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Already they are complaining of hot weather in Kentucky. Isn't there ice enough to cool the toddlers of the colonels?

After all there is to be no action taken by the State Board of Education in the selection of the site for the Eastern Carolina Teachers' Training School until July 10th.

A Massachusetts man has been molded into a brick and buried, according to his own instructions. He wanted it said of him after death what might not have been affirmed in life, "He's a brick."

Texas is giving out the story of a cyclone that picked up a letter and delivered it to the party to whom it was addressed twenty-five miles away. It begins to look as if the members of Roosevelt's Ananias Club are merely amateurs.

A man inserted an "ad." for a wife in the Chattanooga Star and because he secured one the next day, the paper announces with a great flourish that "advertising pays." We shall await the postnuptial statement of the defendant before rendering final judgment.

Says the Durham Herald: "It is said that Mr. Butler is ace high with the big Republicans in Washington, and it seems that the Republicans in this State have found it out." That probably explains why Republican State Chairman Adams went to sawing wood.

Among the scholarship awards just announced by the Yale faculty is one to Joseph E. Pogue, Jr., of Raleigh, a B. A. graduate of the University of North Carolina, 1906, and M. S. graduate, 1907. Pogue will hold the scholarship for the academic year 1907-8.

A tobacco stemming machine, which promises to completely revolutionize the tobacco industry, has been patented and will be manufactured and several of them placed on sale within the next 60 days by the Southern Stemming & Manufacturing Company, of Washington, D. C.

A Western contemporary remarks: The people in the wheat growing country have ascertained that the ladybug is the sure destroyer of the destructive greenbug, but it is not known how the ladybug does it. Perhaps that the ladybugs get the best of the greenbugs by breaking their hearts.

An old negro in Raleigh, crazed by holiness teachings, got the idea that he was so sanctified that he could fly, and so he essayed to skim the vasty blue by jumping from a window. He hit the ground according to the law of gravitation, discovered by the late Sir Isaac Newton, and Saturday he died.

They are telling it on Gov. Glenn that one day recently while at the Jamestown Exposition he wanted to enter the North Carolina building, but was refused admittance by the young man in charge, because he had been instructed to admit no one, and the head men were not at the place. The governor of the state had to do some tall talking to get in. It is said the state building cost the contractor \$3,500 more than he got out of the job.

Following the example of Illinois and Kansas, Colorado now is releasing the pheasant, the farmer's friend, and before many years have passed the entire State will have been stocked with them. The pheasant is the chief enemy of the insect nests which destroy grains and fruits and the worms which destroy the roots and bodies of plants. While the pheasant cannot be domesticated like the common chicken its eggs can be hatched successfully under the common hen. As soon as they are grown, the pheasants will take readily to the fields, there to busy themselves consuming the numerous pests that make the farmer's life most miserable. The greatest benefits are to be derived from the propagation of these birds. They are gorgeous in plumage, the best game bird in the world, and its flesh is considered one of the greatest of table delicacies.

It is estimated that the good roads of Mecklenburg have cost that county about \$513,500. There are now 158 miles of macadam road in the county and the estimated cost per mile is \$3,250.

The Missouri State University now has a "chair of poultry." Nothing could better attest the growth and importance of this industry and the estimation in which it is held. Being elevated into a fine art, we suppose graduates will be given degrees of "I. I." (incubator ingenuity), "P. P." (how to pick a pullet), "E. E. H." (extraordinary eggs for hatching), and various other honors, which we must say, will be more valuable than the ordinary LL.D.'s, M. A.'s, B. A.'s and D. D.'s conferred by the ordinary colleges. Let the rooster crow! Let the hen cackle! For one of the greatest of American industries is coming to its own.

In Clarke county, Indiana, advertisements were put out for the building of free gravel roads, but the bids submitted were so high that the farmers determined to form a corporation among themselves and have the work done under their own supervision, thus being assured that it would be done satisfactorily and save to themselves the profit that ordinarily goes to the contractor. This is an example that might well be followed to advantage by farmers everywhere. Do the work yourselves, or oversee it, and it is safe to say it will be done better and more economically.

A tramp has beaten all known records by swimming twenty seven miles in thirty minutes. He did not mean to do it. He merely tried to steal a ride from St. Louis to Chicago on the rear of a locomotive tender. When the train started he fell over backward, through the open manhole in the water tank. The noise of the train drowned his cries for help and he was obliged to swim until the first stop was reached, at Alton. When taken out he was nearly dead, but the engineer was so unfeeling as to call attention to the fact that the water was only four feet deep, and he might have stood up. The conductor, also unfeeling, asked him for his ticket, but the tramp said he had not come by rail but by water.

Can't Stand for Him. The Monroe Journal, as is well known, watches with fatherly concern the careers of the young fellows of this county who go out and do things in the world, and while it rejoices in the success they obtain, it is equally grieved to receive news that one of them occasionally goes wrong. Now, there is our young friend, Mr. R. D. Marsh, of Marshville township, a bright, fine young fellow. He is principal of the Jefferson high school and editor of the Jefferson Citizen. Before he became an editor we were proud of him, but since, he has begun to develop a habit that his best friends up here at home can't stand for. Some time ago he printed a story about a Jefferson man who many years ago hung his vest on a post and let a calf swallow his watch and when the calf grew to be an old cow, killed her and found the watch, which had been running all these years being wound up by some motion of the cow's innards and had lost only three seconds in all that time.

The story was a kind of stunner to us, but knowing the young editor's previous reputation for truthfulness, eyes were shut and the whole thing swallowed. And now, before having fully recovered from the effort, imagine our feelings to see the following in his paper last week: "A farmer near Jefferson had a log he wanted split and as it was very tough he got a stick of dynamite, intending with it to blow the log to smithereens. He laid the dynamite down by the barn door and went inside to put his team away. A pig found the dynamite swallowed it and walked into a stall where a span of mules was tied. One of the mules kicked the pig and the jar set the dynamite off. The explosion blinded the farmer, killed one mule, tore the harness off the other, blew the end out of the barn and nearly killed the pig." Marsh, we hate it, but this one just won't go down.

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Mitchell County Fire Eater. Andy McGhee, who carries the mail from Magnetic to Bakersville, is a monstrosity. He can eat live coals of fire with impunity and with a spoon. If you doubt this just bring him a live coal and a nickle and he will masticate the coal and pocket the nickle. This is not all for he told us for \$1 he would pour a spoonful of molten lead in his mouth and let cool and then take it out and wipe off the spittle and give it to us a solid piece. What can the devil do with such a man?—Bakersville Observer.

Lesser of Two Evils. The burglar's wife was on the witness box and the prosecuting attorney was conducting a vigorous cross examination. "Madam, you are the wife of this man?" "Yes." "You knew he was a burglar when you married him?" "Yes." "How come you to contract a matrimonial alliance with such a man?" "Well," the witness said sarcastically, "I was getting old and had to choose between a lawyer and a burglar." The cross examination ended there.

New Life of Jefferson Davis. A new life of Jefferson Davis has been undertaken by Walter L. Fleming, Professor of History in the West Virginia University at Morgantown, and the author announces that he would like to receive all obtainable information from private sources, including "the names and present addresses of relatives, neighbors, former servants, etc., of Mr. Davis, who can give any information about him; letters, scrap-books, diaries and other documentary material relating to Mr. Davis' life; privately printed books, pamphlets and other printed matter containing information about Mr. Davis; pictures of Mr. Davis and of his relatives, his home and other places connected in some way with his career; any souvenirs, relics, etc., of which photographs may be made; reminiscences, authentic anecdotes of Mr. Davis, and any information about him and his relatives in Wales, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi."

South's Educational Part by Negro. The Chronicle makes it a rule to go through all the public documents it gets from Washington before stacking them handy to the man in the boiler room and it seldom fails to be surprised though the matter having to do with the census is deplorably in the past. The report of the Commissioners of Education contains figures enough to set up all the county statements in North Carolina and half of South Carolina, but is brought up only to 1905. We learn from it that since 1870 the Southern States have expended the aggregate of \$818,242,553 for public schools. It is estimated that about \$149,000,000 of this sum has been expended to support common schools for the colored race. For the year 1904-5 the sum of \$46,401,832 was expended in the South for the maintenance of the common schools of both races about 20 per cent. of this sum being for the support of the schools for negroes. The enrollment in the common schools for the white was 4,564,798, while the negro schools had an enrollment of 1,602,194. It will be seen from this that the South has been doing pretty well by the negro, in an educational way.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Heart of a Friend. "Broken friendship," says a writer in an exchange, "like china, may be repaired, but the break will always show." And it is a bit of truth and wisdom. Friendship is a precious thing—too precious a treasure to be carelessly broken or thrown away. The world handles the word "friend" lightly; its real true, deeper meaning is forgotten, and the acquaintance of an hour or the chance comer is designed by the term which in itself bears a wealth of meaning. Your friend is the one who appreciates you—your faults as well as your virtue—who understands and sympathizes with your defeats and victories, your aims and ideals, your joys and temptations, your hopes and disappointments as no one else does or can. It is to your friend to whom you turn for counsel, for comfort, for praise; he may not be as learned as some or as wise as others, but it suffices that he understands you, and even his quiet listening gives strength and renewed courage. Blessed is the man or woman into whose life has come the beauty and power of such a friendship. Prize it well. Do all in your power to keep such a friendship unbroken. Avoid the break, for when it comes it can not be really mended, and the jarring note mars the harmony of the whole glorious symphony. It is not alone a question of forgiveness; that may be full and complete. It is the hurt in the heart that will not readily heal and the confidence that will not fully come back!

Three to Two. Some little girls were boasting of their respective families. They had passed from clothes to personal appearance and finally came to parental dignity. The minister's little girl boasted: "Every package that comes for my papa is marked 'D. D.'"

Why Certain Men Marry. An editor sent out circular letters to a large number of married men and asked them why they married. Here are some of the answers: "Because I did not have the experience I have now."

The Craze of the Day. If you've a horse that will not sell, Finance it. Or a barn that's but a shell, Finance it. Tack a fancy name to each. Put the shares way out of reach; That's the game the bold 'uns teach— Finance it. Take your worthless, mongrel pup— Finance it. Watch the shares go soaring up— Finance it. Use the dog when he has died; Do not throw the corpse aside; Start a tannery with the hide— Finance it. Your old watch will not go, Finance it. Get a boost from So-and-So— Finance it. Use the well known man's O. K., Fix par value where you may, Then rake in the easy hay— Finance it. It's a game of simple rules, Finance it. Nerve and brass are all its tools— Finance it. Pump the water through a hose, Paint the cabbage like the rose; Don't forget your saintly pose— Finance it. Denver Republican.

We Sometime Notice That A lazy man is a dead loss to himself. A lot of worry comes to those who wait. Criticism, like charity should begin at home. The family tree of the grafter is a plum tree. A corner in grain isn't necessarily on the square. Lots of money that men marry is counterfeit. For the traveler the best guide book is the check book. A tight man and a loose dog are equally dangerous. Many a man's nervousness is due to lack of nerve. A man's good judgment usually shows up the day after. Be good if you can; but if you can't be good, be careful. Graft often goes about disguised as a business opportunity. Experience teaches us how to make other kinds of mistakes. In order to satisfy a man give him what he thinks he wants. Some men make a specialty of posing as horrible examples. It takes a man with a lot of brass to dispose of a gold brick. Enterprise and advertising make the biggest pair in the deck. Most people would fall short if measured by the golden rule. It's safer to laugh with the big man than to give him the laugh. It's surprising how many friends a man has until he needs one.—Baker's Helper.

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