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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.

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.

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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 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 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.

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 Pittsburgh capitalists are preparing to invest six millions in the development of waterpowers and enterprises in the mountain section near Asheville.

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(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.

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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.

Renovate 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 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.

Nevada has had about enough of it and Reno reports that the Legislature will be organized against the divorce laws which permit the establishment of a residence in six months.

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.

As much 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.

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.

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. It 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 and that each hill was one 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 the Anglo-Saxon word "cherr," or "cherran," 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's daughter, a 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, snarl, fuming 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.

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