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MODERATE EDUCATION THE MEANS TO WEALTH AND PROGRESS

GOV. AYCOCK'S SPEECH AT LaGRANGE Many Pointed Comparisons Showing the Value of Education

Pictured as the MacDonald Whose Charge
Saved an Empire He Says it is Not He
but the People Who Can and Must Pierce
the Center and Dispel the Forces of
Ignorance—He Dwells Upon the Glorious
Possessions of North Carolina, but Says
They Can Never be Made the Most of
Without Education of the Masses—We
Educate the Mule and the Dog, Why
Not Our Own Children and the Negro?
Money Can Not be Better Spent Than for
Education—A Great Crowd and Interest-
ing Exercises.

A large crowd was at LaGrange yester-
day to hear Gov. Aycock deliver an ad-
dress at the closing of the public schools
at that place.

An elaborate program had been ar-
ranged by the principal, Mr. M. H. Wood-
en, the trustees, Messrs. Pridden, Wood
and Kennedy, and other citizens of the
community.

To some extent the program was broken
into by the failure of the Pythian band,
of Goldsboro, to come, owing to the sud-
den death of Mr. Cohen, father of the
leader of the band.

The remainder of the program was car-
ried out without a hitch and the commit-
tee on arrangements deserve credit, as do
the citizens of LaGrange for the cordial
welcome extended the large number of
visitors.

The effects of the meeting will reach
over the whole county and result in
much good for better and more educa-
tion.

About 11:30 o'clock the crowd as-
sembled in one of the tobacco ware-
houses, every seat which had been pre-
pared for the occasion being taken and a
number were standing. Messrs. Mabel
Wooten and Mary Taylor acted as ushers.

North Carolina is one of the oldest
States in the Union. It has more
natural resources and better cli-
mate than any other State in the
Union—then why is it we are the
poorest people in dollars and cents
in the whole Union?

IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE THE
MOST ILLITERATE PEOPLE
IN THE WHOLE UNION, SAVE
ONLY SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gov. Aycock at LaGrange Thurs-
day.

the great duty and responsibility of edu-
cating the children of the State was not
upon him, but upon the people, that he
couldn't accomplish the task himself, but
that the people could, and he believed, he
knew they would.

The governor said he believed that
every man present who could vote at the
past election had voted for him; that if
any were present who didn't he knew
they were sorry for it by now. He said
during the campaign he had stated that
he didn't want anyone to vote for him
unless they knew what they were voting
for and that he had promised that if
elected governor he would devote the
entire four years of his term to working
for the education of the children of the
State, and that he had thus far kept and
intended to keep his pledge. He said
that he had been called a crank on educa-
tion. Said he was told so by a man
in the State. "If I am a crank, I have
this point in my favor: A crank turns, a
blockhead stands still." The governor
paid a fine compliment in a humorous
way to his constituents—said there were
no people on the earth like North Carolina
people. "I have been at Charleston the
past week associating with cabinet
officers and president, and I got mighty
tired of it, too. Came back to North
Carolina to see some people." The
speaker then went into some minute
detail to show what a great State is North
Carolina and what a history it has; told
how the women had suffered privations
during the war to let more than the
State's voting population go to the
front and fight; said the people were
virtuous and good, there being less crime
than in any State in the Union; they were
industrious people, too, but there is one
thing in which they are weak, mortally
weak.

North Carolina is one of the oldest
states in the Union, has more natural
resources and better climate than any
state in the Union; then why is it that we
are the poorest people in dollars and
cents in the whole Union? It's because
we are the most illiterate in the whole
Union with the single exception of South
Carolina. Thank God she saves us from
being last. I want all who think we are
oppressing industry in levying taxes for
education to think of this.

WHY IS IT THAT MASSACHU-
SETTS IS THE RICHEST STATE IN
THE UNION? BECAUSE SHE IS THE
BEST EDUCATED.

"We are the poorest State because we
are illiterate. With education we can make
wealth and hold it. The best educated
are the most efficient. Not necessarily
best educated in books, but in work.

"When you get a mule the first thing you
do is to break him, that is educate him to
do your work. The same way with a
hound dog, you educate him to run fence
and let rabbits alone.

"Some people get scared about training
the negro. As for my part I think as much
of the negro as of the mule and dog. I AM

IN FAVOR OF TEACHING EVERY CHILD, WHITE AND BLACK, IN NORTH CAROLINA TO WRITE.

It is not necessary, though, for you to
look out for the negro children. They
will look out for themselves. Why,
when the constitutional amendment was
being agitated 14,000 more than had
been attending school, turned out. A
man told me he met a little colored boy
in the road about that time, going to
school. Through curiosity he asked the
boy what he had in his bucket. He
found that it contained two green ap-
ples. This was the boy's dinner. There
is no wit in this. There is pathos. The
little negro had rather go hungry in
body than in mind. I wish every white
boy in the State had the same feeling. I
have no sympathy for this feeling of not
sending boys to school because they
haven't got good clothes. If you don't
educate them they never will have good
clothes. Ever think of that? In the
course of time the boy who goes to
school in spite of his clothes will some
day be at the head of the nation.

"I am a firm believer in public schools.
Believe every man ought to send his child
to them, rich and poor alike. The rich
man's boy and the poor man's boy sit
in the same seat together and study from
the same books. It has a good effect.
It gives power to the people of the State,
brings all classes closer, takes away some
of the improper pride of the rich man
and raises the poor man to a higher
citizenship."

The speaker gave a pretty illustration
of how fathers who didn't speak would
be drawn together as friends, through
their children going to school together.

"Educate until the masses in the State
are educated and in twenty years after
that is done, instead of being the poorest
State in the Union we will be the richest.
North Carolina has always had some
educated men. We have had as learned
judges on the bench as any State, but
our error has been in educating the few
and not the masses. To do this the first
steps to take is to get money in the treas-
ury."

"When the public school first started
the rich man wouldn't send his child to
school there, but North Carolina people
are a practical people and when the tax
collectors came around the rich man
asked himself what he was getting for
his money. He then began sending his
children to the public school.

"When we get school tax levied and
schools running how can we get children
to attend the school? Last year a third
of the children who ought to have at-
tended, failed to do so."

The speaker said there was no law in
this State compelling the parents to
send their children. A number of those
present thought the governor was going
to touch on a compulsory school law at
this point, but he ceased off, although
from what he said, the impression was
gathered by many that were the ques-
tion to come up he would be in favor of
such a law.

"You can by public opinion, cause ev-
ery child in your township to go to
school. Did you ever think what a great
force public opinion is? It is the highest



FIND THE GYPSY QUEEN.

law in the world. Why is it that I wear
shoes? Not because I want to, for I
haven't been happy since the day I was
forced by public opinion to wear them.
I wish public opinion could be brought
to put shoes on the mind of every child
in the State.

The governor then appealed to the
women to create this public opinion.
Asked them why they couldn't make
some sacrifice now to redeem the State
from illiteracy, as they had done to
preserve her during the civil war.

"When making my campaign I pledged
that every child in the State should be
given a chance to learn to read and write.
You voted for me then, and you must
stand by me now. In 1908 every one
who votes must be able to read and write.
It is a serious thing to take away suf-
frage, and it shall not be done as long as
I can find a dollar to educate the people.

It shall not be done until after the peo-
ple have gone back on their pledge.

"It is not such a hard task, after all
to educate the people of the State. All
of them are in some township, not all in
one. Let each township see that all in that
township are educated. First educate
in your own township, then help others.

"An educational revival is on and when
a revival strikes it is apt to go over the
entire State. I assisted in a meeting held
at Greensboro recently, which was
largely attended by the business men of
the place, and \$8,000 was raised in sub-
scriptions at that meeting. This money
was all raised for the schools in the out-
lying country districts around Greens-
boro, too. These are the places that
should be given attention. Give them
good school houses and furnish good
teachers and it will stop the exodus of
people from the country to the town, and
it will be, as was the case in the past,
that our greatest men come from the
country. I am going to assist soon in
meetings at Goldsboro and Charlotte and
I am sure the same thing will be done at
these places as was done at Greensboro.

"You women have built churches, I
know you built them, for I have eaten
enough ice cream made by you to make
me sick and have drunk a plate of soup
to each oyster.

"You can build school houses, too, and I
believe you will do it. When you say
to the men you must build these school
houses they will be built.

"It is the country schools that I came
to talk for. I call to their aid every
business and professional man, call to
their aid everybody, and good public
roads should be built to get them.

"I believe what you have done is an
earnest of what you will do.

"Go to the aid of country schools until
Lenoir county goes ahead of any county
in the State.

Gov. Aycock said he believed Lenoir
county was claiming to be the best
county in the State anyway, that Kins-
ton was claiming to be the largest town
and if it isn't now, it will be next year.

The governor in his peroration made
a plea for Lenoir county to take the lead
in the educational movement in the
State. Said it was eminently proper for
Lenoir county to do so, as the State
superintendent of education, Prof. Joy-
ner, was from Lenoir. He said "You
love me because you can't help it, and
I love you because you love me, and I
have a right to ask you to take the lead."

The address thrilled and enthused all
present and without doubt the impres-
sion made on his hearers will extend
over the whole county and result in
actual achievement before long.

one thing that would obliterate the im-
pression left by Gov. Aycock's speech and
consequently would not attempt to say
much.

He spoke about ten minutes and added
to the enthusiasm of the occasion.

County Superintendent of Education
C. W. Howard, in behalf of the public
schools of Lenoir county thanked Gov.
Aycock for his magnificent address.

A large bouquet of flowers was pre-
sented to the governor on behalf of the
ladies by Mr. Y. T. Ormond. In his pre-
sentation Mr. Ormond gave expression
to a grand thought. He said he would
not say that he hoped the path of the
governor would be strewn with roses
for he knew it wouldn't. "It is a hard
task, governor, that you have before you,
but in your noble labors I hope the
aroma of these flowers will be wafted
across your path and be an incentive
and inspire you to even greater efforts in
your noble work."

[From THE FREE PRESS Correspondent.]

LaGRANGE, April 4, 1902.

The 17th of April has come and gone,
with it comes fresh laurels for our peer-
less governor, Hon. Chas. B. Aycock.
The lowering clouds of the early morn-
ing dispersed and glad some sunshine
greeted the multitude that had assem-
bled to hear our gifted exponent of the
education of all the people. The force,
vigor, earnestness and instructive com-
parisons carried conviction to all. Elo-
quent but simple, it reached and was as-
similated by the ignorant and the intel-
ligent, the white and the black alike.
Well may North Carolina be proud of
her loyal son who is expending all his
energy and talents for his fellow coun-
trymen, that the black cloud of igno-
rance may be banished from her borders.
But it is not my work to report the
program in detail. A staff correspondent
has undertaken that and to his facile pen
the readers of THE FREE PRESS will be
indebted for a full report. The governor
left in the early afternoon and with his
departure, came the return of the clouds
and a downpour of rain.

The concert at the public school build-
ing tonight crowded the hall to suffoca-
tion. By request I want to try to make
a report for publication, but such was a
signal failure. The aisles, benches, desks
and windows were crowded. The audi-
ence was so enthusiastic over the cause
of education, and so vociferous and bol-
sterous that Prof. M. H. Wooten threat-
ened to stop if order was not restored.
A glimpse at the stage and its actors
impressed me that the exercises were
enjoyable and reflected credit to the
management, but those unfortunate
ones, like your correspondent, who were
near the door, to understand was an
utter impossibility. All sympathized
with Prof. Wooten and his co-laborers in
the disadvantage under which they
labored. But people will come to La-
Grange commencements, and inasmuch
as they will, one thing, among many
others, needed, is an auditorium.

R. M. H.

Durability of Pine Shingles.
Statesville Landmark: Dr. T. E. An-
derson, in speaking yesterday of the
durability of pine shingles, referred to
the Nell Brawley house, two and a half
miles west of town. The house was built
by Mr. Brawley 99 years ago and covered
with pine shingles. It is being recovered
this week, the second covering it has
had since its erection. Mr. Bacon
Wooten, the present occupant of the
house, vouches for this fact, as he only
found evidence of one set of nails being
driven in the old rafters.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Counterfeit dimes and quarters are re-
ported in circulation around Goldsboro.
Kinstonians better keep their eyes open.

BILL ARP ON SPRING.

"The bull frog bellers in the ditches,
He's shuffled off his winter britches,
The hawk for infant chickens watcheth,
And 'fore you know it one he catcheth,
The lizard is sunning' himself on a rail,
The lamb is shaking his new born tail,
King cotton has unfurled his banner,
And scents the air with sweet granmer,
The darkey is plowing his stubborn mule
And jerks the line with 'Gee, you fool,'
Adown the creek and round the ponds
Are gentlemen and vagabonds
And all our little dirty stoners
Are digging bait and catching minners."

The Hampton Normal and Agricul-
tural Institute nature study bureau,
of Hampton, Va., is issuing a series of
nature study leaflets which strikes Timely
Topics as something very valuable for
practical education of the youth. A
prospectus says: "The children in our
schools are growing up without seeing
what they look at. Every day as they
go to school they pass hundreds of
things that are worth examining, but
they seldom give these things a thought."
Leaflet 1 is on "A Child's Garden," and
it is so attractively written and illus-
trated as to awaken interest and create
an ambition in almost every child reader.
Any child could make a lovely little gar-
den by following its simple directions
and this would be play that would be of
lasting benefit by creating a love for
such work and an ambition to excel.
Leaflet 2 is on "How Seeds Travel" and
so they go on, making interesting sub-
jects of the commonest things in every
day nature life. These leaflets are pre-
pared for use in public schools and they
should be in every school. Deeply inter-
esting in themselves they would infuse
greater interest in other studies and
make the school hours much more at-
tractive. Those interested may obtain
copies by addressing the bureau.

Gaston now has three miles of maca-
dam road. The county has been two
years in building this road from Dallas
to Gastonia, but this practical illustra-
tion of the benefits of good roads has
inspired the people of the county with
the idea of issuing bonds for the purpose
of building roads all through the county.
It is estimated that there are 120 miles
of public roads in the county and that
\$300,000 would macadamize them.

This is a good way to work up senti-
ment for good roads. There is nothing
like an object lesson to drive home a
point. It would be a good idea for the
county commissioners to macadamize a
mile of one of the principal roads lead-
ing into town. The farmers would soon
want the improvement extended through-
out the county.

Of course Kinston should have its
streets macadamized. It will give a tone
to the town that will favorably impress
every newcomer and greatly enhance
the value of property, but there are two
other things needed equally as bad
which it would be wisdom and economy
to provide first—a sewerage and a water
system. Then the macadam would not
have to be torn up. It never can be made
as good as originally when torn up.

These things are demanded for health,
progress and prosperity. Of course they
cost money, but a town is much like a
private business. The true economy lies
in having everything organized to do
business rapidly and economically in
either case. The business man invests
money and even goes in debt to acquire
these advantages; the merchant spends
money solely to give his goods the most
attractive display, expecting and know-
ing that it will bring good returns. The
same principle applies to the town. A
general air of neatness and order, backed
by the modern conveniences of running
water and sewers to carry off liquid
waste which otherwise soaks into the
ground, ferments in the sun and breeds
malaria, typhoid and kindred ailments,
is attractive to the prospective resident
or manufacturer and proves the attrac-
tion which will cause him to select such
a town in preference to the one without
them. It requires investment to provide
these things BUT IT PAYS.

Let us begin thinking and figuring
along these lines. Timely Topics would
be glad to receive letters from practical
and progressive citizens, with sugges-
tions. We will be glad to publish them
all, pro and con.

The Bargain Counter.

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WE LIKE TO EAT.

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from Long Leaf Pines, also all kinds of
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our stock and get our prices before pur-
chasing. Thanking our customers for
past patronage and hoping to renew
same, we remain, Yours truly,
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Prompt Delivery.