

**MR. LASLEY WRITES AGAIN.**

**Corrects Some Things Which He Says Were Misconstrued.**

Mr. Editor:

As there seems to be so many opposed to what I have written concerning schools and teachers, I want to correct some things that are construed in a different light from which I meant them.

I noticed in an article written by a Dillard correspondent who said that "we seemed to think that every defect in the school system lay in its poor teachers." I do not think so, but do think that the main defect is in its poor teachers. It would take up too much space to name the defects that are allowed in school.

"Silly in people trying always to find fault in teachers." This is the first time you have heard me find fault, and its high time to find fault with some of them, for time spent in the school room is as precious as gold. Yes, I know teachers have faults as well as other human beings, but think that a teacher ought to be an ideal person to every pupil.

"Public schools are doing fairly good work and are improving, as anyone but a pessimist will admit." I think this could have been said ever since they were started, and in my six or seven years leave of them, do not see any difference. Seems like the same old thing.

Yes, I thought that there were new school houses built in nearly every district. Where are they? You do not know of a modern school house. Think that you have just come in from the West where they build their barns nearly as fine as their dwelling houses. All your school houses need is to be made larger and properly heated.

Dillard is not my postoffice, but have seen the school house there.

You say when the teachers become better equipped they are going to other counties to teach, where they will get higher salaries and be in better houses. I think some of them get better salaries than they earn now, and it will look very "small" of them to prepare in this county and go to other counties to teach. The county has been used as a footstool too much already.

Now, Mr. Stone, are you not aware, being a teacher yourself, that I have not condemned the schools and teachers, that they have condemned themselves, and because I have taken up the subject started by the Bowman children, who were ridiculed and made fun of because they complained of their teacher and school house, and because I have told my experience with them, you and others are treating me the same.

How many teachers go to the State Normal College at Greensboro to better their profession? Don't they spend their money on things that are as useless as the automobile in this hilly country? If you have so many pleasant thoughts and tender regards, why not teach again? If you have a lofty ambition for the log cabin and a lofty admiration for some other work, why be content? Don't you want a log cabin carved on your tombstone when you die? And the word "gallant" certainly is in the English language. Gallanting is a progressive form of the verb gallant, which I meant that the ladies and gentlemen were walking around for pleasure. Now, don't try to make a mountain out of a mole hill.

Again, some one accused me of casting insinuation on the County Superintendent and school system. All I meant was that there are being poor teachers put out teaching school, and think that I am just as well acquainted with the school doings as the next "fool."

Now, if the standard of the teachers is so high, they are my ideals, if they are well grounded on these principles.

"Successful teaching must be based on well-defined principles of individual and social life and

development, and on a clear comprehension of the aim and purpose of education. The teacher of children should have broad and accurate scholarship; they should also have a knowledge of the nature and growth of the child's mind." But preparation for effective teaching does not end with a knowledge of subject and pupil. A teacher should be acquainted with the best modern practice of the profession and with the theories on which such practice is grounded. The best that training can do is to add an increment of power to native gifts. To do this, teacher, training should have as the chief end in view, the knowledge and use of method. The above words are the words of a great educator.

Now, I am not a teacher, and have not prepared myself for one, and all the mistakes that I make, just blame the instruction I received at the free school. Here is a point to the teachers and also the children:

"It was five minutes before noon. The mayor and the State Superintendent had spent an hour talking to the children in an Ohio school, and just before the stroke of the gong the chairman of the local school committee was called upon to follow them.

"Children," he said, pointing toward the window, "as you go out from the school in about two minutes you will see a gang of men who are now shoveling cinders into a railway-train. They are earning thirty-five dollars a month.

"Beside them is a timekeeper earning fifty-five dollars.

"At the head of the train is an engineer getting one hundred dollars, and over him is a superintendent getting two hundred.

"What is the difference between those men? Education. Get all you can of it."

P. S. I am not a man seeking an office.

C. E. LASLEY.

**Mr. Jim Wall's Surprise Birthday Dinner and the Names of Some of Those Present.**

Pinnacle, June 22.—Mrs. Jesse Giles and children, and Mrs. C. W. Culler, returned home Saturday from Moore's Springs.

A Magic Lantern show will be held at Pinnacle to-night, and also to-morrow night.

Everybody subscribe for the Reporter. It is getting better every week.

The friends and relatives of Mr. Jim Wall tended him a very enjoyable surprise birthday dinner on last Sunday, 21st, it being his 59th birthday. The table was about fifty feet long, and was filled bountifully with ham, chicken, pies, cakes and other good things. He received several nice presents, among them a "Jews harp." It was real amusing to hear him play it. He was a little nervous over his surprise. His brothers and sisters were all there except Mr. Lewis H. Wall, who lives in Arkansas. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Spainhower, Mr. John Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rutledge, Mrs. Jane King, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boyles, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Fulk, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Fulk and others. The day was enjoyed by all. We wish him many more happy birthdays.

Rev. W. R. Cornett filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Protestant Church Sunday evening at 8:30.

"ARNICE"

**BEST THE WORLD AFFORDS**

"It gives me unbounded pleasure to recommend Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says J. W. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. "I am convinced it's the best salve the world affords. It cured a felon on my thumb, and it never fails to heal every sore, burn or wound to which it is applied." 25c. at all druggists.

Mr. O. L. Pulliam, of Pink Grove, was a visitor here Saturday.

**SEEDING ALFALFA.**

**Farmer Who Gave Up Ever Getting Rid of Nut Grass Sows Alfalfa and Kills It.**

Messrs Editors: I note Mr. J. B. Norris' letter in your issue of June 11th in regard to seeding alfalfa.

After repeated failures, from various causes, I have at last succeeded in getting a fine yield of hay on a field never before seeded to alfalfa. After seeding a field with alfalfa alone last October, and which failed to make a stand, I had left over some alfalfa seed. Now near my residence was a long narrow strip of land badly infested with nut grass in which last spring I had set Keiffer pears. I grew a crop of sweet corn on it last year. After removing the crop I plowed and disked it thoroughly to kill down the nut grass which escaped the cultivation of the corn crop. I had given up ever getting rid of the nut grass and was ready to put anything on it to hide the pest. I seeded on this lot fifteen pounds alfalfa seed with six pounds of common red clover, trusting that one or the other, or both, would grow for a winter cover and hide the obnoxious nut grass.

Greatly to my surprise, by December 1st, I had a beautiful stand of alfalfa and clover, to all appearance the clover predominating. It remained green all winter, and this spring grew rapidly. On May 1st I cut a heavy crop about three-fourths clover; on June 5th the second cutting was ready and appeared to be about one-half alfalfa, since which last cutting it has started off finely and there is a larger proportion of alfalfa to be seen than before.

The clover averaged about twenty inches high and the alfalfa stood at least six inches higher. While the alfalfa is not quite thick enough for a permanent stand, it is very strong and healthy looking, already making eight to ten branches to the plant. Strange as it may appear, the nut grass at this date (June 15th) is not in evidence. The clover and alfalfa together is a heavy stand. Two crops have been cut, as I have indicated, and the third is coming on. The plot adjoining this lot comprising nearly two acres seeded the same time to alfalfa alone, was a complete failure, only a few stalks standing here and there.

I have no positive reason why the plot seeded with clover should thrive, and the other fail absolutely. We can draw many conclusions, purely imaginative as to fact. My idea is that the clover was a favorable nurse crop, sheltered the young alfalfa, assisted in the inoculation, smothered down weed and grass, kept the soil moist and generally aided and abetted in the growth of the alfalfa.

This fall (in September) I intend to seed a considerable acreage with alfalfa and clover, but shall use twenty pounds of alfalfa and five pounds of clover, seeding as before with a wheelbarrow grass seeder.

Why?

(1) I get a crop of hay by this method.  
 (2) If when the clover dies out and other grasses begin to run out the alfalfa, by plowing and reseeding wholly to alfalfa, I feel confident of getting a stand, for the alfalfa that has grown will no doubt inoculate the soil and afford congenial conditions of the new seeding.

(3) The plowing under of the clover and the alfalfa (if necessary) will certainly enrich the land in addition to the inoculation.

I trust that this experiment, though only in its embryo state, will prove successful and thus afford a surer means of establishing a stand of the greatest forage plant now known.

Before closing I wish to state that the plot seeded to alfalfa and clover had no fertilizer, manure or lime applied to it, all of which

the field seeded to alfalfa alone was fully provided with. The plot may be seen on my farm five miles from Portsmouth, Va., on the Western Branch.

WINDEMERE.  
 R. F. D. 2, Portsmouth, Va.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Dr. W. C. Slate, of Capella, was here a short while Saturday.

Mr. J. S. D. Pulliam, of King, a member of the Board of Education, was here Saturday.

Mr. Ross Meadows and Miss Francis Covington visited Danbury Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Geo. W. Neal, an enterprising merchant at Meadows, was a visitor here Monday.

Messrs. N. B. Duggins and T. G. Shelton were in Danbury Saturday attending to some business.

Messrs. S. G. and Nick Wall, of Madison Route 3, were in Danbury Monday locking after some business.

Col. and Mrs. J. M. Galloway, of Madison, who are occupying their cottage at Piedmont Springs, spent a while in Danbury Monday.

**Death of Mr. Jas. T. Reynolds.**

Mr. Jas. T. Reynolds, whose illness was noted in these columns recently, died at his home on Madison Route 3, Friday evening. The direct cause of his death was probably heart-failure, though he had been in declining health for some weeks.

The interment took place at Bethesda church Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of people. The services were conducted by Revs. Mergerson and Berkley.

The deceased is survived by only one whole brother, Mr. Shack Reynolds, of Guilford county, and one half brother, Mr. J. M. Reynolds, of Madison Route 3. The wife of the deceased died eight years ago.

Mr. Reynolds was a good citizen and will be very much missed in his community.

**Mr. A. W. Stoltz Thrown By A Mule.**

Rural Hall, June 25.—Mr. A. W. Stoltz, who resides on the road between Germanton and Old Town, is in a perilous condition, the result of being thrown by a mule while returning to his home from Rural Hall late Saturday afternoon. At first his condition was not considered dangerous, but he was suddenly taken worse Wednesday night and it is now feared that he will not recover.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years it was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio, sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the Senate, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

JOHN HENRY FAGG.

**Ex-Congressman Blackburn Arrested For Trespass.**

Greensboro, June 26.—Ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn was arrested about midnight on a warrant sworn out by Lindsay Hopkins for forcible trespass.

Hopkins purchased the Blackburn home recently at a mortgagee's auction sale. Blackburn refused to vacate or to give Hopkins possession of the property and he has held possession until his arrest tonight.

Officers Barnes and Jones went to the house to serve the warrant and met Blackburn as he was about entering the house.

Blackburn asked to be taken before Mayor Brandt, who turned him loose on bail to appear in court this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

**Pension Board Meets Next Monday.**

The Stokes Pension Board will meet at the court house here next Monday. The Board is composed of Messrs. W. G. Slate, W. S. Ray and J. A. Leak.

**FIX YOUR ROOF**

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Root-Fix, the Perfect Roof Preserver, makes old worn-out roofs new. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Call or write.

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**Report of the Condition of the Bank of Stokes County, At the Close of Business May 14, 1908.**

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$30689.74
Overdrafts.....	238.65
Banking houses, \$1516.19; furniture and fixtures, \$1796.87.....	3313.07
Due from banks and bankers.....	40790.87
Cash items.....	390.45
Gold coin.....	694.80
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.....	2409.50
National bank notes and other U. S. notes.....	6862.00
Total.....	\$85388.28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid.....	1356.54
Deposits subject to check Demand certificates of deposit.....	33722.31
40250.12	
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	409.31
Total.....	\$85388.28

State of North Carolina, Stokes County, I, N. E. PEPPER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N. E. PEPPER and O. N. PETREE, Cashiers.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of May, 1908.

E. P. PEPPER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: N. E. PEPPER, O. N. PETREE, JOHN A. BURTON.

**Notice of Sale of Land.**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes County, N. C., rendered in the Special proceeding entitled "D. Y. Gordon, and others, Ex. Parte," I will expose to public sale, upon the premises in Stokes County, on Saturday, July 4th, 1908, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., to the highest bidder for cash, upon the terms hereinafter set forth, a tract of land in Stokes County, Yadkin Township, adjoining the lands of James A. Gordon, and others, containing 7 1/2 acres, more or less, and described upon the plat filed in the above entitled case in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Stokes County, N. C., and to which reference is hereunto made.

Terms of Sale:—One-half cash on day of sale, and the other half due six months after day of sale, with bond and approved security for the deferred payment, bearing six per cent. interest from day of sale, with privilege to the purchaser to pay all cash if he so desires on day of sale.

Possession of said land will be given in the fall after the removal of the crop growing on same for this year.

This the 28th day of May, 1908.

THOS. M. LAWSON, Commissioner.

N. O. Petree, Atty.

**NOTICE.**

State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court of Stokes County, Before the Clerk. Notice to Non Resident Defendants, and Order of Publication.

George W. Eads, Henrietta Tilley and her husband Walter Tilley, Emmett Eads, Joe Mabe, Walter Mabe, Sallie Hodges and her husband James Hodges, Pliffs.,

Vs. Mary Ann Ferguson and husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband William Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, Abner Mabe, Lella Mabe, John Hodges husband of Harriet Hodges deceased, Lula Justine and her husband Chas. Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband William McGee, and Hardin Hodges, Defendants.

It appearing to the Court by the petition filed in this cause and the affidavit thereto annexed and filed herein, that a cause of action exists in favor of the petitioners herein and against the defendants herein, the same being a special proceeding to divide about 140 acres of land lying in Snow Creek Township Stokes Co., N. C., on the waters of Crooked Creek, adjoining the lands of Eliza Joyce, the Lettie Joyce lands, the Walter Joyce tract, Sam Martin, R. T. Martin and others, which lands formerly belonged to Winston Eads, and which is now owned by the parties hereto as tenants in common, and this proceeding is for the purpose of dividing the same and also for the further purpose of selling the lots which may be allotted to the children of Susan Mabe, decd., and Harriet Hodges, decd., and dividing the money arising from the sale thereof instead of the land itself. It also appearing by said affidavit that Mary Ann Ferguson and her husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband Wm. Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, John Hodges, husband of Harriet Hodges, decd., Lula Justine and her husband Chas. Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband Wm. McGee, and Hardin Hodges are non residents of the State of North Carolina and after due diligence cannot be found therein, and cannot be served with process in the ordinary way, and are necessary parties to this proceeding. It is therefore ordered by the Court that notice be served upon the said Non Resident Defendants by publication thereof for four successive weeks in the Danbury Reporter, a newspaper published in Danbury, Stokes Co., N. C., notifying the said defendants of this action, and let the said defendants, Mary Ann Ferguson and her husband John Ferguson, Hartie Agee and her husband William Agee, John Mabe, Harry Mabe, John Hodges husband of Harriet Hodges, decd., Lula Justine and her husband Charles Justine, Cornelia McGee and her husband William McGee, and Hardin Hodges, take notice that if they fail to answer or demur to the petition which is filed in this cause, on or before the 29th day of June, 1908, that the relief will be granted as prayed for therein. Done at office in Danbury on 23rd day of May, 1908.

M. T. CHILTON, Clerk Superior Court.

J. D. Humphreys, Atty. for Pliffs.

**Notice of Land Sale.**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes County, rendered on the 28th day of March, 1908, in the Special Proceeding entitled "L. P. Grogan, administrator of Alex. Spencer against W. H. Spencer, et al," I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Danbury, Stokes county, on Monday, July 6th, 1908, at the hour of one o'clock, p. m., a tract of land in Snow Creek Township, Stokes Co., on the waters of Snow Creek, adjoining the lands of Sam Snider on the North, Oscar Sisk on the East, Oscar Sisk on the South, and Mary Ashby on the West, containing some 60 or 70 acres, a survey of which will be made before the day of sale, and boundaries made known on day of sale.

This the 21st day of May, 1908.

L. P. GROGAN, adm'r. of Alex. Spencer, decd.

N. O. Petree, Atty.

**NOTICE.**

Having duly qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Miss Nancy Wall, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased to come forward and make immediate payment. All persons having claims against the deceased must present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the first day of June, 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 25th day of May, 1908.

W. C. SLATE, Ex. of Miss Nancy Wall.