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THE PACE IS SET.

In Greensboro Last Night \$8,000 Was Pledged For the Support of Rural Schools.

Greensboro, N. C., April 4.—Greensboro sets the pace for the entire State in devotion to the rural public schools. At the close of the Educational Conference tonight \$8,000 was pledged for the support of the country schools. The meeting was opened by Superintendent Joyner, who spoke with enthusiasm of the educational awakening in the State and declared that the education of the children was the greatest problem that ever confronted a free people.

F. C. Abbott, of Charlotte, made a plea for the support of public education by the businessmen. He thought the paramount needs in North Carolina were better school houses, more capable teachers and longer terms. He contended that without these conditions a compulsory school law would be worthless.

Governor Aycock was introduced as the only man in North Carolina who had ever had the courage to make a political campaign on the question of education. He was received with great enthusiasm and made a stirring speech. He declared that the people of North Carolina were ready to be taxed for education. The Governor said North Carolina had done much for education, as three sevenths of all taxes went into the school fund. At the close of the Governor's speech an educational revival like unto a Methodist camp-meeting broke out.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Butterick, of New York, Secretary of the General Education Board, stated that his association was anxious to assist the rural public schools of the South and offered to duplicate any amount not exceeding \$4,000, that might be raised by popular subscription to assist the schools in Guilford county.

The proposition was received with a burst of enthusiasm, and before the applause had died down men were rising in the audience and making subscriptions. Within a few minutes more than \$4,000 had been raised without any effort. This will give the country schools of Guilford over \$8,000 as the result of to night's meeting.

Spencer Adams prefers the practice of revenue doodle business to the \$3,000 attorneyship in Alaska, though he bankered for the life-time judgeship. He has declined the attorneyship. Congratulations to Alaska; commiserations to North Carolina.—News and Observer.

It is said that even Crumpacker knows his bill is a dead duck. It promised nothing but to revive sectional bitterness and all good men of all parties should rejoice that it died a borin.—News and Observer.

An Important Decision.

Kentucky's highest court has just decided that in case of total destruction by fire the full amount of the insurance policy must be paid, regardless of any stipulation in the policy contrary to this rule, and that the actual loss must be paid where the property is damaged to an extent less than the amount of the policy. This is not the law in some other States, but it ought to be.—Asheville Citizen.

HON. J. Y. JOYNER TO SPEAK.

There is a rare treat in store for those interested in education in Roxboro and community. Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina will address the people of Roxboro and Person County at the Court House next Tuesday April 15th, at 2 o'clock. The public cordially invited to attend.

This is a rare opportunity and we hope our people will turn out. Prof. Joyner is one of the best posted men on public education in North Carolina.

Need More School Houses.

The following important facts were tabulated yesterday in the State Superintendent's office from the reports of 1901:

Number of school houses for whites	4,899
Number of school houses for colored	2,183
Number of frame houses for whites	4,268
Number of log houses for whites	597
Number of brick houses for whites	34
Number of frame houses for colored	1,830
Number of log houses for colored	353
Number of houses built for whites during the past year	63
For colored	45
Value of houses for whites	\$860,640
Value of houses for col.	266,018
Total value of school property not including city school property	\$1,135,658
Number of school districts for whites	5,483
Number of districts for colored	2,559

The number of houses for whites subtracted from the number of districts shows that there are 584 districts without public school houses, and that there are 376 colored districts that have no houses. Total number of districts without houses 960. The average value of houses for whites is \$177.51; for colored, \$121.56.

Married on Dome of the Capitol.

Washington.—To-day a few minutes after 12 o'clock the first couple ever married on the dome of the capitol were united by Justice of the Peace Bundy. The bridegroom is a young Cuban named Andes Dias Paiso, and the bride Miss Catharine De Conchie, a Canadian girl. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few persons, as the dome was closed for the time being against the general public. After the ceremony Justice Bundy pointed out the places of interest from the 300-foot elevation and when at last the party descended to terra firma he expressed the wish as the couple drove away in a cab that they might "live long and prosper." Senor Paiso said that the honeymoon would be spent in Spain.

Senator Simmons has declined the responsibility of alone passing upon the appointment of Mullen for postmaster at Charlotte. The case will now be fully investigated by the Senate Committee.

SHOT DOWN ON FLYING TRAIN

An Avenger's Bullet Strikes Early in the Neck as He Sits in the Coach Under Guard.

Suffolk, Va., April 3.—Having lived through a tempestuous night during portions of which his life seemed to hang by a thread, Thomas Early, the assailant of Miss Perry, 16-years-old, was guarded through a hurried trial and ordered from Edenton, N. C., to a place of more security, only to be shot down on the train when hardly beyond range of the town's church steeples.

The trial itself, according to official time, only occupied seven minutes and twenty seconds. Judge Jones, who lately said the words which meant Jim Wilcox's death, sentenced Early to fifteen years, the maximum penalty in North Carolina, unless the object be accomplished.

Miss Perry was one of the five witnesses before the grand jury. Realizing that citizens might seek Early's death in Edenton, Judge Jones ordered him taken to Hertford jail.

Walking between civil officers and in the hollow square of a military company, Early reached the station safe, and entering the forward smoking coach, took a seat. Immediately behind him sat Deputy Robinson, while Sheriff Baker was standing in the aisle. When the train had been moving a short time, Smith, a small, middle-aged man, who was two seats behind the prisoner, drew a pistol and fired three times in quick succession at Early's head. The only ball which took effect entered between the ear and spinal column and came out of the left temple.

Going Into the Brick Business—A Word of Warning.

After so much wet weather we will feel as if we are almost obliged to plow. We will get impatient. We will think the time to plant has come and that we cannot wait. The temptation to plow will be very strong. But we must remember that to plow when the soil is wet means to go into the manufacture of sundried brick bats. The sunshine will harden these thousands of small clods which we have made into something like a sun dried brickbat. They will then be worth no more to the crop than brickbats. The plant food in them will be insoluble.

We cannot afford to make this mistake. Better wait and plant later.

Dust and not mud is what we need in the farm to make crops with.

Plowing land wet is the quickest way to destroy fertility. This is the chief cause of the poverty of Southern soils. The damage will last for several years.—Southern Cultivator.

Lee Is No Candidate.

Charlottesville, Va., April 5.—General Fitzhugh Lee authorizes the Associated Press to say that he is not a candidate for the position of Minister or Consul General to Cuba. He seeks no diplomatic position, whatever.

The author of "Ben Bolt," Thomas Dunn English, is dead. He was a physician, an author, a public man, ex member of Congress from a Democratic district in New Jersey. He was a kindly gentleman and the world is richer for his life.

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The election to be held in North Carolina this year is an important one. Ten Congressmen are to be elected. A Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court are to be chosen. A Legislature is to be elected that will select a United States Senator to succeed Pritchard. All county officers, including Clerks of the Superior Court are also to be chosen this fall. As already said, the election this year is an important one. Therefore do not fail to pay your poll tax before the first day of May so you can vote.—Gold Leaf.

North Carolina has more than doubled its appropriation for ex-Confederate veterans in the past ten years. In 1892 its appropriation for Confederate pensions was \$2,280. For 1902 it is \$200,000. The last Legislature did better by the old veterans than any pension board.—News and Observer.

It is learned that the sheep industry will perhaps be taken up in this section on an extensive scale. Western North Carolina is particularly adapted to sheep industry and if a business venture of this kind is made it will probably be the beginning of a live stock business of great importance.—Asheville Citizen.

Representative Klutz will appear before the Civil Service Commission and press the charge against D. K. Pope for levying political assessments on postmasters and other Federal officeholders.

The whiskey dispensary at Waynesville for the fiscal year just ended took in \$19,000, and made \$7,000 clear profit. Nearly fifty per cent of the receipts seem to have been profits.

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