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THE WEATHER TODAY:

Fair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1903.

The supplemental school fund has met a rather startling situation..

Last year we were given to understand that a "four-months'-term" was taught in "every school district in the State," and of the $100,000 appropriated by the Legislature of 1901 for which such sums as were necessary to supplement the general fund collected in the counties as should require assistance to make a four-mouths term, only $83,000 were needed.

It now appears from the demands upon that fund that much more than $100,000 will be required. Of course this is a surprise, because the general fund is as large now as a year ago, and, under the scheme of consolidation which has been put in operation it was considered that even a less demand would be made on the supplemental fund.

Here is a reference to this supplemental fund, and an explanation from the Pender County Chronicle, which jars the report of a four-months term throughout the State last year very heavily. It says:

"The news from the extra fund is anything but encouraging. Last year the Legislature guessed at the amount necessary to give us all a four-months school and settled upon one hundred thousand dollars as sufficient. Apparently it was enough as the sums asked for did not exceed seventy-five thousand. But this year it is evident that the one hundred thousand is far too small. Nearly all our counties are asking for two or three times as much as they did last year, Pender for example asking for about six hundred as against two hundred and fifty. The reasons for this increase in our own county are plain. Last year many of our schools did not begin till after Christmas and so did not have time for more than three months. This year practically every school opened in November and so all wanted four months as this would put the school out at about the time the children would be needed at home. For this reason or some similar one many counties have asked for much larger sums than formerly and the one hundred thousand is not enough to meet the demands."

It might be interesting to note the counties calling for this increased sum and see how many of them are among those which made a record last fall in consolidating their districts and thus establishing better schools, securing better teachers along with a four-months term. But the present demands upon the State Superintendent are surely as perplexing as unexpected.

In discussing the child-labor-in-mills problem the Atlanta Journal concludes:

"Now, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina, the three leading mill states of the South, have all been wrestling with this child-labor problem. One fears to do anything without the other. The idea is held out that the State which thus takes the lead in this matter is placed at a disadvantage unless the others act along the same line.

* * * "Let the mill men of each State propose a plan, let the organized labor bodies propose their plan, the club women theirs, and then let a fair and impartial legislative committee frame a bill combining the best features of each plan. Let this committee harmonize the ideas of all concerned and frame a bill that will pass the Georgia Legislature, the Alabama Legislature, the South Carolina Legislature or any other body of intelligent, humane men on earth.

"There is a right solution to every evil. And child labor in cotton mills is an evil that is admitted by every one. Let's apply the proper remedy in the three leading States of the South before the end of the year."

There is force in The Journal's proposition. And a law simply providing that after the first of July, 1905, no child under twelve years of age shall be employed at labor, in mills or elsewhere, might be passed by the Legislatures of these several States—and all are now in session, we believe, this winter. This would give time for all concerned to prepare for the new system, and, being operative in the several States, would not subject those in any one State to embarrassment or the fear of losing help because of such laws, as would be the case now should only one State adopt such a measure.

Referring to the statement that Mr. Rockefeller had sent telegrams to Senators in Washington saying anti-trust legislation "must be stopped," the Baltimore Sun well says:

"The American people are long-suffering and patient. It is not only easy to deceive them at times, but it actually seems that occasionally they like to be deceived by men who practice the arts of deception with skill and tact. But if the 'Oil King' has thrown off all disguise and presented himself as a dictator, as a man bigger than the President, as one who gives his orders to legislators in open and flagrant defiance of the people, he has exceeded the limits of the people's patience. Not even the fact that he endows universities and creates other useful institutions would make him acceptable to the American people in his role of dictator of laws and statutes. Universities are excellent institutions, but they would be purchased too dearly if the price paid were the transfer of the law-making power from the people's Congress to a trust magnate. How can any self-respecting Senator oppose legislation for the regulation of monopolies if Mr. Rockefeller has attempted to usurp the power of Congress and to make Congressmen his puppets and playthings? How can any Senator vote to 'stop' the passage of laws to which Mr. Rockefeller, for wholly selfish reasons, is opposed without exposing himself to the suspicion that he is controlled by the 'Oil King' and is carrying out orders? In this view Mr. Rockefeller has made the issue very plain for the members of the United States Senate. They must fight under his flag or under the flag of the people. If any Senator voted in accordance with the 'Oil King's' alleged behest he would forfeit all claim to the respect of the people.

"But it is hard to believe that so shrewd and experienced a man as Mr. Rockefeller would send to members of Congress telegraphic orders which must inevitably become public and tend to defeat the very object he had in view. Trusts and the Prince of Darkness are in this respect like Providence, that they move in a mysterious way their wonders to perform. If Mr. Rockefeller has actually come out in the open in the way described either he has lost his head, which he has never done hitherto, or his apparent frankness is intended to conceal some other maneuver, still undeveloped as far as the public is concerned, which represents his real purpose."

The Supreme Court has adopted a rule that applicants for license to practice law hereafter must write legibly and spell reasonably well.

This may be all right, but great Scott! Suppose the boys should draw the writing and spelling of the "old masters," the lawyers and statesmen who were "giants in those days" on the court.

We are indebted to our friend, Mr. W. F. Tomlinson, of the United States Department of Agriculture, for a copy of Bulletin No. 24 of the Department, being the proceedings in detail, with graphic illustrations, of the North Carolina Good Roads Convention at Raleigh, February 12-13, 1902.

We will remind the Raleigh correspondent of the Winston Sentinel that the Governor does not name or recommend persons to the legislature to be trustees of the University, but simply and only names those whose terms have expired and whose places the Legislature is to fill.

It has now leaked out that the reason the "class" element of the North is developing strong opposition to President Roosevelt is because he said "I believe in large families." This thrust at the "homes" of these good folk is a little more than they will submit to.

The Legislature ought to provide for a new Code. We cannot doubt that it will do so. The members themselves are as cognizant of present conditions and the necessity for a new codification as others, and will meet the demands therefor. It will be directly in the interest of public economy.

The Detroit Journal rises to remark: "If the Illinois negro who is turning white were a little farther south, his metamorphosis would unquestionably be charged up to President Roosevelt."

Oh no! The President insists on dark colors in the South and the turning white would be a positive disqualification.

The Kinston Free Press acknowledges the receipt of a basket of fine, juicy raddishes, which grew "in the open" in Pitt county. What a veritable garden spot our eastern section is; to-be-sure!

We have heard John D. Rockefeller called almost everything not good except a fool. If he sent tohe telegrams, or an attorney to Congressmen in opposition to anti-trust legislation as alleged he is more of a fool than anything else.

While some gentlemen are preparing addresses to be delivered in various sections of the country—specially the South—this summer, Mr. Grover Cleveland goes to Florida to fish.

Umph-humph! Keep your eye on the Perfesser.

Mr. Bryan decines an invitation to a Democratic "harmony" dinner to which Mr. Cleveland is also invited.

The weekly paper which Mr. Bryan publishes is only $1.00 per year.

A Case for Statesmanship

To the Editor of The Post:

Is there not wisdom enough among the law makers of the state to enact laws that will prevent vagabond fathers from forcing their children to work in factories or elsewhere to support them in idleness; and also permit children to work in factories or wherever they can get honorable employment to support helpless and dependent parents or friends?

Which is best for the state, that the children be trained to work and forced to do so within reasonable and proper limits, or be forced by legal enactments to spend their time in idleness until they graduate for the reformatory, while their dearest and truest friends suffer for lack of the proceeds of the very work they are debarred by statute from performing?

Will The Post or some one wise enough to do so illuminate the reformatory subject with some account of the great good and useful men and women who have graduated from or gotten their inspiration in reformatories?

ELLGEEGEE.

THE FOOL'S PRAYER.

The royal feast was done; the king
Sought some new sport to banish care
And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool,
Kneel down and make for us a prayer."

The jester doffed his cap and bells,
And stood the mocking court before;
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool,
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"No pity, Lord, could change the heart
From red with wrong to white as wool
The rod must heal the sin; but, Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"'Tis not by guilt th eonward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust
Among the heartstrings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?

"Our failures no tenderness should ask
The chastening stripes must cleanse them all;
But for our blunders—oh, in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes,
Men crown the knaves and scourge the tool
That did his will; but thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The king, and sought his garden cool,
And walked apart, and murmured low:
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

—Edward Rowland Sill.

An Unhealthy State of Affairs

(Durham Herald.

We actually believe that a man who had never seen a railroad could sue a railroad company in this county and recover damages.

HENRY PAGE'S LOOK

An Advance Criticism of the Forthcoming Pamphlet

To the Editor of The Post.

I do not believe in threshing over old straw, but to those who see a nugget in it, it is at least a pleasant anticipation. The Charlotte Observer of the 4th inst. gives notice that Mr. Henry A. Page has had printed a pamphlet of 84 pages, under the title "Some Campaign Letters," the purport of which, as cited, "to preserve in some permanent shape so much of the matter as shall be needed to give a clear understanding of the situation to some future historian who shall undertake to write the history of our times."

There is no doubt that Mr. Page has conscientiously written his own impression, which did not impress in his time; but this is not history. The salient features of his own democracy and that of his coadjutors is what impressed a good many voters and a potent factor in the large majority cast for Judge Clark. This majority given under such adverse conditions as was created by Mr. Page and others, justifies the statement that the people fully understood their purpose and stamped the seal of condemnation upon it, even in Mr. Page's own county.

We quote again: "So the next generation will hear with amazement that their fathers were driven to the polls like so many sheep, cringing under the party lash and fawning upon their party boss." This stigma upon a proud and independent an electorate as ever graced the State of North Carolina—an electorate which, under the most adverse conditions, wrenched from negro rule the grandest civilization on earth, and forever restored it in trust to the Anglo-Saxon race as their inalienable heritage for all time to come, which gave a Simmons and Overman to the United States Senate—an electorate which declared that corporate power was not sovereign, but the creature and servant of the people, and should obey the law of the land, regardless of their corporate power and wealth, to which the people attached no royalty.

How did they "cringe," how "driven"? The answer is plain, recent and fresh. The democracy of the combine was not strong enough to influence and just weak enough to spurn. Their credentials bore the insignia of republicanism, and, thus arrayed, the free and sovereign electorate of the state rose against them, and the ballot simply signified "the survival of the fittest," which I suggest as a title for his pamphlet, if acceptable. Notably different from any other campaign, there was no heed or inducement for bribery or intimidation, as there was no opposition by the Republican party except as to Judge Clark, and in this they could not and did not control their usual negro contingency, their only hope being to estrange and alienate voters from the Democratic ranks. with what corporate influence they could induce to their aid. The response, be it said to the glory of the old state, was weak and impotent; so if there was any "cringing," it seems the "cringing" were terribly cringed.

I challenge the history of the state for a fairer and more untrammele'd election, and for one having as little need of political trickery as the campaign of 1902; and if it had, it would have been justified by the action of the opposition, if it could have developed any strength.

In conclusion, I will venture a prophecy that when the next generation arrives they will enjoy under their own vine and fig tree the very blessings their fathers battled for and so manfully won, and the more so if ever they read the Page pamphlet and see how the insidious encroachments upon the sovereignty of the people were challenged and defeated by their "cringing" fathers.

St. Paul complained of a thorn in his side. We hope this distinguished writer is not so afflicted. If so, and he will locate it, we will proffer professional advice gratis, or the impelling motive of the author may be in accordance with the divine injunction, "Let the dead bury the dead." So we will refrain and drop the curtain forever. H.

Warrenton, Feb. 9, 1903.

You have good reason to fear an attack of pneumonia when you have a severe cold, accompanied by pains in the chest or in the back between the shoulders. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it as directed and it will prevent the threatened attack. Among the tens of thousands who have used this Remedy for colds and la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case that has resulted in pneumonia, which shows that this Remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. For sale by Crowell, McLarty & Co., Bobbitt-Wynne Drug Co., North Side Drug Co., W. G. Thomas.

Hats Off All

(Richmond Times-Dispatch.)

A bill has been introduced in the North Carolina Legislature to prohibit the wearing of hats by ladies or men in theatres and other places of amusement where an admission fee is charged. Some of the Carolina papers think the Legislature is wasting time fooling with any such bill. Of course the bill is aiming particularly at the women and their wonderful headgear. A quicker way to effect the desired reform would be to get Dame Fashion to pass a decree that hatless heads are just the thing in theatres.

The Southern Stretching Out Its Arms

(Commercial and Financial World.)

Philadelphia.—A very prominent railroad man and usually well informed, made a significant remark yesterday morning stating: "Keep your eye on Pennsylvania, Southern Railway and St. Louis & San Francisco. There is a 'triple alliance' brewing."

Mr. Saphead (during the honeymoon)—When did my little duckie darling first discover that she loved me?

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