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## GREAT NEED OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In the great educational movement in our state for better schools much too little, I fear, is being said about a change in the character of the studies taught. Yet I can see that to reap the best results of the improved schools and to make them popular that local taxation may not be shunned, there must be a development in our public school courses (curricula) which will make the schools serve the needs of their constituents.

I am aware that the prime object of our schools is to train the youth for citizenship, and I do not understand that they have consummated the purposes for which they were instituted unless they make for us a useful citizenship, men and women who are enabled to serve their country and their state by first serving themselves.

It is a known condition in Lenoir county and in the state of North Carolina that the public schools have been laying almost the whole emphasis of their teaching upon one of the two values of study, that of disciplining the faculties of the children, and has failed to give knowledge—knowledge which the pupils have been able to use in supporting themselves, in providing the stern necessities of their existence, unless perhaps they become teachers.

I would not be understood to discredit the mostly literary education taught in our public schools, high schools and many of our colleges and universities, whose tendency is to develop the refined and polished "lady" and "gentleman." Lenoir county is indeed not in the lurch with this sort of citizenship and I would not say a word to offend the most delicate sensibilities of any of these. For what eastern county has sent from her common schools more men and women than our own? But what I do want to say is that the majority of this class of educated citizens when first thrust loose into the world are unable to make their own bread. And I say this without qualification. It stands self-evident and it is only to be regretted that we have gone so long on such a course.

I frequently call to mind a southern lad who began his education in the county district and who in the fourth year of his course (the year to which I refer was the three months school year) had placed in his hands a text book on geography, the next year technical English grammar and history of his state. Needless to say most of the remaining years in this school were spent on these subjects, interspersed with a little reading, arithmetic and spelling. This sort of thing was kept up until he went to college, except that algebra and Latin had been taken up in a short period spent in some high school. He graduated from one of our universities when he had completed the classical course of study. And I give you the word upon my honor, but for the practical experience that youth got on the farm before he began school and during the vacation periods of his attendance he could not earn his actual vital support. Why was this if not because his faculties had been developed and no knowledge acquired for his developed faculties to use? Possibly he could teach school, and we need more and better teachers, but I declare before high Heaven we don't want such teachers as he would have made.

Whatever I shall say or have said comes indeed from no intention of creating or stimulating a derogatory attitude to the ornamental studies of our courses. But I do contend for a harmonious mean between them and some practical studies and departments which shall make us a self-supporting, self-improving citizenship. Some such departments will not only fulfill, I believe, the function of disciplining the young minds, but will give them a working knowledge, by the use of which they may work to more advantage.

Within a few ensuing years I believe the southern states will awake to a full realization of the importance of education, perhaps they have already, but I mean to the infinite need of educating for service, and our own schools shall give us back for our children men and women who shall be positive characters.

in the rapid development of our section of the country and whose part in the movement shall stand for something. Educators and those among us who sympathize with them are often reproached with the trite saying that "you educate a boy and you ruin a good work-hand," that he gets above his work. God knows there is truth in the adage and it is not without some foundation. But not that the boy gets above his work, he doesn't know how to work. Too long he has been educated away from his work instead of to it. And what we want to do now is to teach the children of our county and state how they can work.

The graded schools have already begun to institute departments of manual training, where girls are taught to sew, cook, cut and fit garments, care for the sick, and general domestic work, and boys learn the use of carpenter's tools, lining, sawing and planing, drawing plans for work, designing buildings, woodturning, carving, something of electricity and machines, chemistry and physics. And when a pupil leaves at the end of the course, if he does not enter school again elsewhere, doing higher work, he is not at a loss for something to do, for there is forever work for him who knows how to work. He may not care to follow any of the lines taught, but he always has the assurance that he does know some trade and has a resource upon which he may fall back in any emergency.

How much more profitable and agreeable work would be done in our county schools if the elementary principles of agriculture, stock feeding and breeding, harvesting and marketing were taught and made a basis for English work! After some definite ideas on these subjects are gained, when the child really knows something, I am sure that better composition work can be done with these as a basis than upon some dry bones like the "Battle of Bunker Hill," "The Lords Proprietors" or "Julius Caesar," about which no child in our county schools ever gets enough definite ideas to put in writing and not be ashamed of it.

My great desire, then, is to see our children learn to do things with the hands as well as to think with the head. For I believe no man or woman is properly educated who has not done manual labor and does not know how to make an honest living. Let us keep ever before us these indisputable facts which I have laid down. The time is not yet when the public schools can adopt the entire course I have suggested, but the time is indeed upon us when we can make a beginning, when we can place these things before us for new ideas and work to accelerate a growth that is sure to come and in which our future is concerned.

ALLEN J. BARWICK,  
Principal Goldsboro Graded School.

Mother Always Keeps It Handy.  
"My mother suffered a long time from distressing pains and general ill health due primarily to indigestion," says L. W. Spalding, Narora, Mo. "Two years ago I got her to try Kodol. She grew better at once and now at the age of seventy-six, eats anything she wants, remarking that she fears no bad effects as she has her bottle of Kodol handy." Don't waste time doctoring symptoms. Go after the cause. If your stomach is sound your health will be good. Kodol rests the stomach and strengthens the body by digesting your food. It is nature's own tonic. J. E. Hood.

## NEW AND OLD FRESHLY TOLD

Items of Interest for Male and Female

### SPORTING NOTES.

George Davis is leading the American league shortstops in fielding, but his batting is under .300.

Vashti, dam of Lynne Bel, 2:40% by Bayonne Prince, has been bred to Director's Jug, 2:29%, son of Director, 2:17.

Johnny Mack has posted a forfeit of \$1,000 to bind a match between "Kid" McFadden of California and any other 122 pounder in the business.

The green pacer Direct Hal holds the track record for this season at Greenville, O. He showed a mile recently in 2:06%, with the last half in 1:09%.

One of the fastest and handsomest trotters at the Indianapolis track is Budd Doble's Kinney Lou, the green son of McKinney, 2:11%, and Mary Lou, 2:17.

The famous Carteret Gun club of New York has followed the example of the trusts and located in New Jersey. New Jersey gives no protection to the birds.

Peter Maher's recent showing against Fred Russell, the western heavyweight, has convinced the Irishman that he has outlived his usefulness as a pugilist.

Seven hundred automobile licenses have been issued in Chicago, but only seventy machines were scheduled for taxation. This is the first time on record that an automobilist ever dodged anything.

### FRILLS OF FASHION.

The pongee corsets rival the white net styles in favor for summer.

Delicate transparent sailor collars, yokes and vests are to be worn extensively this season.

Many of the gowns prepared for afternoon wear are in black and white silk or French muslin.

Dunstable straw, rushes, alder stems and other rustic braids loosely woven or lace plaited are in great demand both here and abroad.

One of the season's latest jackets that has already proved a favorite is the Monte Carlo or Kimona coat, fashioned in silk, pongee, veiling or canvas, lined with colored silk and trimmed with lace or embroidered bands.

Linens of every description are in good taste. By French tailors they are made into fairly long skirts heavily strapped, and these are worn either with skirted Russian blouses, the shorter Gibson waists or Eton blouses, with Irish lace collars attached.

One of the new summer skirt models designed for veiling, muslin, tannin and other soft delicate goods is a flaring five gored style with applied folds in tucked effect reaching almost the entire length of the skirt, although any desired number may be used.—New York Post.

### AUSTIN'S LATEST.

Alfred Austin's ode is not disappointing. It is fully as bad as could have been expected.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The chances are that if King Edward can survive Alfred Austin's latest ode he will somehow manage to get well.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Why not speak a good word for Alfred Austin? His coronation ode contains nothing that could bring the faintest blush to the cheek of modesty.



FIGHTING FIRE WITH AN ELECTRIC LIGHT. The New York fire department has just adopted and is making good use of the electric searchlight in fighting nocturnal conflagrations. A portable dynamo supplies the power for the light, which can be trained in any direction and is of especial use in combating fires in the high buildings that abound in Gotham.

## Purely Personal

Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. F. T. Harper went to Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Parker went to Burlington Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Nunn returned from Wilson Sunday.

Mr. N. J. Rouse went up to LaGrange Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Hill left this morning for Wilson.

Mrs. J. P. Tucker went to Grifton this morning.

Mr. H. W. Taylor returned to Wilson last night.

Miss Bessie Braxton spent Sunday in Goldsboro.

Miss Kate Sutton went to Falling Creek Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Moore returned this morning to Pitt county.

Mrs. Geo. B. Wilson of Dover came to Kinston Sunday.

Mr. L. F. Rightstell of LaGrange spent Sunday in Kinston.

Mr. Adolph Einstein went to Morehead City Sunday afternoon.

Miss Estelle Wooten returned Saturday from visiting at Norfolk.

Miss Clyde Watson of Wilson is visiting Miss Ethel Hodges.

Mr. Wilbur Dawson left this morning for Conetoe, to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hooker returned this morning from Chase City, Va.

Mr. J. W. Grainger left this morning to spend a few days at Seven Springs.

Mr. F. C. Dunn went to Morehead City Saturday and returned this morning.

Mr. John Carr spent Sunday at Morehead City and returned this morning.

Mr. Zeb. Murphy of New Bern came up Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. L. Hines.

Judge O. H. Allen left Saturday evening for Robeson county, where he goes to hold court.

Miss Sadie Kornegay and Miss Charlotte Parrott went to Goldsboro Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Meacham went to Morehead City Saturday and returned last evening.

Miss Sadie Kornegay and little Miss Charlotte Parrott returned this morning from Goldsboro.

Mr. T. J. Roberts, of Norfolk, Va., who had been visiting at Mr. L. Dawson's, returned home today.

Miss Alice Lang, who had been visiting at Mr. W. E. Mewborn's, returned this morning to Greenville.

Miss Nora Baley, of Greensboro, came this morning from Morehead City to visit Miss Hannah Dawson.

Mr. Horace West of Durham, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. Sofia West, returned home Sunday.

Miss Bruce Forbes, of Greenville, passed through Kinston this morning returning from a visit to Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Royal, of New Bern, came this morning to visit at Mr. D. E. Wade's near Kinston.

Mr. Herman Sutton, who has been engaged at Tillery, N. C., for some time, returned home a few days ago.

Mr. Frank Hyman, of the Hyman Supply company of New Bern, took the cars here Saturday for Seven Springs.

Mrs. Nancy Gaskins and Miss Minnie Gaskins, of New Bern, who had been visiting here, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. O. B. Saunders and Miss Mary Saunders, of Washington City, came Saturday to visit at Mr. John Albert Long's.

Mrs. J. F. Mewborne and two children, Louisa and John Franklin, left this morning to spend a month visiting relatives near Winston.

Mrs. Jas. F. Jordan, of Raleigh who had been visiting Mrs. J. H. Parham for about two weeks, returned to her home Saturday night.

Mr. E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Hon. Claude Kitchin, M. C., left for Tarboro this morning to be with Mr. Kitchin a few days.

Miss Hannah Dawson, who had been visiting at Wilson for some time, returned Saturday, accompanied by her friend, Miss Ruth Gold of that town.

Mr. Floyd Lawrence, who is superintending the construction of the American Tobacco company's improvements, is spending the day in Greenville.

Celebration at Roanoke Island.

Committee having in charge pilgrimage to Roanoke Island has arranged the following program of public exercises: Preliminary business meeting of celebration committee. Address of welcome by C. R. Pugh of Manteo. Response by W. D. Pruden of Edenton; address on "Sir Walter Raleigh," by J. S. Carr of Durham; Song "Old North State," address "The Sound Section of North Carolina," by Hon. John H. Small of Washington; Song, "America," address "What Celebration Means," by Walter Clark of Raleigh; visit to "Fort Raleigh" and other places of interest; song "Old North State," address "Roanoke Island a Centre of Historical Interest," by Charles F. Warren of Washington; "Raleigh's Charter, Dawn of Civil Liberty in America," by E. G. Connor of Wilson; song "Star Spangled Banner," address, "The Nation's part in Celebration," by Senator F. M. Simmons of Raleigh. Friday morning July 25, 9 a. m., business meeting of committee and 1 p. m. adjournment.

Immense Turtle.

Wilmington dispatch: Messrs. Joe Lane, Jack Cowell and Jack Burries returned from Bald Head Island today with an immense sea turtle which they caught on the beach last night. The turtle weighed about 850 pounds. They caught another that was fully a third larger, but being too heavy to handle in their small sail boat, they turned it loose. The party found 300 turtle eggs on the beach.

Democratic County Convention.

At a meeting of the County Democratic executive committee it was unanimously agreed that the primaries for the townships should be held on Saturday August 9th and the county convention to be held on Saturday, August 16th. Therefore the chairman of each township and voting precinct will please give notice throughout their respective townships calling upon all white voters to assemble themselves at their usual place of voting and elect delegates to the county convention who will nominate a member of the Legislature, Clerk Superior Court, Sheriff and other county officers. Said county convention will be held in court house Kinston, Saturday, August 16th at 10 o'clock.

J. W. GRAINGER,  
Chairman Committee.

## TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Cheap men are a curse to the country.

Egotism—a saddle used by a man who rides a hobby.

He who seeks the honor of men must become their slave.

The world is debtor to every one who wears a smile.

Diplomacy—the art of yielding gracefully to the inevitable.

Microbe—a doctor's excuse for an ailment that puzzles him.

It is surprising how much deeper a hole is after one gets into it.

Quarrels would never last long if the fault was only on one side.

Two young ladies who were very intimate friends agreed to point out each other's faults without reserve for one month. That was a month ago and they haven't spoken to each other in twenty-nine days.

The house of a colored man at Sanford was infested with fleas. To get rid of them he put dried leaves under the house and set them on fire, and so far as known he got rid of every flea, but unfortunately he got rid of the house at the same time.

Reform law makers do some queer things in their laudable efforts to suppress vice and crime by digging out the roots. Charleston, S. C., authorities think there is altogether too much shooting. Of course there is a good and plenty law already against men shooting each other, but these wise men thought the root of the matter had not been reached and they proceeded to dig for it. After prolonged deliberation they hit upon a plan which struck them as clever and a sure preventive. They passed a law prohibiting dealers from selling a pistol less than twenty inches long and weighing less than three pounds. Such an implement of destruction is nothing short of an infant cannon and of course could not be carried concealed, but worse than that they call for a .55 calibre bullet and the rebound would be as violent the man behind the gun would be in far greater danger than the man before it.

When they got this law on record the solemn chuckled in glee and patted themselves on the back as clever fellows. They thought they had solved the problem, but deep was their chagrin and utter was their dismay and horror to learn that pistol "blind tigers" had been established, that the sale goes on under cover and that man shooting will be as fashionable and promiscuous as heretofore.

Massachusetts is always tinkering with its excise laws and has a new one almost every year. Some years ago the wise man came to the conclusion that the evil lay in men standing too long at the bar and they passed a law that a man must sit down at a table to drink. The day it went into effect about half of Boston was drunk. It is a peculiar feature that men get drunk quicker sitting than standing.

Then they passed a law which widely separated saloons, but allowed "bottle houses" to locate anywhere. This was pie for the "old soak" for he could buy at a bottle house for twenty cents what would cost him a dollar at a saloon and drunken men were to be found everywhere.

Last year they passed a local option law, allowing local authorities to fix the price of licenses. This led to some hot fights and amusing incidents.

A man was determined to establish a saloon in a highly restricted district and finally obtained a court order directing the local board to grant a license. A vast crowd attended the meeting and there was both rejoicing and wailing over the prospective saloon.

But there was a wise man in the board and he had the "little joker" up his sleeve.

The license was duly granted and the chairman asked: "What will you make the license for?"

"One million dollars," responded the wise man.

"Second the motion," said another.

It was passed unanimously and the license crowd went out to catch their breath.



FIND THE HOTEL PROPRIETOR.

Vacation Days.

Vacation time is here and the children are busy living out of doors. There is no healthier place for them. It is necessary to guard against the accidents in children to most open air sports. No remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for quickly stopping pain or removing danger of serious consequences. For cuts, scalds and wounds. "I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for cuts, cuts and bruises," says L. B. Johnson, Swift, Tex. It is the best remedy on the market. Some use for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. J. E. Hood.