

**Mayer-Gaynor's Talk on School Teaching.**

New York, Dec. 30.—"We are teaching too much in the public schools to make good citizens, citizens who will think sufficiently to vote and at the same time willing to work with their hands."

This is Mayor Gaynor's criticism of the public school systems throughout the United States and particularly of the New York public schools.

"Boys are getting too much in their heads to want to work with their hands," the mayor holds, "and girls know too many things to want to do house work."

Mayor Gaynor is an advocate of teaching "reading, writing 'n' arithmetic" in the public schools along with a few other essentials and letting languages, for instance, wait for those who have more time for learning than those who end their schooling with the grades.

In giving his opinions of what the public schools in this country should do, Mayor Gaynor said:

"The public school should train our boys and girls to work; work with their hands as well as their heads. Schools, especially in the larger cities all over this country, are turning out boys and girls who think they are a little too good to do ordinary work. This is bad for the country."

"We are bringing boys and girls out of the common schools who, unless they can get jobs where they can sit on the high stools or at a typewriter, won't work. They have been taught too much and think because they have been educated they should use their heads alone and let others work with their hands."

"This condition is bad for the country, and I have a notion it is all caused because those in charge of the schools are trying to do too much. Children in the common schools are taught so much they can learn little well."

"When I was aboy in the district schools in the country and later in the village, I observed it was very easy to discourage pupils by too much work; although then we were taught only the essentials. Now then it seems to me too many subjects are taught in the school and the children become discouraged because they think they are overloaded. None can learn all that is taught while the great majority learn very little."

"I think the largest percentage of children in our schools are just submerged—they just have their noses above water, struggling to breathe. They have more than they can do. We try to teach them too many things and the result is they leave the common school with a superficial knowledge of many things and an accurate knowledge of none. This was my own experience in the common schools."

"There are a lot of fables and refinements now taught in our schools that ought to be dropped. French and German, for instance, are refinements. If there is any one who has ever learned French or German in these schools even to read and understand it, I wish they would come in to my office and talk with me. Either boy or girl who has accomplished this certainly would be a curiosity."

"The teaching of languages does not help our children become better citizens. It does not impress on them the necessity of work. And there is a shortage of work all over the country. Children born here and who attend our schools won't work with their hands unless they have to and then they don't love it."

"And I am convinced that a system of education that produces such a result is a failure and the systems in our larger cities are very generally producing just that result. We are teaching unnecessary things. Probably this so because those interested in education are zealous in their work, constantly adding to that which they think our children should learn. It's a hobby with them; they keep enlarging and enlarging the studies for the common schools. For this reason I think those engaged in any one line should consult with those in other lines to get a broader view of their own work before going too far. Teachers and those in charge of our schools are apt to get narrow, just as those in any other work, unless they are guided somewhat by outside influences. I don't want to criticize too much but we should teach our children with greater care."

**The Age Problem.**

Sparta, Dec. 28.—After driving about twenty miles through rain and mud, W. C. Pennington and Miss Bnae Phipps of Grayson Co., Va., a youthful couple intent on getting married, came very near being disappointed as a result of not being able to prove that the would-be bride was of proper age. The Revisor of 1905 provides that if the register shall issue license without making reasonable inquiry as to the eligibility of the applicants, he shall forfeit \$200, etc., and a recent case in the 155th North Carolina report, which defined "reasonable inquiry," makes it incumbent on the register to look up outside testimony—someone who will testify of their own knowledge that parties are entitled to license. They were successful after several hours waiting, in finding the needed witness, and Rev. T. J. Houck was called and sworn made them "one."

The bride stated that there was no opposition to their marriage at home, but she didn't care to ask them anything about it.

**Say They've Found Mcney.**

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—Guided by an ancient chart found in the ruins of a Spanish house on Fort George Island, two boys of this city say they have unearthed Spanish treasure worth about \$150,000. They say the gold, silver and copper coins were found in a strong box buried about six feet deep.

The boys are Loring M. Howen, 17 years old, son of Prof. Shelby Z. Howen, vice president and general manager of a local business college, and John Kling, aged 18 years, son of a pilot at Mayport.

Those who have seen the coins say they bear dates of more than a century ago.

**Stephen G. Bragaw Named to Succeed Judge Ward.**

Racine, Dec. 30.—Governor Kitchin today commissioned Mr. Stephen G. Bragaw of Washington for judge of the first judicial district to succeed Judge George W. Ward, resigned, and first court will be held in Wake Co. Jan. 8, a criminal term.

Mr. Bragaw was born in Washington, Feb. 22, 1868, was educated at the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1890 with high honors, was a member of the Senate of 1905 and has been a civic leader in his community and has established a splendid reputation as a lawyer. He taught in Beaufort for a while and always took a deep interest in education in the city of Washington, leading the movement to establish a system of graded schools there.

The resignation of Judge Ward was announced December 11.

The Elizabeth City bar at once endorsed Maj. W. C. Robinson of Washington and the next day the Washington bar endorsed Bragaw. The contest has been a sharp one. L. L. Smith of Gatesville, S. C. Vann of Edenton, and A. G. Gaylor of Plymouth were largely endorsed as active candidates.

**A Girl's Wild Mid-night Ride**

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at mid-night and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung troubles, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and 1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Hennis Drug Co.

**Administrators Notice.**

Having qualified as Administrator on the estate of E. T. Waller, dec. notice is hereby given to all parties owing the estate to make immediate payment to save cost, and all persons holding claims against the estate to present them properly proven in the time prescribed by law or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their collection.

This 19th day of Oct. 1911.  
C. L. Waller,  
Adm. E. T. Waller, Dec.

**Administrator's Notice.**

Having qualified as administrator of Sadie H. Ashby, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same within twelve months; otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of a recovery.

This Dec. 19th 1911.  
R. E. Hollingsworth,  
Adm. of Sadie H. Ashby, decd.

**Easy to Get Drunken Chicks.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Investigating peculiar actions of several of his chickens he found wobbling around the yard, Julius Stringer of Fifteenth and Carman streets, Camden, found that the fowls had been fed on rum-soaked corn and were drunk. He was given the description of two men noticed acting in a mysterious manner in the yard and traced them to the Federal street bridge at Cooper River. The man carried a bag containing three chickens, and when Stringer placed the fowls in the street they began to wobble. They, too, were drunk.

The two men were sent to the City Hall by Policeman Paul, but as Stringer refused to make complaint they were released. Stringer says that chickens are easily stolen when drunk.

**Train Waited Until Corpse Was Photographed.**

Troy Montgomerian, 22nd.  
The eastbound train from Mt. Gilead was held at Troy ten minutes Tuesday afternoon while Mr. D. F. Morgan, photographer, made two photos of the corpse of the two and a half year-old daughter of Mr. Eli Cagle. They were on their way to Randolph county, where the body was to be buried.

Two photos were made one of the child alone moved from the casket and placed in a sitting posture in a large rocking chair seated by the depot. The other was made of the entire family of five, with the body of the dead child in the mother's arms.

When the photographer had made the two exposures, the body was placed in its casket and the train proceeded with the broken-hearted family and the corpse to its destination.

**An Unknown Disease.**

Berlin, Thursday, 28.—An epidemic of some strange unknown disease has already claimed 500 lives in the Municipal Night Shelter and other asylums here. One hundred other cases were reported today. Several persons were taken violently ill in the streets, dying within a few hours. The deaths were first attributed to ptomaine poisoning caused by eating tainted herring, but today it became known that a number of victims hadn't eaten the fish. Physicians are unable to diagnose the illness of the victims, who expire in great agony.

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T. B. Ashby, admr. of estate of E. B. Ashby, decd.  
This Dec. 19th, 1911.

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**Ho Put His Money in Dog Flesh Instead of Bank.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 20th.—John Vincent, of Sowersville, afraid to trust his money in his pocket or trunk at his boarding house, hid it in the barrel of his old shotgun.

Mr. Vincent had put \$50 in bill in the gun, which was unloaded. Last night, while he was away from the house, a big dog caused so much trouble in the yard that one of the boarders resolved to shoot the animal. He slipped a shell into Mr. Vincent's gun and fired.

The dog howled with pain, leaped the fence and disappeared. Mr. Vincent is searching for the dog in hope of extracting some of the money from its hide.

**The Liquor Devil Causes a Killing.**

Goldshoro, Dec. 29.—This afternoon Harrison Johnson, white, of Grantham township, was brought to this city and placed in jail, charged with killing J. H. Bowen, another white man from the same section.

Bowen and Johnson (each over 60 years old) came to Goldshoro last Saturday and got loaded up on blind tiger whiskey, and on the highway home Saturday evening, each riding in separate vehicles, they got into a dispute beyond Neuse River bridge and got out of their vehicles in the road to "fight it out," with the result that Johnson cut Bowen so bad that he was unable to help himself, and was taken up by some one passing and brought back to the city, where he was placed in the Goldshoro Hospital.

Here he received all possible care but his wounds from the first were hopeless, and death came to his relief last night.

There is great sympathy for Mr. Bowen, for it seems, he took issue with Johnson for cursing and abusing Mr. Thomas Sutton, J. P., a neighbor of his, and a most excellent man, who had in a recent trial before him, given judgment against Johnson.

**Fails in Riding Test.**

Washington, Dec. 29th.—Five army officers, after having spent years in the service, including Spanish and Philippine campaigns, got their test in the Roosevelt physical endurance test in horsemanship. Having failed to make the annual horsemanship test all five were ordered here to appear before the retiring board.

One of the five is William H. Brooks, a major in the medical corps, who was born in North Carolina, May 1868. He was an assistant surgeon and first lieutenant in the Second North Carolina infantry, which entered the United States volunteer service for the Spanish-American war, in May 1898. He was honorably mustered out November 25, 1898 and was appointed assistant surgeon and captain in the medical corps of the army June 29, 1901. He was promoted to captain in 1906 and major within the last year. He has been stationed at Fort McDowell, California for some time.

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