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THE Coon-negro-education-tax episode seems destined to develop into as notorious a case as the Cook-Pearry-North Pole controversy, locally. The columns of the News and Observer are taxed in these strenuous times to handle the various articles pro and con.

The whole State is looking on to see how Wilmington does the thing, for if she does it creditably it will be a credit to the State.—Durham Herald.

And you may just let Wilmington be going to do the thing creditably—to itself, the whole State and the occasion of the doing.

WHEN a writer makes a criticism or a charge against an individual through the medium of a newspaper, it would be more manly for him to sign his name to the article. Half the force is lost when one's identity is hidden because of the unfairness and apparent lack of courage and honesty of the writer.

CLERK H. C. BROWN, of the Corporation Commission has sent us a railroad map of North Carolina, for 1909, which is a useful publication and prized very highly. The map was prepared for the Corporation Commission by Mr. Brown and the work has been well done. All railroads in the State are shown, together with proposed roads and lumber roads. The number of miles of railroads in the State are given as follows: Atlantic Coast Line, 947; Seaboard Air Line, 617; Southern Railway, 1,352; Norfolk & Southern, 468; Miscellaneous, 986.

SOMEbody who holds official position under the State government ought to resign or be deposed if there is any authority for doing such a thing. We have reference to the delay in the matter of installing the electric chair in the State prison for the execution of the death penalty upon felons as provided by the last Legislature. Ample time has been had to get the death dealing instrument in readiness and that it has not been done seems to us without excuse and the necessity for the repeated reprieving by the Governor of the negro rapist from Robeson county is shameful and disgraceful.

PEARY AGAINST COOK.

We are publishing this week Commander Peary's alleged proof of his repeated assertions that Dr. Cook did not reach the North Pole. As will be seen by the reader his whole proof rests upon the statements of the two Eskimo boys who accompanied Dr. Cook in his Arctic travels, the statements being given in detail by the young Eskimos, it is claimed, as drawn from them by questioning of Peary and members of his party. When Dr. Cook asserted that he could prove by the Eskimos who were with him that he really reached the pole, Peary answered that Eskimo testimony was worthless; their statements could not be depended on. Yet Peary's sole evidence that Dr. Cook did not reach the pole is the statements of this same unreliable Eskimo testimony. It is needless to say that Commander Peary's promised proof has made little impression, and the public confidence in Dr. Cook's claims remains unshaken.

The Seaboard.

The triple receivership under which the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company has been operated has been ordered dissolved and on November 4, the company will resume control of its property. The receivership work has been well done. Warfield, Williams and Duncan have practically saved the railroad from being wrecked—rather they have reconstructed it from wreckage. They have done this work, too, in a comparatively short period of time, and under its recognition the Seaboard finds itself in good operating shape and in a very good money-making way. The saving of this valuable railroad property was one of the best pieces of financing that has been done in railroad circles for many years. The Seaboard is one of the South's best investments and the manner in which it has been coming to the front is a matter for gratification on the part of all interests in the development of the South.

Officers of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the State meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Wilmington last week, officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Newton; vice-presidents: Mrs. M. S. Willard, Wilmington; Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; Miss Carrie Leazar, Mooresville; recording secretary, Mrs. T. Marsh, Tarboro; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. C. Feinster, New-seconomy; Mrs. Shannon, Henderson; treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Little, Wadesboro; registrar, Mrs. W. W. Watt, Charlotte; recording of crosses, Mrs. Thomas Craig, Gastonia; historian, Miss Rebecca Cameron, Hillsboro; assistant historian, Mrs. W. O. Shannon, Henderson; chaplain, Miss Hettie James, Wilmington. The retiring president, Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, was unanimously endorsed for president general of the national organization.

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The Cade Type-Setter.

Rev. Baylus Cade, of Shelby, the inventor of the Cade type-setting machine, gave the Chronicle a call today on his return home from Philadelphia. His machine is being made in that city, and Mr. Cade has been there to make a final inspection of the drawings and to give them his approval. This has been done on Monday the work of casting the parts that are to be assembled into the completed type-setting machine, will be commenced. Mr. Cade had expected to have one of his machines completed by the end of this month, but the work of completing the drawings proved tedious. The delay, however, was to have been anticipated. The Chronicle has given in previous issues a sort of a lay description of Mr. Cade's invention. There seems to be no doubt that it will set type. Whether Mr. Cade's fullest expectations will be realized remains to be seen, but if the machine will do half what he claims for it, it will be a great thing. It gives us an assurance is the fact that no big machine shop would trifflingly waste its money on an invention of questionable value. We have faith in the Cade machine and we believe that it is going to give a printer a job—unless the Morning Star people grab it up—and against this Mr. Cade is endeavoring to fortify himself. It is quite within the range of probability that the town of Shelby will, in a short time, become known as the home of one of the greatest inventors of the age.

Governor Kitchin Attends to His Duties.

Governor Kitchin is an illustration of a man who attends to his duties, no matter what the papers say. During the canvass for the nomination many were the predictions that he would "run amuck," "the State's business would suffer" and all that. Instead he has remained at his post, declining invitation after invitation, refusing at first to go to the King's Mountain celebration, but he finally yielded. He should have gone and now he is going to introduce President Taft at Wilmington next month. But these are exceptions. He sticks to his knitting and the public is fast finding out that he is the hardest man to fool that ever held office. Cajoling him or flattering him has no effect; he insists on knowing all the facts in the case before he acts and favoritism has no place with him. Some time ago he approached a prominent gentleman and asked him about the qualifications of a certain man desiring some position. He said he wanted to know if he was competent, honest, sober and a gentleman who could be relied on. The answer was yes, but his informant remarked that he was not a prominent man. "That makes no difference to me," replied the Governor; "I want the best man for the place." And he got the position.

TOBACCO TRUST IN CANADA.

Entire Output of Essex and Kent Counties Bought Up at Fancy Prices—Over a Score of Buyers Sent Out at Once and Whole Crop Purchased in Two Days, Paying Record-Breaking Prices.

To cover the entire tobacco output in Canada, the Imperial Tobacco Co., which is the Canadian end of the American Tobacco Co., commonly known as the "tobacco trust," has decided to buy up the entire crop of the province that can be produced in Essex and Kent counties—the tobacco producing counties of Ontario—and also all that can be produced in the latter being the prevailing rate for the best quality. According to the Erie Tobacco Co. in this city, this move on the part of the trust is a very important one, including the Windsor firm. This, however, is denied by Mr. Gregory, of Leanington, manager of the Imperial Co., who, in a telephone conversation with the Record, stated that his firm was not concerned about anybody else. "We bought up the entire crop because we needed it," stated Mr. Gregory, "and we will probably need more next year."

He added that his firm put out 25 buyers, scattering them through Essex and Kent counties. They offered prices that took the farmers completely by storm. The whole crop was bought up in two days.

"Yes, things have been rather strenuous with us," said Mr. Gregory. "We have paid out about a half million dollars. I want to make it clear that it is not directed at the independent firms, although it may hurt them, but we can't help that. You know high prices are being paid just now for peaches, blueberries and every other fruit, and we do not want the farmers to go out of the tobacco business and figure that it would be the best policy to pay the farmers what we did. The farmers are well satisfied, and I know we are."

Estimating the yield in Essex county at four million pounds, this means that the farmers will receive \$900,000 for this year's crop, which is certainly a record-breaker. Kent county will produce another million or two pounds. The tobacco men all agree that the yield this year is better in quality and larger in quantity than last year.

The above article is taken from the Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Evening Record of Sept. 30th. The Mr. Gregory referred to is Mr. William T. Gregory, long time a Henderson boy, who got his tobacco experience in Henderson.

HONOR ROLL.

Table listing names and amounts for the Sixth Grade, Central Graded School, for Week Ending Oct. 15th. Includes names like Kathleen Benton, Clyde Hight, Rowena Evans, etc.

DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for anything where salve is needed, and it is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists.

Brave Mr. Block.

There is running in New York a powerful play called "The Fourth Estate," which depicts a brave editor standing against social and political and financial wrong. Finally, under terrible temptations, he stands firm and exposes a judge, grafter, though not supported by the owner. The struggle is hopeless, and, after this great service, he commits suicide, leaving a note saying that he cannot stand single-handed against continued journalistic prostitution. There are in real life brave journalists who do their duty, stand firm, and keep on fighting. Such an one is Mr. Rudolph Block who holds a position on Mr. Hearst's paper in New York. Some days ago, when it became known that Mr. Hearst and other Republicans had induced Mr. Hearst to become a candidate for Governor, Judge Gaylor stated that the report could not be true because, without solicitation, Mr. Hearst had asked the judge to become a candidate and promised him his support. Mr. Hearst admitted that he had at one time favored Judge Gaylor, but denied every material statement made by Judge Gaylor. At that point, the judge called on Mr. Block, who held a position with Mr. Hearst's paper, and Mr. Block wrote this letter.

"New York, Oct. 9, 1909.

"My Dear Judge:—I have received your letter and I cannot tell you how distressed I am over the course that matters have taken. I regret exceedingly to be drawn into the affair, but, inasmuch as I was instrumental in bringing about your meeting with Mr. Hearst and urged you so often on his behalf to run for mayor, I feel that, since you ask for it, and put the matter to me, you have a right to my testimony.

"Shortly before Mr. Hearst left for Europe last summer he asked me to bring you to his house. I think this was the second or third time you had ever seen him. He asked you if you would not run for mayor in the fall. You asked him why he did not run himself, and said that if he desired to run, or would run, you would not get in his way. He answered that under no circumstances would he run and urged you to run. You asked him what you could do. He responded, 'I don't care what ticket you run on, I'll support you on any ticket.'

"I suggested then that perhaps Tammany might nominate you. He answered, 'It makes no difference what party nominates him.' And he said 'I am not opposed to Tammany, but to Tammany methods, and when it does right, it is entitled to credit.'

"You thanked Mr. Hearst and said that you might go to Europe in August, and that you would think the matter over. He expressed a wish that you would see him in Europe, and asked that you let him know your decision after you got back. He said that if you wanted any article favoring or leading to your candidacy published in the American during his absence I was to see that it went in."

"Sincerely yours, RUDOLPH BLOCK."

"Hon. Wm. J. Gaylor, Brooklyn, N. Y."

That letter, written under most embarrassing circumstances, bears the truth in every paragraph, and proclaims that its author is a man who has more regard for his integrity and truthfulness than anything else. That is the supreme test for any man, and it is to his credit to have a good "forgettery" or tell what is true. Mr. Block has shown by his eternal test that he is a man to trust.

Mr. Hearst's answer to Mr. Block is unworthy of the rich New York editor. The first part of his answer is taken up with an attempt to evade the question until Gaylor deserted his principles, saying, "I have never pledged myself to support Judge Gaylor, but if I had, I would have felt myself relieved when Judge Gaylor accepted the Democratic nomination," and he added, "It is not true that I ever asked Judge Gaylor to come to my house in order to urge him to accept a nomination. He came humbly up to my home, once, twice, thrice, but in his own interest, and I have no doubt that he had previously visited Mr. Murphy's house in the same object attitude. It is not true that I told Rudolph Block or Judge Gaylor myself or any one that I would support Judge Gaylor under any and all conditions."

"As to Mr. Block, the distinguished editorial associate to whom Judge Gaylor so respectfully and ludicrously refers, he is the editor of the comic supplement of my Sunday paper, the sponsor for Happy Hooligan, the Katz-jammer kid, and Judge Gaylor. His interest evinced so peculiarly in Judge Gaylor's candidacy merely goes further to prove that he has a sense of humor, if not a sense of honor."

The statements contained above are flatly denied both by Judge Gaylor and Mr. Block, and the contemptuous references to Judge Gaylor and Mr. Block are what you might expect of a purse-prond man who lacked proper appreciation of a worthy man on his staff no matter whether he was a news carrier or a pressman or an editorial writer. A man who shows the respect of Mr. Block is worthy of the respect of every good man in America.

Letter to H. Thomsen, Henderson, N. C.

Dear Sir: A new word has come into use in paint; it is strong. Strong paint is paint that is strong. Weak paint is paint that is not strong. If one paint takes 10 gallons to do a job and another 15, the 10 gallon paint is the stronger. If one paint wears 10 years, and another 5, the 10-year paint is the stronger. The strongest paint is the one that lasts longest and wears longest. But do not discuss price; price is not a matter. Devote is the strongest of all. A job that takes 10 gallons Devote takes more than 20 of some. And a job of Devote wears several times as long as a job of some paints. O. E. Perry, East 8th St., Erie, Pa., painted two houses same size, same time; with two paints same price; took 3 gallons Devote to 4 of the other; and in three years Devote was the better looking job. There are strong and weak paints; we all want the strongest; paint can't be too strong.

Yours truly, F. W. DEVOTE & CO. P. S.—The Allen-Moss Hardware Company sells our paint. Read and advertise in Gold Leaf

PREPARING FOR PRESIDENT.

Norfolk Will Entertain President and Party in Royal Style on Occasion of Meeting of Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, Nov. 19th.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 18, 1909.—Norfolk is preparing to entertain one of the largest crowds in her history on November 19th, when President William Howard Taft, Vice-President James S. Sherman and many other men of national prominence will be the guests of the city and of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association.

The latter organization will hold its second annual convention in this city November 17th to 20th, and it will be attended by fully one thousand delegates and visitors from all the cities of the Atlantic coast from Boston to New Orleans. The principal subject to be discussed will be the proposed inland waterway from Boston, Mass., to Beaufort, N. C., and the improvement of rivers and harbors generally will, of course, come in for its share of consideration.

Such a rare and unusual interest centres in this gathering of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association on account of the visit of President Taft. Norfolk citizens are delighted with the honor of entertaining the President and the members of his party, and will do their best to afford in dispensing that hospitality for which Virginia and Virginians are famous.

While the program for "President's Day," November 19th, has not been completed, it provides a busy day for the chief executive, immediately upon his arrival from Washington aboard the yacht Mayflower, he will be escorted to the convention headquarters, where he will be formally and officially welcomed. Shortly afterward, President Taft will deliver an address to the people of Norfolk and vicinity from a reviewing stand overlooking a great parade of U. S. sailors and soldiers, the Virginia militia, civic organizations and thousands of children from the public schools, who will be given holiday for the occasion.

After the parade the president will be escorted to Cape Henry, where a real old-fashioned Virginia oyster roast will be served to a thousand guests. World-famous Lynnhaven oysters, taken from their beds but a few miles from the Cape, will be served in all styles, but the menu will include other delicacies, among them the celebrated Smithfield ham and Princess Anne turkey, and that most highly-prized of all game birds, Chesapeake Bay canvasback duck.

In the evening the president will be the guest of honor at a smoker tendered by the Waterways Association to the visiting newspaper men, who will include practically the entire active membership of the Gridiron Club, of Washington, and the Five O'Clock Club, of Philadelphia. Fully 100,000 visitors are expected to be in Norfolk on "President's Day." The railroad and steamboat companies will offer special rates, and are already making special preparations for handling the crowds.

Among the attractions announced so far for the entertainment of visitors are a great display of fireworks and a football game between prominent college teams. Another feature of the convention will be the illumination of the harbor at night, where many yachts representing the most prominent clubs of this coast, as well as a small number of warships will be at anchor. There will be a number of other out-door attractions which will be announced later.

Among those who have accepted invitations to be at the smoker tendered by the Waterways Association, are the governors of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Virginia; members of Congress and other prominent men of the Atlantic coast States, from Maine to Florida.

ACTUAL STARVATION.

W. W. Parker, Druggist, Gives Facts Regarding Dyspepsia.

Although indigestion and dyspepsia are so prevalent, most people do not thoroughly understand their cause and how to obtain relief. There is no reason why people should not eat anything they desire—if they will only chew it carefully and thoroughly. Many actually starve themselves into sickness through fear of eating every good-looking, good-smelling and good-tasting food, because it does not agree with them.

Dieting cannot cure dyspepsia. If we refuse every article of food that disagrees with us, before long we have nothing left, and find ourselves chronic dyspeptics.

We are so confident that we can furnish relief for indigestion and dyspepsia that we promise to supply the medicine free of all cost to every one who is not perfectly satisfied with the results. We exact no promises and put no one under any obligation whatever. Surely nothing could be fairer. We are located right here where you live, and our reputation should be sufficient assurance of the genuineness of our offer.

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A 25-cent package of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets furnishes 15 days' treatment. In ordinary cases this is sufficient to produce complete relief. In more chronic cases, a longer treatment, of course, is necessary, and depends upon the severity of the trouble. For such cases we have two larger sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Henderson only at our store.—The Rexall Store, W. W. Parker, Druggist.

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Notice of Partition Sale. UNDER and BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY contained in a judgment of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake County in a special proceeding entitled Ben M. Moore et al. vs. Van B. Moore et al., being S. P. 120, 1442, in said Clerk's office, we will, on

Monday, November 8, 1909, at the Court House door in the City of Henderson, at 12 o'clock M., expose to public sale the following described real property: A certain tract or parcel of land in Kirtland township, Vance county, North Carolina, formerly adjoining the lands of Mrs. M. E. Dickerson, Mrs. Lucy Kittrell, Mrs. J. B. Crump and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in the Chavis road, Mrs. M. E. Dickerson's corner in Mrs. Crump's line, runs thence with the said Dickerson line on the East side of Chavis road 56 S. — W. 10.50 chains to a stone on the East side of Mrs. Kittrell's line, thence S. 74° W. 44.68 chains along Mrs. Kittrell's line to a stone in Spotswood Burwell's line thence along said Burwell's line N. 32° W. 17.85 chains to a pine near the old mill dam, thence 25° E. 3.20 chains to a pine, Mrs. Crump's corner in said Burwell's line, thence along said Crump's line and that of John Tharing S. 65° E. 5.53 chains to the beginning, containing 300 acres, more or less; being one of the tracts described in deed dated January 27th, 1909, executed by Josiah T. Williams and Charles H. Williams to Lucy C. Capelhart, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Vance county, in Book 11, at page 475. This, September 30th, 1909. BEN M. MOORE, BART M. GATLING, Commissioners.

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Short Sermons For a Sunday Half-Hour. PRAYER. Text: "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek Him."—Hebrews, 11:6. The Bible teaching on prayer is very simple. We are concerned to do with our hearts which are full of instruction and comfort. The first is Hebrews 11:6. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek Him. "Oh," you say, "every non-believer believes that." Does he? Really solemnly, does he? There are different ways of believing such a thing. I believe that the Green Mountains are in Vermont; that Yellowstone Park is in the United States; but this belief does not affect my life. The believing suggested by the text is very different. God is God—the Heavenly One who lit the stars, and dug the ocean beds, and built the mountains, and made life.

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The Devil's master stroke today is not the card table, the dance, the slot machine, or the strong drink. It is that subtle influence which permeates much preaching and more practice, the work of spiritual corruption which works its way through children of praying mothers and Christian professors everywhere, that God is only a man's awayer, with no personal, unselfish meanings toward His individual child, and that prayer is simply an ethical habit worth cultivating as one might gaze at the moon, or enjoy a glowing sunset, and be uplifted thereby. Christians, wake up! Take your Bibles and learn that its teachings are plain and simple and clear and that God who answered Noah and Daniel and your mother and mine is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Plant your feet on a promise, and obey the conditions of prayer made plain in the Bible, and you will prosper never before. The time is at hand. Commune with God, through the cloth or the dairy salad, or the temporary go, all of which are well enough, if they do not crowd out your Lord. Even fifteen minutes of real prayer will make new men and women of all who practice it.

A connoisseur of stained glass, the ancient and modern, says that the best beauty did not come with the modern American method, which now produces opalescent glass in infinite variety of tone and texture in which ineffaceable pictures may be said to be painted on the glass itself—pieces of the richest and most exquisite coloring. Over twenty-five thousand pieces of glass are often used in one ornamental window.

Locust Ravage Algeria. Locusts are devastating Southern Algeria. The swarms are so great as almost to defy imagination. It is not easy to conceive of an almost solid phalanx of insects 125 miles long by six miles wide. Unfortunately the devastation which such myriads of voracious insects must create in vegetation is not so difficult to appreciate. Wherever the host has passed the green remains. Even the houses are becoming palatable.