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The *Wilmington Star* make the startling statement that Noah Webster was a humbug on spelling. Show us good proof, brother Kingsbury, or else hide thy diminished twinkle.

The *North Carolina Teacher* is, as usual, a welcome visitor. This time it is accompanied by the announcement of the fourth annual session of The Teacher's Assembly, which is to be held at Morehead City from June 14 to 29, 1887. It is printed in artistic pamphlet form and presents a most attractive program for the meeting as well as much valuable information relative to the history and workings of the organization. There are portraits of all the presidents of the assembly adorning the front page and various illustrations of the delights to be experienced at Morehead City scattered here and there through the book. Teachers certainly ought to avail themselves of this opportunity to gain rest and recreation and at the same time mental and social broadening and deepening. Everything, it seems to us, that a thoughtful and considerate executive committee could do has been done for the comfort of teachers who attend, as well as to save them expense. Low rates by rail and at the hotels have been secured. Special facilities for visiting points of interest have been provided, and most important of all, the intellectual feast is to be provided by the very best talent the State can furnish.

HE PAYS HIS FARE.

Some of the more virtuous of the editorial brethren (some of those to whom the Louisiana Lottery advertisements were never offered) are extremely gleeful on account of the act of the Legislature prohibiting newspapers from advertising lotteries. We take leave to call the attention of these brethren to some other recent legislation, to wit: the passage by Congress of the Inter-State Commerce bill, which contains a provision breaking up the dead head pass business. There are some of us who have heretofore taken the money we got for advertising the lottery and paid our railroad fare with it like little men, while the virtuous brethren drew their complimentary paste-boards on the conductors and thanked God that they were not as other men.—*Statesville Landmark*.

It is many a day since we have seen anything that goes beyond the above for sweet and gushing simplicity. What an affecting scene is brought up before the mind's eye? The general manager of the Slow & Sure R. R. tenders this virtuous editor a pass over his road, saying "It gives me great

pleasure to extend to you this courtesy, and I trust that you will accept it with no thought of being laid under any obligation thereby. You were one of the first to open the eyes of the community to the great benefit to be derived from the building of a railroad through this section of country. It was very largely through the influence of your able newspaper that this road was finally built and equipped. You are doing the public good continually and thus indirectly the railroad. You publish our time table for the benefit of your patrons, but at the same time it is an important service to us. You aid us in a thousand ways which are perfectly legitimate, and we assure you that such is our appreciation of your high character that we would never offer you any favor that could for a moment be considered in the light of a bribe. We shall, my dear sir, expect your criticisms in the future as we have had them in the past, and though they make us wince we shall believe that they emanate from an honest heart. The railroad is under deeper obligations to you than you can be to the railroad."

The virtuous editor has been advertising lotteries a good deal since he received his last annual pass and now with a deeply pained expression he draws forth a pocket book well filled with green backs, which he has received in payment for the last quarter's advertising of various lottery swindles, gift enterprises, &c., and says: "Mr. Short Haul, I am surprised that you should do such a thing as this. Do you think that a man of my standing would deign to accept a pass over your road? Here, sir, is the price of a thousand mile ticket. I would have you know, sir, that I pay for what I get from the railroad or any other source."

Exit General Manager Short Haul, endeavoring to classify this virtuous editor. He muses thus: "No more passes to him! I always did consider the editor an overworked chap who deserves all the favors he can get on account of his doing so much that he never gets paid for, but I see that idea won't work. He gets all the money he wants from advertising lotteries and feels mightily independent. Now there's Bloat, who sells bad whiskey and makes more money than he can spend. He doesn't want any favor from the railroads either. One peddles whiskey and the other peddles lottery schemes. I guess one does about as much harm as the other, so we'll classify them together henceforth."

ENGLISH AS SHE IS TAUGHT.

SOME REMARKABLE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS.

The Alaginnies are mountains in Philadelphia.

The Rocky mountains are on the western side of Philadelphia.

The first conscientious congress met in Philadelphia.

There are a good many donkeys in theological gardens.

A verb is something to eat.

A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle.

The principal products of the United States is earthquakes and volcanoes. Climate lasts all the the time and weather only a few days.

In Austria the principal occupation is gathering Austrian feathers.

Ireland is called the Emmigrant Island because it is so beautiful and green.

The imports of a country are the things that are paid for, the exports are the things that are not.

Queen Isabella, of Spain, sold her watch and chain and other millinery so that Columbus could discover America.

The Indians pursued their warfare by hiding in the bushes and then scalping them.

The Puritans found an insane asylum in the wilds of America.

Gorilla warfare was where men rode on gorillas.

Alfred the Great reigned 872 years. He was distinguished for letting some buckwheat cakes burn and the lady scolded him.

Lord James Gordon Bennett instigated the Gordon riots.

The middle ages comes in between antiquity and posterity.

Luther introduced Christianity into England a good many thousand years ago. His birthday was November, 1883. He was once a pope. He lived at the time of the rebellion of worms.

Socrates destroyed some statues and had to drink shamrock.

"Bracebridge Hall" was written by Henry Irving.

Shakespeare translated the scriptures and it was called St. James because he did it.

Chaucer was succeeded by H. Wads Longfellow, an American writer. His writings were chiefly prose and nearly one hundred years elapsed.

A sort of sadness kind of shone in Bryant's poems.

Holmes is a very profitable and amusing writer.

The constitution of the United States is that part of the book at the other end that nobody reads.

Congress is divided into civilized, half civilized and savage.

The stomach is a small pear-shaped bone situated in the body.

We have an upper and lower skin. The lower skin moves all the time and the upper skin moves when we do.

The growth of a tooth begins in the back of the mouth and extends to the stomach.—*Century Magazine*.