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## A GREAT EDUCATIONAL ADDRESS

**Ex-Governor Jarvis Speaks to the Teachers and Committeemen of Johnston County.**

The Johnston County Teachers' Annual Institute, which has been in session here for the past three weeks, closed with a big educational rally on Friday last. The session was largely attended and, in many respects, was the most successful session ever held here. The work, under the supervision of Prof. Foust, the present able and efficient superintendent of the Goldsboro graded school, assisted by Prof. Turlington, assumed a lively interest from the very beginning, which interest manifested itself throughout the entire session. Prof. Foust did a good work here, and all agreed that he is one of the foremost educators of our State. He is as faithful and energetic as he is capable and efficient. Prof. Turlington and the other teachers of the county are to be congratulated upon securing the services of one so well fitted for the duties of the school room.

Before the session had neared its close it was known that Prof. Turlington had secured the consent of Ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis to address the Institute on the subject of education. This fact alone was sufficient assurance that there would be a large crowd present, for North Carolina has not a more eloquent and entertaining orator than Governor Jarvis. In accordance with the programme previously arranged by Prof. Turlington, at 11 o'clock the procession of teachers, committeemen, school children and those interested in education formed in front of the court house and marched around the square and back to the speaker's stand which had been arranged for the occasion. Prof. J. P. Canaday, principal of Benson Academy, in a very appropriate and well chosen remarks introduced Gov. Jarvis to the audience which greeted him with loud applause. In part the Governor said:

"I am glad to see so many intelligent people present. It is indicative of the fact that the best people are deeply interested in the greatest of all questions—the question of education. I note many changes in Smithfield now and Smithfield years ago. I am happy to say that these are all changes for the better. The people in this, as well as in every other county of our State, have better churches, better homes, and better school houses than they had ten years ago, and for this reason they are happier now than they were then. The cause of this prosperity and happiness is that they are educated. We live in a wonderful age; it is a progressive age. Civilization is constantly advancing as the years go by. Fifty years ago it took two months to get a message of any kind from the Pacific coast, and even six months to get one from England and other parts of the world. It is not so now. I hold in my hand a copy of the N. & O. published in the city of Raleigh last night, and I can read of the horrible earthquake which occurred in the valley of Alamos, Cal., only eight hours before last. Likewise can I read in another column of this same paper of the improved condition of King Edward, of England, which message has been sent from the Isle of Wight across the ocean since yesterday. Yes, my friends, we live in such an advancing age that if we suffer our children to grow up in ignorance their lives will be a burden, rather than a pleasure. In this day and time a father has no more right to starve his child's mind than he has to starve his stomach. Let us educate all the children, for it is our moral duty. We should educate all the children of North Carolina not only because it is our moral duty, but because we have promised to educate them. In 1868 there was an educational provision put in our Constitution. Since then several amendments have been

added. All these amendments have been discussed time and again. I know there are some of you old men here to-day who were right out there when Vance and Settle discussed the constitutional amendment in 1876. The convention of 1875 put a provision in our constitution which prohibited any discrimination in the education of the white and black children. Under that provision it would have been possible for the Legislature to have established mixed schools. In 1900 another amendment was adopted, the effect of which was to disfranchise 4-5 of the colored voters, which further states that after 1908 no child arriving at the age of 21 shall vote unless he can read and write. We promised the people that if they would ratify that amendment we would educate all the children. We told Governor Aycock to proclaim it to the people all over the State that if they would ratify the amendment every child should be taught to read and write. Therefore, I say that whatever a Republican may do, a Democrat has no right to criticize C. B. Aycock for what he is doing. I believe in the theory of universal education, and I don't want to see any boy disfranchised after 1908 because he can't read and write. There is one way to prevent it. Let us levy sufficient taxes to educate our children, and then they can walk to the ballot box in 1908 and vote.

"Everybody would be willing to educate their children if it didn't cost anything. If I should go into the houses of this town I would find there many luxuries. They had to be paid for. We can have nothing that we don't have to pay for. The people get very nervous when you mention taxes. They consider taxes a burden. I hope the time will soon come when the people will not consider our school tax a burden, but rather an investment. The tax which you pay to support the penitentiary leaves your county and you never see it again, but the tax you pay for the support of your common schools remains right here at home. It never leaves your county. It is an investment.

"There is another thought which I wish to point out to you. A man told me the other day that he was opposed to paying school tax because part of it went to educate the negro children. I asked him if he wasn't opposed to paying taxes to educate anybody's children. 'Well,' said he, 'to tell the truth I am.' Four years ago, in the spring of 1898, the United States declared war against Spain. We called for volunteers. The patriotism and love of the country was stirred and appealed to. Then you old farmers paid taxes. You remember you had to stick a stamp on checks to draw out of the banks your own money. What was it all for? Simply to free the inhabitants of Cuba from the Spanish yoke. And who were the people of Cuba? One half of them were negroes and the other half were half negroes. Yet our people did not grumble; but when asked to educate their neighbors' children they call it oppression. Ignorance is slavery; ignorance is the worst sort of oppression. There is no one subject that I have more at heart than the education of all the people of my State. The people of North Carolina have honored me as they have honored few men, and I am trying to honor them in return as best I can.

"Again let me say that our attention should be directed first of all to the common schools. The universities and colleges will take care of themselves. If I were asked to-day to put my hand upon the man in Johnston county who has done most for its people, upon the man who has done most to put its educational movement forward and who has served its people best, I would walk up and put my hand on Prof. Turlington.

"I have spoken of this being a wonderful age. I am glad that your Representative in Congress has interested himself to the ex-

tent he has in getting rural free delivery for Johnston county. But what is the use of having rural free delivery unless you teach your children to read. Major Smith, when asked why he had stopped running his Republican paper in Raleigh, replied that there was no use in running a paper for a party that couldn't read.

"We are a great agricultural people, and if we don't carry educational facilities into the country and make the farm and country life more attractive the white and black people will both leave the country and go to town. The great mass of our people, especially the great mass of our country people, depend upon the common school for what education their children receive. It is therefore wisdom for us to build up the country schools and carry the comforts of the present age into the country homes.

"And now, my friends, as I leave you I want to declare to you that the greatest question that can engage the thoughts of men is the salvation of their souls; the next greatest is the education of their children. The great final thought that I would impress upon you here to-day is to multiply the comforts of your country homes, make better your churches and your school houses, and fill your school houses with your children in the week and your churches with your children and yourselves on Sunday."

## For County Treasurer.

To the Editor:—I will not ask you for but a short space in which to mention a man for the office of County Treasurer. When a man is proposed for this office there are two or three questions surely to be asked. First, is he qualified to fill the office. Second, can he give the bond, and third, what are his claims to the office.

In answer to these questions I should like to say first, that the business qualifications of this man fit him very well to fill this office. There is no doubt as to his ability to give the bond. Lastly, his claim to the office is second to none in the county. He is a loyal democrat. He has always voted the democratic ticket, and has done what he could in a legitimate way for the party. The man to whom I have reference is Robt. Strickland of Bentonsville. His community would be pleased to see him in this office which he would fill with credit to himself and to Johnston county. I am sure the county would be pleased with him as an officer. So nominate him in the convention which is to meet Aug. 28th and there will be no mistake made.

J. D. SMITH.

## Keep Clear of Strings.

We have repeatedly called attention to the carelessness of farmers in marketing tobacco containing the strings on which the tobacco is cured as primings. There has come much complaint from England on this account, and the buyers on our home market have had much trouble in picking over such stock by hand; the latter the farmer is advised to do himself, securing thereby the better prices. The Imperial wants tobacco for export and in order to secure its full competition here, strings should be all taken out before the tobacco is sold. If the warehousemen would duly impress this on their customers they would save many a complaint and secure higher prices. The lint and trash is very objectionable, and often gets into the best cigarette brands, damaging to the same. Pick the strings out.—Tobacco Journal.

## Senatorial Convention.

All delegates appointed to represent their respective counties in the Democratic Convention for the Fifteenth Senatorial District, composed of Sampson, Harnett and Johnston, are hereby notified that said convention will be held in the town of Dunn on Saturday, August 30, 1902.

H. B. CHESTNUTT,  
Chairman Executive Com.

## A SEVERE STORM HERE.

**The American Tobacco Company's Prizery Demolished—Other Damage Done.**

The town of Smithfield was visited by the most destructive wind storm in its history Wednesday afternoon.

From the newspaper reports, it seems that the storm struck High Point at 2:30 o'clock. Within a few minutes damage to the extent of several thousand dollars had been inflicted. Smokestacks were blown down, piles of lumber around the furniture factories were badly scattered, and two buildings were demolished. The wind next struck the earth at Durham. In this town chimneys, windows and out houses were destroyed. A colored church, several tenements and a brick residence were prostrated by the terrific force.

In Smithfield at 3:45 a dark, bounding, rapidly moving cloud was seen approaching from the west. A dense cloud of dust, leaves and trash heralded its approach while a terror-inspiring rumble could be heard for two minutes before the wind arrived. One moment, there was no breeze, the smallest leaves were not stirred by the faintest of breezes, then, before people could seek shelter, trees were broken and uprooted by the cyclone.

The greatest force of the wind in its swift progress through the town seemed to have been confined to the district between Bridge and Johnson streets. The immense three-story Riverside stemery presented an inviting front to the wind. Its upper stories were moved slightly over and, while its foundation is undamaged, it does not present a perpendicular appearance.

The greatest damage was inflicted upon the large prizery occupied by the American Tobacco Co., and owned by Mr. Allen K. Smith. This building was two stories high and 180 feet long. It was completely destroyed, the wind moving it 2 feet or more off the pillars and thereby causing it to collapse. Several persons in the house at the time escaped safely through the windows. Two negroes were caught in its fall but succeeding in "butting" holes through the roof with their heads. The tobacco, stored in the building, was unimpaired, as little rain fell.

Other damage of a minor nature was done. Trees were uprooted, flues and chimneys fell rather promiscuously. A chimney on the residence of Mr. W. L. Fuller fell and demolished the roof and ceiling of one room. Several houses were slightly moved on their foundation. The store occupied by Messrs. N. B. Grantham & Co. was unroofed.

The Riverside stemery will soon be righted at little cost. The American Prizery will be immediately rebuilt. In the meantime, the American Company will occupy quarters used by them last year.

## For Register of Deeds.

To the Editor:  
Allow me to present to the Democratic Convention the name of one of Johnston's purest sons; a man of unblemished character; a life long Democrat, springing from one of the best families of Johnston county: an ardent disciple of Democracy, having labored for the success of his party with all his power and a man who, if nominated, will bear the Democratic banner to victory. That man is T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield. Give us Mr. Lassiter for Register of Deeds and old Pleasant Grove will give you the largest majority she has ever given.

E. S. COATS,  
Pleasant Grove Township.

The Banner Warehouse averaged 9¢ cents for their entire break of Wednesday. Chas. Corbett sold a load of first primings for \$14.11 average. The Banner is the place to sell your tobacco. Skinner, Ragsdale & Patterson will see that every pile brings the top of market.

## BENSON BUDGET.

The tobacco market is surpassing our most sanguine expectations.

D. B. Denning, one of the foremost farmers of the county, was badly beaten about the head Saturday night with a stick by Lucien Johnson, a man in his employ.

Officers have seized D. J. Stewart's distillery.

A severe wind passed over this section Wednesday afternoon doing considerable damage to crops and fences. Trees were uprooted and twisted off. The shelter over Slocum's turpentine still blew off in the storm and badly injured George McInougal, the stiller. The tops were blown off all those chimneys from which the houses were burned last spring. Some stove flues topped.

Your correspondent smole a big smile last week when he read the communication attacking so extremely the "just as good" proposition. We happen to remember that when we go to the signer of that article for a certain brand of fertilizer or snuff or tobacco and he hasn't the particular brand we want he always has something else "just as good."

Our people are talking Joe Wood, of Meadow, for the Senate, and it is the opinion of this scribe that he can lure as many of the Sampson county ring-legged Populists into the Democratic fold as any man we can send after them.

Bob Royal tanked up on July 23rd last Saturday and made things skit while he paraded certain parts of the city with his pistol in his belt.

Jim Holmes chastised Duffy Benson with a buggy whip and shipped in \$3 to Uncle John's contribution box for the benefit of the town.

There is a young Democrat at John Holmes' but he will not be able to attend the August convention.

A big batch of delinquent road hands in this township will be required to show cause at an early date.

Revenue officers made an excursion into Nathan Lee's neighborhood Sunday and captured two manufacturing plants.

For a long time and until recently the patent medicine men enjoyed a monopoly of "none other just as good," and they thought their copyrights would still be respected, but the advocates of certain nominations have taken up the chorus and it reminds us of a small circumstance that occurred some years ago. A Pharisec bull frog occupied a tussock, up about the head of his pond, just large enough to accommodate his Worship, and croaked in tones as sanctimonious as that quadruped is capable of producing, "None other as good—none other as good," and it all sounded grandly and gloriously enough till that ancient bird, the symbol of wisdom, high up above the muds and slush and silt of the physical as well as the political world, breathing the pure fresh air of Heaven, peering into the darkness, from his perch in the tallest near-by gum, inquired of the ugly racket below him; who-who-who-who are you! Who-who-who-who are you all! And that ended the vocal exercises of the evening.

A lesson in logic—"Because Dan Russell was not as good a Governor as Zeb Vance, therefore nobody in Johnston county can fill the offices like those already in 'em." Is this protected by copy-right?  
J. M. M.

## Just Look At Her.

Whence came that sprightly step, faultless skin, rich, rosy complexion, smiling face. She looks good, feels good. Here's her secret. She uses Dr. King's New Life Pills. Result,—all organs active, digestion good, no headaches, no chance for "blues." Try them yourself. Only 25¢ at Hood Bros.

A good milch cow for sale. Apply to Mrs. Carrie Fuller, Smithfield, N. C.

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. Robert N. Simms, of Raleigh, will address the Baptist Sunday School here next Sunday. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Clarence W. Richardson and the little ones have returned from the Wendell section after an absence of three weeks.

Mrs. David B. Perkins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam W. Parker.

Mr. Harry W. Hood has taken a position with the Star Warehouse and will be glad to see his friends when they come with tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruce Carrington entertained their friends Tuesday evening complimentary to their niece, Miss Hundley, of Richmond, Va.

Miss Julia P. Winston, of Oxford, who has been visiting Miss Annie S. Noble, returned home Monday.

Judge and Mrs. Francis D. Winston, of Bertie county, spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. G. A. Tuck. The Judge is holding Wake court and is one of our best Judges.

Well, our tobacco market is still humming. Prices are good and when one asks a farmer if he is satisfied with the prices the farmer just smiles all over his face and says "I am coming again." The prospects now are that over half a million pounds will be sold by September 1st. Selma is paying good prices for the tobacco she gets.

It is being reported that the Selma bridge on Neuse river is unsafe and dangerous to cross with a load. All of which is not so. It is true that the bridge is not "a thing of beauty," but it is strong and steady. It does not shake as much as the old one did. I believe it a stronger bridge. The Standard Oil wagon crosses it loaded and no farmer in Johnston county can put as much tobacco on a wagon as it weighs. So come right on and don't be scared about the bridge. It is safe. It was inspected and reviewed by three of Johnston's best citizens and they would not have paid out the county's money for a bridge that would be unsafe in less than twelve months.

The Selma Baptist Sunday School will run an excursion to Raleigh next Tuesday, August 12, leaving Selma at 8 a. m., returning, will leave Raleigh at 6 p. m. Fare for the round trip seventy-five cents. We hope a good crowd will go.

Dr. R. J. Noble has been notified that the committee to locate the Masonic Temple will meet in Goldsboro on Tuesday, August 12th, at 3 p. m. to locate the Temple.

There was a small cyclone here Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m. It blew down a small cottage belonging to Mr. Oscar Price, in which he was living, and a small unfinished house belonging to Caroline Richardson. No other damage was done except to trees and a few window lights. Mr. Price and his wife were in the house at the time and it was a miracle that they escaped unhurt. Mrs. Price was sick in bed at the time. When the house fell Mr. Price was caught under the wreck but another flaw of wind lifted it off of him and then he went to look for his wife, whom, we are glad to say, he found unhurt so far as they know. Strange to say the mirror in the bureau was blown out of the frame and did not get broken.

Dr. Noble pulled a banana cantaloupe out of his patch last Monday which weighed twenty-two pounds and six ounces. He says he would have sent it to the editors of THE HERALD, but, was under the impression that they did not like large cantaloupes. He says it was delicious. Misses Sadie and Maria Dearborn, of Amherst Court House, Va., are visiting Miss Marion F. Preston.  
SENEC.

Selma, August 7.

[We thank Dr. Noble for his kind thoughts about the cantaloupe and desire to say we have never found one too large. Editors.]