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Publisher's Announcement.
The annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of City School Superintendents and Principals will be held in Raleigh Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 28-30. Prof. C. W. Wilson is secretary of the Association. The meeting is one of vital importance to the educational work of our State, and as many towns and cities as can, should be represented at the meeting.

When with us Dave Whichard, of the Greenville Reflector; John Sherrill, of the Concord Times; and Thad Manning of the Henderson Gold Leaf, took that afternoon bath in the limpid waters of Richland Creek at Waynesville on that sweltering July day in 1882, little did they think that that beautiful stream converted into a mountain lake. But news has gone forth that an enterprising company engaged in the business of lake building will in all probability bring such a thing to pass.

NORTH CAROLINA AGAIN IN THE LEAD.

Our State Horticulturist, Prof. W. N. Hutt, has just been notified that the North Carolina exhibit, at the National Apple Show at Spokane, Washington, has been awarded first prize as being the best exhibit of apples from South of the Mason and Dixon line.

In the Western section of our State there are three-quarters of a million apple trees that are being cultivated for commercial purposes. Thousands of apple trees are being planted in our State every year, and with the natural advantages of soil and climate, that North Carolina has to offer, the day will not be far off when the State will be known as a great commercial apple producing State.

A Picaresc Picnic.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.)
Taking advantage of the holiday Friday, the younger girls of Clarksville spent a very pleasant day on a camping expedition across the railroad. Chaperoned by Misses Anna Kitchen and Myra Vann, the following composed the party: Nannie Lamb, Lucile Leggett, Nannie Shields, Lura Clark, Kithierne Kitchen, Hilda Hancock and Mattie Josey.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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SENATE.
Thursday, January 21.—The Senate passed Mr. Ormond's bill providing that witnesses shall not be subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury upon a bill of indictment on the first day of court, effecting an economy for several counties, as immense costs accrue from the presence of witnesses on the first day when they are not needed.

The Manning bill to increase the duties and enlarge the powers of the Attorney General is not dead. It promises to entertain the Senate with a discussion such as has not yet been heard before this session of the General Assembly.

When Mr. Barringer reported Mr. Manning's bill to increase the duties and enlarge the powers of the Attorney General unfavorable, Mr. Manning stated that a minority report on the bill would be made. The bill then took its place on the calendar instead of the table.

HOUSE.

There was an interesting and prolonged debate in the House on the divorce question, the consensus of opinion appearing to be vigorously opposed to letting down the bars on the divorce question. Speaker Graham presented a substitute for Mr. Higdon's bill, the latter providing for divorce when the husband and wife have been separated for 10 years and their children are over 21 years of age. Mr. Graham's substitute would repeal the special act of 1907, which allows divorce when husband and wife shall have lived separately for ten years and have no issue, leaving only the Code grounds for divorce. The substitute was adopted by a vote of 57 to 34, but a motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee precipitated another debate. The motion was adopted, and the substitute was referred. Mr. Kitchen then introduced a bill to go with the substitute, the bill providing that husband and wife shall have the same rights in the matter of divorce before the law.

SENATE.

Friday, January 22nd.—The mileage book matter was broached in the Senate by the introduction of a bill by Senator Barringer that eliminated the necessity of exchanging mileage for tickets, making the mileage good on the trains.

Senator Ormond introduced a bill to put solicitors of the State on salaries of \$2,500 each, instead of the fees now allowed.

HOUSE.

The bill of Mr. Koance, making the solicitor's salary \$2,750, was made a special order for Tuesday. It comes from the Judiciary Committee No. 2 without prejudice. Among the new bills in the House are two by Mr. Poole, of Montgomery, amending the inheritance tax law so as to exempt lineal issue, and amending the seduction law so that there can be prosecution and punishment in case of desertion within five years in case of marriage of the parties. Representative Weaver introduced a bill to the effect that all partnership firms must file in the office of the clerk of the court a list of the names of the actual persons composing the partnership. The fee for filing is only twenty-five cents. Reported favorably by House Judiciary Committee No. 1.

TEACHERS MEET IN WELDON.
Splendid Attendance and Much Interest Manifested.

Friday, January 22nd, the Halifax County Teachers' Association held its first regular meeting at Weldon, in the Public School Auditorium. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting which speaks well for the teachers of our county, and the work that they are doing. The interest that they manifested in coming to the meeting, and the attentiveness with which they listened to all that was said, clearly evinced a desire on their part to get what new ideas and methods they could that would enable them to improve the conditions in the schools from which they came.

Prof. E. C. Brook, Editor "North Carolina Education," who was to address the Association on "The Use of Text Books," was kept away from the meeting on account of sickness. Dr. W. I. Crawford, Professor of Psychology in Trinity College, filled Prof. Brook's appointment. He emphasized the teacher's work, and forcibly impressed his hearers with the fact that the teachers profession was a noble profession, and one in which were found abundant opportunities and blessed privileges. He said that the teacher should love his work, and love his pupils, and that the best way to win the co-operation of parents was by first winning the love of the children.

After the conclusion of Dr. Crawford's address, County Superintendent Harrison took charge of the meeting, and expressed his gratification at seeing so many teachers present. In the absence of Mr. W. E. Daniel, President of the Weldon School Board, Prof. R. H. Latham, President of the Association, delivered the address of Welcome.

The papers that were read were all complimented upon most favorably, and were a credit to the teachers who prepared them, and to the methods used in the schools in which they teach. Miss May Hampton, Weldon Public School, read a paper on the "Teaching of Reading in Primary Grades." Miss Annie Duman, Scotland Neck Public School, on the "Teaching of Reading in Grammar Grades." Miss Burke Thompson, Weldon Public School, on the "Teaching of Reading in the High School." It is worthy of comment that each of these teachers, without exception, emphasized the importance of having the pupil to get a clear idea of what he read, showing how this would result in better reading and clearer expression on the pupil's part. One teacher mentioned the fact that in many of the schools pupils were told to read just as they talked. She said that this was poor advice to give pupils who were to talk well.

After these papers were read, the meeting adjourned for a short recess. The people of Weldon had prepared a dinner for all the visitors which they served in the Public School Building, and which was much enjoyed and appreciated by those who partook thereof. In the afternoon the following papers were read: "The Teacher's Responsibility and Relation to the Child's General Reading"—Miss Mary H. Smith, Scotland Neck Public School; "How to Interest Younger Pupils while the Older Ones are Reading"—Miss Elsie Whitaker, Avenel, Swain Public School; "How to Secure Regular and Prompt Attendance"—J. A. E. Akers, Roanoke Rapids Public School. These papers, as did those read at the morning session, received the hearty approval and endorsement of County Superintendent Harrison. They were instructive papers, and showed thorough preparation. Halifax County should be proud of the strong body of teachers that it has within its borders. It can be said without hesitation or fear of contradiction that the PERSONNEL of the teachers of Halifax County cannot be surpassed by that of any other body of teachers in the State.

The organization of the teachers of our county can only result in great and lasting good, both in improving the present school conditions, and methods of teaching, and in arousing the interest of the people in education.

In Weldon Friday many of the citizens of the town were present at the meeting, and it was good to see the interest that had been aroused among them, and the desire that they had to do all in their power to make the meeting a successful one, and to make the stay of the teachers in their town one of pleasure. The next meeting is to be held here sometime within the next sixty days. Scotland Neck is to be congratulated on having the Association meet here, and the people of our town should arouse themselves, and show the interest that they take in the work the organization is doing by helping in every way they can to make the meeting here a complete success.

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Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust made to me on the 25th day of January, 1907, and which is recorded in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, North Carolina, in book 184, at page 512, to which reference may be had, I will on Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1909, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, lying, being, and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: It being that six-room house and lot in the town of Hogwood, N. C., on the south side of Bay street, in Block P, according to the map of said town, and being the same house and lot devised to the said M. E. Hopkins by her husband, Eli Hopkins, and being the same place where Mrs. M. E. Hopkins now resides. -This 27th day of January, 1909. HUGH JOHNSON, Trustee. S. A. DUNN, Atty. 1-27-5t

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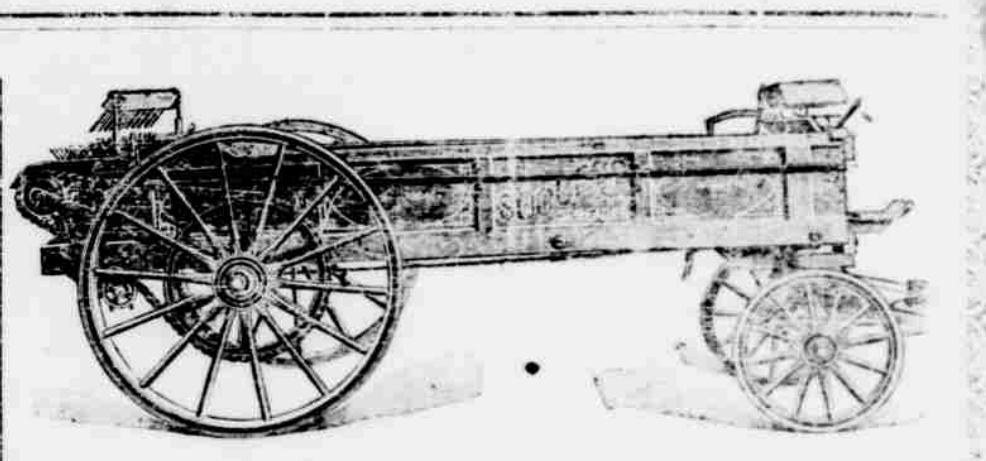
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