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## LOCAL DIRECTORY.


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Article 7 section 7 or
"No county, city, town, or other mumicipal corporation shall con. traet any debt, pledge its faith, or loan its credit, nor shall any tax be levied, or collected by any offi-
cers of the same, except for the cers of the same, except for the
necessary expense thereof, unless necessary expense tereor, unless
by a vote of a majority of qualitiea voters therein."
If, therefore, any county, city, town, or other municipal corpora-
tion desires to increase its sebo funds by taxation, beyond the Constitutional limita+ion, it must ask for and secure from the Gen eral Assembly a special act sub
mitting the question to the voters mitting the question to tie voters will decide it.

## By decide

By sach special legislation,pa is, their terms extending to bi or nine months per annum, in
Goldsboro, Raleigh, Durbam, Winston, Greensboro. Keidsville, Sa isbury, Charlotte, and Ashville. In Fayetteville and New Berne milar excellent schools are con ducted by the use of the general by private funds; and in Wilming ton the public are suppooted en tirely by the general pablic school fuads. All of these schools have gradually grown in efficiency
uutil they command respect and until they command respect aud illustrations of not only the possible efficiency and safets of public of ellucation for all the eltildren when communities take hold of it in good earnest and supplemen their public school funds either by taxiug themselves or by pri-
vate subseriptions. These schools will bear the light of investiga tiou and it is to be hoped that as their light is shed abroad other
similar schools will be established. It is not for me to say to what
In shill exient the people are able and I may, however, with propriety say that, as a system of public schools is tixed in our Coustitu-
tion and as whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. it is
the part of wisdom to add to the cuuds already set apart by the Constitution and the stataters tast as the people are able to bear to make the schools what the Good schools will command the respest and support the peopl; in
feriur ones will not and ought not. The remedy, however, for inferior chuols rests with the people. I say in town and conutry, be
cause as a rule the country child han in some respects ach the ad vantage of one living in the city
even in au educational pont o view, although the country schoo a rels, or perhaps principally book learning-not merely a knowl.
dge of reading, writing, arithmehi., English grammar, geography history, \&c., which the boy or girl
iny carry into evers-day work; may carry into every-day work;
but education is develo; all the faculties of the mind aloug edge of facts. Our young people must be taught to think, reaso and observe for themselves, and
any process that secures this re any process that secu
sult will educate them. There is much discussion no ing in the pablic schools, and the leading argument in its favor i that in the exercises, mental an physical, of doing work with the hands the yoong people are no
only developed physically but ar tanght to reason, thenk and ob
serve for themselves, and in practical way to apply what they
learn from books. The very pro
cess their minds must be subjec-
ted to develop all their powers.
Now this process the boy on the farm is put through in the work that farm life requires. The farm-
er who requires his boys not only to do the ordinary work in the ald, bat also furnishes them with bop, and encourages them to harpen plows, make hoe handles axe handles, and anything they may desire, to make, is giving them a very valuable education. and ohserve. A boy cannot drive and ohserve. A boy cannot drive the scribe, make a toy wagon o do any work without being men tally developed as well as phy ically. Many men who have comparatively little book learning have large brain power and make valuable citizens and marked suc cess in life work.
What l have said about farm life or boys has equally strong appli-
cation to girls. There are so many things to be 'done in field and house that the hands and brains of the girlsalso may be kept busy, and with equal advantage to their mental and physical development. Of course I do not mean to dis courage book learning, but I do mean to say to the children in the
rural districts that they may not have so long school terms as do the children in the city, yet they have educational advantages that city children do not have. It is a good thing to learn in sehool what the books
teach, but it is equally a good teach, but it is equally a good
thing to learn to work. A ver thing to learn to work. A very
large proportion of the growth large proportion of the growth of
our cities and manufacturing in terests is due to the perseverance strength of character,and strength and trained in the country.
Let the country schools as we
as the city schools be gradually worked up to longer terms and to aal labor by the young people b underretad as an educational fac tical success in earning a living.

The Pangs of Anthorship.
Nobody but ns literary people achment between the author and hiv characters. It is related of
Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe that when from the pages of her manEva the entire family sat bathe in tears, nor could one of speak a word, but all mournfully separated, going to their rooms as
thongh they had just attended though they had just attended
the faneral of a dear friend. Some friends met Thackery on the streets one day, and his counte-
nance bore traces of intense grief. "I have just killed Coloy aske come," he sobbed, bursting into tears as he hurried away. Charles Diekens had the same experience So did I. Mine was even more harrowing. When I wrote my first
funny story about Mr. Bilderback going up on the roof to shovel off the snow and making an ava lanche of himself and sliding down heart broken. I didn't kill M. Bilderback myself. Ah, indeed, hadn't the heart to do that. The managing editor, that dear, con siderate soul,saw how I felt about it, and he killed him for me. He ing, gentle characters in the an, gentle characters in the remarked that he wonld kill me if I ever came back with any more such stuff. He meant it, too. Peofle who saw me coming out of the pine slivers, and gobs of paste off stricken face that so by my grief happened. But I could gat them what. My poor, bursting
heart was too fall.-Burdette.


North Carolina is the most bea iful and richest portion of God' arth upon whlch my vision or hat she produces cotton, You know igo, tar, pitch, tarpentine, and superior timber. You know that her soil and climate are adapted o the cereals, wheat, corn, rye buck wheat and oats, but you probably do not know that that State ong known as the Rip Van Win le of the Union, from which mor han fifty thonsand free whit Indiana and Illinois, is the lan of wine and honey, the apple and peach,the fig and pomegranate, all of which I saw prospering in open ields and under the most artless calture. Its native vines made e fortune of Longworth, who arried cuttings thence. The wine Ponnsylvania and around the rders and on the islands of Lak ie, and those scattered throug rom the native vines of North Carolina. The Catawba the Lin oln, the Isavella, and richer than ill the scuppernong, of which, as has not yet been successfully ransplanted, Eastern North Car ina has the monopoly. There it The woods and hillsides teem with the richest honey bearing owers, and the bees invite you to eward your kindness with the weetest treasure. There is not a egetable that we produce tha will not grow in North Carolina. Wealth and honor are in the athway of the New South. Her pelling the advance of civilization ad the progress of wealth and rine ment throughout christen om; and as her resources, includ ing geographical position and cli nate, are more diversified than ther people of equal numbers,she must at no distant day resame r once proud position in the va civilization's advancing column American adventure. May the Almighty speed and guide her on ward progress.

## Tobaceo Flies.

An exchange offers the follow ng advice in regard to destroy Ug the troublesome tobacco fies ater and sweetened with suga or honey. Drive stakes all around the tobaceo patch, fifty or sixty ards apart. Get strips of shin les or laths und bore holes in hem. Nail these on top of the takes and every evening abou sundown go with a basket of jim-
son flowers and pat one in each ole in each shingle, drawing it down tight enongh to prevent the wind blowing it out, and then pot in three drops of cobalt, and be sure to commence this as soon as the first flies come. It will pay you to grow some early jimson our tomato plants, so as to have our jimson blossoms in time the edge will be enough."

## Didn't Know His Destinatio

 rom the EpochSt.Peter (to applicant): Yon say
ou were an editorial writer on a Applicant
Applicant: Yes, sir.
or, please.
Applicant (stepping into eleva
r): How soon does it go npt St. Peter: It doesn't go np;

The Davie Tines declares for owle for Governor, with Alexan thinks they conld carry the Stat by 20,000 majority. Correct!

North Carolina News Notes. Thomas Wilcox's dwelling-house,
ear Iron City, Polk county, was so destroyed by fire recently. Loss, $\$ 3,000$.
Floyd West
Floyd West, who killed Reuben exton, of Big Helton, Ashe coun, two years ago, has been arresThe peach erop in the ection does not appear to bern all injured by the cold smaps. In th Piedmont and western districts of the State it is claimed that There damage is done.
There are now in the public students, of whom 580 are nd 433 colored. This is the great est number ever in attendance at the schools at that point.
Lewis Pippin, of Lenoir county, is claimed to be the oldest man in the State. He is over ene huadred, possibly one hundred and ive. He is what is khown as a
"marrying man," having had no In Gaston county
dolphus Motz was the body of dolphus Motz was found lying
the railway near Lowell- His kall was crushed, evidently by a low with a heary instrument. The coroner's jury has returned a erdict that Motz was foully murered.
At Spruce Pine, Mitchel county, P.Rowe \& Corchandis A dwelling was also burned. Rowe's building was owned by I. D. Eng ish. Loss, 86,000 ; insurance $\$ 2$, 000. The fire is thought to be in endiary.
Reports received by the Depart ment of Agriculture from the tio mine near King,s Mountain are that tin of good quality is being ow at work in charge of men vert, who is confident of the value f the deposit.
Beyond the blowing down of a ew buildings, the great storm did not damage North Carolina. No disasters on the cost of this
State are reported. A revenue cutter has been cruising in search of any vessel
not find one.
Govenor Scales has offered eward of $\$ 200$ for William E. McGinn who on the 13th instant mardered Leroy Elliot, near Char lotte, in Mecklenbarg county. Di ectly after the commission of the crime McGinn fled, it is supposed, o South Carolina.
Arrangements will probably be peedy completion of the Winston and Fayetteville road from Higb Point to Asheboro,the county seat of Randolph. The people are deepy interested in this line, which will, of conrse, be a valuable feeder of th.
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