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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

THE NEW SCHOOL LAWS.

Compulsory Feature Not Optional, as the Legislature Intended—the Six Months Term.

Asheville Gazette-News.
The understanding among legislators was that an amendment to the compulsory attendance law which they adopted was intended to make compulsory attendance in a county optional with the county board of education and would so operate. As has been announced, it is Superintendent Joyner's opinion that such is not the case, and that the law requires State-wide compulsory education. This construction has the approval of the Attorney-general, who holds that the only power given county boards by the amendment is that of providing the machinery whereby compulsory attendance may be effected in their counties, and he doubts the legal status of the amendment. An attempt to apply the amendment as the legislators understood it, it is stated, would probably nullify the amendment entirely, since it would be held that the effort has been made to confer legislative power on the county boards.

The opinion of the Attorney-General derives an added significance from the position which seems to have been taken that he is, by statute, just about equivalent to a court of last resort in matters pertaining to the school laws.

There is perhaps not a general understanding of the educational legislation enacted. The so-called six months' term sets aside five cents in the dollar of all funds coming into the State Treasury to be disbursed for addition to the school term. This sum is estimated to be \$400,000 or enough not to provide a six months' term, but a term a little short of six months, in all the public schools. A county, it seems, must levy a special tax if necessary to bring the school term up to four months. Heretofore there has been a fund of \$225,000 for this purpose. But this \$225,000 will now be used otherwise; that is, if a special county tax of not more than 15 cents on the \$100 is insufficient, then the necessary funds additional come out of the \$225,000. This fund, in a word, is used to equalize school terms up to four months, after the provision of local taxation have been exhausted; then the fund estimated to be \$400,000 will be applied to extension of terms about six months.

Sam Thompson's Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

Governor Craig has commuted Sam Thompson's sentence to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary. Just a little over a year ago Gus Alsobrooks, colored, was murdered as he sat at night by his fireside in his home two or three miles north of Monroe. Some one slipped up to his window and with a shotgun blew the top of Alsobrooks' head off. Sam Thompson, a colored neighbor of Alsobrooks, was accused of the crime, was arrested, tried and found guilty; was sentenced to death in the electric chair, took an appeal to the Supreme court and that court affirmed the decision of the lower court. The condemned man has been relieved by the Governor from time to time and some weeks ago his execution was set for last Friday. Seven of the jurors who tried Thompson ask that his sentence be commuted to life imprisonment and a large number of Union county citizens have asked the Governor to keep the man from the electric chair and Solicitor Stack made no objection to the commutation of sentence.

His Confidence Unshaken.

Lancaster News.
Our far-seeing townsman, Col. LeRoy Springs, brightened the outlook of many cotton mill men gathered in Washington this week in attendance upon the American Manufacturers' Association, when it became known Wednesday that he had bought up all the stock in the two mills at Fort Mill and the Springstein mill at Chester, thus considerably increasing his already large mill ownership, and that, too, in the face of the impending reduction on cotton mill products.

Colonel Springs is a Wilson man, a personal friend and a great admirer of the President, and one who does not feel that his confidence in the administration will be misplaced. His position is in marked contrast to that of many other prominent cotton mill owners, who have even gone so far as to question whether or not they will remain in the ranks of the Democratic party.

List Takers Appointed.

The county commissioners have appointed the following named list takers for this county.
Buford—T. C. Eubanks.
Jackson—T. L. Davis.
Sandy Ridge—G. W. Sutton.
Vance—J. M. Harkey.
Goose Creek—I. A. Clout.
New Salem—W. H. Brooks.
Marshville—F. W. Ashcraft.
Monroe—M. L. Flow.
Under the new law list takers are appointed as they were prior to 1911 and there is no county list taker nor do the list takers have to go to see the property owners, but the property owners must go to the list taker. The tax listing will be done during the month of May.

Mr. Charles T. Conners has retired as editor of the Lancaster News because of continued ill health.

Huntley-McDowell.

Mr. Fred Huntley and Miss Katharine McDowell were married last Saturday night at the residence of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. Ed. Stewart, Dr. Weaver officiating. They left at once for Vernon Hill, Va., and expect to return to Monroe in a few days. The marriage had not been planned for this particular date, but as Miss McDowell had been called to come home by the illness of her brother, the happy young couple decided to become one and make the trip together. Mr. Huntley is a member of the Snyder-Huntley Company, wholesale dealers in grain, and is in every way a most excellent young man, both in his personal and business relations. Since coming to Monroe, Mrs. Huntley has served as deputy register of deeds under her brother-in-law, Mr. Stewart, and later as deputy clerk of court under Mr. R. W. Lemmonds, which position she now holds. She is a young woman of refinement of character and of a retiring, charming manner, and her friends are pleased that she is to make Monroe her permanent home.

Rigid Law Against Car and Depot Thieves.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Car depot thieves will find their operations in the future more difficult than in the past and will have to face prosecution in the Federal Courts as well as before State tribunals as the result of the bill introduced by Representative C. C. Carlin, of Alexandria, Va., passed by both houses of Congress, and approved by the President. This act imposes a maximum fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than ten years for any person convicted of unlawfully breaking into any railway car containing interstate or foreign shipments of freight or express, or stealing or obtaining by fraud or deception from any car, depot, platform, vessel, or wharf, any freight, express or baggage which constitutes or is a part of any interstate or foreign shipments.

While the Carlin act in no way infringes on the jurisdiction of the State courts, it puts the whole power of the Federal Department of Justice behind the detection and prosecution of persons guilty of stealing from cars or depots, since it will be practically impossible for thieves to distinguish between interstate and interstate shipments. It is confidently expected that this law will have a powerful effect in breaking up thefts of this character which not only involve a serious loss to the railways and cause great inconvenience to shippers and travelers, but are a constant menace to railway employees and the traveling public since it is notorious that car thieves do not hesitate to interfere with trains or resort to other expedients to serve their own purposes, regardless of the consequences.

Bridges to Join Stately Union and Anson.

Albemarle Enterprise.
Organized efforts are being made to erect steel bridges across Rocky river, to connect Stately with Anson on the south, and with Union on the west.
Wide-awake citizens of Anson already have subscribed \$3,500. Stately capital is also becoming interested. Each county will be asked to take stock to the extent of \$500 each. It is to be a toll bridge, and to cross the river at the Davis ford. This ford is a point known as the old Winfield road, used in the early days by those who made the trip through Wadesboro to Cheraw, S. C.

A stock company is to be organized, and this company proposes to sell at cost to the two counties its holdings at any time the counties may desire to purchase same.
A bridge between Stately and Union has long been discussed. A joint conference of the commissioners of the two counties is to be held at an early date, to determine what rights exist under present laws, and to ascertain the necessary steps to carry through such a project.
We are glad to see Stately co-operating with her neighbors in these moves, and it looks now a matter of only a short time until the bridges are assured.

Mr. Emsley Armfield Elected Warden of Chesterfield.

Chesterfield Advertiser.
In the town election Tuesday there were two candidates for warden and seven for wardens. Dr. L. H. Trotti and Mr. W. A. Rivers were the opposing candidates for warden and Emsley Armfield, Z. S. Melton, T. R. Eddins, M. S. Watson, H. M. Odom, Fulton Pusser and E. H. Gullede were in the race for wardens. Dr. Trotti was elected warden and Emsley Armfield, T. R. Eddins, M. S. Watson and H. M. Odom were elected wardens. Dr. Trotti has served the town well during the past year, always active and firm in upholding law and order, and judging the future by the past the way of the transgressor will be hard in the town of Chesterfield.

A mass meeting of citizens of Raleigh to name candidates under the new commission form of government, nominated for mayor Franklin McNeill, late chairman of the corporation commission.

We know that filth breeds flies and that flies spread disease. So if we tolerate filth and filth in our community, we may expect to have a lot of sickness and many needless deaths.

Gold Medal for Good Road Essay.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who write the best composition not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many people living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age, and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendents of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

Social.

Written for The Journal.
Mrs. E. C. Winchester entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Mabel Reid of Wilmington, who is visiting Mrs. J. J. Parker. Mrs. Frank Laney delighted the guests with several vocal selections. Mrs. B. C. Redfern assisted the hostess in serving tempting refreshments.

Wednesday afternoon Sorosis held its regular meeting with Mrs. D. A. Houston at her home on Jefferson street. The members answered to roll call by naming "Famous men and women of Virginia." Mrs. J. F. Laney read a paper entitled "Settlement of Virginia;" Miss Daisy Leak read a selection from Edgar Allan Poe, after which Miss Anna Blair read "Sketches of Life in Old Virginia." Mesdames Shannon, Kochitzky, Umer, and Misses Kibler, Frazier, Flowers, Yarborough, and Templeton of Mooresville, were special guests. A delicious luncheon of several courses was served.

The Music Club was entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Pat Adams. Interesting papers were read by Misses Leak and Heath. Mesdames Rudge and Umer played delightful solos, while pleasing vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Frank Laney and Mrs. J. T. Griffith. Mrs. Cyrus Houston of Concord and Mrs. D. A. Houston were special guests. At the close of the program the hostess served delicious refreshments.

"Death and Life," (In Memoriam.)

It was a day of death,
But not a day of tears;—
A day of wondrous change,
But not of hopes and fears.
No parting was given,
No farewell word was spoken,
As the link that kept their souls from heaven
By a single touch was broken.

No heart-ache and no pain,
No weary breath, no sighing,
No speechless look of love,
No death-watch and no dying,
No eyes were softly closed,
No hands were gently folded,
No living face hung in anguish wild
O'er the statue Death had moulded.

It was a day of Life,
A day of wondrous bliss;—
What entrance through the gates of pearl
Could ever equal this!
How rapturous then the greeting,
What looks of love outspoken,
As the union of those souls in heaven
Was sealed, ne'er to be broken!

MRS. NAN CARLILE.
(Titanic Disaster, April 1912.)

Diplomas Not Returned.

There are a few public school diplomas which have not been sent in yet, and if the parties wish me to send diplomas to the Governor for his signature, they will please bring or send them to this office at once.

R. N. NESBIT, County Supt.

The best sanitary index to a neighborhood or to a particular household is the number of flies found around it. If there are lots of flies, then there is lots of filth around for them to breed in, and vice versa.

Marriage of Miss Fairley and Mr. Scales.

Miss Cornelia Fairley, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fairley, was married last Thursday evening to Mr. Key Scales, the ceremony taking place in St. Paul's Episcopal church, and Archdeacon Hardin of Salisbury officiating. The groomsmen were Messrs. Frank Fairley, Fred Smith, Frank Sloan and Winston Scales. The bridesmaids were Misses Bertha Smith and Evelyn Wolfe, Miss Cornelia Thomas of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Hardin of Salisbury. Mr. John Fairley, brother of the bride, gave her away.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the hospitable home of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for Richmond and Washington. Many very handsome and useful presents were received from many friends.

The bride is an attractive, accomplished and popular young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scales and holds a responsible position with the Heath-Morrow Company.

"The Wings of the Moth" at the Pastime Theatre Tonight.

Our minds are ever on the protection of the young and inexperienced. There is a powerful warning in this beautiful picture. It is the lesson of a good mother, calling her daughter's attention to the dangers to which she is exposed. The glittering temptation of life attract the young as the brilliant flame draws the foolish moth to its doom. It is all told in a manner never to be forgotten. "The Wings of a Moth" will make the strongest kind of an impression on those who attend The Pastime Theatre tonight. Every seat should be filled by old and young. It is a lesson we should all heed. Cast—Alice Wentworth, Miss Florence Turner; Hector Merrill, Mr. Roger Lytton; Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. Mary Maurice; Hector's sister, Mrs. Julia Gordon.

Also two other good pictures—"How they Got the Vote" and "The Press Gang."

Death of Mrs. E. A. Purser.

Mrs. E. A. Purser died yesterday at two o'clock at her home in North Monroe. She had measles followed by pneumonia and had first gotten better and had a relapse. She was nursed by a trained nurse, and four of her little children at the same time had measles and one has pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and eight children, and was thirty-five years old. The remains were carried to her old neighborhood at New Hope in New Salem township for burial today. She was a member of New Hope Baptist church. Her maiden name was Tarlton and her father and several brothers and sisters survive her.

New Recorder.

Yesterday Mr. H. B. Adams, Jr., was sworn in as Recorder, Mr. J. C. M. Vann as sub-Recorder, and Mr. W. J. Pratt as Prosecuting Attorney. This is a bunch of mighty clever and capable young men and the administration of justice will be safe in their hands. They all have right ideas about positions of public service and The Journal predicts that the public will have no cause of complaint against any of them. The retiring Recorder, Hon. R. L. Stevens, was our first and only Recorder up till now, and the popularity and efficiency of the court has been due in great measure to the wisdom and carefulness with which he administered the law. His decisions were characterized by good common sense, good law, and a just regard for the rights of the individuals and as well of the public.

Bears Robbed Man of His Dinner.

Kinston, April 9.—Bears, which have been numerous in the Falling Creek section of Lenoir county for several years, despite the frequent inroads made upon them by the farmers and hunters, are becoming troublesome to the planters and lumbermen there, after a respite of nearly a year since the draught drove them to the high lands from the marshes. A man named Booth while engaged in cutting hogweed hoops in the Scarborough lowground near Falling Creek, was robbed of his dinner by one of the beasts, who approached the man as if to attack him while at work in the swamp. Organized hunting parties will give the animals chase during the coming week or two, to prevent them becoming a nuisance to crop and stock.

For Mayor and Aldermen.

The time is drawing near for the people of Monroe to elect a mayor and board of aldermen. It is impossible to exercise too much care in the selection. We all want men whose character and manner of living entitle them to such preferment. The following men are just such public officials as Monroe needs. Think this over:

Mayor—J. D. McRae.
Ward 1—T. C. Lee.
Ward 2—S. O. Blair.
Ward 3—D. B. Snyder.
Ward 4—W. H. Norwood.
At Large—J. W. Fowler.

Recorder's Court.

George Beare, carrying concealed weapon; on roads till costs are paid.
Ailego Blair, col., assault; \$5 and costs.
Fayte Stitt, col., assault and battery; costs.

Mr. Lemmond Has Autograph of Dr. Houston.

Charlotte Chronicle.
Mr. A. W. Lemmond of Spartanburg, S. C., who attended the reunion of his family here yesterday at the Selwyn, was the teacher of the new Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. D. F. Houston, at Darlington, S. C., in 1880 and carries about with him a specimen writing of Mr. Houston which was made January 20, 1880. It is an interesting souvenir and highly prized by Mr. Lemmond. The reunion of this family here yesterday was an interesting event and was attended by Mr. M. M. Lemmond of New York City, J. E. Lemmond and W. T. Lemmond of this county, and Mr. Lemmond of Spartanburg and Mrs. Flora Davis of Monroe.

(Mr. Lemmond used to be a teacher of penmanship in Monroe. He always started his scholars off by having them write: "I hereby certify that this is a true specimen of my penmanship at this time." Those of us who attended those schools can easily see in the mind's eye just how that "specimen" looks. — The Journal.)

Mr. Moore Has Gone After Secretary Houston.

Charlotte Observer.
Mr. C. C. Moore, clerk of the Mecklenburg Superior Court, left last night for Richmond to attend the Conference for Education in the South. While in Richmond Mr. Moore will be the guest of his brother, Dr. W. W. Moore. He is a delegate appointed by Governor Locke Craig and goes as a Representative of the Greater Charlotte Club, also, to extend an invitation to the Conference to meet in Charlotte in 1914. Mr. Moore as president of the Mecklenburg County Fair, will ask and press the invitation upon Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. D. F. Houston to be here at the fair in October.

Mr. Moore stated that he would make his final plea to Secretary Houston upon the grounds that he was a Charlotte boy and used to be a playmate of his. Mr. Houston left Charlotte in the early '70s, and went to Monroe, from which place he has traveled considerably being identified with large colleges and universities all over the country. Mr. Moore will not take "no" for an answer but is determined that the farmers of Mecklenburg county shall have the chance to hear the National Secretary of Agriculture speak.

For Mayor and Aldermen.

We make the following recommendations for city ticket:
Mayor—J. D. McRae.
Ward 1—J. L. Everett.
Ward 2—M. Waller.
Ward 3—L. N. Presson.
Ward 4—H. A. Shute.
At Large—T. J. Payne.

To the Voters of Monroe.

It will soon be time for the voters of Monroe to elect a mayor and board of aldermen for the next term. How does this look for an efficient set of officials:
Mayor—J. D. McRae.
Ward 1—T. C. Lee.
Ward 2—S. O. Blair.
Ward 3—D. B. Snyder.
Ward 4—J. W. Fowler.
At Large—T. J. Payne.

Vindication That Doesn't Vindicate.

Christian Herald.
There is a kind of vindication which defeats itself. In their haste to "vindicate" Frank M. Ryan, who they re-elected as president at their recent session in Indianapolis, the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers have placed themselves in the attitude of either declaring their absolute belief in Ryan's innocence or their unqualified approval of the relations he sustained to the notorious "dynamite conspiracy," for aiding and abetting which he and his associates were convicted in open court after a free trial. He is now out on \$70,000 bail, and unless granted a new trial, must face a seven years' prison sentence at hard labor. Hockin, the former secretary and treasurer of the association—another of the convicted conspirators, who is now in jail—did not receive even the compliment of a single vote for election, but was utterly repudiated by his former associates for the reason, as reported that he had given aid to the detectives. By its championship of Ryan, as shown in his re-election, the association bids defiance to public opinion. It is a situation which the more sensible and law-abiding element in the labor ranks should view with regret.

The report comes from Washington that Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State president of the Farmer's Union, is a candidate for internal revenue collector.

A report from Sparta, Alleghany county, says the mercury stood at 26 at that place Wednesday morning and the ground was covered with snow three inches deep.

Electric cars are now operated in Hendersonville over what was formerly a dummy line. They connect the town with a park two miles distant.

Capt. Joseph B. Burgin, father-in-law of Governor Craig, died Tuesday night at his old home near Old Fort, aged 78. He is survived by four children.

SHIFTING THE BURDENS.

Mr. Wilson Making Good in the Work of Making the Rich Pay Their Part of the Expenses.

By Clyde H. Tavenner, Member of Congress.
Washington, April 14.—The Democratic tariff bill, now pending in Congress, proposes to take some of the tax off of such articles as woolens, cottons, sugar, meat and lumber, and to make up for the loss of revenue by taxing the incomes of the wealthy.

Under the Payne-Aldrich law the hats, coats and shirts of the masses are taxed almost 71 per cent, while men like John D. Rockefeller having an annual income of \$50,000,000 a year have not been required to pay a single penny of taxation to the National Government on their swollen fortunes.

It goes without saying that the Sugar Trust, the Woolen Trust, the Lumber Trust, and the Beef Trust, will condemn the new tariff bill as class legislation. They were never heard to complain however of class legislation when it hit the other fellow.

The masses of the people produce the wealth, and by legislative advantage a few get possession of it, and now these few object to the transfer to wealth of even the amount of taxation derived from the tariff on woolens, cottons, sugar, meat and lumber, which are but a few of several thousand items on which the masses are now paying a tax.

THE INCOME TAX.

Under the income tax provision those having an income of more than \$4,000 must pay a tax of one per cent, on his income in excess of the exempted \$4,000. For instance, a man having an income of \$4,100 would pay a tax of \$1; a man having an income of \$5,000 would pay a tax of \$10; \$10,000, \$50; \$100,000, \$2,500; \$1,000,000, \$38,250.

WILSON HAS MADE GOOD.

Woodrow Wilson has already made good as President of the United States. You may verify this from the first man you meet in the street, regardless of his political creed, race or color. It seems to be in the air everywhere. The people appear to understand that Woodrow Wilson is on the job in Washington, working carefully, conscientiously and courageously in their interest, and they all stand ready to hold up his hand as often as he may need the backing of the public sentiment.

Donations to Commencement Band.

We give below the names of those who contributed to pay the expenses of the band which furnished music for the county commencement, together with the amount each contributed. We appreciate very much the helpfulness of those good people. There are others who would have helped us if they had had the opportunity, but we failed to have time to see them before the commencement.

Lee & Lee Co. \$2.50; W. J. Rudge Co. \$1; Belk Bros. \$2.50; C. N. Bruner \$1; Heath-Morrow Co. \$2; Ashcraft Bros. \$1; T. P. Dillon \$1; The Sikes Co. 50c; J. M. McNeely 25c; Cash 50c; Cash 25c; Eugene Ashcraft 50c; S. B. Bundy 50c; John R. Simpson 25c; Ellis B. Purser 25c; W. W. Purser 25c; D. J. Harris 25c; T. R. Nisbet 50c; W. S. Blakemey 50c; Cash 25c; Polk Bros. 50c; R. F. Houston 25c; Vann Funderburk 25c; N. B. Ayers 25c; Flow & Pifer 25c; A. M. Secrest 25c; Mrs. Earle Shute 25c; Cash 10c.
Very truly,
R. N. NESBIT, Co. Supt.

The Wilsons Wait on Themselves.

Washington Dispatch.
White House attendants nowadays have to be nimble if they are going to have the pleasure of doing "little turns" for any of the Misses Wilson. The President's daughters have already got the reputation of being most independent young women, abundantly able to look out for themselves on all occasions and quite willing to do so.

When the White House automobile drew up to the Union station, carrying Miss Eleanor Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the door flew open and before anybody could get hold of the baggage, which the two White House residents were taking over to Baltimore with them, Miss Eleanor had picked up a suit case and set out for the train gate.

"Wait a minute! Wait a minute!" called out the anxious attendant, but Miss Eleanor didn't "wait a minute." She just jauntily continued her way, swinging the suit case, which didn't seem a bit of a load to the youngest daughter of the White House family.

About the White House the same spirit of self-helpfulness obtains. Everybody from Mrs. Wilson down knows what to do and how to do it and the President's wife and daughters go along their usual way in a thoroughly matter of course fashion.

Congressman Doughton has recommended J. D. Bivens, editor of the Albany Enterprise for postmaster at Albemarle and V. D. Guire for postmaster at Lenoir. Congressman Guider has recommended W. C. Hall for postmaster at Black Mountain.

Mothers know the children are going to grow up to be great men because their father never amounted to much.