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LOCAL EDUCATIONAL GROWTH.

The spirit to undertake and develop, and the enterprise to continue along the lines attempted, marks the local educational growth of 1903, as being distinctly on the advance, and progressive in its character.

And in these last days of the year the promise for the new year, 1904, is most encouraging in its outlook to those who have at heart this momentous issue, which leads all other issues in its importance, not only today, but in its effect on the future growth, development and importance of this city.

As noted in the local columns of the Journal, most important in this local educational growth for 1904, is the establishment in New Bern of a Military Academy and Business College. Here will be opportunities right at home for the young men and women of this city to secure special lines of study, which it has hitherto been necessary for those seeking these special studies to go away to some distant city to secure. Here is the opportunity at home, and it only requires that patronage shall be given this institution in order that it may prove a success, to not only its proprietors, but to this community, as well as to all who patronize the school.

While the educational spirit of 1903 in New Bern has been one of progress, there has not been as great an advancement as might, and should have been made. There is much which demands improvement in the Graded School in this city. Its equipment is not equal to the requirements of today, and in consequence those who teach cannot do full justice to those whom they are engaged to teach.

There has been too much hesitation among those in financial authority over the affairs of the Graded School. There has been good done, improvements made, but there is too evident a disposition to first count the dollars spent, rather than a disposition to spend these dollars, with a clear conception that the expenditure means splendid returns later on.

A clearer insight and better appreciation of the actual needs of the Graded School, will no doubt give it in 1904 the equipment it requires to make it the institution that is demanded in this city.

The outlook, educationally, therefore is the best it has been in this city for years. The field is a grand one for development, and it should be the purpose, put into execution by every citizen to assist in the local educational growth to the full extent of each one's ability, and this effort ought to be made the personal business of every citizen.

THE WILMINGTON POST OFFICE MESS.

The controversy over who shall be postmaster of the Wilmington, N. C. post office, is of no special interest or importance to people outside of that city, and would not receive notice except for the principals engaged in the scramble for the place.

The fact that one Daniel L. Russell, whose reputation, unfortunately for Wilmington where he claims citizenship has always in some degree been offensive to the good people of that city, is largely involved in this post office matter, adds much to the unsavory character of the contest.

With the present incumbent a woman, it has seemed necessary that another woman should be brought forward for the position, giving her the appearance that no male Republicans in Wilmington are capable of filling this office. And perhaps even worse than this absence of men for this position, it appears that the before mentioned Russell, who has figured rather conspicuously in Republican politics in North Carolina for a good many years, is prominent in this fight for the post mastership of the Wilmington post office.

From public statements made, it seems that the present post master, Miss

Darby, engaged the aforesaid Russell as her political ambassador to appear at the court of President Roosevelt, to make urgent appeal in her behalf. But while to outward appearances serving for Miss Darby, the wife of the politician Russell is brought forward as a candidate for the post mastership, and judging from all signs, with every chance of success.

The peculiarly unfortunate side of this contest is, that two women, both personally of excellent character, should be mixed up in a political mess. The present incumbent no doubt finds the office, which she has well managed, a very good thing, peculiarly. Mrs. Russell, who has plenty of other matters to engage her attention does not need the office, either for the work involved to take up her spare time, nor the money consideration which goes with the position.

But with Daniel L. Russell permitted to take the part of the bull in this political china shop matter of the post-mastership at Wilmington, there can be nothing decently done in the matter, nor will the question of reputation enter into the settlement of who will be postmaster, other things being necessary.

While the conduct and service of the post office is all important to Wilmingtonians than who shall be their city's postmaster, it cannot but chagrin the majority of the people of that city that Daniel L. Russell, shall dictate who shall serve in the office.

THE CULTIVATION OF THRIFT.

No resolution of more personal value can be made at the commencement of another year, than that of the promise to begin with 1904, to cultivate a habit of thrift.

The value of thrift, in the individual cannot be too highly estimated. It does not mean that a miserly habit is to be cultivated. It does not mean a lowering of the standard of the family living. It does not mean that any man or woman shall go without the necessities of life, in order to lay up the dollars, which such a saving may make possible. It does not mean the giving up of the many things in the household which makes life pleasant and enjoyable.

But there is a cultivation of thrift, a daily or weekly laying aside of money, which is possible in the majority of households, and which nearly every young man or woman can do, who is a wage earner.

Hardly an income, but which some portion of it is spent, unwisely and therefore unprofitably, and in such seasons of plenty as this present one, is there an over liberality, which is really a prodigal expenditure of money, that there is no occasion for, money which could be saved and would prove of great good in the seasons when times and local conditions may be far less generous to the wage earner than they are today.

In this city and in every city there are young men who are today earning good wages, who regard this season of plenty as one which has no end, and who are living up to their full wage earning capacity; each day, each week, each month, find them with not a dollar in bank or invested. They are living well, living too well, for they are existing for each day, making no provision for the future, and every person who has lived to years of middle age, knows that there are seasons of leanness as well as those of fatness, when wise provision made in the latter, means great relief in the former.

It is this cultivation of thrift today, that custom of not spending every cent, every dollar earned, but of putting away something out of each wage that is earned, which marks and makes the independent individual, who is prepared against accident and misfortune or illness, and this very provision against possible future needs gives a personal security and satisfaction which only those who have experienced it can justly value and estimate the satisfaction it gives its possessor.

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ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

London fever hospitals can accommodate 4,000 patients.
The lifeboats around the British coast during the last year rescued 690 people.

Appendicitis insurance policies are issued in England at \$1.25 a year for every \$500.
The population of Ireland, which fifty years ago was over 8,000,000, is now less than 4,500,000.

Ten British towns besides London are larger than Dublin, which has now 245,000 people. Edinburgh beats Dublin by 57,000.

Londoners are becoming accustomed to the sight of the comfortable carriages which convey crippled children between their homes and the schools, which, thanks largely to the energy of Mrs. Humphry Ward, now form part of the educational system of the London school board.

Congratulations.

Mr. John H. Callom, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a letter of congratulations to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subjected to croupy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup, we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results. One good feature of this remedy is that it is not disagreeable to take and curbs really like it. Another is that it is not dangerous, and there is no risk from giving an overdose. I congratulate you upon the success of your remedy." For sale by all druggists.

Preferred the Clear.

Clerk—I guess I won't take any dinner today.
Another—Why not?
Clerk—Because if I do I won't have any time for my regular after dinner smoke.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by all druggists.

Sisterly Devotion.

The beautiful Margaret of Navarre was devoted to her brother, Francis I. When he was apparently dying at Madrid, she found her way to him through privation and danger and succeeded in effecting his deliverance. When he was ill at a distance from her, she went every day and sat down on a stone in the middle of the road to catch the first glimpse of a messenger afar off. And she said:

"Ah, whoever shall come to announce the recovery of the king, my brother, though he be tired, jaded, soiled, disheveled, I will kiss him and embrace him as though he were the finest gentleman in the kingdom."
When he died she seemed literally heartbroken, and she did not long survive him.

A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layla, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by all Druggists.

Would Wait.

Mr. Truckee—I think I shall give up my business, my dear. I might as well have some good out of my money.
Mrs. Truckee—Oh, not yet, Samuel. But when one of us dies I shall give up housekeeping and see a little of the world.—Town and Country.

"Give your blood a cleansing." Rheumatics clear out all the impurities that make you ill. Ask your druggist.

The Last Straw.

It was Saturday night, and, owing to the temporary absence of his wife, it fell to Mr. Brown to attend to the usual process of giving his eight-year-old son a bath and putting him to bed. He had left his evening paper with a man's reluctance and had hurried matters along with more speed than the little chap was accustomed to. However, he endured it without a protest until it came to the prayer. It was his habit after "Now I lay me" to ask the divine blessing upon a long list of relatives and friends, calling each by name.

"Please, God," he began, "bless papa and mamma, grandpa and grandma and Aunt Edith and Uncle George and"— A pause. His father, thinking to curtail the list of beneficiaries, softly insinuated an "Amen." Not heeding the interruption, the little supplicant drew a long breath and continued, "And Aunt Alice and Cousin Annie and"— Again his father said "Amen."
"This was more than flesh and blood could stand, and, lifting his little head, he exclaimed, with tears of indignation, "Faps, who's running this prayer, you or me?"—Harper's Monthly.

Saved From Terrible Death.

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HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Brandon, 2:12 1/4, died from lockjaw recently at Courtland, Ala.
Frank Bogash, 2:03 1/4, is the fastest horse ever driven by the late James Golden.

It is reported that Harold H. 2:04, will again wear the Indiana pajamas next season.
Scott McCoy has severed his connection as trainer with Frank Jones of Memphis, Tenn.

Billy Andrews thinks he has a pretty good trotter for next season's 2:12 trot in Re-elected, 2:11 1/4.

Mush, 2:08 1/4, has been shifted to the trot, and it is said that he can step pretty lively at that gait.

George Saunders of Glenville, O., will winter the matinee horses of H. M. Hanna at Thomasville, Ga.

Ed Geers believes that Onward Silver has not reached the limit of his speed and thinks that he can drive him in 2:04.

Irvin Kelley of Versailles, Ky., recently worked Blue Blood, 2:10, by Aristocrat, dam by Robert McGregor, a mile in 2:11.

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The Sturdy Camel.

A camel has twice the carrying power of an ox. With an ordinary load of 400 pounds he can travel twelve or fourteen days without water, going forty miles a day. Camels are fit to work at five years old, but their strength begins to decline at twenty-five, although they usually live to forty. The Fatians have herds of these animals, often 1,000, belonging to one family. They were numerous in antiquity, for the patriarch Job had 3,000. The Timbaktu or Meharj breed is remarkable for speed and used only for couriers, going 800 miles in eight days with a meal of dates or grain at nightfall.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C W Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by C. D. Bradham. Price 50 cents.

Their First Falling Out.

The speeding trains came together with a dull, sickening thud. A moment later the happy pair sat facing each other in the cornfield far away.
"Well, what are you crying for?" asked the man. The lady wept.
"It is our first falling out," she sobbed.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c. at C D Bradham's drug store.

A Long Felt Want.

Casey—Oh see there's bin another railroad wreck due to an open switch.
Cassidy—Aye, 'tis a pity some wan don't invent a switch that'll stay shut within it's open.—Philadelphia Press.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 35 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by all druggists.

Michael Angelo.

Michael Angelo, while painting "The Last Judgment," fell from his scaffold and received a painful injury in the leg. He shut himself up and would not see any one. Bacio Rontini, a celebrated physician, came by accident to see him. He found all the doors closed. No one responding, he went into the cellar and came upstairs. He found Michael Angelo in his room, resolved to die. His friend the physician would not leave him. He brought him out of the peculiar frame of mind into which he had fallen.

Just One Minute.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbes which tickle the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by F S Duffy.

SHORT STORIES.

Suicide is rare among the aged.
A St. Louis widow was married recently with a baby in her arms.
The average Italian immigrant has \$11 in his pocket; the average German \$34.

Very valuable tobacco land has been located in eastern Texas. The soil and climate are similar to those of Cuba.

New York has 250 hotels, London more than 600. But New York's hotels will hold nearly as many people as London's greater number.

Penobscot county claims the oldest horse in Maine, if not in the country. His name is Tommy Foskett. He is forty-two years old, and there is no question about his age.

A monument to the Massachusetts men who died at the siege of Vicksburg was dedicated recently in the new government park there. It is the gift of Mrs. H. H. Kitson of Boston, and the ceremony was the first of its kind on the site of the old battlefield.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too, 25c at C D Bradham's drug store.

A Little Short.

"I'd like to know why it is," said young Ardup to his tailor, "that every time you make a pair of trousers for me you get them a little short."
"I suppose," replied the tailor, "it is because I usually find you that way when I present my bill."

The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F Craig, of Middle Grove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by all druggists.

Needs, Not Words.

Father (sternly)—Didn't I tell you if any of the other boys said anything to make you angry you should count twenty before you said anything?
Tommy—Yes, sir, but I didn't need to say anything. Before I'd counted twelve the other boy yelled "Enough!" —Philadelphia Press.

What's In a Name.

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E C De Witt & Co. of Chicago discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by F S Duffy.

The Modern Panacea.

Tom—What makes you look so blue?
Jack—The girl I want to marry is going to marry another man next week.
Tom—Why don't you get out an injunction?—Somerville Journal.

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She Came Back at Him.

"I mustered up enough courage last night to ask my wife if she knew of some wise man has said that a 'maximum of talk is a sign of a minimum of thought.'"
"And what did she say?"
"She looked at me for some time and then said that she had begun to notice that a minimum of talk usually indicated a maximum of idiocy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Ray of the British Ambassador.
We wish we could feel that the Hon. Oliver Bernald in going to Washington was about to receive a salary from the nation commensurate with the importance of the post he is to fill. Washington is now the most important station in the British diplomatic service and should be the best paid, even if it were not a singularly expensive post. Yet, strangely enough, our ambassador in a capital where the cost of living and service is so immensely high is only paid \$6,500 a year, while the pay in Paris is \$9,000 and in Constantinople, Berlin and Vienna \$8,000. In Washington the pay should be \$10,000.—London Spectator.

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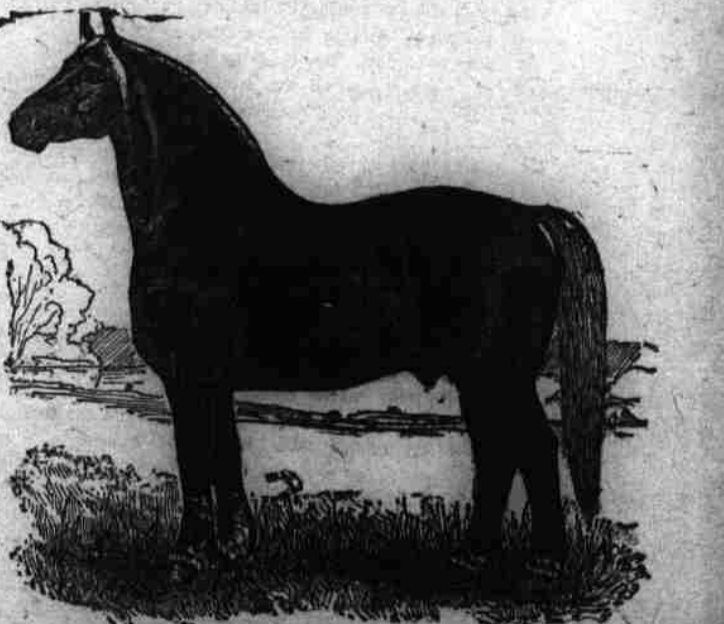
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