

# Daily Concord Standard.

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## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

**County Board Acts on Consolidation of Districts—Encouraged By Happy Results—Settlement With County Treasurer.**

The County Board of Education held its regular quarterly meeting on Monday. After its settlement with Treasurer Swink, which by the way was perfectly satisfactory as usual, the Board took up the matter of further consolidation of school districts and building of first-class school houses—a thing begun last July and carried in several instances to a successful issue—in several townships.

Representatives of two districts in No. 10, seeing the good results of the consolidation of several districts and the erection of splendid houses last summer, asked the Board to consolidate theirs. It was done and a two room building to meet the requirements of the new district was ordered built near Bethel church.

The matter of forming two districts out of Fink's, Cold Springs and Frog Pond is deferred until a survey can be made.

Consolidation of ten other districts from five townships is now being worked up.

Esq. H C Cook, who taught the first school in the new house built by the Board last summer in the Eastern part of No. 10, reported that people were delighted with their house and, by popular subscription, had purchased and placed in the belfry a good bell. This shows how easily a good neighborhood, at first dissatisfied, can rise up from selfish views and respond cheerfully to all efforts looking to the greatest good to the greatest numbers.

Mr. Jas. P Cook, chairman of the Board, tells us that it has been the purpose of the Board for a year to reduce the number of white districts from 56 to 40, and erect splendid houses, giving at same time consideration to plans for further reduction as difficulties are surmounted.

The Standard is glad to commend this effort of the Board to a sympathetic response of the people. Districts are too numerous and houses are too poor for good results. The area of the county is too small for 56 white districts, though numerous streams and poor roads render a perfect districting at once impossible. These difficulties, we are sure, our Board will meet wisely, with the best possible good in view.

## Frank Shaw Hanged.

Frank Shaw, a negro man, who killed his sweetheart last November, was hanged at Lumberton on the 14th. He confessed guilt.

## BRUTAL CRIME IN IOWA.

**Fifteen-Year-Old Girl and Eleven-Year-Old Brother Wantonly Murdered.**

At Des Moines, Iowa, Mary Peterson fifteen years old and her brother, Thomas, aged eleven were foully murdered on last Sunday night on the outskirts of the city while returning from church. Their heads were beaten fearfully and the girl suffered the usual revolting brutality.

The bodies were thrown in ditches and the boy still groaning attracted attention, but died without giving a clue to the monster.

A negro miner has been arrested but the evidence is meagre.

**Miss Varina Davis Sponsor in Chief for the Confederate Reunion at Dallas.**

Atlanta, Ga., April 12.—Gen. John B Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has appointed Miss Varina Davis, of New Orleans, sponsor in chief for the forthcoming reunion at Dallas. Miss Davis is a daughter of General Joseph Davis, of New Orleans, and a grand-niece of ex-President Jefferson Davis.

## Items From Glass.

Glass, April 15, 1902.—The Frenchman with the bear arrived here Saturday morning about eight o'clock. After he had stayed here a while he started on his journey northward. When he went past the telegraph office some trainmen were there who called him back and gave him twenty cents to see the bear climb the pole. When it reached the top it broke some of the wires. The man had difficulty in getting him down and when he did he hastened away on account of the broken wires.

The county physician was around here yesterday evening and found several cases of small-pox, some of which he is going to take to the pest house today.

Mr. Lee Earhardt, who has been at home for a few days, returned to Charlotte today.

Mr. Abraham, who preached at Bethpage last Sunday, returned to his home in Jefferson, Ga., today. There will be a congregational meeting at Bethpage on next Sunday.

There will be an exhibition at Enochville Thursday night, given by the high school there.

## In Statesville Jail for Forgery.

A young man named Oliver Carter, who claims Knoxville, Tenn., as his home, forged a check in Statesville Saturday and for want of \$200 bail was sent to jail to await court. He did not make a good imitation and the bungling job quickly brought him to grief.

## Evidence That the Democrats Are Regaining Their Senses.

There is not much weeping over the defeat of Senator J K Jones, of Arkansas. He has been defeated in the primaries by ex-Governor Clark. We do not know anything about Clerk, but the defeat of one who was among the chief wreckers of a once great and respected party, is hailed as another evidence that Democrats are regaining their senses and are ready to retrace their steps. When the party, after the election of 1892, deserted the President it had elected and the platform which had been the creed of Democrats for a hundred years, it made Jones of Arkansas chairman of the executive committee and chief director of its campaigns. Since that time the platform utterances of national and State conventions, the speeches of the men put forward as the mouthpieces of the party and the editorials of the papers recognized as the organs, have been of a character to make men who could not discard the doctrines in which they had been reared, blush and hold down their heads. But when men like Jones are sent to the rear, hope begins to revive. Let the good work go on. Give us Democrats for candidates and put Democracy in the platform, and the voters will be with us again.—Newton Enterprise.

## Gold Pushing the Land Up.

A strange phenomena has occurred near Rockingham, in Richmond county. A tract of land embracing over half an acre in circular shape has sunk two and a half feet on one side and bulged up two feet on the other. No one can explain the mystery. Some believe that it is a sign of oil while the negro who lives there says that he is sure gold is pushing the land up.—Raleigh Times.

## Drowned by Swimming in Water Too Cold.

A young man named, Lawrence Keith of the Spartan mill, Spartanburg, S. C., was in the pond swimming and was drowned Sunday afternoon. The water is yet very cold and it is supposed he took cramp and his companions could not rescue him.

## Fortune Made at Fishing.

J H Patter & Sons of Beaufort, N. C., make the following statement that is a little fishy if true but has the tone of candor. "Daniel Bell, of Morehead City, was the most successful fisherman this county has produced. Commencing as a hand-net or seine fisherman, he died a wholesale fish dealer worth about \$30,000."

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