

THE public school term for North Carolina is only 98 days, next to the lowest of any state in the Union, and a big fight is to be made in the legislature, which convenes today, to increase it so that the country children can have a six months' school. And also a fight in connection with this is to be made to pass a law requiring all children up to fourteen to attend, and thus make their attendance compulsory.

The passage of a six months' school law and a compulsory attendance to fourteen is as it should be; and while ultimately it will be hailed with pleasure by the people generally and recognized as of inestimable value, still at first it will show the perverseness of human nature in all its forms, for even now with the present short school term many farmers begrudge the time their children are away from their work. But this kind of farmer is of the small caliber affair and after he sees the advantage the compulsory attendance and longer school term gives his child, he will wonder why he did not heartily favor such a law long ago.

THERE is an old saying that an early Easter makes an early spring. The young folks hope so at any rate, for they fail would change back to winter clothes after budding out in finery on Easter.

THE shipments of whiskey into prohibition small towns during the Christmas season shows that those towns need water-wagons, even if there is no dust.

AN exchange neatly puts it this way: "A happy new year to our friends and a happier frame of mind to our enemies."

Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Weldon, died last Friday morning.

Wilmington Dispatch: The latest is the smackless kiss. Must be as delicious as ice cream without sugar in it.

\$2500 worth of turkeys, approximately four cars, were given by Caesar Cone to his operatives at the Greensboro mills Christmas.

Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, died Friday. He was a picturesque character in Washington during his one term in the Senate. He had the distinction of being the only man whom the people of Arkansas have elected governor three times.

Sanford Express:-Mr. J. C. Pardue raised 300 bushels of corn and 12 bales of cotton on the farm of the late John D. McIver near Sanford last year with one horse. He raised 90 bushels of corn on one acre. This was the largest yield of corn made on one acre in Lee county.

The inauguration of Locke Craig as governor will be held at Raleigh Wednesday, the 15th, and preparations are being made to have this of unusual interest. Many military companies will be in line and a great crowd will attend. Reduced rates will be given by the railroads.

The electoral vote will be Wilson 435, Roosevelt 88, Taft 8, Wilson's popular vote, 6,303,003, is 104,919 less than the Bryan vote of 1908. The total vote cast by the two divisions of the Republican party was 7,608,093, which was 69,224 below the Republican total of four years ago.

Sanford Express:-There is an oak stump on the place of Mr. A. A. Dalrymple, near Jonesboro, that measures six feet across. Mr. Dalrymple had the tree cut a few years ago for the purpose of making cross ties for the limbs, but the trunk of the tree is still lying where it fell. Mr. Dalrymple attempted to split it with dynamite but failed. This was perhaps the largest tree that has ever been found in this section.

Card of Thanks.

We thank the many friends for their kindness during the last illness of our father, Daniel Hinchshaw. The Death Angel took him Dec. 29th, and on the 30th his body was laid to rest at Rocky River Friends' church, where he was a member. His daughter, Mettie Stout.

AUCTION SALE THE 18TH.

On Saturday, the 18th, at ten o'clock, I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following: Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, 30 suits Clothes, 1 mule, 1 colt, 5 Jersey cattle, 1 one-horse wagon. These goods will go regardless of cost. W. R. DOWDY, (Store) three miles east of Siler City.

Buck's Reminiscences. (Mr. W. W. Edwards, who writes for The Grit under the name of "Buck," is beginning with this issue a sketch of his life, and this sketch will appear in this paper in installments for the next several weeks. The sketch will deal mainly with incidents connected with the War, and will be written in his own familiar style. Mr. Edwards does not pretend to be a literary artist, he, in common with so many boys before the War, not having had the opportunity for a school education; but what he writes is always interesting and humorous, and he has well been styled the "Philosopher of Chatham." It would be well for his friends and those interested to save the papers containing his sketch, as they will be interesting in after years.—Editor Grit.)

This is the first day of the year 1913, and as I take up my pencil to write a sketch of my life and my experience in the civil war when all of life was before me, I realize that I am one of the old men, having lived my allotted time and the world having but little to claim my attention or to enthrall my aspirations. I hope the readers will bear in mind that this sketch will be written much of it from a boy's standpoint, and leaving out what history has already been recorded. And as I am to write from memory, I hope to interest the young folks by telling of the old time ways of old folks, the young and the children who at bread baked on the shovel.

Buck was born in 1841, and raised on a farm, but not a farmer. I thought farming was killing grass. I went to school in the winter and on rainy days when we couldn't work out of doors. But about all I cared to learn was how to keep from getting more than one licking a day. When a little boy my father nick-named me "Polk," after President Polk, and I was known by that name until I was fifteen years old, after which my father got a yellow hound pup which he named "Polk," after this they had to call me by some other name, or they wouldn't know who was eating the eggs, Polk or the pup. Much of my time I was hired out by the day, the week or month. I had a good opportunity to learn much of how other people lived, who was a good cook and who was not; also had a happy home and who did not. I came to the conclusion before I was a man that one of the biggest faults with many a man was to quarrel with his wife.

Today being New Years Day, I go back in my mind to 1855 when on New Year's morning I and my brothers went to the new ground to chop wood. We talked of the Christmas that had just passed and while we had little to enjoy yet we did appreciate the gun, the dog and the rabbit; and oh how sad we felt to think that it would be twelve long months till another one came, but today it is oh how fast they do pass. And to think we had no railroads, no telephones, no automobiles, or even a buggy to carry the girls to church.

Well, I guess you wonder what we did for amusement in those days. Well, hogs were killed before Christmas, and the old folks would go to see each other, and the women would bring pipe and tobacco and eat chittlings, smoke and talk of everything that had happened or was to happen in time to come. These were the days of slavery and it was customary for all farmers to clear a new ground every winter. It was also customary to have chopping frolics, and oftentimes the women would have quiltings and ask in all the girls to quilt. And here Buck comes in conspicuously for at that time I had never seen or heard of anything except a girl that would be at an old time quilting. After supper was all over, the young folks took charge of the house, and the play commenced by choosing partners, singing, play songs and winding up each play with a kiss, all of which has gone out of style or to more secluded quarters.

Yet, with all the drawbacks that we had to encounter, we were a happy people until 1860, when the clouds of war began to gather all over the Southland. After the election of President Lincoln I can remember how eager I would listen to the old men talking of what was going on and as we know too well did come. I cannot describe the enthusiasm that prevailed throughout the South. I can remember as I would pass around in the country and meet a young man I would say, "well, Jim, what about the war?" "Well," he would say, "I am going." And soon volunteers were organized and marched away. My oldest brother went off with the first company from Chatham. It was thought best for me to remain at home till later, but the pressure was so hard from almost every source there was no peace. The girls, too, succeeded without a convention from having anything to do with a young man that would not volunteer. So that put the lid on me, and I went to the enrolling officer and gave my name for twelve months to go anywhere duty called.

We organized the company and gave it the name of "Independent Grays," Capt. W. S. Webster, who was a soldier in the Mexican War, was our Captain. We then commenced drilling and

electioneering for volunteers. The people gave us public dinners where we drilled; had music and speeches and called for volunteers to go forth in the defence of our homes and loved ones. It was a pathetic sight to see the young boys giving up home, school and loved ones, while the fathers and mothers faces were bathed in tears. What a great blessing it was that we didn't know what was before us. Cloth was bought and a uniform suit was given to officers and men, numbering about one hundred. But the sad time came when the day was set for our departure to Raleigh.

BUCK.

(Continued Next Issue.)

Long Shanks Again.

EDITOR GRIT:-

After an absence of eight weeks I have returned from the bustling city of Sanford and I find that Bennett continues to swell. The Traveler's Home Hotel with the exception of painting is all completed, which is one among the best buildings in western Chatham. The proprietor, Mr. J. M. Deaton and family, have moved into it, and he has now a force of hands building in front across the street a five room cottage dwelling which will be completed in a few days and occupied by Dr. Denson and family. Mr. Deaton will in the gable front of the year build two more cottage dwellings on McAdoo Heights. Mr. Levi Cox goes to the front in heaviest-weight pigs, killing four ten months old that weighed 1077 lbs.

On my return home all trains were crowded, which was easily accounted for as the hobble skirts have gone out of fashion. A. D. Phillips has returned from Sanford and has opened his repair shoe shop in the Bennett Furniture Store, where he is prepared to do all kinds of shoe repairing neatly and cheaply at short notice. Parties living at Bonlee and Coleridge under the new postal law can send and get their work returned the same day.

A force of carpenters are now employed to finish up the Baptist church building and will have it ready for Rev. K. C. Horner's first appointment which will be announced in the next issue of The Grit.

LONG SHANKS.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the sickness and death of our dear father, M. F. White, who died December 24th. The Children.

Birthday Dinner.

A number of the Bennett people attended the birthday dinner given to James Brady near Pleasant Grove church Sunday, this to celebrate his 97th birthday. The profuse dinner was spread on a 50foot table and the 200 friends and relatives soon played havoc with it. Uncle James walked to the table with the ease of much younger men, and the blessing was invoked by Rev. S. B. Capp. After dinner the crowd repaired to the house where prayer, singing and preaching were enjoyed. Uncle James says his parents told him that the day he was born there was a big snow on the ground, and though he was there still his recollection of that particular snow is slightly dim. (?) Eli Yow was present at the dinner and took the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Brady, and sold \$7 on the ground. May Uncle James be spared for such another birthday celebration.

LONG SHANKS.

Emsley Moore Dead.

On Dec. 18th, at the home of his son, Wesley Moore, Emsley Moore died, aged 83. He leaves an afflicted wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, and many relatives and friends to mourn his death; but they feel that their loss is his gain, for he died in the full triumph of a Gospel faith and he had been waiting and watching for the Summons for sometime. May we all live so as to meet him above.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Items from Staley.

Quite a little excitement was created Saturday morning when the alarm of fire was given. Mr. Yow's store was afire, but it was extinguished with but little loss. While sawing Thursday, a plank flew back and mashed the foot of Mr. C. P. Fox quite severely. Miss Maud Foushee is spending some time in Greensboro. Miss Violet Teague left Sunday for G. F. C. at Greensboro. Mrs. Brown returned to Greensboro Sunday, after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Teague.

Beaver-Stanley.

On Sunday, January 5th, 1913, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. James Beaver and Miss Ina Belle Stanley were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of Mr. J. M. Hackney, Mr. Hackney officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the party drove to the home of Mr. L. C. Cooper where a sumptuous supper was served. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.

O. E. C.



Eyes Examined. Headaches cured caused from eye strain.

Dr. J. Shaffer,

Specialist in Optometry, graduate Philadelphia College and registered in this state, will be at

High Falls Monday, Jan. 20th. Siler City at the Hadley Hotel Wednesday, 22nd, and Goldston, at Dr. Burns' office, SATURDAY, 25th.

for the purpose of examining the many errors the eyes are subject to and fitting glasses. Dr. Shaffer is well known to the public, having been visiting these places regularly.

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Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of John D. Cheek, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate of the said John D. Cheek to present them to me under oath on or before the first day of January, 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This January 1st, 1913. Martha Ann Cheek, Executrix of John D. Cheek. Robt. H. Dixon, Atty.

Administrators' Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of George Rives, colored, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit them to me on or before Jan. 1st, 1914. This December 21st, 1912. W. M. Alston.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Eli A. Craven, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of January 1914, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 1st day of January 1913. E. F. Craven, Executor of Eli A. Craven, deceased. Greensboro, N. C. Chas. A. Hines, Atty.

Governor Wilson Will Be Inaugurated President March 4th, 1913.

Account of the above Historic Event, which, as we all know, will be the grandest occasion our Southland has enjoyed in 20 years. The Seaboard Air Line Railway, is making preparations to take care of the great multitude of people who will attend same.

Special trains, special pullman sleeping cars, special coaches, will be required in large numbers. If you expect to attend this great event you should get best-dates, societies, schools, and other organized bodies of all kinds expecting to attend should get in line at once: write the undersigned who will give you important information and take care of you on your party in the best manner possible.

H. S. Leard, Division Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

Healthy Hens, full of life and vigor, are the product of Hens cannot lay heavily unless kept in prime condition. Use Pratt's Poultry Regulator and you will never complain of your production. 25c, 50c, \$1.25-lb. pack \$2.50. Colds, catarrh and roup cured. Write for catalogue. At dealers everywhere.

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GREETINGS FOR 1913! To My Friends and Customers: I extend good wishes for the New Year, and thank them for the success of my business; my aim being to merit your confidence with a line of goods "twelve months in the year." You will find me for the next sixty days closing out the fall and winter goods at low prices, and preparing for an early spring season. Again wishing for you a glad new year, and thanking you, I am MISS KATE VESTAL,

OUR GOOD WISHES TO YOU

With an abiding faith in the development of western Chatham, and the advancement of our people, both materially and spiritually, this firm has endeavored to so conduct its business as to win the continued patronage of its customers. Our representations have ever been above par; our goods always bearing the stamp of the best values at the lowest prices consistent with sound business principles. And so we desire to thank our customers for their friendly interest and patronage during the past year, and trust our relations will continue as pleasant in the future. To all, therefore, we extend the season's greetings, and our best wishes for every form of prosperity. Sincerely,

Dunlap Furniture & Hardware Co. Bonlee, N. C. ISAAC H. DUNLAP, B. H. WADDELL. We can supply your wants. "Good goods and low prices" is our motto. Yours for business,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Greeting:

We wish to take this means of thanking the people of this section for their patronage during the past year and to assure them that their continued patronage during the coming year will be appreciated. My business has been the most successful in the history of my operations in Siler City, for which I thank my customers. Wishing all a prosperous New Year, and assuming you that I am ready with an up-to-date stock to serve you at all times,

Very Truly, TOD R. EDWARDS.

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REMNAANT SALE BEGINS 21ST!

We are taking our annual inventory and going over our whole line rearranging everything. We are throwing out all the odds and ends in every line and will begin our Remnant and Clearance Sale Tuesday, January 21st, 1913. We will offer the greatest bargains ever seen in Siler City in order to make room for our Spring line. This will be a great opportunity to get good merchandise at less than it is actually worth. Remember date. WRENN BROS. CO. Headquarters for all goods, and we sell most everything. Phone 34

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We can truthfully say that we are better prepared than ever before to please you. Our stock of Hardware is complete. We have all the modern farm machinery so necessary to successful farming, and in our store you have a modern hardware and farm implements store, where you can always get what you want. You need not hesitate in starting to town for anything in our line for fear that you will not find it. If its made and we ought to have it, we've got it.

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