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### FOUR MONTHS SCHOOL.

There has been a good deal said through the papers for the past few months about the four months school term to which the children of the State are entitled under the Constitution. And on the ground that they do not get it the whole State is to vote on 8th of August on the question of special taxation by districts.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH asked to see the books of Mr. W. A. Dunn, chairman of the school committee for Scotland Neck township, and Mr. Dunn cheerfully opened his books. And here is what we found : That Mr. Dunn has been chairman of this committee for several years. The other members of the committee are Mr. Isaac H. Smith, who succeeded his brother, Norfleet Smith, on the latter's death some two years ago, and Thad. Shields, colored.

That this committee has had charge of the white and colored schools for district No. 3 and that the white children have had four months of school every year and the colored children more than is a school house within two miles of ity of the schools.

In addition to keeping the schools running four months in the year, they have purchased land and built a new school house for the colored just out side of Scotland Neck at a cost of \$230; and they have bought a lot in town and built a school house for the whites at a cost of \$255. They have also underninned and ceiled all the othe

# SAYS IT IS A FARCE. A correspondent to the Charlotte

Observer who signs his name "Wood-Chopper", and who says that the best epitaph he could wish would be : "He was a Christian and a friend of Vance," makes the following observations about the August election on the school tax question :

I have been taught, and I believe that equal and exact justice to all and blowers got about \$300 in money from special privileges to none is a funda-mental principle of good government, the two safes. and that any violation of it, even for a good cause, will result in harm to the State. That feature of the law proposing to give to the townships that vote for local taxation an amount equal to killed by a freight train on the Seathe amount they tax themselves is a bounty, and I believe is in violation of

the principle of government I have mentioned. It may be said that all the townships may and could vote for local taxation-then the people would be de-

gave them something for education. I think the question of increasing the amount for public schools by taxation should be presented to the people on its seventeen or eighteen years of age and merits, in a constitutional way.

The commissioners of this county, have levied a tax of ten cents on property and thirty cents on poll, and have ordered the election. The real question presented to the people for their decis ion is, will they vote for this tax or against it? But the law directs that the ballots shall be "For Schools" and "Against School." Why are not the

ballots "For Local Taxation" and "Against Local Taxation?" Is there a "trick" in it? I believe there is, and I have no use for "tricks." Again, the Supreme Court has decid-

ed that the Legislature could not give fertilizer under any of it. His favorite to county commissioners the right to levy a tax sufficient to carry on the public schools four months, as provided in the constitution, if when added to more. And yet with yields of this kind four months school every year. There 663 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$2 on the poll. Therefore, I can not understand how the Legislature every child in the district, white and can delegate such power or right to a majority of the voters of a township, afford to raise it never have to mortgage and if a majority in a township cannot their crops for fertilizer. The farmer tax, those who object beyond the con-

stitutional limit, then the whole thing is a farce and a fraud."

TRUCKERS HAPPY.

A New Berne correspondent to the Norfolk Virginian a few days ago gave the following pleasing account of the trucking interest about New Berne : "Your correspondent, during a reent visit to the truck farms in th

### Greenville Reflector. SAFE BLOWERS AT WORK.

Everybody seems to be the same Wilmington Messenger 9th : Parties way of thinking about local taxation who arrived here on the Cape Fear and in this county. No one favors it. Yadkın Valley railway yesterday after-It would be utter folly to raise more noon inform us that some time between money to put into the present midnight and vesterday morning safe management of public blowers cracked two safes at Liberty. Those who favor local taxation under The safes in the Farmers' Alliance store other circumstances could never be inand in the store of Brown & Pritchett duced to vote for 1t at present. The were blown open and robbed. The public schools for the next two years

KILLED NEAR HENDERSON.

STATE GLEANINGS.

Durham Sun: The information reaches Durbam of a young man being board Air Line, two miles below Henderson Wednesday. The young man, whose name was Paul Brown, claiming to hall from Charlottesville, Va., while beating a ride, fell between the cars ceived into believing that the State crushing both legs and receiving internal injuries from which he died several hours later. He was only about was well dressed. His "pal," who was with him at the time of the accident, reported the matter to the railroad authorities and gave them his name.

GOOD YIELD OF WHEAT.

Roxboro Courier: It is gratifying to hear of such good yields of wheat. The best, considering the quantity, is that of S. C. Humphries, of Bethel Hill. He sowed 19 bushels from which he threshed 384, making 201 to one sowed. He did not use a pound of for wheat is peas, having already sown 20 bushels and will sow five bushels you will find farmers buying floursay they can't afford to raise wheat But note this, please : Farmers, like who depends upon his money crop

tobacco, to buy his bread stuffs will continue to have hard times at home. Hog and hominy first.

NO TAX FOR PUBLIC ROADS.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The election last Tuesday on the question of taxation for working the public roads, was de-

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continue so as long as they are in politics and are used to turther the interests of a few politicians. This is the verdict of the people in these parts in

reference to them just now.

are destined to be a failure. They will

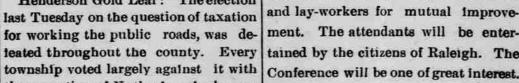
### SENATOR HARRIS DEAD.

Senator Isham G. Harris from Tennessee died in Washington, Thursday July 8, at 5 o'clock, p. m. He was in his seventy-ninth year. He was a member of the United States Congress before any member of that body now living. He served in public life more than fifty years. He was three times Governor of Tennessee and was serving his State in that capacity when the

war broke out. Senator Harris had nearly completed his twentieth year in the United States Senate and his term would have expired in 1901. He was perhaps the best authority in that body on parliamentary law.

The annual meeting of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage is the 21st of July. The annual sermon will preached by Rev. T. J. Taylor, of Warrenton, N. C., at 11 o'clock a. m. And the Address will be delivered by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, N. C., at 2 o'clock p. m. The Board of Trustees meet on the 20th at 10 a.m.

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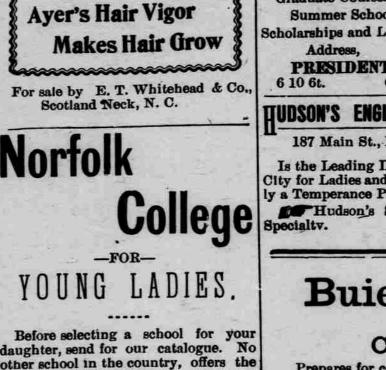
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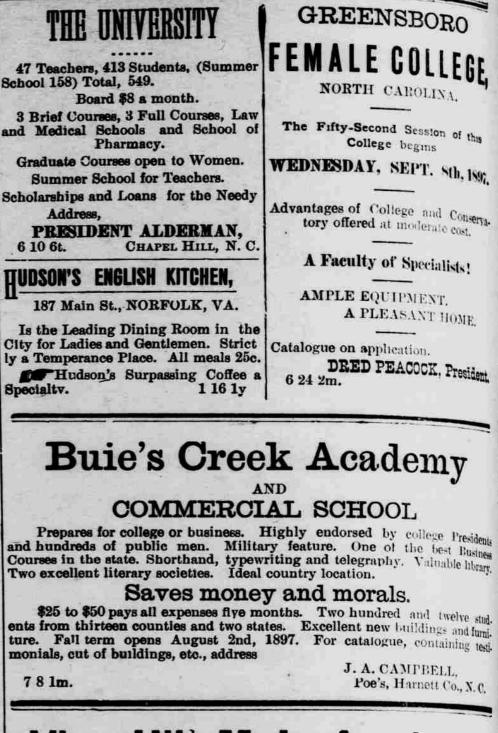
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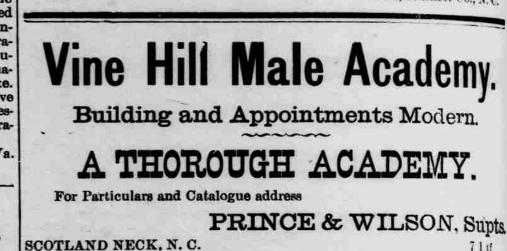
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This is a good record as a school committee, and the fact that we could get this correct and intelligent information from chairman Duna's books, shows that he has attended to the schools' interest in a business way.

THE COMMONWEALTH is of the opinion that if all the free schools in the State were conducted in a strictly business way, there would be many more districts that could show the four

months school term every year.

## INCLUDES THE COMMON-WEALTH.

The Elizabeth City Economist asks, "Where is our Moses?" It thinks North Carolina needs a great leader, a "speaking trumpet like Vance," it says. Our contemporary mentions some of the papers of the Democratic Press that are doing their work well against the enemies to good government, and is complimentary enough to us to include THE COMMONWEALTH. For this we thank our venerable friend, Col. Creecy. We appreciate his good opinion in all

# DEFENDS THE MEMORY OF VANCE.

### Lenoir Topic.

things.

Mr. Bailey, the young man who came 200 miles to preach the gospel of despair to the people of Caldwell, said in

a speech at Granite Falls last Saturday that North Carolina had not produced sort of stuff that is to be talked to the rising generation at educational rallies? If it is, the fewer we have the better for the truth of history. We had hoped that the day of depreciation of our

own people by our own people has passed. Is the memory of our own great Vance to be so soon forgotten? Or is it possible that our people are to be schooled into the idea that the public career of Zebulin B. Vance did not of imprisonment for embezzlement. exhibit statesmanship of high order. There are a number of other North ered by the time included in Mr. Bai-

ley's remark, who deserve to be ranked as statesman.

# MR. ROUSS' BENEVOLENCE.

Charles Broadway Rouss of New York, the well known philanthropist there would would be no consumption that will cure epidemical dysentery. towards whatever pertains to the "Lost if there was no wasting of the system. all that " has written Gov. Ru

glittering upon the face of every trucker, due to the prosperous season in

truck which they have just passed. "The cabbage and pea crops around here were tremendous in their yield, and the prices held up well, netting the farmers large profits on these crops. The Oaks' Farm, Hackburn & Willett, proprietors, shipped over 25,000 crates of cabbage during the season alone This is said to be one of the largest ex-

clusive truck farms in the South, and this season its soil has been the cause of a great financial blessing to the owners. This larm manufactures most of the crates used for the shipment of all

truck grown, having a saw mill on the plantation for the purpose of getting out material for such.

"The Irish potato crop was short, and the yield was not quite as large as was expected when the seed were deposited, but nevertheless this crop was a success-the prices for potatoes holding up excellently.

"The bean crop was ordinary in yield. but prices towards the last dropped. There was good money made on beans after all.

"In fact the truck yield and prices as whole were a success. Not only has the truck farmer been benefited by the prosperous truck season, but every class of trade here has most sensibly felt the result.

"When the canteloupe crop is gathered and shipped, the farmers of this vicinity will be through, when they will rest and enjoy their earnings until another season, which, it is hoped, will be a sprofitable to them as the one just

passed. "This boom for the farmers cannot be credited to the "McKinley wave of prosperity," but to an omnipotent a statesman in forty years. Is this the ruler, and to Him, and Him only, the trucker must give thanks for his success this season."

# ASKING PARDON.

A petition is being circulated asking President McKinley to pardon J. R. Holland, the cashier of the Merchants and Farmers' National Bank of Charlotte, who was sentenced to eight years

The Monroe Journal remarks : "Yes. pardon him, of course, for didn't he steal a big pile? But keep safely for Carolinians whose public career is cov-ered by the time included in Mr. Bai-stole a chicken or a pound of meat.

Can anybody wonder that the disrespect for courts and judges increases?"

When a person is losing flesh and wasting away there is cause for alarm. Nothing so worries a physician. Consumptives would never die if they could

the exception of Nutbush, which gave R. H. Whitaker, D. D. is the President. one majority in favor of the measure. The result would appear to indicate that the people are in no humor to vote an increased burden of taxation upon themselves just now. And especially so when they do not know how the money is to be appropriated and what benefit will be derived from it after it is expended.

But the fact that this proposition vas defeated at the polls Tuesday is not to be taken as indicating that the people of Vance county-both in town as well as county-are not in favor of good roads. It means rather that they do not take kindly to the pig in the bag method of going about getting in doing its work. The proprietors them.

A GOOD WALKER.

The Suffolk correspondence to the Norfolk Landmark of Saturday wrote "A gentleman from North Carolina, who went down on the excursion yesterday to Ocean View on the steamer Endeavor, failed to get off the boat at the lower wharf, and on reaching the upper wharf found that the train which he should have taken had moved off before he left the boat. He walked up town and went to the Suffolk and Carolina depot to find the train gone from there also. Determined not to be Clipping Horse entire,......\$2.50 outdone he started on foot down the above named road toward his home. Washing Horse entire,..... After walking about seven miles, and Washing Buggy,.... Washing and Oiling Harness,.... .25 teeling tired, he sat down to rest awhile, but soon fell asleep. How long his

slumber was undisturbed no one knows, but after a good nap he awoke and resumed his journey homeward, as he thought, but a seven mile walk proved to his satisfaction, or dissatisfaction, that he had once more reached the depot at Suffolk. Nothing daunted, he began immediately to retrace his steps homeward, and Captain Rawls, conductor on the Suffolk and Carolina passenger train, says he met him this morning still plodding his weary way homeward. He will doubtless get there, by steady application, a wiser man."

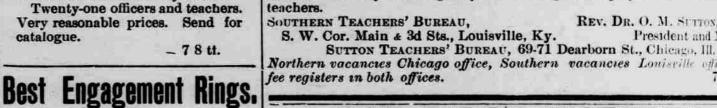
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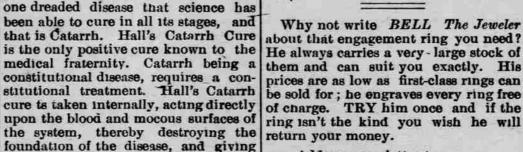
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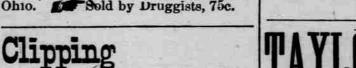
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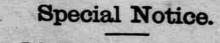
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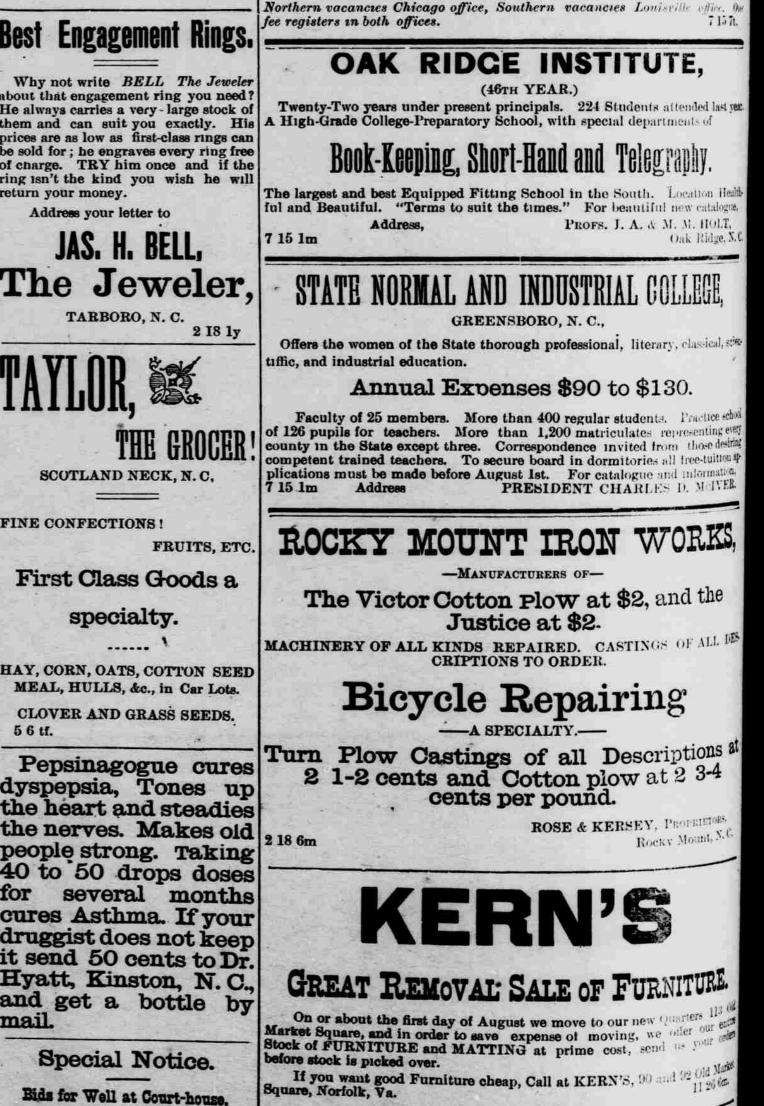
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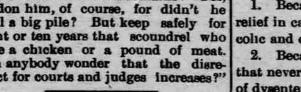
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