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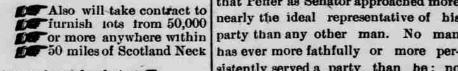


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ale of fertilizer.

were the following:

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Senator Person, to compel em-

has property in this state it can be at-

Mr. Blackburn protested this was too

Mr. Cook then moved that the bill

At noon the house took up as a spe-

cial order the bill introduced by Mr.

Hancock to "Restore to the State the

There was quite a lengthy discus-

The bill passed its second reading-

Mr. Crumpler introduced a bill to re-

trial school and three professional

teachers to be elected biennally by all

the members of the board, the board to

after the first Monday in next July.

County commissioners, clerk and reg-

good business qualifications as a coun-

biennially elect county supervisors of

schools, also district boards of five to

apportion the school fund, and to es-

ers' certificates are to be abolished and

the county supervisor is to be paid not

THIRTY-SECOND DAY-THURSDAY,

FEB. 11TH.

ntroduced as follows:

Bank of Enfield.

ington county.

by officers.

SENATE.-Bills and resolutions were

By Senator Clark, to incorporate the

By Senator Yeager, authorizing the

evernor to furnish convicts to work

certain roads and cut canals in Wash-

By Senator Scales, relating to per-

sonal property; makes it a misdemean-

or for persons to go to a store and get

goods to look at and not return or pay

At the night session the bill was take

n up to prohibit the use of free passe

Senator Butler favored the bill, say

ng every two men who rode on a rail-

road paid the fare of another person,

who rode on a free pass; that men who

use free passes are always men who are

Senator Ray offered a substitute that

il railroads in the state shall turnish

to each state officer free passes good

The substitute was lost-ayes, 16

noes, 22. The bill passed its second

Senator Clark, chairman of the spe-

cial committee to investigate Swinson's

statement in regard to the enrolling

clerk's office, sent forward the report of

the committee, that Swinson said he

did not make the statements as they

appeared in the newspapers, but that

he did say no negro should work in his

office as long as he had charge of it,

amply able to pay their fares.

during his term of office.

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vote is quite a formal affair. The peo

ple of the United States voted for Pres

ident and vice-President on 3rd of las

November but the official count was

The Washington correspondent to

the Richmond Dispatch says the pro-

ceedings occupied 56 minutes. Vice-

President Stevenson announced the

result of the count which was had in

Mr. Bryan 176; that Mr. Hobart had

received 271 votes for Vice-President

Mr. Sewall 149, and Mr. Watson 27. It

was stated that this was a sufficient

declaration in law of the election of

Messrs. Mckinley and Hobart for the

term stated as President and vice-Pres

It is so seldom that public men now-

a-days subordinate their own personal

interest to that of their constituency

that a case of the kind calls forth com-

to have made a record that entitles him

to be considered an exception to the

"William A. Peffer, of Kansas, has

Senate, and has been humiliatingly de-

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constantly before the public gaze. We

have followed him closely. It is not

our purpose to approve any of his acts.

party than any other man. No man

sistently served a party than he; no

with, the principles of a party as he

In a hopeless minority he has courage

hopefully delivered hundreds of speech-

accord with the principles and the

genius of the principles upon which he

was sent to the Senate. He failed, but

it was no fault of his. His public life

regardless of his own ambition. We

say we do not endorse Peffer. We do

not endorse his principles; but we do

ment. Senator Peffer of Kansas seen

ident, respectively.

that ball did for humanity.

eb. 10th

good time as well.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1897.

THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. TRUE EDUCATION. Points and Paragraphs of Things

ABOUT THE CHILD-MIND. Present, Past and Future. Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

himself. While working as telegraph (Copyrighted.) operator, surveyor and man of-all-work Once upon a time a certain silvergenerally, he kept working on an idea smith (Acts 19.24-41) gathered around him a mob, and for several hours all cried out "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." The silversmith had most exhas sold his patent for \$6,700,000. cellent reason for the agitation, since by belief in Diana he made his living. Chauncey Depew once said that a man As for the rest, most of them "knew with a million dollars could have every not wherefore they had come together," but they shouted just the same. That nishes; so this once poor inventor can mob (not Demetrius himself) has alhave seven times as much. He can ways stood forth as an example of blind do great good with his money and have devotion.

Have we in our day experience with such a gathering? I must answer yery carefully, or possibly a later Demetrius may be affronted. For fifty years or Bradley Martin ball in the Waldorf more we have heard a swelling cry that has echoed and re-echoed through the hotel a few nights ago. It was the land, "Great is Education in the public schools." And by a sort of mental infection the cry has been taken up by all who heard until "Education! Education !! Education !!!" greets the ear on every side.-Now I reckon there were some Ephesians who worshipped And all this perhaps within voice-call Diana in sincerity and in truth. They actually gained strength from the wholesome myths that had gathered around her, and their shout, therefore, meant something far more spiritual than did the rest of the clamor :- much of it was for "business". "So I believe that "Education" on the tongue of growing numbers who look deep down into the conditions of life, means all that is helpful and hopeful in the race. But with the great swaying, shouting multitude, it begins and ends with par- Philadelphia Record. rot-like book knowledge: it is against that these lines are directed.

As there are myriads of homes, each, more or less wisely or mistakenty, solicitous regarding the welfare and the career of one or more children, perhaps the House, the Senate being present in in this column we may profitably dwell a body. It was that Mr. McKinley had for a while on some phases of education that are much overlooked. Furtherreceived 271 votes for President, and more as these children will be the young people of the next century, a right idea of education will be just as profitable a preparation for the opportunities of the new age, as will be the massing and unification of reform forces that I have dwelt upon for the past weeks.

The question to answer to yourself at the outset is "What is the child mind?" Some things it is certainly not, and by disposing of the negatives, the positive purpose of education becomes clearer. It, the child mind, is not alone a sheet of paper to be written on at will nor a gaping cistern to be filled to repletion, nor a plastic substance to be moulded just as you choose, nor an animal to be taught to act without reflection, nor a mere machine to be set going and kept going for the purpose of earning a living until death puts an end to need. In some ways it partakes of the nature of all these figures of speech. But served his term in the United States more than all, it is like an uncultivated territory to which man, the saviour, comes. Absolutely beyond his control is the original outline of that land. Its In the Senate no man has been held so rivers, its hills and its valleys were there before ever it came into his possession. If the owner has wisdom, however, he carefully studies every or disapprove any; but we desire to say portion and decides on the treatment that Peffer as Senator approached more needed to get the greatest possible nearly the ideal representative of his good from the land at his disposal. He drains the lowlands and makes them produce. He removes the great boulders left by glaciers of former ages. He man has eyer, in cur knowledge, shown diverts a stream and makes even dry, such an insight into, and sympathy poor soil surrender things that are good. Furthermore, bear in mind, that whatever he puts into his fields by way of ously introduced hundreds of bills, and fertilizer or of seed is of no profit at all if it retains the condition or the form es, every line of which were in perfect in which he distributed it. The soil it is in must act upon it, taking from the fertilizer or giving up to the seed; and therein is the wisdom of the husbandman shown in suiting his efforts to the blameless. No taint has touched character of the ground and then leavhim, no suspicion attaches to him! In ing light and air, soil and moisture,is seat constantly, ever watchful, ever things he never made and never can ealous, patient under abuse, dignified make,-to do their unobserved, work by under ridicule, unselfish to the end; he day and by night. One other point, was nevertheless defeated by the same and we will turn to the application of party that elected him. Even when this somewhat lengthy similitude :the contest was going on, and he might Each of all the tracts of land in your is anything better, but in order to make have saved himself (as others did) by town calls for different attention. Every going back home and working for himfarmer reader of these lines will say self, he composedly kept at his post, "Amen" to that.

most earnestly commend his zeal in Fond mother, bending over your dull- ed. For Coughs, Colds, Consumate and Consu sustaining his principles, his faithful- eyed babe for the first look of recogni- and for all affections of Throat, Chest ness in what he thought was right, and tion, though that child is yours in a and Lungs, there is nothing so good as his conduct as a man. He was de- wonderful sense, bone of your bone and is Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial teated because politics is a game in which the chances are to the she pest office seekers, and against the hful ly and mentally, it is nothing but a local bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s ly and mentally, it is nothing but a gathering into living form of inheritan- Regular size 50 and \$1.00.

ces of body and of mind that have come down through generations. Its later life may convince you even that in some instances those gifts from earlier ages reach back to the days of sayagery. It is for you and the teacher to operate upon conditions as you find them. Each child in a family has peculiarities of its own. Each little creature calls for individual consideration, just as with each of all the farms in your town. If the attempt is made to treat all alike in training and in control, the result is disastrous and cruel. This one needs to be urged to self assurance; that one to be held in check; here perfect frankness must be used to counteract a lying tendency; there a little effort made to set a too confiding nature on its guard. Your failure to recognize all this means danger to the child and demonstrates your unfitness for training.

I know it will be said that it is fearfully difficult to give this close personal So is it much more difficult to clear a piece of land than to leave it alone, but be actuated by the same motive. But the gain in the latter case is infinitely above merely material profit. It represents the removal of bad tendencies and the planting of grand purposes that your influence shall have been exerted. Is not that reward enough?

Go back to the "uncultivated territory" for a moment :-- if man neglects the swamps, they potson him; if he makes no clearings, he starves.-We have but opened the subject.

### Education in England.

Graham Wallas ended a course of University extension lectures on "The History and Character of English Institutions" yesterday afternoon in Association Hall, when he addressed his class upon "Education." Popular English education, he said, began with this century. In the last century class lines were closely drawn between land owners and country gentry, who were determined that no change should take place in the Government, and those who believed in equal rights for all. The difficulty was to resolve the differences between the two classes without a civil war. The working men would not establish schools for themselves, and Parliament would not pass bills authorizing or providing for popular education. Fortunately, there were some men of leisure who were well educated and who were willing to

devote themselves to teaching others The majority of these were Quakers, and John Lancaster, a poor but educated carpenter, was one of the first of that sect to embark in the work. He opened his father's shop as a school for poor children, and enlisted the sympathies and support of such influential Quakers as Fox, Foster and Allen. In 1832 the Reform bill practically revolutionized the Government, and in 1839 Parliament unbent sufficiently to appropriate \$150,000 to educational purposes. The problem of education was taken up seriously by every Englishman during the middle Victorian age, and gradually a system had grown up which, although imperfect in many respects, at least proyided schooling for every child in England. The feeling had entirely died away that compulsory education was un-English, and colleges were springing up in many of the English cities.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

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THIRTIETH DAY-TUESDAY, FEB. 9TH. SENATE.—Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Senator Clark, to regulate the sale of animal food. By Senator Walker, to Improve the

public schools of the state. By Senator Person, to prevent hiring of convicts in competition with free abor; also to pension all ex-slaves who did service in the Confederacy.

By Senator Ernhardt, to regulate fees of sheriffs and registers of deeds; also to regulate the practice of medicine in the state.

By Senator Scales, to incorporate tached where there are unliquidated attention to each one. Certainly it is. the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, damages. of the domain of North Carolina.

By Senator McNeill, instructing the the farmer goes to work with a hope of state treasurer to report whether there gain and the teacher and parent should are any unpaid construction bonds of the Raleigh and Caston railway remaining in his office. Senator Clark rose to a question of

personal privilege as to the statement made by Swinson, enrolling clerk, reafter being absorbed into the being of garding newspaper correspondents, and the child shall be transmitted to gene- moved that a committee of three be rations yet unborn, but over whose fate appointed by the president to investi- substitute for the original bill, asking gate the charges made by Swinson.

This was adopted and Senators Clark, it be printed and be made the special McCarthy and Parker of Alamance, order for next Friday. were appointed the committee. Said charges are that \$1,500 had been paid short a time. out during the first thirty days of the legislature when \$6 would have been be made the special order for noon sufficient to pay for the work done, and next Tuesday and it was so ordered. also that officers of the general assembly were trying to force upon him two

The resolution requesting the treas- Management and Control of the Aturer to furnish information whether lantic and North Carolina Railroad." the penitentiary is self-sustaing was The bill to regulate the procuring

and distribution of dead bodies for pro- 75 to 23, and also passed its third readmotion of medical science caused a de- ing. Senator Person, colored, offered the vise the public school system. It following amendment: "Provided this creates a state board of education out shall only apply to bodies having no of the governor, presidents of the uni-

claimants and to prisoners in the pen- versity and state normal and indusitentiary." Senator Alexander favored the bill. Senator Rollins said he introduced the bill at the request of a professor at recommend the course of study in the the university. This state was woe- public schools and the course of readfully behind other states and if some-ing, a professional study for teachers. thing was not done to furnish medical to grant first grade certificates. The

Senator McCaskey offered the amendment: "Strike out all that applies to ister shall be be be three men of county homes, hospitals and jails." On motion, the whole matter went ty board of education and the latter

they would have to close.

colleges with subjects for dissection office of county examiner is abolished

ver until tomorrow. House.—Among the bills introduced vere the following:

tablish schools. The third grade teach-By Mr. White, to repeal the act to establish a true meridian in the state for correct retracing of surveys.

By Mr. Eddings, to require deeds in over \$3 for each day actually at work. trusts and mortgages to be canceled by record within ten days after they have

By Mr. Pool, to appropriate \$2,000 annually to the colored normal school at Elizabeth City.

By Mr. Dockery, to amend the law egarding analysis of fertilizers, by providing that if the analysis shows presence of hair, hoof, meat horn. leather scraps, marl or other deleterious materials, publication shall be duly made and such fraudulent fertilizers shall be seized and condemned.

The bill to make it indictable to interrupt a public speaker came up and for them. caused a lively debate. The text of the bill was: "Any person who shall wilfully interrupt or disturb any political meeting, lawfully assembled shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not more than thirty

Mr. Cook's amendment, adopted two veeks ago, was that the act shall also apply to all public speakers and stage

Mr. Ransom's amendment, adopted at the same time was by making it a misdemeanor for political speakers to use any profane or vulgar language in any public speech.

The bill was referred to the judiciary committee, which, January 29th, recommended that the original bill without amendments do pass. Mr. Blackburn made a motion to

strike out all the amendments. He called the previous question. The vote on Mr. Blackburn's amendment wasyeas, 54; nays, 39.

FEB. 10TH.

because he expected towards the end of the session to have lady copyists and The bill passed its third reading, that he did not propose to have himdemocrats voting solid and Ward, Brown and Abernathy, populists, votnegro assistants; that he did say it had ing with them. cost \$50 a day to run his office; that while he did not have use for the as-THIRTY-FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, sistants, they were put there by two positical caucuses and he did not feel

disposed to discharge them. SENATE.—A resolution was introduced by Senator Alexander that a joint [CONTINUED ON SECOND PAGE IF YOU ARE HUSTLER

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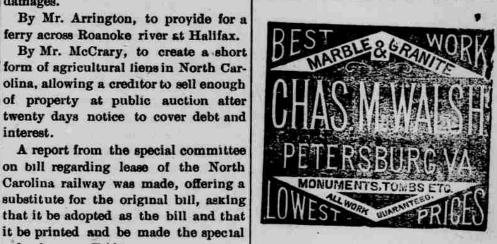
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