

The Commonwealth.

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WHO SHALL BE EDUCATED, AND HOW?

The public school question recently agitated to some extent in North Carolina, has caused a good deal of thought along educational lines. It has shown that much good, and we believe no other; and we greatly fear that even that good is not sufficient to meet the enormous expense the election was to the State. As to the Constitutional four months school that has been so much discussed, THE COMMONWEALTH believes that there is money enough paid in taxes for public schools in North Carolina to have it now. The bother is, the free school interest is greatly abused and kicked around by incompetents and those who care nothing for it until the money is wasted, in large measure, and the children get very little good from it.

We believe that the most careful and intelligent men in every district ought to be the school committeemen, regardless of politics. This done and the free school accounts properly kept and the money judiciously and conscientiously expended, and we believe we could now have the four months schools about which so much has been said. We further believe that, with the possible four months school for which we are provided by our present school system, and the opportunities thus offered the children of the State being utilized to the fullest extent, our entire population might soon become educated.

The truth is, many a man who is ready to cry out against the State because his children are not educated, does not send them half the time to the free schools within a mile of his door steps. And, then, another hindrance to the better education of the children and youth of the land, is hard-down carelessness, and in many cases downright laziness. There's many a boy allowed to fish, hunt, scamper about, hang around cross-roads or street corners listening to smutty jokes and feeding on the scum of neighborhood scandal who ought to be at home studying a book.

In many cases these shortcomings of the children and youth lie at the door of the parents. This indifference and carelessness on their part as to where the boy is or what he is doing, saying or hearing, begets the same spirit of indifference in the boy and he drifts on this tide until he soon gets so far down the stream that he cannot get back—or at least does not care to come back.

For years we have preached the gospel of great possibilities for any boy or girl in this country who really desires to make the best of life possible. Given a strong right arm, common sense and a determined will, and any boy or girl in North Carolina may become at least intelligent, no matter what the environments are.

There may be some exceptions, but only enough to prove the rule. The truth about our educational interests, as well as about many other of our interests is, we need shaking up to a sense of individual responsibility and individual capacity. Laziness has such a hold upon some, extravagance and love of show on others, that the real possibilities of life are shut out; a sickly feeling of dependence takes the place which invincible determination ought to occupy; and the whole land goes moaning and groaning because North Carolina is not "The Happy Valley."

We are not guessing at these things. We speak what we know and what we have seen. The few examples we have of careful parents and determined children are scattering, we know; but there are enough to prove our propositions. Let us wake up to the possibilities that are in us and about us, and then shall we be able, as a people, to make the most of the opportunities that are already ours.

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THE WOMEN PROTEST.

Every man in the State ought to read the article in Sunday's News & Observer, written by Mr. O. W. Blacknall, of Kittrell. He has struck a key note of truth that is seldom touched. It is a fact that the white women of the South do live in mortal dread of assault and outrage.

And the women of North Carolina for ten days have been whispering protests against their sex, in its purity, being subjected to the double outrage that was heaped upon Miss Nannie Catlett in Henderson, by being compelled to go into open court and detail before the curious crowd the particulars of a crime whose heinousness the English language is too poor to express. The fair sex of purity protest silently, but powerfully, against their sisters passing through such ordeals any more—ordeals whose questions and answers were too shocking to go into print. This whole thing must stop. The crime first; and if the crime does not stop, there ought to be a way of getting at the truth without dragging a trembling girl into courts to be subjected to a second outrage.

Can the Legislatures take cognizance of the matter?

DIRECTOR CLARK PROTESTED.

In the session of the Directors of the State penitentiary in Raleigh last week, Mr. E. T. Clark of Weldon protested against T. W. Babb being made chaplain to the convicts on the farms along the Roanoke.

Mr. Clark disliked Babb's record, as does every other decent man, and by his protest kept him back.

Mr. Clark offered protests against other extravagances by the penitentiary authorities. We do not agree with Mr. Clark in politics, but we commend him for his protests offered in the interest of the State.

COMMISSIONERS TO BE PROSECUTED.

State Superintendent Mebane has given it out that the commissioners of Halifax county must be prosecuted for not providing for an election in the county on the special school tax.

We do not know how it will be, but we think it will be a difficult matter to locate the irregularities in this county by reason of which no election was held. However, that may be, we opine that if the commissioners in every county in the State had done as Halifax commissioners did, North Carolina would be somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars better off than it is.

MR. NOLLEY FOR MAYOR OF THE MONUMENTAL CITY.

A "Reader" in the Baltimore News of 20th offers the name of Mr. M. J. Nolley as the Democratic nominee for Mayor of that city. He says:

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THE COMMONWEALTH is too far away to take any hand in Baltimore politics, but personally we should be delighted to see Mr. Nolley's ability and worth thus recognized by his city; and thousands of people through the South, where Mr. Nolley is so well and favorably known, would congratulate the city of Baltimore if he should be nominated and elected its Mayor.

A SPLENDID EDITION.

The Kinston Free Press published an industrial issue August 18th, and it was well done in every respect. It was eight-page and every page was filled with historical matter of Kinston and Lenoir county with a large and handsome advertising display. There were over fifty cut-prints, giving many pretty views of business houses, farms, manufacturing, besides handsome prints of many of the business men of the town. It was a handsome paper, showed enterprise in Editor Herbert, and will be worth much to the town and community.

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BOSTIAN BRIDGE WRECKERS.

The whole State remembers the awful wreck that occurred at Boston's bridge near Statesville a few years ago, in which a number of persons were killed. The Statesville Landmark says: "J. A. Hand and Bird Shepherd, the two penitentiary convicts who have been indicted in Iredell Superior Court for causing the disastrous wreck at Boston's bridge in 1891, were sent to the penitentiary from Alexander and Iredell counties respectively. Shepherd was from Cool Spring township. Hand was sent from Alexander for manslaughter in 1892. His sentence was ten years.

"Two white men from Lenoir county, who had been in the penitentiary, say that Hand and Shepherd confessed to them that they caused the wreck at Boston's bridge and also told them where they hid some money which they took from the passengers. These two witnesses were before the grand jury last week and it was on their testimony that the bill of indictment was found. It is said that the place described by Hand and Shepherd as the hiding place of the money has been examined but no money was found there."

MILL STATISTICS.

The following special from Raleigh to the Wilmington Messenger gives the mill statistics of the State:

State Labor Commissioner Hamrick to-day completed his compilation of mill statistics and says there are 206 cotton, 17 woolen and 2 silk mills, total 223, with 1,090,000 spindles and 23,000 looms. Gaston leads in spindles, having 113,000, Mecklenburg having 84,000 and Rutherford 80,000. There are mills in 47 of the 96 counties. In the number of factories Gaston leads with 22, Alamance having 20, Randolph 18, Mecklenburg 16. Rutherford has the largest mill, with 74,000 spindles and 24,000 looms. Surry county has one-third of all the woolen mills. The mill employing the most operatives is the Henrietta in Rutherford, which has 530 men, 665 women and 345 children. This mill company has lately purchased the Forest City mill and is putting in 12,000 spindles and 400 looms.

YOKES BUTLER AND BRODIE.

The Charlotte Observer yokes Senator Butler and the rapist George Brodie together as flippant handlers of the Scriptures. It says:

Somewhere in the New Testament a judgment is pronounced upon those who pervert the Scripture and turn it to their own use. We are frequently struck with the flippancy with which the name of the Master is employed by hounds trying to justify their meanness, a late instance being that of a United States Senator, making speeches in North Carolina, glorying in the fact that he is a calamity-howler, and saying, by way of justification, that "Christ was a calamity-howler." A later instance is afforded by the case of the negro Brodie, convicted at Henderson last week of a most atrocious crime and sentenced to be hanged in a few days now. In a special to the Raleigh News & Observer of date the 20th, it is said that he made a full confession Tuesday night, saying that "it was exactly as the girl stated on the stand;" the special concluding with these words: "He says he has no harm against anyone; that Christ was persecuted, and that he did not expect anything better."

Here are two cases exactly of a kind. Brodie confesses his crime, but forgives his "persecutors," upon the ground that Christ was persecuted. The Senator confesses his guilt in appealing to the base passions of the people, and claims warrant for doing so in the example of Christ, who, he says did the same thing. We do not mean to be too hard on Brodie. He has as much ground to stand on as has Butler.

RINGWOOD NOTES.

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DOTS FROM WILLIAMSTON.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., Aug. 23, '97. Mrs. J. M. Sitterson who has been very sick for quite a while is rapidly improving. Mr. Dennis Simmons and Miss Patie Biggs are spending awhile at Tate Springs, Tenn. Mr. Paul Salesbury of Hasell spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. John Lamb. The family of Rev. A. J. Parker are summering at Nags Head. Rev. G. L. Finch returned from his vacation on Friday last and filled his pulpit on Sunday morning and night.

ENFIELD NEWS.

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The greatest excitement of the week was our popular Mayor went hunting and got lost and when his partner came home without him and night came on, many were fearful that something dreadful had happened to him, but he came in late in the night.

Mrs. Knight and her daughters, Mrs. Aarrington and Louise of Rocky Mount after spending some days here with many friends returned home to-day.

Large tobacco sales at good prices last Friday.

Rev. E. E. Rose will fill his pulpit next Sunday morning and night. L.

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NOTICE!

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, HALIFAX COUNTY, Superior Court, May Term, 1897. R. L. Joyner, M. Hoffman and G. H. man, partners trading as M. Hoffman & Bro. against W. T. Joyner and wife Fanny, and Noah Biggs and R. M. Johnson, partners trading as Biggs & Johnson, and Henrietta Kuntz. Under and by virtue of the decree rendered in the above entitled cause at the May term of said Superior Court, I will, on the 11th day of September, 1897, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell for cash to the highest bidder, the tract of land on which the said W. T. Joyner now resides, known as the home tract of the said W. T. Joyner, adjoining the lands of R. L. Joyner, W. T. Vaughan and others, containing 300 acres, more or less. CLAUDE KITCHEN, Commissioner. 8 12 5t.

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