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HELP THE CAUSE.

An Earnest Appeal To The School Children To The County Superintendents and the Public School Teachers:

The public press of North Carolina has always responded generously and unselfishly to every call of the public schools for service, and no agency has been more potent in promoting the development of these schools and the progress of education in the State.

The Committee has prepared an interesting program for the celebration of Bill Nye Day in the public schools. An hour devoted to honoring the memory of such a man who loved all children and all men, who devoted his splendid talents to making them happier and better through his writings, will be properly and profitably spent.

I earnestly request and urge the county superintendent of each county to distribute these programs to the public school teachers of the county, accompanied by a letter to each teacher, directing the setting apart of an hour in the school for this celebration, and urging the hearty co-operation of the teacher for the success of the celebration.

The noble work of the Stonewall Jackson Training School for giving wayward boys of the State a chance to have a chance to be trained into good citizens should appeal strongly to the hearts of the children of the public schools, who but for the mercy of God might be like these wayward boys. It is a privilege, therefore, for these children to have an opportunity to make a contribution to such a work. It will do them good. I earnestly urge, therefore, that county superintendents and teachers lend their hearty co-operation in securing at least a penny contribution from every child in the public schools for the erection of the Bill Nye Memorial Building for increasing the facilities at the State's school for training wayward boys.

I designate Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, for this celebration. I suggest that the teacher devote an hour on this day to reading to the pupils this booklet and to arousing an enthusiastic interest in Bill Nye and his work and in the work of the Stonewall Jackson Training School, concluding the exercises with an earnest appeal for a contribution of at least one penny from every child, to be brought next morning.

All contributions should be forwarded by the teacher or the principal of the school to Mr. R. W. Vincent, Secretary of the Bill Nye Memorial Committee, Charlotte, N. C., and they will be acknowledged in the columns of the Charlotte Observer.

Very truly yours, J. Y. JOYNER, Supt. Pub. Instruction. Feeding Experiment Satisfactory. Wadesboro, N. C. - Manager Rogers, of the local office of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, sold the car load of Hereford steers that he has been feeding at the mill and they show an average gain of 150 pounds.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice. My wife wanted me to take my car to the doctor to have an oil change. I was in a hurry and she said, 'Wait a minute, I'll show you how to do it.' She did so, and I learned a lesson. I'll never let her do it again. I'll do it myself. I'll be a tip-top driver. I'll be a tip-top man. I'll be a tip-top citizen. I'll be a tip-top man. I'll be a tip-top citizen. I'll be a tip-top man. I'll be a tip-top citizen.

The Other Fellow's Expense.

Mr. Marshall, of Surry, is off his bearings when he informs his colleagues that the free-text book system is working admirably in the public schools of Lenoir county. Possibly we have done some fool things down here, but the introduction of free school books is not one of them. Text books should not be made free in our public schools for several reasons. In the first place the public ought not to be called upon to do more for popular education than to furnish school buildings, equipment, etc., and teachers with adequate supervision, or, in other words, such help as the public can use in common in working out an education for itself. When public money furnishes these general sides the individual should meet the situation by providing himself with those requisites that are of a personal nature. Any other course tends to pauperize the student and, by too much giving, tends to wrest from him whatever of personal development might come from some expenditure of effort on his own part.

Again, even though the free text book plan were the correct policy to pursue, neither this county nor this State is in a position to adopt it, taking into consideration the lack that does now exist in our public school system, and the great demand for funds to be expended in other ways.

When the house of representatives proposed to feed Mr. Marshall from his own spoon and limit his free text book plan to Surry, his home county, the gentleman from Surry promptly "backed off."

This but illustrates a general principle that seems to be overlooked these days—and that principle is this: It is alright to tax the other fellow and stick it to him wherever you can get at him, but taxation should be limited so far as possible to the other fellow.

This showed up very clearly when it developed that the State was sending Surry several thousand dollars a year more than was derived from that county. Of course, if the State should adopt the policy of furnishing its school children free text books Mr. Marshall's county would come in for its share of the rake-off—and that, too, at the other fellow's expense.—Free Press.

The Free Seed Farce.

The continued practice of sending out "Government" seed to farmers under the franking privilege costs the tax payers of this country something like a half million dollars annually. No intelligent, up-to-date business farmer can afford to risk his chances with "Congressional" free seed and that kind of farmer generally uses them for chicken feed or dumps them into a waste pile. If your Congressman sends you a bunch of free seeds, wouldn't it be a good idea to return them to him? It would cost only a one-cent stamp. Then suppose you write him a polite high-toned letter, telling him that you either select your own seed or buy from some responsible seed grower, and incidentally refer to the fact that farmers of this country have for years been asking for a parcels post system, and suggest that if he wants to do something of real value to the folks living in the rural districts, give us the parcels post—not free garden seeds. It might make a lasting impression upon your Congressman and eventually result in stopping the free seed humbug as a method of cheap campaigning at the expense of the tax-payers.—N. C. Union Farmer.

The farm homes never look so good as when we get back from a trip to the big city.

Tortured For 15 Years by a cured-Setyng stomach trouble that baffled doctors, and resisted all remedies he tried, John W. Moders of Modersville, Mich., seems all changed. He had to sell his farm and give up work. His neighbors said, "He can't live much longer." "Whatever I ate distressed me," he wrote, "All I tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders he me that I can now eat things I could not take for years. He surely seemed ready for a stomach trouble. I am so good as the liver and kidneys. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 25 cents a bottle. Sold by Dr. J. C. Herndon, N. C. Feb. 16, 1911.

WHAT A MILLION MEANS.

Figures That May Give Significance To a Greatly-Used Term.

We think and do things in millions these days, yet, though we are accustomed to employ the term lightly, the significance of the word "million" is really hard to grasp. It has been estimated that 1,000,000 persons assembled in a crowd, with due allowance of, say, three square feet a person, would cover an area of 68.8 acres, or, to put it more conveniently, let us say 70 acres; or it could be contained in a square having sides 577.6 yards long. Or, again, allowing shoulder to shoulder, 1,000,000 individuals would extend a distance of 284.1 miles. The population of London amounts to, roughly speaking, 6,549,000. Allowing 18 inches to each person, shoulder to shoulder, this human aggregation would constitute a wall 1,860 miles long.

In astronomical calculation it is most difficult to grasp the meaning of millions of miles, but some idea in this connection may be gathered from the statement of the time that would be consumed by an express train or the shot from a cannon to cover celestial space.

Now, the distance from the earth to the sun is about 92,000,000 miles and light traveling from the solar luminary comes to us at the rate of 186,700 miles a second. It traverses this distance in 8 1/4 minutes, but a railway train, proceeding at 60 miles an hour, would take 175 years to cover the distance to the sun.

The circumference of the eclipse forming the orbit of the earth round the sun is about 577,760,000 miles in length, and the earth covers this distance in 365 1/4 days, traveling at the rate of 65,910 miles an hour, or 1,098 miles a minute, or nearly 1,100 times as fast as a train going at one mile a minute. It is therefore clear that a train proceeding at this speed would require nearly 1,100 years to accomplish the journey around the earth's orbit.

According to high authority, the velocity of a rifle bullet is something like 2,130 feet a second, or 24.2 miles a minute, and that of the projectiles weighing 330 pounds from a quick firing gun is about 3,000 feet a second, or 34 miles a minute; so that the velocity of the earth is 32.3 times as great as the latter.—Exchange.

HERE'S THE WAY.

Don't "Go Back To The Farm," Stay There.

"Back to the farm" is futile, because only failures come back, but "Stick to the farm" is good, because all that is or can be springs from the soil." This sentence, attributed by Harper's Weekly to Theodore N. Vail, president of the great telegraph and telephone consolidation, may not be absolutely true in every case, but in its general meaning it is. The men needed on the farm are not the derelicts or the drifters, but those able to guide their own course. It may be a good thing to bring boys and men from the towns out to the farm; but it is far finer and more valuable thing to train the young men now growing up in the country so that they will love the farm and make it pay, to educate them for leadership in the great work of re-making our rural life. The story of the country boy who went to the city and made a great success has been told a thousand times; let us show the strong, energetic country boy that he can make just as great a success in the country. When we do this these boys, born to be leaders of men, will not feel that they must go to town to seek their fortune, and country life will be finer and better than we have ever dreamed. What is your community doing to make its brightest boys and girls stick to the farm.—Progressive Farmer.

The farmer who cannot go ahead in this age ought to hitch his hopes to another kind of wagon.

Rich's Cotton Seed For Sale. I have a limited quantity of "Rich's Cotton Seed" that I will sell for \$1 per bushel, 2 o. b. Rocky Mount, N. C., or at 75 cent per bushel at my home. On my judgement these are the best seed on the market. Apply to S. J. F. Ellis, R. F. D. No. 2, Rocky Mount, N. C. Feb. 16, 1911.

Good To Remember.

For cleaning tinware there is nothing better than dry flour applied with newspaper.

Lampwicks can be prevented from smoking them in vinegar, then drying thoroughly.

If a sprig of parsley dipped in vinegar is eaten after an onion, no unpleasant odor from the breath can be detected.

When a lampwick gets tight in the burner and is hard to move, draw one or two threads of the wick from the end. This will remedy the tightness.

Wring chamois out of soapy water without rinsing; when it dries it is soft and pliable, instead of stiff.

In baking potatoes put a small pan of water in the oven, and you will find they will bake much more quickly.

When finely chapped nuts are needed for cake, salads or sandwiches, run the nuts through the mincing machine.

A teaspoonful of lemon juice to a quart of water will make rice very white, and keep the grains separate when boiled.

To prevent salad dressing, custard or cake filling from curdling, beat quickly for five minutes or more with a wire egg beater.

Cold water, a teaspoonful of ammonia and soap will remove machine grease where other means would not answer on account of colors running.

By rubbing nickel and silver ornaments with a woolen cloth saturated with spirits of ammonia, they may be kept very bright with little trouble.

If shoes have been wet, don't attempt to dry them near the stove. Rub in plenty of vaseline or plain lard, and let them stand in a cool place until thoroughly dry and much of the original oil will be restored.

To keep milk fresh and sweet in summer, try scalding the pans with soda water, sun them well, have pans cold when milk is put into them, then set the pans in cool water and change the water once or twice until the milk is thoroughly cold.

To prevent cakes, pies, marconi, potatoes, pone, etc., from sticking to the pans in which they are cooked first grease the pans nicely with a piece of paper dipped in melted lard then sift flour in them, and knock the flour out by turning the pans upside down and giving them a sharp rap on the table.

The best way to clean an invalid's room is to rub the carpet all over with a cloth wrung out of ammonia diluted with a little warm water, rinsing and turning the cloth as the dust and dirt collect upon it. Change the water frequently. This is far better than sweeping, and raises no unpleasant dust in the room.—Selected.

The Farmer a "Business Man."

That the farmer has not kept pace with the men in other lines, in the use of system and in the planning of definite results is unquestionably true, but it is equally true that the successful farmer of the future must adopt more of the modern business methods used by successful men in other lines of work. The farmer is a producer and a seller of farm products. The merchant and many others who are called "business men," are chiefly concerned in the selling of goods; but the farmer is a business man in the fullest sense of the term because he is both producer and seller. That he is not generally so regarded is entirely due to the fact that he has not kept up with and used the business methods generally proved to be necessary in other business operations.—Progressive Farmer.

Two Aviators Killed.

Douai, France, Feb. 9.—Two more names were added to the death roll of the aviator today. The aviators Noel and Delatorre were killed while conducting a trial of a military aeroplane for the War Department. Noel was the pilot and Delatorre a passenger. The aviators were planning down from a height of about 250 feet, when suddenly the wings folded up and the machine fell headlong to the earth. The men were taken out dead. Their skulls were fractured and they were badly crushed.

A DANGEROUS PROBLEM.

Well Protection To Prevent Typhoid Fever.

The menace of typhoid fever in country districts a menace arising from polluted drinking water is thoroughly considered in a report by Myron L. Fuller, of the United States Geological Survey, in which the various sources of pollution are indicated and suggestions are given for means of protection. Typhoid-fever rates are usually greater in the country than in cities, despite the prevailing belief that farms, isolated as they are from areas of congested population, are obtaining pure and wholesome water.

Failure to protect adequately the wells in farming districts is given in the Survey's report as the most common reason for their pollution, and ignorance of the manner in which ground water circulates is the cause of the faulty protection. Chemical analysis is not rated high by Mr. Fuller as a means of detecting polluted water, for he asserts that a careful common-sense inspection of the district is usually much more to the point.

Sources of pollution in the vicinity of a well or spring should be noted wherever possible, and drinking water should not be drawn except at a safe distance from them. The distance required for absolute safety varies greatly with the character of the rock. For wells sunk in sandstone, slate, and shale, 100 feet may be sufficient; where the surface stratum is composed of fine sand 200 feet should be allowed, and where it is limestone or granite much greater distances will be necessary. Water may run polluted in limestone for miles, so that wells in regions where limestone makes up the greater part of the surface rock should be carefully examined after rains for mud and floating matter, for these are pretty sure indications of pollution.

For protecting wells, springs, and cisterns Mr. Fuller advocates, first of all, a water-tight lining to keep out surface water. Wells and springs should always be covered and protected from animals, dust and falling leaves. Watering troughs should always be located a safe distance away, though the custom prevails in country districts of having well and trough side by side.

A Definition Indeed.

"What is Love?" is the startling inquiry propounded to The Orange (Va.) Observer, and Mr. Newt Robinson refers the correspondent to "Old Hurrygraph" for a correct definition.

Nothing could be easier to answer. Love is a daily journey to the market to purchase eatables—such as butter, eggs, tough beefsteak, chickens; a continual struggle to live happily with your mother-in-law; and an earnest desire to meet the milliner's bills promptly; a debatable congress in which you go into executive session of hobble skirts, and how much time shall be spent in bridge whist, out of which you come feeling like a boy who does not want to go to Sunday school but is made to go by parental authority.

In other words, Love is—why of course it is.—Durham Sun.

Schley Injured by Fall.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Slipping on the icy pavement in front of his residence at 1826 J street, Northwest, Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., retired, famous for the part he took in the capture and sinking of Cervera's squadron off Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American war, fell and was badly injured last night. The distinguished naval officer is confined to his bed, and according to his physicians, is suffering from a fracture of two ribs and internal injuries.

Falls Victim To Thieves.

S. W. Benda, of Coal City, Ala., has a justifiable grievance. Two thieves stole his health for twelve years. They were a liver and kidney trouble. The Dr. King's New Life Pills throttled them. He's well now. Unsuspected for Constipation, Malaria, Headache, Dyspepsia, 25c at Nashville Drug Co.

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