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AGRICULTURE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Biggest Step Forward That Can be Taken in Education

President Winston of the A. & M. College tells how agriculture may be taught in the public schools:

The law of our state requires agriculture to be taught in the public schools. This is a proper law, but so far it has been a dead letter. Until recently agricultural instruction has been either too scientific for any person except highly educated specialists, or too visionary, unpractical and unprofitable to appeal to the average mind.

A great change has taken place recently in agricultural knowledge and in agricultural instruction. The specialists have discovered "reasons for things;" and this knowledge can easily be imparted to those who could never have obtained it by themselves. Having obtained it, however, they can put it into practical operation. For example: by long and diligent study and investigation the specialists have discovered that apple rust, which destroys so many apple orchards, is nothing but damage done by live bacteria, feeding upon and consuming the apple leaves. When the leaves fall off, most of the bacteria perish. They dry up into small particles, and the wind blows them over the face of the earth. The only place where they can live in the winter is on cedar bushes and cedar trees. Many of them get a good hold here, and eat the cedar, causing it to swell up into dark brown balls with bright yellowish jelly-like tassels. The apple rust bacteria can live during winter only in cedar balls. The farmer could never have discovered these facts by himself, but he can use them. He can destroy all cedar bushes and trees nead his orchard; and, by co-operation with other farmers, can destroy all cedar balls in the country. Thus apple rust will be stamped out. There are thousands of facts, similar to these, of great practical value to the farmer. All such facts can easily be taught in the public schools.

Again, by careful selection, feeding and breeding of animals and plants, wonderful results can be obtained. A Scotch shepherd began thirty years ago to improve his flock of sheep, simply by observing the most fertile ewes. A few of the ewes each spring bore twin lambs. These and their lambs be marked and retained in the flock, selling others. These lambs, on reaching maturity, also bore twins. Thus he evolved a flock, which yielded him each spring twise as many lambs as there were ewes. Presently a ewe bore triplets. The law of heredity was working. By careful feeding, sheltering and guarding, one of these had power enough to bear four lambs at a birth. The flock now consists of four hundred ewes. In thirty years the shepherd has selected, any bred up, up, up, until now four hundrew eyes yied him twelve hundred lambs each spring. No money, and little education, was required to accomplish this result. The principles of stock raising are no more difficult to understand than the above experiment. They can easily be taught in our public schools.

Again, all kinds of seeds, corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, etc., etc., can be selected, cultivated and bred up, up, up, just like the animals. For example, let us take a crop of corn. The average farmer selects seed corn from the crib, picking out large healthy-looking ears. Occasionally a farmer will select ears in the field, but not according to any clearly defined principles. Suppose he is seeking to increase the yield per acre, his best plan would be to find growing stalks that yield two or three large full healthy ears. Such a stalk is like the ewe sheep that bore triplets. By taking ears from these stalks he can gradually evolve a field of corn in which every stalk bears two, three or even four good healthy ears. In this way the largest quantity may be obtained. By similar observation, breeding and cross-fertilization, other results of different kinds may be secured. Early corn, late corn, seed, corn, hardy corn, etc., etc., may be produced. All these facts and principles may be taught in our public schools. The country boys and girls will quickly understand them. The country teacher can easily learn to teac hthem. More than this, they can conduct experiments without one penny of expense; for all the material is baundant and at hand.

Again, how to drain soils, and why they should be drained, is not clearly understood by all farmers, nor why the thorough pulverization of the soil is desirable. Many a farmer permits the choicest part of his land to remain idle for lack of drainage. Many a farmer permits his crop to suffer for lack of rain, when more culture and pulverization would have secured the desired results. Many a farmer wears out his land by raising on it year after year the same crop. Crop rotation, crop manures, the judicious application of commercial fertilizers and soil enrichment by legumes are all subjects which have been carefully thought out and explained so clearly that the average man can easily understand them. They can all be taught in our public schools. There is no need of technical language, technical instruction or technical experiments. It is not a matter of training in chemistry of physics of zoology or botany. The average boy or girl from twelve to twenty years old can understand the whole science of agriculture, and it can be taught in the public schools of North Carolina even by the teachers now teaching those schools. The only thing needed is for these teachers to receive the right kind of instruction, then to obtain the right kind of text-book, and to teach their pupils in a common sense practical way.

For the purpose of instructing teachers in agriculture and nature study, especially rural teachers, the A. & M. College will conduct during the month of July a summer school. The same lessons, the same objects, the same experiments, the same book will be used in this summer school that teachers can use in their country schools with the country boys and girls. Women can learn to teach agriculture, also, as well as men. In my opinion this is the biggest step forward that has been taken in education in North Carolina.

THIRTY-FIVE LAW LICENSES GRANTED

The Class of Forty-six Were Examined Last Monday. New Rules

The supreme court on yesterday announced the list of successful applicants for license to practice law who stood the examination last Monday. There were thirty-five successful applicants out of a class of forty-six. The names of those receiving licenses follow:

Frank M. Wooten, Pitt county.
Felix E. Alley, Jackson county.
Jonathan Peele, Scotland county.
James A. Lockhart, Jr., Anson county.
Nathan Lunsford, Jr., Person county.
John L. Barham, Southampton, Va.
James L. Woodall, Johnston county.
James B. Gibson, Scotland county.
Sylvester B. McLean, Robeson county.
John Y. Smith, Robeson county.
James S. Cook, Guilford county.
Henry M. London, Chatham county.
Henry M. Robins, Randolph county.
J. Bispham Ray, Yancey county.
Eugene Way, Buncombe county.
John F. Glenn, Buncombe county.
Dorman Thompson, Iredell county.
Francis A. Gudger, Buncombe county.
Frank Smathers, Haywood county.
Walter P. Gafford, New Hanover county.
Woodus Kellum, New Hanover county.
Eugene D. Davis, Cumberland county.
Jude Palmer, Chatham county.
Maurice Phelan, Buncombe county.
Thomas G. McMichael, Mecklenburg county.
Dewey L. Raymer, Iredell county.
Robert L. Godwin, Harnett county.
William W. Rogers, Wake county.
Hugh L. Beckerdite, Forsyth county.
Tola D. Maness, Union county.
John H. Harwood, Graham county.
Pritchard S. Carlton, Duplin county.
Amos P. Spell, Cumberland county.
George L. Lane, Jr., Wake county.

Heretofore the court has not taken into consideration, upon these examinations, defects in spelling or handwriting, but it will do so hereafter. It thinks that an applicant for law license, as a part of his qualification, should at least be able to spell words ordinarily in legal use, and to write a legible hand.

The appellants in cases in this court, under the amended rule, are required to file printed briefs before 10 a. m. on Tuesday preceding the beginning of the call of causes from the district to which the case belongs.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES TODAY

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall of Norfolk, Va., former pastor of the church. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; N. B. Broughton, superintendent. Young People's Union at 4 p. m.

EDENTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH.—Sunday schodl at 9:30 a. m.; W. J. Young, Jr., superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. G. F. Smith. Epworth League Monday night; C. V. Albright, president.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.—Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, D. D., rector. The Sunday called Septuagesima, or the third Sunday before Lent. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Service and sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Service on Wednesday at 10 a. m. and on Friday at 5 p. m. The seats are all free, and strangers and visitors are cordially invited.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Corner Edenton and Salisbury streets—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, W. C. Tyree. Sunday school at 9:30; T. H. Briggs, superintendent. Young People's Union Monday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Pews free and ushers in attendance to extend a cordial welcome to all.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. S. McElroy, D. D., of Richmond, Va., Sunday school, at 9:30 a. m. Westminster League at 7 p. m. Seats are all free. Ushers are in attendance. A cordial invitation is given to attend all services.

EPWORTH CHAPEL.—Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Franklin Sherman, superintendent. Sermons at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. On Tuesday evening at 7:30 the Literary League of Young Women will give an entertainment to the young people. All are cordially invited to come.

Doctor—"How was it that you didn't hear the cyclone coming." Victim—"Why, you see my wife had a sewing society meeting in the parlor at the time."—Chicago News

THE GAME WORKED IN RICHMOND

Mr. J. W. Thackston of this city has returned from Richmond and says that while there he learned of a case of forgery which corresponded exactly with the case of Richard Miller, who was placed in jail here a few days ago. The scheme worked in Richmond on a merchant, was for the same amount and in the same manner as the one in this city, except that the man succeeded in getting the money, but failed here. It will be remembered that Miller had baggage checks in his possession showing that he had come from Richmond and in all prabability he is the same rascal who worked his game successfully in Richmond.

THE DEATH OF A FRIEND

On the dawn of a "new year," and while the sighs and whispers of the "old year" were still haunting us, Col. James Martin of Winston, N. C., loving husband, father and faithful friend, passed into the life eternal. He had been suffering from a complication of diseases for many months, which were borne uncomplainingly, and with that patient, heroic spirit, which was a part of his nature, and which distinguished him from other men. His footsteps through life wandered in directions where he could do most good, ever ready to sympathize with the sorrowing, and to rejoice with the cheerful. A man of the highest sense of honor, proving himself always loyal to his friends, guarding with the most sacred and jealous care, the confidence they reposed in him. Well do I remember when affliction came, to my home, the night of starless grief we all pass through he, my life-long friend, was the first to offer help and comfort, friendly offices most needed and appreciated, and now while standing over his new-made grave, inhaling the fragrance of the flowers placed upon it by affectious hands, a sweeter incense even than the health of flowers arises from the lowly mound, the memory of those kindly deeds.

"Life and death with God are one;
Unchanged by seeming change.
His care and love around us here and there.
He breaks no thread his hands have made.

M. L. P.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8, 1903.

Both houses of the Alabama Legislature have passed a bill raising the Governor's salary from $3,000 to $5,000 a year. In now lacks only the Governor's signature.

Special Rates by S. A. L. Railway

$25.50 to New Orleans, La.
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$25.50 to New Orleans, La., and return, account American Medical Association May 5 to 8. Tickets on sale May 1, 2, 3 and 4, final limit ten days from date of sale. On payment of fee of 50 cents tickets can be extended until May 30th.

For further information apply to
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Notice

Notice is hereby given that a charter for the North Carolina and Ohio Railroad Company will be asked to be granted from the present General Assembly.

J. M. JONES.

February 2, 1903.

Notice

On and after Tuesday, February 3d, the lines of wire extending from our power house at "Milburnie" to our distributing station at Harget and West streets in Raleigh, will be put in service and charged with electricity.

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Sale of Valuable Lands

North Carolina—Wake County.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Wake county made and entered in the special proceedings in said court entitled J. C. Marcom, administrator of B. T. Honeycutt, deceased, vs. Rebecca Honeycutt and others, it being No. 1027 of the special proceedings docket of said court, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for case at the court house door in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, the 2d day of March, 1903, at 12 o'clock m., the following described tracts of land, to-wit:

First tract, lying and being in the county of Wake, said State, in Mark's Creek township, adjoining the lands of W. B. Medlin and others, and more fully described as follows: Bounded on the north by the lands of W. B. Medlin, on the east by W. H. Richardson, on the south by Isaiah Hall and Willis Honeycutt and on the west by J. E. Todd, containing 140 acres, more or less.

Second tract, situated in Mark's Creek township, said county and State, adjoining the lands of Isaiah Hall, the lands of B. T. Honeycutt, deceased, and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at an oak, Isaiah Hall's line, thence running north 140 yards with B. T. Honeycutt's lands to a stake and pointers, thence west 140 yards to a stake and pointers, thence south 140 yards to Isaiah Hall's line, thence east 140 yards with Ihaiah Hall's line to the beginning, containing four acres, more or less.

J. C. MARCOM,
Commissioner, etc.

January 27, 1903.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND LIBEL—District Court of the United States—Eastern District of North Carolina—No. 27.

United States against seven casks of corn whiskey, two copper stills, one copper worm, four fermenters, one mashe kee'.

To A. V. Harrell, Claimant, and to all whom it may concern—Greeting:

Notice is hereby given that the above mentioned property was seized by E. C. Duncan, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth Collection District of North Carolina, on the 25th day of November, 1902, as forfeited to the uses of the United States, for violation of the Internal Revenue Laws, and the same is libelled and prosecuted in the District Court of the United States for condemnation for the causes in said libel of information set forth; and that the said causes will stand for trial at the court room of said court, in the city of Raleigh, on the fourth Monday of May next, if that be a jurisdiction day, and if not, at the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, when and where you and all persons are warned to appear to show cause why condemnation should not be decreed and judgment accordingly entered upon the said appraisement bond herein, and to intervene for their interest.

Given under my hand, at office in Raleigh, this 27th day of January, 1903.

H. C. DOCKERY, U. S. Marshal.
P. A. MITCHELL, D. D. M.

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