

INTELLIGENCE WILL RULE

Prof. Pegues to the People of His Race.

Shaw University Professor Says "Legislative Enactments, Nor Great Number of Illiterate, Can Change This Natural Law."

A. W. Pegues, a well-known colored educator and a member of the faculty of Shaw University, delivered the address at the Emancipation celebration in this city.

Professor Pegues advised the colored people to educate themselves. "The intelligent people," the speaker said, "have always been the ruling people. The legislative enactment nor the numbers, if illiterate, can change this natural law. They must become cultured and refined. We often complain of unjust laws and regulations, yet in many cases these laws and regulations are the outgrowth of our own faults and weaknesses. In making this I do not condone any wrongs we suffer."

The speaker also urged the colored people to cultivate the friendship of the white people. It is not only the right way; it is decidedly the best way. We should be industrious, save our money, be economical in all of our expenditures, buy houses and become materially interested in our community and State. The best citizenship cannot be developed in people who have no interest in the industrial, social and educational welfare of their respective communities and State. People who do not manage well their own finances cannot expect that the property interests of others will be entrusted in their hands.

We must also develop character—character in the broadest sense of the word. Honesty and reliability are indispensable to the success of any people. After all, we must have faith in God. Be righteous and work righteously. The right will finally prevail.

COL. CUNNINGHAM'S VIEWS.

Thinks Leaf Tobacco in the Hands of Farmers Will Advance.

Col. John S. Cunningham, North Carolina's largest tobacco grower, was interviewed by the Danville Register Saturday in regard to the present prices of leaf. He said:

"I believe that the tobacco now in the hands of the farmers will sell higher in January and February. I have always noticed that tobacco has always advanced when cotton goes up. As we all know that there has been a marked advance in most everything except tobacco, I can see no reason why it should not advance too."

"The corn crop last fall was a short one, and the weather was favorable for stripping tobacco."

"I have never known the crop to be sold as fast. In South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina the crop is almost sold. The heavy sales in Danville, Lynchburg, Winston and Durham, in the Piedmont belt, shows, too, that a large part of the crop has been sold. With the great demand for tobacco—I mean the manufactured product—and the fact that so much has been sold, and the farmers are forced to pay higher prices for what they buy, I can see no reason why tobacco should not sell higher."

"The tobacco growers in Eastern North Carolina were greatly dissatisfied with their prices. It is to the interest of the speculators to work for an advance in the raw material now."

"Fertilizer, I understand, has been advanced from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton. It is a well-known fact that less tobacco is now being raised in the Piedmont section than formerly. One reason is that tobacco is lower than it was some years ago, and another is that our people have cut down their timber and wood is becoming scarcer each year."

"All grades of tobacco should go higher. It is all too low now. The recent panic in New York was brought on by speculation in worthless securities, and should have no bad effect on cotton or tobacco."

MUST HAVE \$25,000.

Meeting of the Stockholders of Melrose Knitting Mill Yesterday.

The directors of the Melrose Knitting Mill met yesterday.

It was the opinion of the directors that operation of the factory should be begun until the capital stock is increased to \$25,000. The remainder of the week will be spent by interested stockholders in increasing the capital stock to that amount. The election of officers was deferred until the decrease of capital stock is secured. A number of shareholders have signified their intention of doubling their stock, and there will be no difficulty in securing the \$25,000.

MEETING OF POP COMMITTEE

To Assemble Here Week of the 15th to Call a Convention.

The Populist State Executive Committee will meet here January 16 or 17 for the purpose of selecting the place and place for the Populist State convention.

Mr. Cyrus Thompson, the chairman of the Populist Executive Committee, announced yesterday that the committee would meet about the dates mentioned. Dr. Thompson stated that he had not finally selected the date, but that the committee would meet during the week beginning the 15th. He stated also that he would issue a call for the committee meeting some time today.

Dr. Thompson stated that he favored an early convention. It is the determination of the Populists to hold

their convention after the Democratic State convention here April 11.

Populists and Republicans admit, without hesitation, that they will fuse this year. The Populists who acknowledge this are the same who became a part of the Republican party two years ago. No such statement has emanated from the large number of Populists who affiliated with the Democrats in the last election.

Collector Duncan said yesterday that the parties opposed to the amendment would not put out but one ticket. "The opposition to the amendment," Mr. Duncan said, "would meet in time sufficient to organize to beat the amendment." The collector spoke as a humorist when calculating on the defeat of the amendment.

THREE SPECIAL TERMS COURTS

Lawyers Getting in on the Wave of Prosperity

Governor Russell yesterday ordered three special terms of Superior Court, all of which goes to show that the lawyers are enjoying the era of prosperity that is sweeping the land.

A special term of the Superior Court of Rutherford county for the trial of civil cases has been appointed, commencing Monday, February 5, 1900. His Honor Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson presiding.

Judge Henry R. Bryan has been named to hold a special term of the Superior Court of Hertford county for the trial of civil and criminal cases, beginning Monday, February 26.

A special term of Guilford Superior Court for the trial of civil cases has been called, to begin Monday, February 5. His Honor Judge W. A. Hoke presiding.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to return my thanks to all who sent me literature and other nice things for distribution in the penitentiary and county jail Christmas. If you could have seen how joyfully the poor prisoners received your gifts you would feel more than repaid for your trouble. I had an abundance of literature to give all some. I also gave away that day eighteen new Bibles and twenty-four New Testaments. I had a nice bag for each of the three little boys in jail and a little cake for each of the other thirty-seven prisoners; also a few garments and toys for each of the three babies in the penitentiary. But for your kindness I could not have done this, and may the dear Master give you the same joy for your gifts that He did me in distributing them. I wonder if you would not like to continue to share in this work by leaving your papers, etc., at Mr. William Simpson's drug store, or at my home, 123 Saunders street, for me to distribute each week. You see it is dangerous to give to a beggar; he is sure to beg of you again.

Yours in the Master's work,
MRS. I. C. BLAIR.

Chicago's Big Ditch Flooded.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Water was turned into the drainage canal here today. The canal will provide a sewerage outlet to the Mississippi. It will also be a ship canal. The work has cost \$33,000,000. St. Louis is opposed to the canal, calling it "a ditch of death," and will try to stop its flow. It is feared the canal will bring typhoid fever to that city.

Street Duel with Fatal Results.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Tom Jones, one of the most prominent citizens of North Georgia, and Jerome Henson, a wealthy farmer, fought a duel at Cedar Grove, Ga., yesterday. As a result Tom Jones is dead and his slayer is in a critical condition. The difficulty arose from an old family feud. Jones was shot five times. More trouble between the families is feared.

More Bubonic Plague in Honolulu.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The steamer Australia arrived today from Honolulu. It was reported before her departure from Honolulu that three more cases of bubonic plague had been discovered in Chinatown, despite disinfecting measures to stamp it out.

Winston Tobacco Business.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 2.—Special.—Figures obtained today show that Winston shipped 18,292,741 pounds of manufactured tobacco last year, an increase of two million pounds over 1898. Revenue receipts for 1899 were \$2,327,070.94.

Decrease in National Debt.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The debt statement, issued today, shows a decrease for December of \$5,791,824. For the first half of the current fiscal year there was a surplus of \$21,026,934 in receipts over disbursements, receipts being \$284,793,494, and expenditures \$263,766,560.

Germany Makes Protest.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Foreign Office has sent a note to Great Britain protesting against seizing the German steamer Bundesrath by a British cruiser off the east coast of Africa on suspicion of carrying contraband of war.

Longfellow Mansion Burned.

Portland, Me., Jan. 2.—The Longfellow Mansion in Highland street, in which the great poet passed many summers, was burned this morning. The loss will reach \$4,000.

Lawton Fund Nearly Forty Thousand

Washington, Jan. 2.—Adjutant-General Corbin announced today that the total amount of cash on hand for the Lawton fund had reached \$39,263.35.

Capital Club Meeting

The annual meeting of the Capital Club will be held in their club rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held.

Tangier is a city without vehicles. Donkeys are used for transportation.

California's oil output is 15,000 barrels a day.

POSTSCRIPTS

The condition of Mr. Hugh Kendrick continues to improve.

Miss Helen Primrose left yesterday for Clayton to attend a dance.

Mr. Pink Wray returned yesterday from a hunting trip to Harnett.

The State Treasurer has paid out \$56,914 to date for pension warrants.

Mr. Steve W. Floyd, the advertising representative of The Post, is in the city.

Miss Helen Kirby left yesterday to resume her studies at a school in Goldsboro.

Maj. H. L. Grant has returned to the city, after spending the holidays pleasantly in Goldsboro.

Mr. H. W. B. Glover, traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line, is a guest of the Yarrowburgh.

Mr. George Syme, who has been engaged on work in Ohio and Indiana, arrived here yesterday on a visit.

Miss Minnie L. Reid, who has been visiting Mrs. Ellen McGee, has returned to her home in Greensboro.

The minimum temperature yesterday was 11 and the maximum 37. The mean temperature during the day was 24.

Mr. Robert Wynne, who has been here spending Christmas with his parents, returned to Trinity College yesterday.

Mr. W. J. Crosswell, superintendent of the Southern Express Company, arrived in the city yesterday from Wilmington.

Postmaster C. T. Bailey is in Greensboro in attendance upon the meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee.

Mrs. John W. Brown left yesterday to attend the Stanley-Atkinson nuptials, which will be solemnized in Goldsboro this evening.

Major John D. Shaw of Rockingham, Walter N. Neal, Esq., of Laurinburg, and E. S. Martin, Esq., are in the city on legal business.

Mr. W. C. Woodward left yesterday to resume his studies at the University of North Carolina, after spending the holidays with his mother.

Rev. G. T. Adams, who succeeds Rev. E. C. Glenn as pastor of Central Methodist Church, moved into the new parsonage of that church yesterday.

Mr. B. J. Perkins left yesterday for Baltimore, which city he will make his future home. On his way north he will visit Norfolk and Washington.

The Corporation Commission meets today. The complaint of Edwards & Broughton, who allege that the rates on paper have been increased, will be considered.

Register of Deeds Hood issued four marriage licenses yesterday—one to Mr. O. B. Harnett and Miss Josephine Belle Guiley and the other three to colored couples.

Mr. George Nottingham, formerly of this city, who has been a citizen of Portsmouth for some time, has returned here and accepted a position in McGee's drug store.

Miss Conyers Pritchett of Atlanta, who has been spending the holidays with her brother, Prof. C. M. Pritchett, of the A. & M. College faculty, returned home yesterday.

The County Commissioners appointed Messrs. Armistead Jones and Julius Lewis a committee to confer with the councilmen regarding the use of the city pest-house for county patients.

Mr. Stephen Henly of Silkhope, Chatham county, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Henly states that Mr. J. Elwood Cox of High Point has just located a shuttle-block factory near Silkhope.

Mr. W. H. Wynne, son of J. Stan Wynne, leaves for Harnett county today to attend Bule's Creek Academy. This institution is among the leaders in point of attendance, over 300 students being enrolled.

A force of workmen is preparing the residence of Mr. John C. Drewry, on North Wilmington street, for occupancy by him. Many improvements are being made and the place will be a delightful home.

In yesterday's issue the number of police arrests for the month of December was given as 338. By some inadvertence the total was doubled. The correct number of arrests was just half that figure—169.

Charles Hinton has again been put in charge of the street pumps, succeeding Mr. Andrew Jones. The pump committee say that the pumps can be maintained at half the expense incurred heretofore under the new arrangement.

JANUARY 1, 1900.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

The year which begins today will round out a century notable for the swift strides of progress and civilization and for marvellous achievements in science, industry and all that makes for the comfort, general well being and happiness of mankind. The stupendous advances made in the prosperity of the people generally in the present century have been greater than was accomplished in a thousand years previous, until today the active forces tending to equalize conditions of life have brought within the reach of the day laborer comforts which a hundred years ago the richest could not obtain; and a multitude of things classed as luxuries a short time since have now become articles of commonest use in every household. This is the century of freedom. Political, industrial and intellectual swaddling clothes have been torn from man, and the individual stands forth, feeling that "he is somewhat" conscious of his power and stimulated by the knowledge that the door of opportunity stands wide open.

Man is awake and he is a worker. The great inventions of the century the use of forces hitherto unmastered, machinery, the freedom to work under conditions which give the worker the return from his labor, have increased production and lowered the price of most of the necessities of life

so much that the condition of the people in general has vastly improved. Good food, warm clothing, comfortable housing, amusements, popular art, public libraries and a hundred other things contributing to the prosperity and comfort of the people are now within the reach of all who will make a reasonable effort to get them. The first railroad train made its trip less than half a century ago. The development of electric devices and power belong to the last twenty-five years, and the first telegraphic message was sent in 1844 from Baltimore to Washington. Steam applied to a multiplicity of uses has enormously pushed the industrial world forward, the telephone has annihilated space and ocean cables have brought nations, separated by the estranging sea, into closer contact and closer sympathy. The steam engine, the cotton gin, the Jacquard loom, sewing machine, the type setting machine, the sower, reaper, the binder, the typewriter, the modern printing press and thousands of other labor saving devices have lightened labor and increased man's producing power and his opportunity to attain the product.

The industrial expansion has gone on step by step with, and, no doubt, in consequence of, the great political progress of the century. The shot fired by the embattled farmers of Lexington and Concord has been heard around the world, and has been heeded. All the nations of Europe have tempered their governments since the French Revolution and since America presented to the gaze of the world its "magnificent spectacle of human happiness," to meet in a measure the demands of the people. Russia has abolished serfdom, England, has abolished slavery and America, after a gigantic conflict, struck the shackles from 4,000,000 human chattels during the century. Privilege has received its death blow, and popular government is spreading over the earth. Even in the great military camps of Europe monarchs are impelled to ask the people for their gigantic armaments on the plea that the forces are required to keep the peace. War, in spite of the armies now afloat, is no longer the "national industry" in any land, nor are the people the blind pawns in kingly games. In America and England government, with all its faults, is the rule of freedom, guided by law and "controlled by opinion." If corruption flourishes, and boss rule and charlatans and weak men get for a season into high places, it is because the people have been so busy at work that they have neglected for a time to use aright their mighty powers and have allowed them to slip into unworthy hands; but the people are honest at heart, sound of head, and, having vindicated the dignity of labor in the nineteenth century, will look about them in the twentieth and "strangle serpents."

In the march of civilization the distinguishing feature is humanity. The wonderful increase of medical knowledge and skill, the multitude of hospitals, beautifully equipped, the asylums and refuges for the stricken are open to every human being, through the wise provision of States and the noble generosity of individuals. In the nineteenth century the human race became fully conscious of the preciousness of human life.

A Cow in a Golf Match.

Ed Tufts, of Los Angeles, was playing golf with a friend recently. When he drove from the third teeing ground he sliced the ball badly and sent it away to one side. It stopped in front of a grazing cow, and Tufts came up just in time to see it disappear into the bovine mouth. When his opponent had made his stroke Tufts untethered the cow, and with many sounding thwacks of his club, drove the beast to the third hole. There he made her disgorge the ball, and, nearly boiling it, announced that he had made the hole in two strokes. His opponent calmly finished the hole in seven, and claimed the hole. "But I made it in two," protested Tufts, gleefully. "No, you didn't," declared the other, "you made it in thirty-nine. You hit that cow thirty-seven times, for I counted every stroke." And Tufts conceded the hole.



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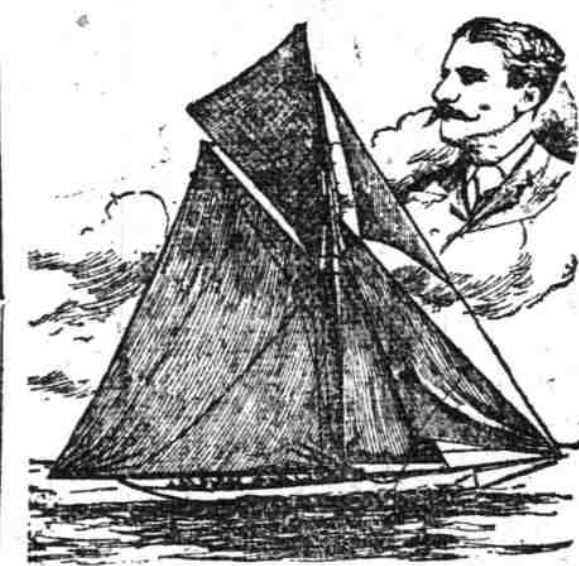
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