

THE HEADLIGHT.

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GRADED SCHOOL.

Now that Senator Morrison has secured to the people of this community residing within the corporate limits of the town, the privilege of securing a graded school, the question arises, will the people vote for it? Living outside the limits of the incorporation, even in another township, it is a delicate matter for this editor to tackle this question in advocacy of the movement or against it; but as Supt. of Schools, he rejoices in every movement inaugurated for the advancement of the educational interests of any and every section of the country. If the terms of the bill which enables the people of Rockingham to vote for the issuing of bonds to defray the running expenses of a graded school, including the erection of suitable buildings for same, are satisfactory to the people, and they will enter upon the work in unity of spirit and purpose, it will be the greatest thing for Rockingham, that has occurred in her history. If there be any want of harmony in this work, it would be well that some concessions be made by opposing elements, if there be such, each element losing sight of everything but the welfare of the children and the up-building of the town. Let this be done, and all will be well. In this, as in all important questions, there are two sides, but here, there is but one; and in the interests of peace, unity, and general concert of action, let personal objections on both sides, be removed, and a basis of compromise be adopted which will be satisfactory to all concerned, and you will have a school which will be an honor to the town and its people.

Check A Growing Danger.

One of the many evils that now threaten our national life, and also our most sacred religious interests, is the growing sentiment in certain quarters, in favor of concentrating authority and power in the hands of a few men. The idea is the centralization of money power, of church power. The policy is to take the control of things out of the hands of the many and put it into the hands of a select few. When this policy is fully developed it will give us a few money kings who will absolutely control our financial interests. It will change our republican form of government, if not in name, in fact, into a monarchy, and it will convert our denominationalism into an ecclesiasticism, with one man managing the church as dominating a conference, or directing the affairs of a congregation. -North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Cost Of Legislation

The total cost of the session of the General Assembly of 1901 is estimated at from sixty-five to seventy thousand dollars. In the House of Representatives the per diem of the members and the Speaker has amounted to \$28,200.00. The mileage paid was \$4,081.00. The per diem and mileage of the clerks and employes amount to exactly \$11,208.00. This makes a total for the House of \$44,217.00.

Newspaper men have some funny experiences. Now and then one person will get engaged with you if you put their name in the paper, and another will get mad with you if you omit mention of him or her, or someone of their family, in connection with an event. Think how the majority are not so constituted in their mental make up and views. -Cherry Chronicle.

Hamlet Department

News is scarce in our town at present.

R. A. Lacey is having himself a nice cottage erected on Hamlet heights.

Mrs. Pleasants has moved into her new house near the new S. A. L. station.

Mrs. Sue Mollard, of Burgaw, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Pinar.

Mumps have made their annual visit to this part. Look out for measles next.

W. A. Caudle, car inspector, made a visit to Spencer and Salisbury Tuesday.

John W. LeGrand, one of Rockingham's talented young lawyers, was in town Saturday on legal business.

H. W. Covington, one of Hamlet's clever merchants, was kept in doors for a few days last week. Cause: mumps.

Hurrah for the Headlight, it is just splendid and can't be beaten. So many correspondents from all over the country. We do like to hear from every section and hope they will all continue to write.

We see it stated that August Belmont has secured control of the Seaboard Air Line. But Pahaw! that's nothing. Billy McKinley has secured control of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and is fixing to make a grab at China.

We are sorry that our good friend and representative, of Scotland, Hector McLean, failed to get his fertilizer bill through the House, but Hector should have done that two years ago when there was a great stink at the penitentiary and State farms.

Although Hamlet is so situated that the police have a very difficult beat, yet our clever and efficient chief, C. C. Smith, manages to keep law and order. Lam is a terror to the wrong doer and don't fail to bag his game every time. And Mayor D. McNair can dispense justice to them speedily.

We are engaged to Farmer John of Covington, N. C., claiming that the Ancient Order of Buffaloes was organized by bachelors. In that vicinity they may have instituted a lodge but the order is old, we know, for our name appears on the charter, and the order is not confined to bachelors, either, although they make acceptable members.

Your Roberdel correspondent asks Mallie H. this question: "What has the legislature done for the working man?" To be sure he didn't expect anything, did he? Why, look at that agreement between some 150 or 200 cotton mills and the legislature, wherein they agreed not to work the laboring men, women and children over sixty-six hours per week. This is about all that was done for the especial benefit of the laboring class, so far as we have seen. Later, some other things may rise to the surface, but it's not election time now, so let us have peace, and hold solid, lest while we wrangle the enemy surprise the camp.

X-Ray.

Wen Without Trying. A minister was one day walking along a road, and to his astonishment he saw a crowd of boys sitting in front of a ring with a small dog in the center. When he came up to them he put the following question: what are you doing to the dog?"

One little boy said: "Whoever tells the biggest lie wins it."

"Oh," said the minister, "I am surprised at you little boys, for when I was like you I never told lies."

There was a silence for a while, until one of the boys shouted: "Hand him up the dog!" -London Labor Leader.

Baptists Notice.

Delegates to the Union Meeting at Roberdel will please notify me immediately if they desire to be met at Rockingham depot, and thus save themselves inconvenience. N. O. COVINGTON, Roberdel, N. C.

Have you subscribed for the Headlight? If not, why not?

From Our Country Correspondents.

Roberdel.

F. O'Brien and wife, of Ellerbe, were visiting at Roberdel Sunday. Thomas Ormsby and family, of Steele's Mills, are visiting their mother at Roberdel.

We hope the column containing the Sunday school lesson will continue to be published.

The crokinole parties are taking the day with the young people of Roberdel, about ten nights in the week.

Prayer meeting at the Methodist church every Wednesday night, and the Baptist every Sunday night.

Mr. Zack Cooper and wife, Roberdel, have secured a job at Steele's mills, and will move to-day. Hope they will like their new home.

It was a pleasure to read so many letters from the various places in the county. One likes to hear from the people the country over.

We were made glad last week when the Richmond Headlight appeared. We have seldom seen a better county paper. Indeed, it is far better than many of the so-called high-classed journals of the South.

Preaching at the Methodist church the first Sunday in each month at eleven o'clock, and the third Sunday at night. Baptist, second Sunday at eleven o'clock and fourth Saturday night and Sunday of each month. Presbyterian, first Sunday evening at three thirty.

We read with pleasure of an effort on foot to have a rural free delivery route in Richmond county. The people of Roberdel are ready to do all they can to help on such an effort. Then we would not have to wait two or three days for our mail, as we now do sometimes.

Gibson's Mills.

Some of our farmers are busy planting corn this week.

Mrs. Parsons, of Pee Dee, was visiting in our section Sunday.

Laurence Terry, of Pine Grove, U. S. spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Jane Bostick, of Troy, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. McDonald.

Mr. Micheam, of Mecklenburg county, has been fox hunting in this section.

Miss Fannie Gibson, of Laurinburg, N. C., is visiting relatives in our community.

We welcome with delight the Headlight in our section. May it live long and be prosperous.

The gripe has visited this section and quite a number of our people have been very sick with it, but are improving now.

We were glad to see so many of your old correspondents with you again. It reminds us of past times to read X-Rays witty pieces. By-the-way what has become of Bill Sly, of McCall, S. C.?

FROM ANOTHER.

Mrs. E. J. Bostick, of Troy, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. McDonald.

Miss Fannie Gibson, of Laurinburg, is visiting her uncle J. M. Lovin.

A. M. Gibson will begin, in a few days, a new dwelling near his old one.

J. P. Gibson and Stephen Terry, were very sick of La Grippe are able to be out again.

L. T. Terry, of McCall, S. C., came up Wednesday and spent two days in our section.

Prof. L. A. Reynolds, of Roberdel, who has been teaching our free school, closed last week.

D. B. Currie and N. T. Currie had a lot of their fence burned up by the forest fire of last week.

Miss Mary O. Bruton, who has been very sick with measles for the past week, we are glad to learn is improving.

The new mail carrier for this route, Mr. Melret, is very prompt on his arrivals and departures with the mails. This is something we have not been usually having.

Lower Wolf Pit.

Mr. Sell preached a fine sermon at St Paul's Church last Sunday; Mrs. W. K. Diggs spent several days last week with her mother. Mr. W. E. Crossland went to

Raleigh Thursday on business.

Mr. Paul Whitlock was a pleasant visitor in our midst Friday. The young people are looking forward to the fish fry at Diggs' fishery soon.

Mr. Jerome Williams and bride attended preaching at St. Paul Sunday.

Rev. V. R. Coppedge was a welcome visitor to our neighborhood Thursday.

Dr. J. M. Stanall has been attending Dr. A. C. Everett during his recent illness.

Miss Mallie Smith, we are glad to note, is out again after an attack of measles.

The many friends of Dr. A. C. Everett will be glad to learn that he is very much better.

Mr. W. N. Everett and little daughter, Frances, visited our neighborhood Wednesday.

Ellerbe.

Miss Sarah McRae is quite sick, from a Grippe. The other sick folks are better.

Miss Mary Thomas, and her brother Ed, went to see the Jones, of Black Jack, yesterday.

Petals are planted, Jonquils are in bloom, and yet the ice is quite thick these mornings.

We are all delighted with the Headlight. It is nice, interesting and new, just what we country people need and like.

Clyde Townsend got a little scratched above his eye the other day, he was on a young mule, and the mule jumped and almost threw him.

A joker says that a locomotive engine is spoken of as "she" because of the horrible noise it makes when it tries to whistle. Now I did you ever! The young girls say that the joker is an old bachelor.

We are sorry that those now in charge of our mail, on this route, should have misappropriated what was said last week. It was not intended for them at all, as we have been congratulating our selves upon the success of our arrangements.

Two Better Than One. Editor of the Headlight: Although I have not had the pleasure of seeing a copy of Rockingham's new paper, "The Headlight," I learn from the papers that it has made its appearance as promised sometime ago. That it is ably edited and neatly gotten up, goes without saying among those acquainted with its projectors and managers. And that it will be well sustained by the good people of Richmond and adjoining counties I have not a particle of doubt. True, there are people—and well informed people too—who honestly believe that a small town like Rockingham cannot support two papers, especially of the same political faith, but I am of a contrary opinion and I speak from experience as well as observation.

Two papers in a town like Rockingham will do better than one. As competition is the life of trade, so, where there are two papers published in a town, a spirit of rivalry is gotten up, each striving to see which can send forth the best paper and thus, two good papers is the result instead of one not so good. Again, most of the substantial citizens, who are depended upon to support one paper, will likely take both, which will form a semi-weekly, if published on different days, as they should be. Richmond county is not only a wealthy county, but, as regards intelligence, takes rank easily with the best counties in the State.

In future communications, which I purposed to write, if my health will permit and you can afford to publish, I will briefly sketch the lives of a few really big men which Richmond county has produced, some of whom rendered faithful and valuable services to their country. For the present, adieu, wishing you the increase of success that I know you will merit, and which I confidently believe you will receive.

COLLEGE.

Several of our most distinguished educators, at home and abroad, assure us of articles upon educational topics.

Educational Column.

It is our intention to publish the school law, or the changes made in it, as soon as we can secure a copy of it. We will say now that both houses have agreed on a \$200,000 appropriation. One hundred thousand to be apportioned per capita, to the different counties and one hundred thousand to help the weaker schools to run a four months' term. So far, so good.

Prof. Hunter, county supt. of schools of Mecklenburg county, was a visitor to our town last Wednesday. He reports his schools in good condition, some of these being of high grade. He is greatly interested in providing greater facilities for teachers to equip themselves better for their work. He has promised us a communication for these columns.

An esteemed letter from ex-State Superintendent C. H. Mebane, informs us that he will furnish soon, a communication for this department of our paper. He also promises to address the people of our county, on the subject of free public education, in June or July.

We will, from time to time, publish communications from our county teachers, and friends of education throughout the county. The people, generally, must know what the public schools are doing.

We want the school news, and it is our purpose to talk through these columns to the teachers, pupils and patrons of the public schools; also the academies. The academies are not under our supervision, but we gladly unite with them in the greatest of all work, except the spread of the Gospel—and these are, or should be, inseparably united.

We offer to the school children of the county, whether connected with public schools or academies, a prize, of any book costing one dollar, or the dollar, for the best and most complete map of Richmond county. The pupil must certify that he or she received no assistance further than reference to another map. The map can be secured by the school children, but not by the work, but not by the work. Three competent persons will be appointed as judges. Now children, make the effort. It will be better to do so, and fail to secure the prize, than not to have made an effort, as in any result you will be the gainer.

Prof. W. L. Criddlebaugh, of the Ellerbe Springs High School, was a pleasant caller in our sanctum last Saturday. He reports his school as in good condition.

Prof. W. T. Robinson, of the Roberdel academy, gave us a pleasant call a few days ago. He reports his school as doing well.

W. A. Gibson, chairman of Beaver Dam township trustees, was a most welcome visitor in our office on Saturday.

A profitable exercise for school children. How many pupils in the schools can correct the misspelled words in the following poem?

A MIS-SPELLED TAIL. A little boy said, "Mother, dear, May eye go out too play? The sun is bright, the hair is clear. Owe! moth-r, don't say neigh!" "Go fourth, my sun," the mother said. He ant said, "Take over day. Your gneiss kneW sled, awl painted read. But do not lose ever weigh."

"A h, know!" he cried and sought the street With hair sew full of glee— The weather changed and snow and sleet And reign fell fierce and free. Threw snow-drifts grate, threw watry pool. He flew with with mite and mane— Said he: "Though I wood walk by rule, I am knot write, 'tis plain."

"Ide like to meet some kindly sole, For hear you danger weight, And ponder stairs a treacherous whole; Too sole his bis my gate. "A pass of bred, a gneiss hot stake, "Eyes shows if Eys were home; This cruel fate my heart will brake, I love knot thus to roam. "I'm weak and pall; I've met my rode." He and his sled were safely load Back too his home at last.

GOOD LITERATURE. Training pupils to read and to love good literature is by far the most important work done in school. It is the one thing that continues to contribute to one's education so long as he lives. It is not the ability to read, but the use made of that ability that contributes to the destiny of a child. Thomas Edison says his whole life was governed by reading a single book.

Ledbetter's.

The rice shower that came on the 10th was much welcomed by the people of this section.

D. G. Woodard and Miss Ethel Kelley, of Old Hundred, were visiting in this vicinity last week.

Ledbetter is not dead; for on last Wednesday night there was a "quilting" at Mr. Leoux's and on Saturday, night there was a candy boiling" at Mrs. Lizzie Howell's. Z. Beale is expecting his sister, Mrs. Kelley of Baltimore, this week.

There was preaching here, Sunday the 17th, at 11 o'clock by Rev. Sell, the pastor and at night by Rev. Hugh Ingram.

The recent cold snap has injured Mr. J. A. Sullivan's early cabbage very much. Two Girls.

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