

Progress of Rural Libraries in the State.

Capt. John Duckett, chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of public instruction, said this morning that the total number of rural libraries to date is 754, and there are 53 supplementary libraries. There are in all these libraries about 60,000 volumes, an average of 80 volumes to every library.

Applications for warrants for the establishment of rural libraries are constantly coming into the State superintendent's office, and many counties have long reached the limit in number of libraries, and there are only two counties—Clay and McDowell—which have no rural libraries.

Twelve libraries make the limit allowed any county. Those having this number are: Alamance, Alleghany, Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Buncombe, Chatham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Orange, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Union, Vance, Wake, Wayne, Wilkes and Wilson.

A large number of counties have more than six rural libraries.

Only libraries established under the law of 1901 are entitled to supplementary libraries, and a great many counties have tried to get them whose libraries were established under the laws of 1903.—Raleigh Times.

Auld Lang Syne.

All the mellow sweetness of ripe old age is written into Sarah Orne Jewett's story "A Spring Sunday," in the May McClure's. An old couple looking back over three score and ten well spent years are prompted to visit the old home, the scenes of their childhood, courtship, their marriage, their start in life. Tender memories of the days of auld lang syne come flooding over them and once again they stand together looking out on life as when the glory of the morning streamed o'er all the earth. There is a beautiful appreciation and understanding of both nature and human nature reflected in the story that makes a deep appeal.

Good Things to Learn.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to attend strictly to your own business—a very important point. Learn the art of saying kind and encouraging things, especially to the young. Learn to avoid all ill-natured remarks and everything calculated to create friction. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop grumbling. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache, or rheumatism. Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.—Christian Life.

To some "backwoods" people it seems very much out of place to read in the news items from some of our educational institutions the account of the Germans. It is bad enough that the society around an institution of learning makes the dance possible; but when one reads the names of the participants and sees among them "Prof. and Mrs.," it comes to be very objectionable to a large number of Christian men and women especially when the said Germans are at those institutions supported by public taxes. One does not wonder that our young men often come back from such institutions with their love for the church gone. When our educators give countenance to the ballroom and card-playing, let parents be careful for their children. Whenever Christian men and women withhold their patronage from such institutions, unless such conditions are stopped, then there will be a change. Such practices, therefore, can exist only by the consent of Christian men and women.—The Little River Record.

A Chinaman's "Howdy."

In China, the customary greeting is "How is your liver?" If Rydale's Liver Tablets were as well known there as in some parts of America, the answer would be: "My liver is all right. I use Rydale's Liver Tablets. These tablets cure constipation, biliousness and all liver troubles." J. R. Ledbetter, Hood Bros.

Death of Rhoda Richardson.

On Tuesday morning, May 3rd, 1904, God in his infinite wisdom and by that all seeing eye saw fit to call from this world of sorrow into that home of bliss where all is peace and love, one of the very sweetest girls in our community, Miss Rhoda Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Richardson, of Wendell, aged seventeen. Miss Rhoda was a consistent member of and a very devout worker in, the M. E. church at Earpsboro. She never knew nor did the family think until they saw that all that human hands could do would not keep her with us that sweet Rhoda had such an immense host of devoted and sympathetic friends.

We never saw her when she didn't have a kind word and a sweet smile for every one. We can't always understand at first just why God sees fit to shower His blessings upon us in that particular way, but we are told that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. When we think of her death we are reminded that one of the very sweetest flowers of this garden has been plucked, not that it should even wither but only to be planted in that garden above where only the purest of flowers bloom.

The bereaved family and schoolmates should realize although it is hard to have to give her up, that our earthly loss is her eternal gain, and bow in humble submission to God's will.

We pray that Heaven's sweetest benedictions and God's richest blessings may accompany the family.

A DEVOTED SCHOOLMATE.

Summer Colds.

Summer colds, usually hang on stubbornly and are hard to cure. Rydale's Elixir speedily cures summer colds and lingering coughs. This modern scientific remedy is a prescription, especially adapted to the successful treatment of all chronic, throat or lung diseases. If you are afflicted with a summer cold or lingering cough, get a trial bottle of Rydale's Elixir. You'll be surprised at the result. Trial size, 25c. Family size 50c. Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter.

The Pioneer Bride's Outfit.

Pathetically simple was the outfit of the American pioneer's bride, described as follows in the story of "Rebecca Boone," the second of the series of "Great Women of Pioneer Times" in The Delinquent for June: "The bride's inventory during her first year of housekeeping revealed two ancient pewter plates, one able and two decrepit spoons, besides a large wooden one; a couple of old forks, a substantial wooden bowl, a tolerably good trencher of the same material and a choice assortment of drinking mugs fashioned out of hard-shelled squashes. At a somewhat later day the progressive young wife added two or three wooden-handled case-knives and a few of the crockery plates that were now tardily following the course of empire but the experiment was regarded with di favor by her neighbors, who looked with suspicion upon any innovation upon the old order of things."

BLACK-DRAUGHT STOCK and POULTRY MEDICINE

Stock and poultry have few troubles which are not bowel and liver irregularities. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is a bowel and liver remedy for stock. It puts the organs of digestion in a perfect condition. Prominent American breeders and farmers keep their herds and flocks healthy by giving them an occasional dose of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine in their food. Any stock raiser may buy a 25-cent half-pound air-tight can of this medicine from his dealer and keep his stock in vigorous health for weeks. Dealers generally keep Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine. If you do not, send 25 cents for a sample can to the manufacturers, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

ROCHELLE, GA., Jan. 30, 1902.
Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine is the best I ever tried. Our stock was looking bad when you sent me the medicine and now they are getting so fine. They are looking 25 per cent better.
S. P. BROOKINGTON.

YOUR KIDNEYS ARE THEY WELL?

Unless they are, good health is impossible.

Every drop of blood in the body passes through and is filtered by healthy kidneys every three minutes. Sound kidneys strain out the impurities from the blood, diseased kidneys do not, hence you are sick. FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE makes the kidneys well so they will eliminate the poisons from the blood. It removes the cause of the many diseases resulting from disordered kidneys which have allowed your whole system to become poisoned.

Rheumatism, Bad Blood, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Diabetes and Bright's Disease, and many others, are all due to disordered Kidneys. A simple test for Kidney disease is to set aside your urine in a bottle or glass for twenty-four hours. If there is a sediment or a cloudy appearance, it indicates that your kidneys are diseased, and unless something is done they become more and more affected until Bright's Disease or Diabetes develops.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE is the only preparation which will positively cure all forms of Kidney and Bladder troubles, and cure you permanently. It is a safe remedy and certain in results.

If You are a sufferer, take FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE at once. It will make you well.

Some Pronounced Incurable

Mr. G. A. Stillson, a merchant of Tampico, Ill., writes: "FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE is meeting with wonderful success. It has cured some cases here that physicians pronounced incurable. I myself am able to testify to its merits. My face today is a living picture of health and FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE has made it such."

Had Lumbago and Kidney Trouble

Edward Huss, a well known business man of Salisbury, Mo., writes: "I wish to say for the benefit of others, that I was a sufferer from lumbago and kidney trouble, and all the remedies I took gave me no relief. I began to take FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE, and after the use of three bottles I am cured."

Two Sizes, 50 Cents and \$1.00.

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Types Gave Him a Wife.

Albert Sonnichsen, author of "Deep Sea Vagabonds," was recently put in a very uncomfortable situation by a typographical error in an article about him printed widely in the western papers. Among other things the interviewer said that he found Mr. Sonnichsen "smoking fat cigars which his Filipino wife had taught him to love." Mr. Sonnichsen's friends believed him a bachelor, and this was astonishing news. Mr. Sonnichsen's father wrote regretting that his son had not confided in him, and the author of "Deep Sea Vagabonds" spends hours each day now explaining that he is not married and that the author of the article wrote "Filipino life" instead of "Filipino wife."

When the Sap Rises

Weak lungs should be careful. Coughs and colds are dangerous then. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs and colds and gives strength to the lungs. Mrs. G. E. Fenner, of Marion, Ind., says, "I suffered with a cough until I run down in weight from 148 to 92 lbs. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I tried One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength. Sold by Hood Bros., J. W. Benson and J. R. Ledbetter."

Raffle on Exchange.

Business was dull on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and one broker, "just to pass the time away," put up a \$5,000 automobile to be raffled off at from one cent to \$10. For an hour the members did nothing but draw tickets for themselves and customers. Gambling in anything but stocks on the floor is forbidden, so the drawing will be held in Philadelphia to-day.

The above we clip from the New York American of April 28th. Still there are some who contend that dealing with the exchanges and in future is not gambling.

GOOD SPIRITS.

Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. Their main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass State could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred-and-one ill effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuits. You can put your liver in fine condition by using Green's August Flower—the greatest of all medicines for the liver and stomach and a certain cure for dyspepsia or indigestion. It has been a favorite household remedy for over thirty-five years. August Flower will make your liver healthy and active and thus insure you a liberal supply of "good spirits." Trial size, 25c; regular bottles, 75c. At Hood Bros., druggists.

Daughter—"What! Marry Mr. Monibags! I hate him, I despise him, I abhor him!" Father—"Hush, child! You needn't tell him that until after you marry him."—Buffalo Times.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years with rheumatism," says W. H. Howart, of Husband, Pa. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by Hood Bros., Selma Drug Co., and Benson Drug Co.

Josephus Jones was out of fix, "The world was out of tune, "My biz," said he, "is in a mix, My head is full of rheum."

His face was hollow, drawn and sad, His eye had lost its light, "If things don't mend I'll soon be mad," Declared the broken wright.

"Alas, alas, dear wife," quoth he, "I wish that I were dead, Ill health, starvation, poverty, Are all I see ahead."

"Oh, not so bad as that, my dear, I know just what you need; Your liver's wrong, I greatly fear; Let's try some JULY WEED."

Jones took his good wife's words as true, And they were true indeed, He's all made over, all made new, He's taking JULY WEED.

July Weed is truly a wonderful remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00 at all Drug Stores.

Excessive Roosevelt.

The following figures are impressive; they are also official: Cost of Roosevelt Administration, \$2,640,000,000. Cost of McKinley Administration, \$2,329,000,000. Cost of Cleveland Administration, \$1,757,000,000. Excess of Roosevelt over McKinley, \$211,000,000. Excess of Roosevelt over Cleveland, \$883,000,000.

For compressed argument in favor of the restoration of "sane and safe," instead of "swell and strenuous," administration nothing could be more forcible.—Philadelphia Record.

An Open Letter.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by Hood Bros., Selma Drug Co., and Benson Drug Co.

The decorator had just made his estimate. "I'll tell you what I'll do," said the householder. "You go ahead and decorate the house, and then I'll give it to you in payment of your bill." "No," replied the decorator. "I couldn't afford to take the house for more than half payment."—Chicago Post.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Sears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Passion, in its first violence, controls interest, as the eddy for a while runs against the stream.—Johnson.

RYDALE'S TONIC

A REAL CURE FOR MALARIA.

It has recently been discovered that the germs that produce Malaria, breed and multiply in the intestines and from there spread throughout the system by means of the blood. This fact explains why Malaria is hard to cure by the old method of treatment. Quinine, Iron, etc., stimulate the nerves and build up the blood, but do not destroy the germs that cause the disease. Rydale's Tonic has a specific effect upon the intestines and bowels, freeing them from all disease breeding microbes. It also kills the germs that infect the veins and arteries. It drives from the blood all poisonous matter and makes it rich and healthy.

RYDALE'S TONIC is a blood builder, a nerve restorer, and a Malaria destroyer. Try it, it will not disappoint you.

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NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as executor on the estate of Mrs. Martin Ewime Barnes, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 7th day of April, 1904, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 4th day of April, 1904.

F. T. BOOKER, Executor.

NOTICE!

By virtue of a judgement of the Superior Court of Johnston County, rendered at March Term 1904, in a certain civil action where they Narvon was plaintiff and J. W. Morris, Wade G. Morris, James F. Morris, George L. Morris, John R. Morris, Annie L. Morris, Gillie B. Morris, the last six moners, by their guardian ad litem, were defendants.

On Monday, June 6th, 1904, at 10 o'clock m., the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, at the Court House door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., for cash, at public auction, the following lands: A certain tract of land in Oneals township, Johnston county, N. C., 60 acres on Horse branch, and adjoining the lands of Joseph Bell, Samuel Strickland, James Marden and others, and bring part of the R. E. Bell, deceased, lands, containing 40 acres more or less.

This April 6th, 1904.

JOHN A. NARRON, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed executed to me on 25th day of June, 1904, by Y. A. Tart and wife, M. A. Tart, and duly registered in the registry of Johnston county, in Book G, No. 8, page 360, I shall sell at auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on Saturday, 25th day of May, 1904, the following real property, to-wit: First tract: Beginning at a pine on the south side of Mill Creek, Henry Smith's corner, and runs N. 2 E. 140 poles to a black gum in the mouth of Little Swamp; thence S. 86 E. 45 1/2 poles to a dogwood; thence S. 2 W. 140 poles to a stake in Henry Smith's line; thence N. 86 W. 45 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less. Second tract: Beginning at a stake, M. Lee's corner, near the old for. on the run of the swamp, and runs E. 2 1/2 poles to a stake, T. T. Lee's corner; thence S. 20 poles to a stake, J. L. George's corner, in the Smith line; thence west 100 poles to a small pine; thence S. 20 poles to a white oak stump; thence 55 poles to a blackgum on the run of said swamp, Henry Smith's corner; thence up the run of said swamp, as it meanders, to the beginning, containing 160 acres, more or less.

This April 25, 1904.

T. G. ALLEN, Mortgagee.

WELLS & MORGAN, ATYS.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as executor on the estate of I. W. Dudd, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 25th day of April, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 5th day of April, 1904.

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