

Communities Can Have Good Schools.

There is a good deal being said about the progress being made in Union county, especially in the matter of education. This progress is really gratifying, to those who watch and care for such things, but it is not near what it ought to be. Men well qualified to speak on the subject tell us that it is needless to expect the general public school funds of the State to be much increased in a long time. And the amount now received from the State will not give to any progressive county like this the school facilities that it needs. The people of intelligent communities ought not to be, and are not, satisfied with the work that can be done for their children from the public funds alone. There is a way that every such community can have its school improved to an adequate degree without working any hardship whatever on anybody. That way is simply for the people to levy a small tax on themselves for their school. There are now eight such districts in the county, besides the Monroe graded schools, doing this and not a one has regretted the step. Under the public school law any district can tax itself for any amount not exceeding thirty cents on the \$100 and ninety cents on the poll for this purpose. Such districts get the choice of teachers, because they pay more. And they have longer and better terms than the ordinary schools. The districts already organized in the county all have two or more teachers with one exception, and accordingly the work done is much more satisfactory. People of the county who are interested in giving their children educational advantages, should get their pencils and begin figuring. They will be surprised to see how easily the thing can be done. It is much cheaper for all concerned than private schools. Not a community in the county but can easily have a first class school for the people will but bestir themselves. Every cent of the money collected goes straight back to the district for the benefit of the children. Let the live communities of the county whose parents want to give their children the advantages they should have and which they must have if they are to go into the world with equal chances, begin to talk of this matter. Nothing is so emphatically a neighborhood affair. The people of the local tax districts have full management of the funds and of their schools. Any district of the county that desires to do so can, by levying a small tax, have funds enough to supplement the winter school for four full months with good teachers and then have two months summer term besides.

"The threat of the private car companies to raise the rates on fruits and berries from the South next season probably means that this will be done, for the truckers are absolutely at the mercy of these concerns."

Charlotte Observer.

There's got to be a new declaration of independence in this country, and we'd as well come along with it. That a greedy and rascally corporation of Chicago should be able to say absolutely what the people of this great section shall receive for their produce, if indeed they allow it to be sold at all, is unlike what should be in this country. There are three schools of so-called statesmanship in the United States now. The dominant one is represented by the leading principles of the Republican party, which in substance is, "Give the trusts and frenzied financiers and all representatives of large capital whatever they want and let the people take whatever the cormorants choose to give." The school which stands next to this is the one of ponderous but obsolete theory, represented by men of Mr. Cleveland's kind. It can be summed up in the idea of whatever is right—vested interests—don't disturb them—they are as they should be—thousands of people live in tenements unfit for healthy dogs—they have always lived there—that's the place for them. The last school is the militant crowd, like Tom Watson. They are for something better and don't know exactly what it is, but are not afraid to move for fear the house will tumble down on them. When the people have become sufficiently exasperated they are going to take up with the latter crowd and something will be doing. We dare not think how long it will be before this time arrives, for the longer it is delayed the more lively will be the results.

The proposition to build a cotton warehouse in Monroe should be carried through without delay. This is undoubtedly the key to the situation if the farmers mean to persevere in their determination to have an important say-so in the price of their

cotton. There was a tremendous loss in the past season as a result of holding cotton in unprotected places. Beside this, the warehouse system, by which farmers may not only safely store their cotton, but by reason of which they may secure money on it when the market is too low to sell, will give them the big end of the proposition. As a result of the organization of the farmers cotton is now bringing a good price in spite of the fact that the last crop was the largest ever grown in the history of the world. But if they relax their efforts now the present fine strategic position will be hard to gain again. Though the price is now above ten cents, the shortness of the present crop and the large demand of the trade for next year may make the natural price very much higher than this. If so the growers ought to keep themselves in a position to demand its full worth.

Long live etiket, especially the European brand! With all his versatility Mr. Roosevelt had been scratching his head a good deal over the question of how to introduce the Russian and Japanese envoys to each other in such a way that neither should suffer in their ideas of dignity. The question was whether he should say, "Mr. Russ, this is Mr. Jap," or, "Mr. Jap, this is Mr. Russ." Happily the question was settled in a way to put no obstacle in the way to the discussion of peace terms. The President is being justly congratulated on his diplomacy, and the envoys are now ready to begin talking at once. We should like to know who is going to be on hand to smooth things off when the Japs tell the size of the indemnity they are expecting. Some fine Italian hand should be near by.

During the past week the fever situation in New Orleans grew worse and the city appealed to the National government to take charge. The government readily agreed to do this on the condition that the city bear the expense. This the city is gladly willing to do, and the experts of the government are now taking charge. No doubt their more efficient service will soon get the scourge under control. Up until the present there have been 565 cases and 113 deaths.

The many sided Roosevelt is a man who spurns the ruts. Brother Bowman, president of the Christian Brotherhood, was right in saying that he was introducing a man of many experiences. The President is the most versatile gentleman in the country.

Lay Sermon by Brother Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt preached a lay sermon at Oyster Bay Sunday at the invitation of the Christian Brotherhood. The remarks are good enough for a regular sermon and good enough reading for any of us. In part the President said:

"Brother Bowman has spoken of the fact that I have had a large experience. I think that every one of us who has a large experience grows to realize more and more that the essentials of experience are alike for all of us. The things that move us most, the things of the home, of the church, the intimate relations that knit a man to his family, to his close friends, that make him try to do his duty by his neighbor, by his God, are in their essentials just the same for one man as for another, provided the man is in good faith trying to do his duty. I feel that the progress of our country really depends upon the sum of the efforts of the individuals acting by themselves, but especially upon the sum of the efforts of the individuals acting in associations like this for the betterment of themselves and the communities in which they dwell. There is never any difficulty about the forces of evil being organized. Every time that we get an organization like this, we are doing our part to offset, and a little more than offset, the forces of evil."

The President read from the seventh chapter of Matthew and said: "Judge not that ye be not judged—that means treat each of his brothers with charity. Be not quick to find fault. Above all be not quick to judge another man who, according to his light, is striving to do his duty as each of us here hopes he is striving to do his. Let us ever remember that not only we have divine authority for the statement that by our fruits we shall be known, but that also it is the truth that mankind will tend to judge us by our fruits. It is an especially lamentable thing to see ill done by any man who from his associations with the church, who, from the fact that he has had the priceless benefits of the teachings of the Christian religion, should be expected to take a position of leadership in the work for good."

He then read several verses from first Corinthians regarding charity, after which he said: "Let each of us exercise the largest tolerance for his brother who is trying, though in a different way, to lead a decent life, who is trying to do good in his own fashion; let each try to show practical sympathy with that brother, not be too quick to criticize."

The President read from the epistle of James from the first chapter, 27th verse, adding: "If a man will try to serve God the father by being kindly to the many around who need his kindness and by being upright and honest himself, then we have the authority of the good work of saying that we are in honor bound to treat him as a good Christian and extend the hand of brotherhood to him."

Terrible Experience of a Boating Party.

A heart-rending scene was witnessed at noon today by people on the river front, who stood almost breathless while seven ladies and a gentleman were rescued from a death by fire and wave.

Dr. Ward secured the naphtha launch owned by his brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Haar, a wholesale grocer of this city, to take out an outing party for the day. The party consisted of Dr. Ward, Mrs. Wm. Haar, Misses Irene, Addie and Thelma Peck, Nettie Fowler, Nettie Daniels and Mrs. Dr. Francis Duffy, all of this city. Dr. Ward filled the gasoline tank to its utmost, some of the fluid running over and flowing to the bottom of the boat. The party then left the wharf.

When about two miles down Nouse river Dr. Ward struck a match, lit a cigarette and thought he threw the match overboard, but it lodged in the bottom of the launch, igniting the gasoline and in a few minutes the flames almost covered the entire boat, rising fifteen feet into the air.

Mrs. Wm. Haar and her three daughters, the Misses Peck, went overboard and clung to some net stakes nearby. Miss Nettie Fowler and Mrs. Duffy stood on the extreme edge of the boat's stern, while Miss Nettie Daniels ran forward to the edge of the boat, but failed to escape the flames. She was badly burned on her lower limbs, but her injuries are not of a serious nature, as she was quickly rescued by Dr. Ward, who was also in the water. He did heroic work trying to save the entire party.

Had it not been for the timely assistance of an old colored fisherman who was nearby, however, the fate of the excursionists would probably have been death. The fisherman and Dr. Ward succeeded in landing all parties, taking them safely ashore in the negro's boat.

The United States cutter Boutwell dispatched a life saving crew to the scene also several launches reached the scene in a short time. The General Tom, a United States service boat, hurried to the rescue of the party and immediately put fire pumps to work and extinguished the fire.

The naphtha launch was named Cora and was twenty-eight feet long over all. The interior of the boat was gutted, leaving the hull and damaged machinery.

Lively Times Down in South Carolina.

Political strife in South Carolina has not been dead, only sleeping. Ex-Senator McLaughlin, who went to the United States Senate as a Tillman man, and who broke away and joined the commercials and thereby lost his seat, is fighting to regain his foothold, and he is bucking Tillman. He has been very active in the cause of the Southern Cotton Association. There was a big meeting of the local association in Spartanburg Saturday and McLaughlin had been invited by the county secretary to go over and make a speech. Now, the president of the association is a great enemy of McLaughlin, and determined that he should not speak at that meeting. The president, without letting McLaughlin know his game put up all the speakers he could for the purpose of taking up all the time, while McLaughlin sat quietly on the platform waiting his turn. The secretary finally tried to introduce the ex-Senator, but the chairman outvoted him and continued to introduce somebody else. After thus wearing the crowd out, and when only a few were left, the doctory chairman gave way and McLaughlin took the floor. But he was so surprised and humiliated at the treatment that he spoke little. While this was going on in Spartanburg, Senator Tillman was being challenged to a personal fight in Edgefield, and these incidents, along with others, indicate that the South Carolinians are in for their usual warm time.

Some Fine Corn.

Wesley Chapel, Aug. 7.—Corn in our section is doing exceedingly well. The local shower last Friday is making it show a marked growth. Mr. W. D. Hawfield has a field which will undoubtedly produce a hundred bushels an acre. The Woman's Association is making rapid progress toward painting the school building. They have already raised about \$30 in subscriptions for this purpose and they expect to have an ice cream supper soon to supplement what has already been done. We wish them much success in their efforts. Misses Thompson and Ashcraft went to Monroe Saturday. The enrollment for the Wesley Chapel graded school has reached the one hundred and nineteen mark. The third quarterly meeting for the Wedding circuit convenes here next Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Thompson is expected to preach on Sunday. A series of meetings began at Oak Grove Baptist church last Saturday and are expected to continue during this week.

Electrocution in Chester.

John M. Weir, a fireman on the Southern Railway, was instantly killed by an electrical current received from a wire rope, used for lowering and raising the arc lights, attached to a post at the corner of Valley and Gadsden streets, last night about 9 o'clock. Weir and a number of friends had been discussing the death of Bradshaw in Charlotte, and he went out to the post and had a similar experience. The accident occurred shortly after a big rain, and the post was highly charged with electricity. Weir was about 21 years of age and unmarried.

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Tillman at Last Declares for the Dispensary, and is Challenged to Fight.

There has been a good deal of commotion in South Carolina about the dispensary and a good many people have thought that the mutterings foretold the doom of the State dispensary. For a long time it has been certain that the campaign this summer and fall would be fought over this issue. There has been a great deal of speculation as to the position that Senator Tillman, the father of the dispensary, would take. He has now fully declared himself, as the following special of the 5th from Edgetield to the Charlotte Observer will show. It says:

The dispensary debate here today came near ending in a fight. Senator Tillman, whose appearance made the gathering of real moment, started in to pitchfork Hor. W. J. Talbert, who had interrupted him. Mr. Talbert got wrothy at once and practically dared the senator to fight, but the latter coolly-pooled his anger away. It looked stormy for a few moments, but passed away without harm having been done.

Interest centered in what Mr. Tillman would have to say, for his sphinx-like silence had been puzzling many, but there can now be no doubt as to where he stands. In his speech he stood flat-footedly for the dispensary as the best solution for the liquor problem. He said that it was the best way to meet the difficulty ever yet devised, and if there was corruption existing, as many alleged, it was to be ascribed to the conservatives, who had amended original dispensary legislation as to partly nullify it. Return to its form and it would restore to South Carolina the reputation of having best handled one of the most difficult problems besetting latter-day Commonwealths. As between high license and real prohibition, he always favored the latter, if it prohibited, but as it had been proven that it did not, the worth of the dispensary was manifest. He quoted many internal revenue statistics to prove the amount sold in so-called prohibition localities. He urged the people to discard all changes made in the dispensary act and returning to its original provisions give it an final trial. There were five other speeches made, but nothing of particular moment was uttered.

Personal and Local.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. 1, Aug. 7.—Misses Bettie Howie, Anne and Grace Tucker, all of Monroe, spent several days here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Misses Carrie and Minnie Hagler, who have been visiting friends and relatives here, have returned to their home at Mason, Ga., accompanied by their brother, Mr. Willie Hagler.

Mr. J. C. Ford is visiting his son-in-law, Mr. Silas Furr, who has typhoid fever.

The protracted meeting at Mill Grove closed last Wednesday with twelve accessions to the church.

Mrs. Lizzie Howie and children have been visiting in the community. Mrs. Amanda Faulkner of Monroe is visiting relatives here.

Messrs. Walter Smith, Deek Presley and Johnnie Furr have entered school at Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marton have returned home after spending several days with his parents in Cabarrus county.

Constable John Presley and family are on a visit to relatives in Charlotte.

M. W. C. McKorie and family of Rutherfordton spent several days with relatives here.

Farmers' Picnic.

The members of the Southern Cotton Association of Lanes Creek township will have a good old fashioned picnic on Tuesday, August 22nd, at Mr. M. L. Baker's, one mile south of the voting place, for the purpose of strengthening the organization. Good speakers will be on the ground for the occasion and everything will be ready by 10 a. m. The names of speakers will be published later.

The following marshals have been appointed from the various school districts to keep order: Belk's, Hiram Bacon; Union, J. B. Trull; Cool Springs, J. C. Baker; Smith's, R. L. Smith; Mills', P. H. Mills; Brown Creek, E. J. Riggins; Jenkins', G. D. Stegall; Benial, J. T. Belk.

Everybody is invited to come and bring full baskets, and especially the ladies, for without them it would be a failure. The Baker string band will furnish music for the occasion.

Notice of Administration.

Having this day qualified before E. A. Armistead, Clerk of this county, N. C., as administrator of John L. Porter, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned administrator on or before the 15th day of August, A. D. 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their right of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment on or over this 15th day of August, 1905. Witness my hand and seal, this 7th day of August, 1905. Administrator, J. John L. Porter, dec'd. Redoubt & Stark, Attys.

Capt. Sales' House Burned.

The house of Capt. T. B. Sales, on Church street, was burned at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The house and the contents were almost an entire loss. Owing to the rapidity with which the fire burned, little was gotten out, and that which was removed was so much damaged as to be worthless. The fire originated from some unknown cause in a pantry in the rear of the house, and almost by the time it was discovered the flames swept through the house. The fire company responded to the alarm as quickly as possible, but the flames were too far gone for them to secure control before the damage was done. The roof and ceiling were burned down to the joists and the walls left standing.

The house was nicely furnished throughout. On the furniture there was \$500 insurance, which nothing like covers the loss. On the house the loss is equally great, there being insurance to the extent of \$1,500. The house was a new cottage of seven or eight rooms, built in good style and with water and lights. While the fire was in progress there was a tremendous explosion that wrecked the rear of the house. It was the big reservoir in the kitchen used to furnish the house with hot water. Among the loss is a piano. The instrument was removed from the house but so badly damaged as to probably be worthless. The only thing that was saved was Mrs. Sales' trunk. Capt. Sales was in Atlanta on his run at the time of the fire.

A rather singular coincidence is the fact that the home of Mrs. Sales' sister, Mrs. T. C. Anderson of Norfolk, caught fire the same day. Mrs. Anderson is visiting her sister here and has received the information that her husband had his hands badly burned in putting out the fire and will be unable to use them in several weeks.

The Sales house was built by Capt. W. E. Cason four years ago. It was sold to Mrs. J. J. Lindsey by Mr. Cason, and by her sold to Mr. Sales a few months ago.

Preparing to Build a Cotton Warehouse.

Members of the cotton association met in the court house last Saturday and took the first steps towards the building of a cotton warehouse in Monroe. After a good deal of discussion a motion was made by Capt. W. C. Heath that a committee of five be appointed to solicit subscriptions for stock, and a committee of three be appointed to investigate location and cost of building. Both motions were carried and the president appointed J. M. Fairley, P. B. Blakeney and W. C. Heath on location and cost of building. The committee to solicit stock subscriptions was appointed as follows: E. B. Redwine, G. S. Lee, W. S. Lee, J. J. Crow and John Griffith. This committee is to appoint sub-committees in each township to solicit, and all are to go to work at once and be ready to report on the 19th, when there will be another meeting of the association, to which everybody is invited. It is thought that a warehouse with a storing capacity of from five to eight thousand bales will be sufficient for the purposes of the association here.

Mr. Harvie Jordan has been asked to be here on the nineteenth.

C. P. Phillips of Cherokee Falls, S. C., has been sentenced to fifteen days on the county chain gang for flagging a through freight. Phillips went to Spartanburg Saturday and started to walk home when he found that he had missed his train. When he saw the freight approaching he decided to flag it and get aboard. Maybe he got to ride to the next town, but will doubtless beware of taking liberties with an iron horse after this.

A dispatch from McKeesport, Pa., says that one Mr. Fish, a prominent business man of that town, was bathing in the river on the outskirts of McKeesport when he saw a small boy making off with his clothes. Fish went out of the water in a hurry and in the "altogether" chased that boy through the town until the police stopped Fish and put a bed quilt over him.

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