope.

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A Los Angeles maniac threatened to blow up a building unless wages were raised. Sometimes when a man asks for a raise he is "blown up" and "fired."

Isn't it refreshing to listen to Dr. Alexis Carrel, the recent winner of the Nobel prize, acknowledging that the work of others before him made it possible for him to win the prize?

SPARKLERS

LEARN FROM THIS DOG. (Exchange.) "Alas!" sighed Fido, in the pound, "I hope by friends I'm quickly found. For preparations here await. Did you friends to foretell a mass-cur?" (Kind friends, I know this pun's fettered far. But, since this is a time of war, it may be well for some of ye to learn the word's not mass-cur.) (New York Press.) What comforts a woman is that every gray hair she finds is the first one. (Chicago News.) Transient Guest—I never saw such a crowd of pessimists as in this boarding house. Old Boarder—Yes, did you notice that even the milk is sour? (Galveston News.) The worst day in the life of any young man is the one in which he conceives an idea that he is being oppressed by capitalism because he can't make a living at playing pool. (Boston Transcript.) Heard in an Elevator.—Observing Gent—Pardon me, madam, but your hair is coming down. Lady (turning)—Mine? Observing Gent—I think it is yours, madam. (Towler.) Two Spentbirds.—"My dear girl, you spend all your money getting your hand red." "And you spend all yours, old boy, in getting your nose red." (Funch.) In Case of Fire.—Captain—Supposing the barracks were to catch fire, what call would you sound? Trumpeter (newly joined)—Sure, sorr, I'd sound the "cannon fire." (Pack.) A Modern Wonder.—College President—You can't get into our college. You aren't qualified in the entrance requirements in Sanskrit, Greek or Calculus. Prospective Student—No, but I am very well grounded in reading, writing and arithmetic. College President—Great Scott, man, you don't need a college education! Why don't you go into business?

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A Square Deal For the State.

(Greensboro News.) The Durham Herald says: "The Democratic Congress is not going to give the country free trade and in making tariff reductions it could not do better than to treat all sections alike." Our contemporary has it doped out in the proper form; and we may here remind our friend that the people of North Carolina have returned Mr. Simmons to the Senate for the reason that he demanded a square deal for North Carolina and the South and that there should be no discrimination against this section in favor of other sections. This State is to be congratulated that a large majority of the Democrats, in their wisdom, saw the point.

Road to Linville Far From Completion.

(Greensboro News.) Much work has been done on the 13 miles of the present county road from here to Linville, which the new highway will follow in a general way with many improvements, including the taking away of a huge chunk at Alamont to avoid two bridges. This will require a detour to maintain grade. It is the hope of all concerned that this connection with the Yonahouse road may be completed by a year from now. That will be doing the present Humpback Mountain stands between Linville and the Crest of the Blue Ridge Highway.

Hitting at Us—And Not Missing.

(Greensboro Record.) Says The Charlotte Chronicle—"Greensboro has recently enacted a law against unnecessary noises by automobiles and other noise-making agencies. This is something new in the State City, which has heretofore done the noise-making on every occasion, and often without any occasion at all." Just the same, you appear to have heard from us. You might have thought that we were a commission form of government almost as bad as Richmond. You have too many cooks who are eternally spoiling the broth. Get up. Progress. Don't be so slow.

Winston-Salem Wants It.

(Statesville Landmark.) Citizens of Winston-Salem have been demanding for years that the office of the collector of internal revenue be located in the Twin-City, on the ground that so much of the revenue of the district is collected there. The coming of the Wilson administration has revived the hope of the Winston-Salem people in this direction and the board of trade and the tobacco trade have endorsed Col. G. E. Webb of Winston for collector with the expectation, of course, that if he is appointed the office will be moved to Winston.

ODDS AND ENDS

Designs have been completed for the memorial bridge which the city of Augusta, Ga., is to erect in honor of Major Archibald W. Butt, who perished in the Titanic disaster. Work will begin in a few weeks. It will be a handsome re-enforced concrete structure in three arches, spanning the Augusta canal.

New records for depth were established by the United States submarine boat P-1, during a six-hour submerged cruise in San Francisco Bay. The boat went down to a depth of 233 feet. The vessel maintained this depth for ten minutes while traveling at a speed of six knots, rising to a depth of 19 feet, it proceeded at a speed of eight knots. The previous record was 255 feet.

Last May J. R. Stele planted an acre of land in early potatoes, which for ten years to Early Rose and Garfield varieties of potatoes. They were irrigated twice. Last week he started to dig them and found that the hills run together. A continuous line of solid spuds. Many of the plants had enough on them to fill a five-gallon oil can. Most of the spuds are four to six inches long and weigh four pounds each.—Portland Oregon.

Since the advent of the "Houn' Dawg" song everybody has heard of the Ozarks. But the Ozarks have long been contributing to legends. The greater part of the lead pencils of the world are made from the red cedar of the Ozarks.

The word "chore," generally used in the plural is not slang, but an English word of highly respectable lineage. In this form it is found only in America, in England the spelling and pronunciation being "char," though this is rarely used except in combination with "woman"—"charwoman." But in some of the provincial dialects, that of Cornwall, for example, the word "chore" is used precisely as we use "chore." All these forms are due to us from the Anglo-Saxon word "carr," or "carran," to turn over.

The "sandwich men" of London have been in difficulties owing to some provisions in the new insurance laws of Great Britain. One would be sorry to hear of any misfortune to these "piquant slices of humanity." In no other city have they been so conspicuous as in London, where the occupation has been an unfailing resource of the "out-of-work." A line of these men clad in bathrobes recently spread the fame of a Turkish bathhouse in that city, and others dressed in the warpath called attention to a big aero meet.

Little Tommy, at the "movies," saw a tribe of Indians painting their faces and asked his mother the significance of this, according to The San Francisco Chronicle. "Indians," his mother answered, "always paint their faces before going on the warpath—before scalping and tomahawking and murdering." The next evening after dinner, as the mother entertained in the parlor, a visitor asked his young man, Tommy rushed downstairs wide-eyed with fright. "Come on mother," he cried; "let's get out of this quick! Sister is going on the warpath!"

Is your husband cross? An irritable, fast melting disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always good natured. A great many have been permanently cured of stomach trouble by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

CURRENT COMMENTS

Lawyers May Get It (Springfield Republican.) With the party of Jefferson again in power there will be renewed interest in the efforts to obtain as a national memorial the home and the burial place of the sage of Monticello, which his namesake, Jefferson M. Levy, declined to sell. The legal opinion which is said to have been obtained that Congress can acquire Monticello under the right of eminent domain, is interesting. An agreeable morsel is offered for the contention of the constitutional lawyers.

Reno to Reform.

(Chicago Tribune.) No State will care to take in the matrimonial wash of the country permanently. The divorce business will build flashy hotels, increase the trade in groceries and meats, help the lawyers, bring certain fees for the courts and the present Legislature will give other doubtful benefits to those that play for it, but in the end the folks who have to stand for the reputation and who do not get or who do not want the profits will rebel.

Commission Form Popular.

(Baltimore Sun.) New Orleans and St. Paul, two towns of goodly size, have adopted the commission form of government. Buffalo, a city with more than 40,000, has twice voted for it, though the corrupt political machines of New York State have thus far been able to defeat the will of the people. The old idea that commission government is unsuited for cities of the largest size is gradually being abandoned.

Confidence in Wilson.

(Philadelphia Ledger.) The American people have heartily congratulated themselves that the results of the acrimonious and disquieting presidential contest is the election of Woodrow Wilson—a scholar, an unassuming, genuine man of ability, a leader of courage and high ideals and statesmanlike gifts. Governor Wilson when he takes his place in the White House, will be in a peculiar sense a "President of the whole people," rather than the representative of a party, inasmuch as great numbers of convinced Republicans who "never voted the Democratic before in their lives" contributed to the result as a means of averting the perils of Rooseveltism. Governor Wilson's training and experience, his high sense of duty to the country, and his cautious, sane attitude was disclosed in the campaign and afforded gratifying assurance that not only will the country "take no harm" from his administration, but that the tone of political life will be higher; that progressiveness in governmental policies will have a real meaning as descriptive of a genuine and desirable thing, and that the Nation and the people will continue in their forward march toward prosperity, sound government and happiness.

Again the Common Cup.

(Indianapolis News.) By an official order, issued by Secretary MacVeagh, the ban is put on the common cup, generally used on railroad cars, ships and other conveyances. The Secretary's order affects only those carriers operating in interstate commerce, but as 26 States already have passed laws governing the drinking cup all carriers are now—or soon will be—obliged to resort to this restriction. While the campaign of sterilization and the running down of germs may be easily carried to a ridiculous extreme, most persons will favor the passing of the drinking cup. Especially is this true in railway travel, where the tone of political life will be higher; that progressiveness in governmental policies will have a real meaning as descriptive of a genuine and desirable thing, and that the Nation and the people will continue in their forward march toward prosperity, sound government and happiness.

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No Indigestion, Dyspepsia or Sour, Gassy, Upset Stomach for "Pape's Diapepsin" Users. Every year regularly more than a million stomach sufferers in the United States, England and Canada take Pape's Diapepsin, and realize not only immediate, but lasting relief.

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Get from your Pharmacist a 10-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin to take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or Intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

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CHICAGO GIRL IS CHAMPION ATHLETE.

CHICAGO.—Her new made friends in Chicago are claiming for Miss Tillie Blumenthal, formerly of New York City, the title of champion all-around girl athlete of the Middle West. Miss Blumenthal has entered a number of all-around athletic contests in the girls' gymnasiums here, and has never been excelled in any of the events in which she has competed, the branches of the sport at which she excels including running, jumping (high and broad), gymnastic work and throwing the baseball.

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