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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1901.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.
In this day of enlightenment, progress and culture, the question of education has become a problem of no small importance, and the time has arrived when the people of the State must face and solve it. The State is now under an educational administration so to speak. It has an educational executive, and an educational legislature which owes its success to a campaign made on educational principles. In fact not only the administration but the State as a whole is gradually being brought up to the point where she will do her own thinking, and each individual will think for himself. But if we are to be judged from statistics, it would seem that education is having no easy struggle against ignorance in North Carolina. The people have said that the State shall be educated; that ignorance and superstition shall be put to flight; but after this declaration has been made, the real difficulty, the gigantic problem of how it is to be done looms up and casts its shadow before us.

Will the people take advantage of the superior school facilities offered to them of their own volition or not? Is a compulsory school law necessary to state education? These are the questions, and we quote here the real facts as published in the Wilmington Messenger on information gathered from statistics:
"As compulsory education is neither democratic nor fair, the Messenger has not favored it. It has not been willing to endorse a measure that appeared extremely violative of the rights of the home and imported. But it does not look pleasant when so many white parents refuse to avail themselves of the facilities for educating their children furnished free by the state. There are in the school census of North Carolina 436,421 white and 129,198 negro children of school age. Total 565,619. Of these the school enrollment amounted to but 270,447 whites and 130,065 negroes—total 400,512. This was the enrollment leaving 195,097 not enrolled. A shameful business showing criminal neglect. But mark. The actual attendance was disgraceful. Of those receiving the rudiments of education there were but 142,415 white or less than one-third. Of negroes there were but 65,200 or but little more than one-fourth of the total. That is to say in all North Carolina out of a school census of 695,629 children of school age but 207,615 attended regularly. The average attendance was less than one-third of the whole, which is very bad. There are in the state 5,422 white school districts and 2,888 colored districts, a total of 8,310. The receipts from taxes for public schools and expended to them last year were \$1,031,237.94, as shown by the report of the superintendent of public instruction."

From the above it will be readily seen that the difficulty does not lie in the inferiority or incapacity of our school system, but rather in getting an attendance of the children of school ages. The schools are provided at an immense cost of \$1,031,237.94, as is shown by the report of the superintendent of public instruction, and are ample to meet the necessities of the state. The fact that an attendance cannot be had so long as the matter is left voluntary, is set forth by the statistics which show such an enormous disparity in the number of children of school ages and the scant attendance and enrollment. There are 259,000 school children in the state who ought to be in school not even enrolled.

Why expend so much money when the parents in the state do not even desire or appreciate it? Why hold out a benefit and leave it voluntary with the parents as to whether they will allow their children the advantage of it? Must ignorance and illiteracy continue at this alarming rate? What is the remedy? We confess that as we look at it, the whole business resolves itself into one conclusion and one remedy, and that is to have a compulsory school law that will cause the attendance of all children in this state of school ages. Not only ought the school law to be enacted but it ought to be so enforced as to prevent the criminal neglect of parents in regard to the education of their children. 'Tis not seem hard to some people; they may argue that the government of their home is involved and their free individual rights are being encroached upon, but the interest of society and the repute of a great state are involved, and

we favor compulsory education. It is the only feasible means of bringing about the desired result, and for that reason it ought to be favored. As for strengthened by education, whether that government be in the home, the state or the nation. Let the people of Rutherford county give the matter their serious attention. Let the duty they owe to their children be looked fairly in the face; let them give the argument of statistics its proper importance and weight, and if they can find no better means of bettering the intellectual condition of our people, then let them give their support to a compulsory education.

DEATH OF MRS. GARRARD.
Two Family Reunions—A Game of Base Ball—Other Henrietta News.

COROLEEN, June 2nd.—Mrs. H. A. Kutz came up from Charlotte Saturday for a short visit to her mother, Mrs. Oliver Hicks.

Mr. R. P. Scruggs is able to be out after a tedious illness.

A party of young people went to Cherry Mountain Wednesday for a picnic. They were: Mrs. J. H. Steadman and her sister, Miss Smith, of Texas, Misses Fan Mallard and Carrie Haynes, and Messrs. G. B. Cabaniss and Jno. A. Hamrick.

There was a family reunion at the old Lovelace homestead, two miles beyond Mooresboro, last Sunday. It was the occasion of the eighty-second birthday of Mr. Bryson Lovelace. Those attending from Coroleen were Miss Annie Hamrick, Messrs. Forest and Flay Hamrick.

Large crowds attended the Sunday School Teachers' Institute at Forest City Sunday, June 30th. A great many more went over to the High Shoals Baptist church to the Pintuff family reunion on the same day.

A temperance play, *The Last Leaf*, will be given at Coroleen at an early date. It is gotten up by home talent under the direction of Mr. Spright Dowell, of Shelby, Alabama, for the benefit of the Coroleen Baptist church.

Mrs. Jos. Garrard died quite suddenly at her home in Coroleen Monday morning at nine o'clock. It is thought she had heart disease. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and a good woman. She left a husband and eight children to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted from High Shoals church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Geo. J. Lovell.

In speaking of Coroleen happenings, we would not forget the game of ball played here Saturday afternoon between the Coroleen and Henrietta team and Forest City. Messrs. Bell and Wilkie were the pitchers. There was excellent playing on both sides, although the game was ended in favor of Coroleen and Henrietta.

Heartburn.
When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, heartburn is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let six hours elapse between meals and when you feel a fullness in the region of the stomach after eating, the indication that you have eaten too much, take one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the heartburn may be avoided. For sale by Twitty & Thompson.

Attractive Women.
All women sensibly desire to be attractive. Beauty is the stamp of health because it is the outward manifestation of inner purity. A healthy woman is always attractive, bright and happy. When every drop of blood in the veins is pure a leucous flush is on the cheek. But when the blood is impure, moroseness, bad temper and a sallow complexion tell the tale of sickness all too plainly. And women to-day know there is no beauty without health. Wine of Cardi crows women with beauty and attractiveness by making strong and healthy those organs which make her a woman. Try Wine of Cardi, and in a month your friends will hardly know you.

Notice!
To all persons who have failed to list their tax for 1901; and any persons desiring a change in the valuation of their property already listed, must come before the Board of County Commissioners next Monday, July 8th, 1901, and file complaint with said board and show cause of the over valuation. All chances to make complaint are closed thereafter. By order of the Board of Commissioners July 2nd, 1901.

J. P. JONES, Clerk of Board.
MORTGAGE SALE.
As mortgagee in the mortgage given by Watts Logan and wife, dated August 18th, 1894, containing power of sale, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Rutherfordton, the land known as the Reid lands on the first Monday in August, adjoining the lands of C. C. Goforth and Gray on Guffy, in Camp Creek township. This July 1st, 1901.
JACOB CARPENTER.

Geo. C. Justice, Geo. P. Martin, Justice & Martin, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.
Prompt and careful attention given to all business intrusted to them.

WM. F. RUCKER, Attorney & Counsellor at Law.
Rutherfordton, N. C.
Prompt attention given to all business intrusted to him. Office in brick building on corner above the court house.

A FAIR HOBGOBLIN

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THEY FELL TO TALKING OF THE MOON.
"Jag elsker dig," he murmured, in spite of warnings he found it absolutely necessary this one time to give vent to the flame which enveloped, threatening to consume him.

He bent and kissed her hand, best known to him—namely, Norwegian. He walked by her side in broadening silence. He bent and kissed her hand as usual at the door, and, going to his room, he took down the sweet old violin made in the year 1517 and began to play.

THE ONES WE LIKE BEST.
We must have a week spot or two, says Oliver Wendell Holmes, in a character before we can love it much. People that do not laugh or cry or take more of anything than is good for them or use anything but dictionary words are admirable subjects for biographies. But we don't always care most for those flat pattern flowers that press best in the herbarium.

A Week Off.
Head of Firm—I shall not be well enough to be at the office for several days.
Clerk—Why, you look all right now, sir.
Head of Firm—But I'm going shopping with my wife this afternoon.—Harper's Bazar.

Sale of Town Lots.
By virtue of power and authority vested in me by an order of the Superior Court of Rutherford county, North Carolina, in the special proceedings entitled "Margaret Catron and others against Eva Val Severin and others," I will sell at public auction, on the premises in the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, the

10th day of July, 1901, all that tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Rutherfordton, county of Rutherford and the State of North Carolina, described as follows, to-wit: Lots No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of that tract or parcel of land known as the Andy Moore lot, bounded by Main Street on the east, by Washington on the west, by the Miller property on the south and by the second street north of the Court House on the north, as laid down on a map or plat of the same to be found on page 548 of the Minute Docket of Special Proceedings and Orders and Decrees in the office of the Clerk of the Court of said Rutherford county, North Carolina, to which reference is hereby made for a perfect description of said lots.

One-third of the purchase money is to be paid in cash on the day of sale and the balance in six months, the deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on the lots sold or by withholding the title deeds till all the purchase money is paid, the purchaser to bear all the cost of securing the said deferred payments. The above described tract of land will first be sold in lots according to one or more plans of division to be made known on the day of sale, and finally sold as an entire tract; and the sale or sales by which the land is made to bring the highest price will be reported to the court for confirmation or further orders. This first day of June, 1901.
R. L. DURHAM, Commissioner.

BEFORE THEM. Their own forms cast shadows, narrowed, elongated and hardly less weird.
He was silent. His brain, accustomed to think in Norwegian, was busily engaged in fringing three words in the language best known to this girl from the unknown country which was nowhere to be found on his map. He knew them in Norwegian, he knew them also in Swedish, which is much the same. They were familiar to him, too, in German, but in English what were they? At length they came to him. He bent and whispered them—yes, bent and whispered them—"I love you," he said. And with a reckless disregard of consequences he repeated the words. "I love you," he said again.
The effect was not instantaneous. He hardly knew what he expected to follow, but like as not some lightning process attended the speaking of those three words by the son of a nobleman. In this case, however, nothing happened whatsoever. The girl from Kansas received the magic words as if they were an everyday occurrence, which perhaps they were. She was a wonderfully pretty girl, and beauty works wonders with the men. She even laughed.
And then, marvel of marvels, she commenced quietly to talk of other things, of the flowers in the windows they were passing, of the Church of St. Augustine, looming splendidly in the distance, of this, that and the other thing, as far removed from the question of love as the stars are removed from the sun.
And, what more for wonders will never cease in this fine siècle age of ours—she kept it up all the rest of the way home.
He framed no more words in English. He was thinking hard in the language

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R. L. DURHAM, Commissioner.

A GREAT DUMP SALE!

This is not a spasmodic effort; not the idea of an hour, but a carefully and skillfully planned movement involving hours, yes, days, of labor; and bringing into activity the greatest endeavors of buying organization, rivaled by none in Western North Carolina, or in upper South Carolina. This

STUPENDOUS SALE
of SHOES, DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, GENTS FURNISHINGS, NOTIONS, &c., will prove to be a revelation to this portion of our Moral Vineyard. In that the tremendous cut-rate prices we have adopted to reduce our immense stock before stock-taking time will shake the foundation of this country, an earthquake shock, as far as low prices are concerned, could not startle the people more.
In addition to stock taking a general reorganization of the various departments of this Colossal Combination will occur at the same time. So taking everything into consideration, the present management desire is to clean up things right and left, and to do this we have inaugurated a

GENERAL DUMP SALE!
This means all broken lots of every description are dumped on counters at a price to move them quick. Now to attempt to enumerate the "Giant Values at Dwarf Prices" on paper would be an endless task; only wish we owned a newspaper, and then we could itemize the bargains to be found in
HENRIETTA STORE NO. 1 AND CAROLEEN NO. 2.

Built to last upon the enduring principles of honesty and liberality, both of these stores have laid their foundation. Like the Sphinx they are built to last and lead the leaders of the Mercantile World in the onward march to supremacy.
DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!
No words can do this line justice. A vast range of fabrics, some of the choicest things from over the sea, at Free Trade prices; only mention a few to whet your bargain appetite for more. Crepon, Brilliantine; Satin Bauber, Black Cashmere, Summer Serges, black and blue. The largest, cheapest and best assortment of scales, French Ginghams, Foulards, Satin and Silk faced; Crash and Denims for Skirts; a great value in Table Linen. We have made a great reduction in all these goods at Coroleen and Henrietta. All we wish is a visit at either place to convince you of our GREAT DUMP SALE.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY!
In order to reduce these tremendous stocks at the two big stores, Henrietta and Coroleen, we have reduced three thousand dollars (\$3,000) worth Millinery Goods from 35 to 50%. We can save you this on trimmed and untrimmed hats.

Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!
Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) worth Clothing reduced from 25 to 50%. Bring about half the money you intend to invest in a suit of clothes, and you will go away happy. Money talks, but now prices will shriek.
Mothers will find it time well spent looking through stores No. 1 and 2 at Clothing for the boys. If in need of any Clothing, don't miss this special sale. Old pants never so cheap as we are now offering them, for men and boys.

Gents Furnishings.
If you are no judge of shirts, bring a friend; if he knows good shirts we'll gain a customer. We reinforce the durability of our shirts by seeing to it that skilled and careful workmanship is represented in the preparation of the garment from the person who cuts it out to the one who puts on the finishing touches. Shirts are going at greatly reduced prices.
The largest, best and cheapest stock of Men's and Boys' underwear we have ever handled; if in need of anything in this line, we can certainly save you money.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!!!
In our Shoe department we carry one of the most complete and reliable lines of Men's Ladies' and Children's Shoes to be found in the State. We allow nothing but first-class goods to enter this department. Now, while we have saved you quarters in the past on shoes, if you will come during our GREAT REDUCTION SALE, will save you dollars in the finish.

We would also state here that, in taking charge of Store No. 2, we can and will be of equal service; and will say to our friends that our motto at each store will be in the future, as it has been in the past: Money saving to our customers; qualities and values unsurpassed; satisfaction guaranteed.

HENRIETTA MILLS, Henrietta and Coroleen, W. M. ALLISON, Mgr. Dry Goods Dept.