

The Messenger.

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THE EDUCATIONAL TEST IN LOUISIANA.

The Louisiana democrats carried the constitutional convention overwhelmingly. The republicans and populists did not vote together against it. Only some two parishes were carried by the opponents. The negroes and populists voted together. The republicans voted with the democrats mainly. It is said that the republicans are actually more united and enthusiastic as to disfranchising the negroes than the democrats are.

The leading negroes have prepared a petition to be laid before the convention. The plea offered is that the school term for negroes is inadequate and advantages ditto. The contention is that in 1895, there were 199,836 negro children capable of education.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 'The number of colored schools for the same year was 895, and of teachers 961; thus we have one school for every 221 scholars, and one teacher for every 19.7, if we assume 40 as the normal limit of scholars to teachers we need at least five times as many teachers as we have at present, or, if we take 50 scholars to the teachers, it would require 4,000 teachers to meet the present demand.'

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 'White children enrolled, 98,400; Average attendance, 69,559; Colored children enrolled, 65,919; Average attendance, 43,661.'

'From this it will be seen that less than one-half the white children of these ages are enrolled, and not more than one-third attend school, while of the colored children, not more than one-third are enrolled and less than one-fourth attend school.'

'The ages are between 6 and 18. The Picaque ridicules the idea of 4,000 teachers, and rightly says that the negroes cannot properly ask more advantages than those given to the whites, as the latter pay most of the taxes and own nine-tenths of the property. They act upon the principle if they do not ask much they will not receive much. But they are rather greedy.'

Taking up the figuring of the negro petition the Washington Post says that only 43,661 of 197,836 colored children attended school, and only 65,919 were enrolled as desiring education. There were 895 schools and 961 teachers. This leads the Post to say that 'if all the colored children enrolled had attended school, there would have been abundant accommodation for them in the matter of buildings, and there would have been one teacher for each 68 pupils. As a matter of fact, however, only 43,661 colored children attended, so there was one teacher to about 47 pupils—a larger proportion than the petition claims as necessary. Why should the state be called upon to employ 3,000 more colored teachers when official statistics show that there is nothing for them to do.'

The trouble in most southern states is that the school terms for both races are too short, the pay of teachers is inadequate, and the standard of requirement too low. That is the first trouble to be encountered in the education of the masses. The next trouble is very serious. The children of neither race avail themselves of such opportunities for learning as are offered. The whites fall far short of duty in compelling their children to attend school. If anything, in North Carolina the whites are behind the negroes in the matter of public schooling. We notice in the last Monroe Journal that there were 931 children of school age in one district, and but 445 in actual attendance or 47 per cent. We favor an education qualification for all electors after a certain time specified. If the whites will not have their children taught to read and write let them be disfranchised with all other illiterates. The south is moving in this matter of an educational qualification to vote, and in Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia and South Carolina the matter is canvassed freely. In Mississippi, however, there is already an educational qualification in the constitution as believe.

THREE CASES OF STOMACH REMOVAL.

The case in Switzerland of a woman's stomach being removed some four months since has attracted not only great attention among the doctors, but has also interested a great many others outside of the profession. The Messenger promptly gave some account of the most astounding operation and its success so soon as it was reported in the New York Medical Record. The woman is getting along well without any stomach at all, and has actually fattened. This is a severe re-echo to old theories, and if this operation is confirmed in the future it would seem as if the doctors would have to abandon entirely all the old theories and practices as to the stomach, and

even get rid of that rebellious member of the human system. With the stomach discarded as an useless offender, and the introduction by discovery of such an unpleasant and serious addition as an appendix, the use of which does not yet appear, it would really seem as if surgery had other surprises in store of a complete revolution. While the medical world keeps its eye upon the operation upon the woman at Zurich, other experiments are already made and treated. In St. Louis last week—Wednesday—a man's stomach was removed, but the patient died in a few hours. He was aged 46 and was a machinist. In Milwaukee a woman was operated upon for cancer of the stomach. She died in four hours. These experiments rather damage the new theory. What will be the final conclusion time will show.

Robbed the Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: 'I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunk-in, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Bitter Bitters', and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim.' No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

'The Protestant Faith or Salvation by Belief.' By Dwight Hinckley Olmstead. Third edition with an Introduction on the Limitations of Thought.' G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London, 1891. The book we have not read, but find on page 16, the following: 'Let us examine the peculiar but pernicious tenet of justification by faith.' How sound it is and how much on orthodox lines it runs we may not determine. But the quotation given is suspicious. It contains 79 pages and is well printed.

'The Golden Day and Miscellaneous Poems,' by William T. Dumas, Philadelphia. The Levytype Company, 1891. It is a handsome volume of 143 pages, admirably printed on fine paper. It is evidently by a southern writer, for there are tributes to such famous southern as President Jefferson Davis and General Joseph E. Johnston, and a poem entitled 'From the Valley of Shadow.' The writer shows variety of gifts and the lyrical is well represented. The customs and pleasures of southern are well considered in melodious numbers:

'The Sideboard,' containing 'The Vintage Pressed in '59,' which had 'trembled at the cannon's sound' 'And blushed at Sherman's swath of flame' reviews in such stanzas as the following, the tender sides of the recollections of the 'Old South.'

'No more those summers shall we view 'Their suns are set, their fervors cold; 'Then let us labor with the New 'And never cease to love the Old.'

A kindred thought is expressed in the 'Dinner Horn' where the poet recalls his boyhood days, and sings: 'The cherry's blood was richer then 'The peach was of a deeper hue; 'And I have wondered if again 'The skies can ever be so blue.'

He has the poetic spirit and loves the 'sunny south,' no doubt. The price of the attractive volume is \$1.

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HOME FOLKS.

Daily New Bernian is a new daily, neat and small, just begun by Messrs. G. W. and J. M. Charlotte. Its initial number promise well. It says:

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No one can blame the governor for commuting the death sentence of Ben Field to imprisonment for life. The court and many officials and lawyers and citizens of Edgecombe county all ask for this. The failure to convict Alfred and the convicting of Field show how imperfect and unjust jury trial now is in North Carolina. The whole business is farcial when not tragical. The governor should put the breaks on his pardon mill and not let it run too swiftly. The pleas of interested lawyers should not be heard to the injury of the public peace and the administration of law. We despise the one man pardoning power, but will

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not censure the governor when he leans to mercy under the united plea of bar and people in a given community unless it be apparent that it is a case of judicial blindness and the signers have 'eaten of the insane root.'

COTTON MILLS IN THE SOUTH.

The Chattanooga Tradesman gives a needed hint to textile journals of the best way to make returns as to mills, etc. It says that 'to be of any real value these annual returns should give concerning new mills, the capital invested; number of spindles, looms, knitting machines; line of goods each mill will produce. The mere number of mills has very little significance. For instance, the returns we get would count the great Pelzer, with his \$1,250,000 capital, and 195,600 spindles, and looms to match a mill, and offset it with 'a mill' of \$50,000 capital and 5,000 spindles, in another state.' The trade journals, and the Tradesman among them, do not give always reliable figures as to the number of mills, etc. in the south. The Tradesman lately gave the number of mills in North Carolina far below what is correct, and with the mistake also blundered in the number of spindles and the cotton consumed. North Carolina has also 17 wooden mills. The following is not without interest:

'The record of new mills, undertaken or projected, for 1894, was 263; 1895, 337; 1896, 330; 1897, 155. Sixty-eight new mills were begun or projected on the last half of 1897. Of these thirty-one are cotton mills, eleven woolen mills, seventeen knitting mills, one linen mill. The north and east has twenty-eight of these plants, the south thirty-two. It is noted that the larger number of the northern concerns are small, and for knitting, or to manufacture silk goods.

Sixty-six cotton mills were begun or projected in the south during the year, and twelve in the north.'

'North Carolina did excellently last year. It will continue to build mills and enlarge the business, although returns are less satisfactory as to profits than this time last year.'

The Local Paper a Barometer.

The Newspaper of a town acts as a barometer in creating an impression with an outside people. That is to say if the paper is dull, it follows the town is in the same fix. The pride and satisfaction the editor takes in the progress and growth of the town; the paper's value, and its interest in the world; its reliability as a means by which the character and intelligence of a town's people may be judged by the outsider; its freedom from sensational and demoralizing features; its influence in local affairs—all are signs that the progressive, unselfish citizen welcomes with a warm hand.—Milton (Vt.) Rays.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Charlotte News: Mr. Eugene H. Bean, of Salisbury, arrived today, to become business manager of the North Carolina Presbyterian, which was recently moved to this city. He is a graduate of Davidson college, and was at one time manager of the Davidson monthly.

Winston Sentinel: Rev. Mr. Peeler, whose illness has been noted in these columns, died at 8 o'clock last night at his home in Kernersville. He was about 72 years old. Deceased had been in declining health for several years. He was a member of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

Washington Progress: Our fishermen, from the amount of money they are investing in nets, are making a very profitable business fishing this year. This is no exception to the rule, each year it seems more of our people believe there is a mint of money in opening oysters and fishing else, only to be disappointed and find at the end of the season their money invested in nets has gone.

Durham Sun: Mr. A. J. Lloyd, who is here on the jury, tells of another holdup robbery Saturday night last. He was coming from Chapel Hill after dark and just reached the crossing at the foot of the long hill this side of the village, he was set upon by two men, one white and the other colored, and his pockets rifled and a large new pocket book, a Christmas present, which contained \$9.75.

Asheville Gazette: The Southern Railway Company is doing some good work in building up the localities in the way of building new bridges and roads. An iron bridge has just been completed at the mouth of Sandy Mush Creek, and another is being erected there. There is some excitement over an attempted assault upon Miss Minnie Culbertson near Nebo camp ground on Sunday afternoon. The assault was made by one of the best families in McDowell county. While on her way to Sunday school she was attacked by a negro named Gus Harmon, who threw a stone at her if she did not stop. The girl screamed and fled from the negro. Harman fled, but was overtaken and captured.

Monroe Enquirer: A gentleman from Sandy county tells the Salisbury Sun that an attempt was made to assassinate Mr. 'Bob' Carter, a democratic legislator, at the crossing at the last election, and it is probable that the attempt to kill him grew out of these matters, though The Sun's informant knew nothing of the details. He was shot upon him with a shot gun. Some of the shot took effect but he was not dangerously injured. The party who fired the shot was a constable at Gosce Creek township, last Saturday afternoon left thirteen dynamite in a paper in the engine room at his mill and a spark ignited the paper in which the explosives were wrapped. Mr. Love went to extinguish the fire, but discovered that the danger was too great and ran, and none too soon, either, for when he was a short distance away there was a report which shook windows two miles away and was heard ten miles distant. The casing around the boiler was torn away by the explosion and the piping about the boiler badly damaged and the building slightly damaged.

Raleigh News and Observer: News from our neighboring town of Selma indicate that that thriving place is 'getting a hustle on it.' Among the new enterprises soon to be started there are two tobacco warehouses, a bank, and a cotton seed oil mill. The town already has some building some repair shops there. Plans for a new \$25,000 depot have already been made and submitted by architects.

There are rumors here of a secession of the North Carolina railroad lease fight. Whether they will ever become anything more than rumors, cannot now be said. That the rumors have some foundation in fact is a certainty, but just what the terms of the proposed compromise were, cannot be said at this time, except that it involves the leasing of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad by the Southern. This was proposed in the Railroad bill and is being considered by the state.

STATE PRESS.

Government by injunction, by grand Judge Simonton, of the United States circuit court, has taken a hand in the Stany county bond case—Charlotte Observer.

There was perhaps never a time in the state, not even in the days of reconstruction, when so much crime and disgraceful conduct prevailed among the public of this state. Scarcely a week passes without some scandal being given to the public. Fusion has indeed produced a lovely progeny.—Salisbury Sun.

From what we can learn there is less northern meat now being sold in Washington than in his history, and more farmers have raised their own meat in the county and will have more to sell than ever before. One reason for this is, our farmers are first raising their own supplies at home, and have abandoned the pine rooster of the past and have an improved breed of fowls on their farms. We are more indebted to that progressive farmer, Mr. T. H. Blount, for this change than anyone else. He has supplied our farmers with the improved stock he has introduced, and it is no uncommon thing for some of his pigs to turn out hogs weighing from 100 to 150 pounds.—Washington Messenger.

As the result of this negligence we are informed the colored Lynchettes held a meeting at the Home on Saturday, the 23rd inst., for the purpose of raising a department of the Home, jumping and delinquency until pandemonium reigned supreme, introducing into Beaufort county the 'Lynch' doctrine of the Home. The county commissioners knew, and the keeper of the Home is aware that nine-tenths of the good, law abiding citizens of the county regard these 'Lynch' doctrines as pernicious, and the unfortunate inmates should be protected from them. The majority of the inmates of the Home are aged or afflicted persons who are dependent upon the county for protection and support, and to thus allow a lot of ruffians to take upon themselves the duty to make their surroundings unbearable appeals to every noble instinct of our nature.—Washington Progress.

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Yours respectfully, J. N. McELROY, Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891. Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga. Dear Sirs:—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P., which completely cured me. Yours truly, ELIZA JONES, 15 Orange St., Savannah, Ga.

Saved by an Alligator. William Simpson, who lives at Pine Castle Fla., near Lake Marie, has a small boy named Rob, who tamed an alligator and loved him as dearly as if he had been a goat. The 'gator was called Pete, and proudly sported a copper ring in his head, as a civilized 'gator who knows tricks should.

One day Pete disappeared, and he stayed away for three years. In the mean time Robert received many spankings because he was continually playing with alligators and getting all sorts of scratches and bites in consequence. Now comes the queer part of the story that recalls the interposition of fairy godmothers. Rob was making overtures to a big alligator one day, and the saurian came at him with his large, open countenance, and the little boy began to say his prayers. Just in the nick of time another gator appeared, and the first 'gator had a fight on his hands. When the fight was over Rob discovered that his alligator was the long-toed Pete, grown, indeed, but still wearing his stamped copper ring.

This time Pete stayed and people go for miles to see the younger ride about on his back.—The Chicago News.

Suicide of a Drummer.

New York, January 20.—A. Blackney, of Wilmington, Ga., a traveling salesman of Buck & Gregg, hardware merchants of Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, shot himself in the left breast in a West street hotel today. The injured man is in a dying condition. He left a note saying that he was about to end his life because of unrequited affection.

Russia's Remonstrance. London, January 20.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times telegraphed yesterday says: At the second interview with the Tsung-Li-Yamen yesterday (Wednesday) the remonstrance of the Russian charge d'affaires, M. Pavloff, was in the nature of intimidation against the opening of Ta-Lien-Wan. He threatened reprisals and a withdrawal of Russia's friendship and protection.

Sparks. Seventeen students of Richmond, Va. college were suspended by the faculty for engaging in that species of hazing down as 'toe-pulling,' but were subsequently reinstated.

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