

Father Sherman wants to be a bishop. Then why don't he content himself with the march of the See.

Possibly there are other trusts that are sitting around on the anxious seat and wondering who will be called for next.

Tom Lawson's silence at this juncture, can be accounted for only on the ground that he is too full of joy for utterance.

While the douma may not bring Russia a constitutional government, all at once, a beginning had to be made somewhere.

Carter Harrison will breathe easier to learn that the Chicago City Hall is safe. Still he knows that it needs a guardian.

Crook County, Oregon, was named after the big land and timber thieves who operated within its borders. The name was a happy forethought.

Some person with a great head could fill a long felt want by starting an insurance company for the insurance of insurance companies against loss.

Well, if H. H. Rogers does not like the way the present administration is conducting affairs about Standard Oil, he can run for President himself next time.

A Colorado man says that if you rub a raw onion on your head every day, it will keep your hair from falling out. It will also keep your friends from dropping in.

If any one hands you a circular and you accept the same, it is unlawful to throw the paper on the street after you have read it. Take it home to the loved ones and avoid trouble.

Sometimes Senator Aldrich and Senator Elkins with a few others meet in an obscure corner and ask themselves if this can be the same Senate that they have been at so much trouble to train.

Secretary Hitchcock need not suspended his efforts to get after land thieves for lack of material to work upon. Utah, Montana, Washington and Oregon can keep him going all summer.

President Roosevelt will not need to go "broncho busting" in order to get excitement. There is larger game in the east that needs "bursting" a great deal more than do the wild horses of the plains.

Doubtless there are reckless young men in Bayonne, New Jersey who will consider it one of the joys of their lives, to be "pinched" should the town adopt the idea of lady policeman, as it threatens to do.

A story is going the rounds that Speaker Cannon has admitted that he can only see a Republican majority of fifteen for the next Congress. And John Sharp Williams is sure he is straining his eyes at that.

Booker Washington is advising his people to abandon expensive funerals, and spend their money for the living. The proper application of this advice is not limited to any race, color or previous condition of servitude.

When the Washington and Philadelphia baseball clubs were tied for the leadership, recently, most of the newspapers, generously put Washington ahead so it would have something to talk about for the rest of its life.

Houston Post.—The Washington Post alludes to Texas as being out of the corn belt. Our name-sake must have been neglecting the Department of Agriculture reports. Texas is producing 140,000,000 bushels of corn a year.

It is not difficult to relieve blind, bleeding, itching or protruding piles with Manzan, the great pile remedy. It is put up in collapsible tubes with nozzle, and may be introduced and applied at the seat of the trouble. Stops pain instantly. Sold by S. R. Biggs.

**BETTER RURAL SCHOOLS.**

We publish in this issue an article written by Prof. B. T. Cowper for the News and Observer, "A Plea For More Efficient Rural Education."

The great masses of the people of the county cannot be educated save through sacrifice. You have got to realize that you are committing a gross error when you allow your child's mind to grow up weedy, so to speak; far more so than when you allow your crop to grow up uncultivated.

The rural school, you all know, is not so efficient as the graded schools in the towns. We want to see the standard of the rural school rise. We want to give the average country boy and girl the opportunity of further development. We want to see him go through the graded school, go back home and make a still better citizen than his father, because a more efficient man.

You owe it to your child to make him or her a better man or woman than yourself. If we do not realize this there can be no progress and advancement; on the other hand we would have stagnation and decay.

Do not tie the dead corpse to the living man; therefore, do not tie our old customs, prejudices and shortcomings to the embryo manhood.

**A Plea For More Efficient Rural Education.**

The educational tide of North Carolina is at its flood. Aycock and others to whom honor is due, have done a great work, and have done it well. They have created with the great mass of people in the State a desire for higher education. This desire has not been bred in fancy, nor is it fleeting. It is deeply rooted in conditions which, instead of abating, will continue to nourish it until desire becomes determination. Indeed with the great majority determination already exists.

Now in the realization of this lies the future of the State. The possibilities lie open. With the higher education of the masses North Carolina places herself in the very fore-front of States. Without it she must be content with mediocrity. We firmly believe the State will cast for the higher life. As has been said, the first great step has been taken in the creation of a universal desire for education, but the second and more important step cannot yet be said to have been taken. Provision has not been made in the rural district for higher education. How to make this provision is a great problem though I believe it can and should be solved. The solution in the town has been the establishment of graded schools. The results are admirable.

Now why may the children of the towns enjoy this great blessing of the new era, while those of the country must be content with the old order of things? Is the country still too poor to efficiently prepare its youth for manhood and womanhood? I believe not.

The towns by levying a tax of 35 to 50 cents on the hundred dollars maintain schools that fairly well fit the children for life. The country people could get almost the same results and on a much smaller percentage. The following plan is humbly submitted for consideration. Let each county establish a high school in one or more centrally located points. These schools to teach only the higher grades and to carry on the work from say the fifth grade. The present school could arrange their curriculum to lead directly up to that of the high schools. The expenses of operating the high schools could be paid out of the general fund of the county after the apportionments had been made to the incorporated districts. The county superintendents of the smaller counties could be employed on the salary basis, and have added to their present duties those of superintending the high schools. The two good results of this would be obvious (1) It would place the rural schools and the high schools under the same management and thus effect uniform system. (2) It would justify the county in employing an efficient man who would be expected to devote his entire time and attention to the work.

The curriculum in such a school could be arranged to lead up to the requirements for entrance at the University and the colleges. The University now boasts of being at the head of the public school system in North Carolina, but it is easy to see how defective the system is, as far as the majority of the children in the State are concerned. Very few rural schools there are in this State, the course of study in which would prepare one for entering the University. But with the chasm between the public schools and the University bridged across by county high schools, how perfect the system would be! Then could it be said

that there is a public road leading to the higher life.

But the objection of cost and distance must be overcome. If towns of less than one thousand inhabitants maintain by taxation graded schools with complete curricula, why, I ask, can not each county support one or more high schools with curriculum fitting between the ordinary fifth grade and University work. As for distance, people with their present determination will not let that bar them from the higher life. The public roads of the State are being greatly improved and this means that distances are being shortened. For those who preferred it, board and lodging could be procured at actual cost. It has often been proved that enterprises can be operated more economically through the agency of the government than through that of individuals as the element of profit is eliminated.

This would seem to be a great undertaking. So would it be though I believe the results would easily justify the expenditure. The demands of the time are that something be done. The people have been awakened. They want higher education. Let it be provided them ere reaction settle them, satisfied without it.

B. T. COWPER.

**"Spring Cleaning" Needed.**

**The Body Requires It Just as Much as The House Does.**

"You look sick this morning."

"Yes. I woke up with a dull headache, a coated tongue and that dark brown taste in the mouth."

"Didn't you have pains in the joints and muscles?"

"Yes. As my old negro man-my used to say, 'I have misery in my joints'."

"Better get a bottle of RHEUMACIDE and take it old man."

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"Ever try it yourself?"

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"Well, I'm going to try this RHEUMACIDE you say it's the best ever?"

"That's right. All the druggists sell it. Better get a bottle today. You start to get with the first dose. The proprietors say that RHEUMACIDE 'gets at the joints from the inside' and 'makes you well all over.' And that's the truth old man."

**How to Ward off Old Age.**

The most successful way of warding off the approach of old age is to maintain a vigorous digestion. This can be done by eating only food suited to your age and occupation, and when any disorder of the stomach appears take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to correct it. If you have a weak stomach or are troubled with indigestion, you will find these Tablets to be just what you need. For sale by S. R. Biggs.

**Democratic Convention.**

There will be a convention of the Democrats of Martin county held in Williamston, N. C., on Saturday, June 9th, 1906, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions, and attending to such other matters as may be necessary. A large attendance is requested.

By order of the Executive Committee. This May 9, 1906.

H. W. STUBBS, Chairman.  
S. L. ROSS, Sec'y.

**News From Jamesville.**

Jamesville, May, 15 1906.

Mr. J. L. Davenport made a fly-trip to Williamston to-day.

Mr. Theodore Roberson, of Williamston, was in our town Sunday.

Miss Hattie Lou Ward, of Williamston, spent a few days in town, visiting friends last week.

The reception at the home of Mr. Sherrod Spuill given on the return of his son Charlie and his bride, was much enjoyed by all present. It was a quiet home gathering, after which was served cream and cake with various kinds of fruits. We wish for the bride and groom a happy and prosperous life.

Mr. D. S. Stallings, of Tarboro, is visiting his father, Mr. A. F. Stallings, near town, and to-day being his birthday he asked a number of his friends to join him on a boat trip up the river. Mr. Herbert Stallings' gasoline boat was made ready to start at 5:30 o'clock about twenty boys and girls constituted the number, who enjoyed the trip very much about four miles up the river, and on the return the boat stopped at Astoria, all went ashore and took in the sights there.

Mrs. W. B. Lilly of near town, who has had a severe attack of bilious fever is much improved and able to be out again.

The memorial program gotten up by the school was nicely rendered, and after which Prof. R. J. Peeler made a very good and acceptable speech. The flowers which were used in decorating the school building were carried to the cemetery by the school, the pupils marching together with the old people present, and spread among the graves of the veterans who so bravely fought for the lost cause.

All things must have a beginning and we trust that by next year our town may be united and that we can make the 10th of May an enjoyable day to all who may be present.

**Postmaster Robbed**

G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at Riceston, N. C., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow, when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters, which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sarcina for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At S. R. Biggs' drug store. 50c.

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" Robersonville 15 "  
" Everetts 15 "  
" Gold Point 15 "  
" Geo. T. McNaughton 15 "  
" Hamilton 20 "

For other points in Eastern Carolina see "Central" where a phone will be installed for use of non-subscribers.

**Sale of Land for Taxes.**

I HAVE THIS DAY levied on the following tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the county of Martin, and will sell the same for cash at 10% of the court house door in Williamston, N. C., on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1906, for the taxes and cost due and unpaid on the year 1905.

J. C. CRAWFORD,  
Sheriff, Martin County.

This 3rd day of May, 1906.

NAME, Acre and Description of Land	Taxes	Cost	Total
<b>JAMESVILLE TOWNSHIP</b>			
James R. Lally, 26 acres residence	1.20	1.30	2.50
Josephine Pate, one town lot	3.00	1.30	4.60
Martha Wynn, 100 acres Everett land	70.00	1.30	2.60
W. E. Ryan, one acre residence	1.15	1.30	2.45
<b>WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP</b>			
Simon Davidson, ten acres adj. B. Bozeman	1.08	1.30	1.48
James Wiggins, 25 acres adj. J. C. Jordan	78.00	1.50	2.28
<b>GRIFFINS TOWNSHIP</b>			
Enoch Peck, 140 acres residence	1.50	1.30	2.80
<b>BRAGGRASS TOWNSHIP</b>			
Jordan Rodgers, 20 acres James Rodgers	60.00	1.30	1.90
<b>WILLIAMSTON TOWNSHIP</b>			
Mrs. Sarah F. Atkinson, 250 acres Brown land	9.10	1.30	10.40
Henry Jolley, one town lot	3.15	1.30	4.45
Thomas Bagley, one town lot	3.15	1.30	4.45
Isiah Davis, one town lot adj. R. Williams	1.19	1.30	5.49
Henry Gurganus, one town lot	1.49	1.30	2.79
Stanley Jones, six acres, adj. J. Moore	53.00	1.30	1.83
Anthony Skyles, six acres adj. Jane Hassell	4.42	1.30	5.72
<b>CROSS ROADS TOWNSHIP</b>			
Nelson Clark, four acres land	46.00	1.30	1.76
Sylvania Leary, six acres adj. H. Childers	36.00	1.30	1.66
Daniel Farrington, 20 acres C. Hardy	2.92	1.30	4.22
<b>ROBERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP</b>			
Henry Morgan, five acres land F. Pollard	2.06	1.30	3.36
<b>POPLAR POINT TOWNSHIP</b>			
J. R. Edmondson, 54 acres adj. J. Taylor	2.16	1.30	3.46
P. G. Riddick, 73 acres Allbrook land	2.40	1.30	3.70
<b>HAMILTON TOWNSHIP</b>			
Henry N. Cherry, 65 acres adj. N. Cherry	5.10	1.30	6.40
Cena Purvis, one town lot	1.43	1.30	2.73
<b>GOOSE NEST TOWNSHIP</b>			
James Curry, 33 1/2 acres H. Kite	1.02	1.30	2.32
Emily Hyman estate, 20 acres Cross land	36.00	1.30	1.66
Geo. N. Howard, Guardian, 115 acres Dick Jones	1.14	1.50	2.64
W. F. Cross, 20 acres adj. Moore tract	54.00	1.30	1.84
Caroline Williams, one town lot	60.00	1.30	1.90

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