

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS

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Women vs Men as Teachers

A few years ago, it is said, only one-fourth of the schools were taught by women. Now only one-fourth are taught by men. A generation ago it would have been thought of as out of the question to put a woman at the head of a college as president, but some of them are making efficient executives. And some of the western states have women as superintendents of public instruction and the experiment has proved by no means a failure. This new prominence given to women as educators has led to the expression "the feminization of the schools," and it is claimed by some that the result has been detrimental to the interests of education. While not prepared to approve of women as public officers, we do not believe that the prominent position given to women in the schools has made the work of the teachers any less valuable. On the other hand, we believe that in the majority of cases women will make better teachers than men. If discipline were the most important duty a teacher was required to perform, and if discipline were best maintained by brute force, women would be competent usually to handle no schools where big boys were in attendance. Discipline is important—so much so that no school can be successfully conducted without it, but it is far from being all that is required. A school might be under the most rigid discipline and yet be a failure—even worse than a failure. On the other hand, the discipline might be extremely lax and yet good work be done, though this would not be likely. Discipline, however, is often most successfully maintained without resort to force, and this is best when it is possible. Women have a greater faculty for governing by moral suasion than the sterner sex. Besides, apart from the matter of government women usually have the faculty of imparting knowledge and of stimulating interest in education to a greater extent than men. For the public schools female teachers are ordinarily preferable. If they cannot manage the big bad boy, it is either because the teachers do not know their business, or because the boy is incorrigible. A sweet tempered woman is more likely to reclaim him by tactful kindness than a muscular man by means of a hickory. For the work of the public schools women are generally superior to men in initiative, quickness, invention and patience. We should like for some of the neighborhoods that think obstreperous boys can be whipped into an education with a big stick to try the experiment of selecting a competent woman at a salary that will command the services of one that knows her business. If the salary fixed by the board of education is not sufficient to secure the services of such a teacher, there is a way by which the additional funds can be secured, at least in most of the districts, and the money will be well invested.

The only male teacher in the Rockingham graded school next
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THE BLUE LAWS OF LONG AGO

Are We Drifting Back to the Old Times?—Will History Repeat Itself?

The following were some of the laws our ancestors had to live under. Wonder if they will ever get as strict again? They were enacted by the people of the "Dominion of New Haven," and became known as the blue laws because they were printed on blue paper. Read them:

The governor and magistrates convened in general assembly are the supreme power, under God, of the independent dominion. From the determination of the assembly no appeal shall be made.

No one shall be a freeman or have a vote unless he is converted and a member of one of the churches allowed in the dominion.

Each freeman shall swear by the blessed God to bear true allegiance to this dominion and that Jesus is the only king.

No dissenter from the essential worship of this dominion shall be allowed to give a vote for electing of magistrates or any officer.

No food or lodging shall be offered to a heretic.

No one shall cross a river on the Sabbath but authorized clergymen.

No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep houses, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath day.

No one shall kiss his or her children on the Sabbath day or feasting days.

The Sabbath day shall begin at sunset Saturday.

Whoever wears clothes trimmed with gold, silver or bone lace above one shilling per yard shall be presented by the grand jurors and the selectmen shall tax the estate £300.

Whoever brings cards or dice into the dominion shall pay a fine of £5.

No one shall eat mince pies, dance, play cards or play any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet or jewsharp.

No gospel minister shall join people in marriage. The magistrate may join them, as he may do it with less scandal to Christ's church.

When parents refuse their children convenient marriages, the magistrate shall determine the point.

A man who strikes his wife shall be fined £10.

A woman who strikes her husband shall be punished as the law directs.

No man shall court a maid in person or by letter without obtaining the consent of her parents; £5 penalty for the first offense, £10 for the second and for the third imprisonment during the pleasure of the court.

Wood's Liver Medicine is for the relief of malaria, chills and fever and all ailments resulting from deranged condition of the liver, kidneys and bladder. Wood's Liver Medicine is a tonic to the liver and bowels, relieves sick headache, constipation, stomach, kidney and liver disorders and acts as a gentle laxative. It is the ideal remedy for fatigue and weakness. Its tonic effects on the entire system felt within the first dose. The \$1 size contains nearly 2 1/2 times the quantity of the 50c size. In liquid form pleasant to take. Sold by L. G. Fox.

It takes a pretty young widow to make a man make a fool of himself.

ANNUAL SEASON FOR SWEARING LIES

All Over North Carolina the Lovely Month of June Soiled by Our Swearing Falsely

Monday marked the beginning of our annual season for swearing lies. Do not frown—it's so. All over North Carolina the lovely month of June is soiled by our swearing falsely, says the Lexington Dispatch. Men who would no more go on the witness stand and swear a lie than they would steal a stick of wood from a neighbor's woodpile, think nothing of taking oath before a tax lister that they are worth less than they are. And by George, they don't think it's any harm! Their code of honor would not allow them to "beat" an individual out of a dollar, yet they have no compunction in swearing a lie to "beat" the county and state out of any amount that is justly due. It requires white honor and manhood of the highest type to give in all the property one has, and there be few who possess these things to the extent that they are willing to bear their just part of the burden of government. These are harsh things to print, but they are true and every man knows that our absurd system of valuing property is partly to blame, but that doesn't square the individual conscience. We would like to hear some pronouncements from the pulpit "along these lines." It would do more good than some theological discourses we have heard, and we say that with all respect to the discourses and the men who make them.

A tax collector's books contain more fiction than any novelist's works, and as a rule, the fiction increases in proportion to the amount of holdings a man has. It has been our observation that the small property owner more nearly pays his proper amount of tax than the rich man does. And when you get into the millionaire class, no tax is paid at all.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Wins
Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Cochran, Ga., writes: "If I had a bad sore come on the instep of my foot and could find nothing that would heal it until I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Less than half of a 25 cent box won the day for me by affecting a perfect cure." Sold under guarantee at all druggists.

At the age of twenty a girl thinks she ought to have a score of admirers.

If one feels dull and spiritless, in the spring or early summer, they call it "spring fever." But there is no fever—usually. It is the after effect of our winter habits. The nerves are mostly at fault. Tired, worn-out nerves leave us languid, lifeless, and without spirit or ambition. A few doses of Dr. Shoop's Restorative will absolutely and quickly change all of these depressing symptoms. The Restorative of course won't bring you back to full health in a day or two, but it will do enough in 48 hours to satisfy you that the remedy is reaching that "tired spot." Druggists everywhere are advising its use as a splendid and prompt general tonic. It gives more vim and more spirit to the spoonful than any other known nerve or constitutional tonic. It sharpens a failing appetite, aids digestion, frees sluggish livers and kidneys and brings new life, strength and ambition. Test it a few days and be convinced. Ludolph G. Fox.

Take your watch to a watchmaker if you would improve your time.

\$75,000,000 IS DEFICIT JUNE 30

One Exception Largest Since the Civil War—Merchants Not Taking Any Chances

A larger deficit will be shown by the treasury department this year—the fiscal year ending June 30—than has been shown since the civil war, except in the single year 1889. The total deficit will aggregate approximately \$75,000,000, which is comparatively little less than the surplus of the fiscal year of 1907.

The deficit of 1889 was about \$89,000,000. That was the greatest since the civil war. From 1865 to 1894 the fiscal years showed a surplus of revenues, except in two years when the deficit was approximately \$1,000,000 each. From 1894 to 1899, each year showed a deficit, ranging from \$18,000,000 to \$89,000,000. Then the business of the country began to pick up. Between 1899 to 1903 the surplus year ranged from \$55,000,000 to \$91,000,000. The years 1904 and 1905 showed deficits of \$42,000,000 and \$23,000,000 respectively, while in 1906 there was a surplus of \$25,000,000 and in 1907 of \$84,000,000.

Financiers who have studied the situation are convinced that it is not merely declining revenues that have brought about deficiency this year, but increased expenditures. Several weeks ago it was pointed out that the expenditures authorized at the recent session of congress would aggregate a larger amount than ever before had been appropriated at a single session of congress. The figures are, substantially, \$1,008,000,000. The likelihood is that the expenditures for the next fiscal year will be practically a like sum; so that, in the two sessions of the sixtieth congress \$2,000,000 will have been appropriated.

In the view of the treasury experts, it is probable that the deficit, monthly, will be as great for many months to come as it has been in the last five or six months. This will be due not only to a continuance of the depression in receipts, but to the increased expenditures which will begin on the first of July, the beginning of the new fiscal year, when the appropriations made at the recent session of congress become available.

There is a strong likelihood that business, so far as importing is concerned, will not improve—and thus increase the government revenue—until something definite is known about the attitude of the dominant political party respecting a revision or readjustment of tariff schedules. Foreign products, which command a big duty under the present tariff, will not be brought into this country pending a decision as to the tariff to be paid. Importers will be very shy about bringing to this country products this year at a high tariff that they may be able to bring next year at a tariff considerably lower.—Wash. Cor. Richmond News Leader.

To stop any pain, anywhere in 20 minutes, simply take just one of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Pain means congestion—blood pressure—that is all. Dr. Shoop's Headache or Pink Pain Tablets will quickly coax blood pressure away from pain centers. After that, pain is gone. Headache, neuralgia, painful periods with women, etc., get instant help. 20 Tablets 25c. Sold by L. G. Fox.

RISKS DEATH FOR SCIENCE

A Man Allows Himself to Be Inoculated With Tuberculosis Germs

In the hope of discovering a preventive and cure for tuberculosis Frank Merritt, who, about two weeks ago, volunteered to surrender his body in the interest of humanity and medical science, has permitted a physician to inoculate his system with the germs of the dread disease. An examination made showed that the scourge has already made considerable progress since the inoculation, one week ago.

Merritt, who is of middle age, was at one time a prosperous bookbinder in a western state. According to his story, his wife and a promising son died, victims of tuberculosis. Their loss preyed on his mind to such an extent that he failed in business and became a wanderer. Two weeks ago he applied to the Salvation army headquarters in New York for lodging and was sent to the Salvation army hotel in Chatham square. It was there that he announced his willingness to die if his death might aid in combating the spread of consumption.

"I have had difficulty in keeping body and soul together," he said, "and death has no terrors for me."

For several days after Merritt's announcement he waited for a reply, but no one appeared to take advantage of his offer. Finally Dr. C. C. Carroll, of New York, declared himself ready to make the experiment, and recently he inoculated the man with the germ of tuberculosis. A statement from the doctor's office says that the disease has now thoroughly entered Merritt's system. Merritt invites medical men, philanthropists and others interested to call on him at his room in the Sherman building, on Broadway.

"My action was voluntary," said Merritt, "and I hope that as a result of the experiment a preventive and cure for tuberculosis may be found. I was healthy when I was inoculated, but the disease seems to be pretty well developed. My condition will be watched from hour to hour. At a certain stage of the disease efforts will be made to cure me and the doctor seems to be pretty sure that he can do it. Of course, I am not anxious to die, but I felt like doing what I have done in the interest of humanity and science."

Merritt is not the patient's real name. He admits that much, but refuses to discuss his antecedents.

Weak women should try Dr. Shoop's Night Cure. These soothing, healing, antiseptic suppositories go direct to the seat of these weaknesses. My "Book No. 4 For Women" contains many valuable hints to women, and it is free. Ask Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., to mail it. Ask the doctor in strictest confidence, any questions you wish answered. Dr. Shoop's Night Cure is sold by Ludolph G. Fox.

Look out for men who are always looking out for themselves.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." L. G. Fox.

THE COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Social, Personal and News Notes from Richmond County Postoffices

LEDBETTERS
The oat crop, which is being harvested in this section, is unusually good.

Fishing at this place has gone into history. None going on at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibson, of Steele's Mill, were visiting at H. M. Marks' Saturday and Sunday.

W. H. Marks and his sister, Miss Mollie, visited at Mr. Geo. McRae's, near Ellerbe Springs, last Sunday.

Miss Stewart and Vernon Webb of this place, took a flying trip to Biscoe last Saturday. They returned home Sunday evening.

A. B. McDonald and Laurence McLean, of Hamlet, were pleasant visitors in the village last Sunday evening.

Misses Mary Webb, Delia and Mattie Davis visited their sister, Mrs. Annie Dawkins, at Midway Mills, last Saturday and Sunday.

We're having some ideal weather for farming. A few more such days, and the industrious farmer will have complete control of his business.

Some of our young folks are thinking of going 140 miles to a picnic. Too much pork for a shilling. Guess it's a consort they are looking after.

Our Sunday school enrollment is 87. Out of this number we have from 50 to 60 in attendance. This leaves about 17 to dodge round promiscuously and evade school. Of course it's impossible to attend school every Sunday, for the best of us get sick, but when we are well there is not often a reasonable excuse that will suffice I regret to state the prime cause for non-attendance is the lack of interest. Throw off that old yoke, boys, and come to Sunday school.

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As we have not been heard from since the election, will say our place went "dry, dry" by all. But like the man in Charlotte, think to make prohibition prohibit, they will have to pass a bill making it a misdemeanor to have the odor of booze on their breath. However we are pleased to know it can't be made or sold in our dear old North State.

Miss Sallie Riggan was visiting in Hamlet last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson are visiting relatives at Wingate. Mr. Johnson, who is the day operator here, was relieved by Mr. C. H. Miles, of Lumberton.

Chopping cotton is all the style with the farmers now. All are engaged in the cutting of grass.

There has been something doing in the locating of land in this vicinity in the past few weeks. It seems that you can locate anywhere it suits you, no matter whose land it is. If convenient move half mile to land where it suits you. Guess all had best look into their titles or you may lose out. A word to the wise is sufficient. Lookout for land locators.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morgan spent Sunday in New Hill.

Miss Annie Gibson and Messrs. Luke Gibson and Lee Thrower were visiting Mr. J. O. McKay's.

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Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills relieve pain.