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"OH! CONSISTENCY."

A Defense Of the Justices Of the Peace By One Of Them.

Out this time every year a hue and cry is raised about the public roads in Stokes county. Some fellows drive into town and go into the stores and exclaim "ain't the roads worst you ever saw them?" "I believe they are," some one will say, and then some one will remark, "If the roads ain't worked better, all the magistrates in the county should be indicted." And if they should be, what would you do with them? Why, hang them or send them to the penitentiary. They get pay for being magistrates, and should all suffer for not doing their duty. Some of them get as much as 30 cents a month for certifying chattel mortgages. And they should before everyone of them, suffer the roads are not worked immediately. And this at a time when the roads are cut into great ruts and frozen so hard you could hardly get a pick into the ground. But that is all right. Let the magistrates get powder and blow up the frozen sections and then let the people who live near by come in with their mauls, axes and hammers and pulverize until we have a road-bed like they do in Forsyth county.

Oh! you J. P.'s, how you are to be envied, your place is almost as desirable as a school committee man's. "Why, said an old man to me the other day, 'the magistrates are not doing their duty, when my father was a magistrate if he heard of any kind of a row or disorderly conduct in the neighborhood he would send and have everybody that knew anything about it brought before him and punished. And now if things happen right under the nose of a magistrate, they ignore it. Says I, 'why don't you accept the magistrate's place?' You would probably make a good one." Oh! says he, they have tried to put that thing on me several times, but you don't catch me putting my head in such a place. Why if I did I would have to stop cursing the balance of you.

It's always the case. These men that do the most kicking, try to stay out of the places that are to be kicked at most.

Now I would say, I have been young and am now old, and bad roads have been "ever thus from childhood's hour." And we try to do the best we can under the circumstance as we have no slaves and the State does not give us money to hire hands. We will continue to growl about the roads until we are able to macadamize them, which without some great revolution, will be some time to yet.

Let us be charitable, the overseers of the roads would like to see good roads especially when they are going to market with a good load of tobacco. But at the same time, they are human beings like these men who kick so much and don't like to do so much work for nothing, for those who never work roads except with their tongues.

AN HUMBLE J. P.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c, at Drug Stores.

CAMPBELL.

Campbell, Feb. 1, 1904.

Mr. Editor:

I have noticed in the last paper a great deal said about strong drink and dancing. Well I suppose it takes all kinds of people to compose a world. We learn from the parables that Christ said to his little flock that we are a mixed lot and have been from the beginning of time. He said we will gather the good into vessels and cast the bad away. I am confident there are some good people in the world and there are some extra good people that are most too good to be good. The good book tells us if we offend in one point we are guilty of all. How many people do you think are living right in this world. There are many people in this world that are daily trying to beat down the great evil of drinking and dancing and yet they will partake of the same themselves. If we wield influence over the world we should abstain from all appearance of evil and we are too old to let our lights so shine that others may see our good works. I am as much opposed to drunkenness as any man but will take a dram some times. It is said whiskey is the devil's tea and it is strange to see how he administers his tea. He must be a mighty good doctor to attend to patients outside his territory. I believe in being plain for there is nothing kept secret that will not be proclaimed upon the house top. Let us first get right ourselves and get the beam out of our own eye and then we can see clearly to pull the mote out of our brother's eye. The good book tells us we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none that doeth good no not one. Let us all try and put on the breaks before we are too far gone. Let us all practice what we preach. I know this world is full of snares and pitfalls that drown men in destruction and perdition, so let us not be like the old man and his wife was. I heard they got up one morning and felt very bad. I suppose it was a weak spring morning. They stretched around a while and the old woman said I wish I was in heaven and the old man said I wish I was at the still house. Yes, she says, you always wish your self at the best place.

As for dancing we are told there is a time and season for all things and I think Xmas was the time to dance. For there was more dancing done than I ever knew. And there is no use in kicking at this for it would be the same as casting your pearls before swine and they trampling them under their feet. The good book says choose you this day whom you will serve.

BACHELOR.

Greensboro Female College Burns.

Greensboro, Feb. 18. —The Greensboro Female College building were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. There were ninety inmates, including the faculty, all of whom escaped without injury, saving trunks, wearing apparel, most of the furniture, bedding, etc.

ANOTHER CASE OF RHEUMATISM CURED BY CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by all Druggists & Dealers.

DEATH OF DR. FRANK PRINGLE.

Was One Of the Best Citizens Of the County—Lived To A Ripe Old Age.

Dr. Frank Pringle, a well known and prominent citizen of Elko, died at his home on the 16th inst. at the age of about 75 years.

Dr. Pringle had a stroke of paralysis about five years ago and had never been well since. He was confined to his room for about one month previous to his death.

The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground Thursday.

The deceased was a man of noble character, highly respected and liked by all with whom he came in contact. Although a physician he had not practiced his profession for six or seven years. He was never married and was worth considerable money.

He leaves one sister, Miss Sallie Pringle, and a host of friends to mourn his death.

DILLARD.

Dillard, Feb. 15 1904.

Mr. Editor:

Will you allow me a little space in your paper to have a little chat with the school boys and girls. Winter is here and it is not delightful these long evenings, while the cold wind is whistling through the trees and the rain and snow perhaps pattering against the roof, to sit by a crackling fire, to read some good books or papers, and hear a chorus of voices saying, we are in school and have to study every evening. That is good, just continue to do so and some day you will have a good education. But right here I would like to say a few words to some of the boys and girls. Some of them will never study at home or at school, and as a consequence their lessons are never known. They behave badly in the school room, and out of it, and grumble because they are not popular with their teacher. Then go home and tell their parents that the teacher treats them shamefully, and punishes them for nothing, and ten to one their parents believe every word of it and sometimes stops them from school. What kind of men and women will such boys and girls make? Not good ones most assuredly. Now, my boys and girls, if there is any of you reading this who is not popular at school, just say right now, it is our fault. Don't lay the blame altogether on your teacher, but turn a new leaf. Study with all your might, respect your teachers and they will respect you. Of course, a teacher is interested in the advancement of all their pupils, but they cannot help taking a greater interest in a good studious scholar than a lazy rude one. Now, just a few words to the girls. Girls help your mothers, every girl, if she be not thoroughly selfish is anxious when she gets home from school to lift some of the burdens of household management from her mother's shoulders on to her own, but unfortunately many girls wait to be asked to do things instead of being on the lookout for little duties which they are capable of doing. If you would be of any real use in the home, you must be quick to notice what is wanted, the room that needs dusting, the dishes to be washed and the curtain which has lost a ring, and therefore drooping. You must not only be willing to do what is needed, but willing to do it pleasantly without a word of complaint. Only by all

LIME ROCK.

Here I come earnestly seeking admittance into your interesting paper.

You see from the heading of my letter that I am now at "Lime Rock" teaching the public school. This is my first visit to this section, and I do so much admire the beauty of my surroundings. There are lovely mountains to behold at every turn of the eye. I often pause on my way to and from school to gaze at the snow-clad peaks of the nearby mountains.

As my school term expires with this week I wish to extend to the patrons of the school, and also the people of the surrounding vicinity, my most heart-felt thanks for the many kindnesses shown me during the few months I have spent in your midst.

I shall ever hold each of you pleasantly in memory for the many hours of pleasure you have contributed to my happiness, by extending to me the kind hospitality of your homes.

I can truthfully say, I never more thoroughly enjoyed school work in my life than I did this just spent.

My pupils are indeed lovely specimens of boys and girls, ever kind, thoughtful and obliging.

During my routine of work here it has been quite seldom that I have ever heard even a cross or an unkind word spoken among any of them, while on the other hand they seemed only too ready and willing to oblige each other upon reaching the school house in the morning. I nearly always found the floor swept, the room nice and warm, altogether presenting a cheerful and inviting appearance. Although we have had a good deal of intense winter weather to encounter with, kind deeds, kind words and loving smiles scatter sunshine along the way and more than that take all the monotony and weariness out of the work if any should have existed.

Some of you Stokes teachers may surpass me in quantity, but you certainly cannot in quality. Surely I have been serving the best people the "old North State" can produce. Many have been the pleasant days we have spent together, but we all are soon to be separated perhaps never to meet on earth again. I shall ask in my nightly prayers that God in his kindness and mercy may guide you through life and when the shadows of declining age begin to fall about you may you have lived such a life that you and your friends may look back upon these past years and say it has all been well, "there is nothing to regret."

My home is in Virginia a distance of about twenty miles from here, and while it gives me much pain to leave you I shall of course be glad to go back to my native State since I've been absent for about two months, for after all you know "there is no place like father's house, and there is no place like home."

M. L. T.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably recedes suicide and something has been found that will prevent it. The condition which usually leads to it is cured. At the first sign of depression, a great strengthening tonic should be taken. It acts on the stomach, and by all

TAKES ISSUE WITH "MR. REX."

Walnut Cove Versus King, On the "Pretty Girls" Question.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 16.

Mr. Editor:

I was very much amazed when I received your last week's paper to see that Mr. Rex, the correspondent from King, should have the audacity to make the following statement:

State of North Carolina,
County of Stokes,
Town of King.

To whom it may concern, whereas it being already known by the citizens of Stokes county, that the town of King contains the largest number of pretty girls, of any place in Stokes county.

Now is Mr. "Rex" all that ignorant or does he think that the people of Stokes county have never been anywhere and are just so blank minded that they will believe all he says?

Does he not know that the last census report only gave the town of King 38, and I dare say that there is not half that number of young ladies in the place.

I will admit King has quite a number of very pretty young ladies, but nothing in comparison with the town of Walnut Cove.

Of course he can get quite a number by taking King and the surrounding country, but that was not his assertion. "The town of King."

Isn't it a measley shame he does not know any better than to be shooting off his lip in such a manner.

Our opinion of Mr. Rex is that some young lady has so completely fooled him that on going to church (or some where else) he decided to count them, and just counted everything he saw from a stump up and wrote to the Reporter that they were all pretty girls and lived in "the town of King."

By taking Walnut Cove and its surroundings we claim to have as great a number of pretty young ladies as most any place you can find of its size.

Poor Rex, I'm sorry for you.
J.

School District No. 1, Quaker Gap Township.

Smith Feb. 12th 1904.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

We would be glad if some one who knows would tell us what is the matter with our public schools. When Prof. Harris was our Superintendent we got our State appropriation and a sum of four schools. This winter we have had only two one-half month schools in this Dist., No. 1, Quaker Gap Township. We would like to know the cause.

J. F. C.

Corn is worth 75 cents per bushel in Danbury; wheat \$1.00, potatoes \$1.00, onions \$1.00, beans \$1.50, to \$2.00, peas \$1.00, eggs 15, butter 12 1/2 to 20.

PERFECT CONFIDENCE.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by all Druggists & Dealers.

W. M. P. ASKS A QUESTION.

Mr. Editor:

Will you please let me ask a favor of some of the best men in our country. I want some one to give their views on the constitutional amendment, as there are some old men in our neighborhood that believe that they can let their children stay out of school and grow up in their ignorance and after 1908 be allowed to vote on the color of their faces. If I understand it, it is a part of the constitution, and will not be changed every two years, as other laws may be. Men, if you think you can vote just because you are white let your poll tax go unpaid until June and see whether you vote or not. The poll tax is no more binding upon you than an education will be on your child.

I hope some good man that knows the law will give us his views on the subject. It might do some little lellow some good. His father may take his old gun away from him and send him to school.

I think some of our good people are in the dark just because some office hunter told them it wasn't necessary that any should grow up in his ignorance because they intended to give us four months school. They didn't mean to say that we could let our children stay out of school and vote simply because they were white. I know of white schools that have been closed on the account of no attendance. It is not so with the negroes. They are going to school. Some of these days we are going to see negroes go to the polls and vote.

And our children be denied the privilege and then there will be bad blood rise in our veins against the negro. But why should we have any feelings against the negro, when he has just simply done his duty, and we have neglected ours? Now let us begin now and be just as sure to get our children in school the first day it starts as we are to get our tobacco in the barn by the first frost.

W. M. P.

Cotton And Tobacco.

"The farmer who has tobacco would rather see the higher prices than to hear the promise of advance," says the Greenville Reflector. The high price of cotton this year all the more emphasizes the crime of the tobacco trust in taking the tobacco crop at a song. If the cotton crop could be controlled by a trust, as the tobacco crop is, the cotton farmers would be as much in the low-grounds as the tobacco farmers are.

The tendency, since the inflow of gold from Alaska, has been for everything to go up in price. Cotton had hardly felt that upward tendency until this year. A small portion of the increase may be attributed to the general upward tendency in prices, but it is chiefly due to the increased demand and the smaller supply.

The tobacco crop this year is short—probably proportionately shorter than the cotton crop. The law of supply and demand, if it work with tobacco as with cotton, would give tobacco farmers a higher price. What prevents higher tobacco? The greed of the trust, which controls the tobacco crop, is alone responsible for the starvation prices being paid for tobacco. Simply that and nothing else.—News-Observer.

Mr. E. C. Sheppard, a prominent merchant of Dellar, spent a few hours in town Thursday.