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The Old Home.

I am longing to-night to be there,
At the old home that I miss,
Just to hear the lisp of the little ones,
And to feel the good-night kiss
That my mother is waiting to give me
She lists for my step at the door:
Though her old ears are failing I'm certain,
She'd hear me and meet me once more.

I am longing to-night to feel them
A pair of soft arms at the gate,
When the long, tiresome journey is ended,
To greet those I know for me wait;
Just to know that someone who loves me
Comes to clasp me again by the hand,
To feel the pulse quicken and heart beat,
See the tear drops that I understand

I am longing to leave it forever
The city where folly doth dwell
And hearts that are cold and unmoved
Are shown by the throngs of the street,
Where the snakes are but masks for the
the traitors,
Where the false has crowded the true,
Where the soul is all smothered and blighted
And friends that are loyal are few.

I am longing once more to taste them
The joys the old home can give,
The quiet retreat in the wildwood
With home-folks again let me live;
And sleep at the end of life's journey
Out there where 'tis quiet some day
Away from the noise of the city,
Where one's missed and remembered
to stay.

—Selected.

We are a little afraid that our Legislature will go most too far in making railroad laws

No one can tell just which Senator Ben Tillman has the least respect for President Roosevelt or the negro.

If the people of Bladen county want any change in the road law they had better speak out now, or ever after hold their peace.

To our law makers we would say: Don't appropriate money for anything else until every insane person in the State is provided for.

Every few weeks the report goes out that improvements will soon be made on the Carolina Central road bed, but the work never begins.

Governor Elrod, of South Dakota, is an honest man. He sees no fairness in making North Carolina pay those bonds a few years ago, and wants the money returned to this State.

Some are inclined to complain at the warm weather we have had this winter, but when we think of the poor in the large cities without wood, we should be glad that it is warm.

From all accounts the Yankee veterans were given about as warm reception at Fort Fisher on Tuesday as they were at the great meeting there in 1865, but it was of a quite different kind.

If Murphy, of Rowan, and Morton, of New Hanover, had known that the Governor was not going to preach prohibition in his message, they probably would not have objected to his reading it.

It's not surprising that George L Morton, of New Hanover, was so much opposed to Governor Glenn reading his message to the Legislature himself, when we consider the fact that the Governor stands for prohibition and Col. Morton is a liquor man of the wettest kind.

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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Corporation Commission will be in Wilmington the 24th to see about a union depot for that city.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—Running at high speed, a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train bound for Chicago, dashed into an open switch at Barney, N. M., early to-day Five persons were killed and eight injured, none fatally.

Richmond, Va, Jan 13. After it had been bitten eight people, a bloodhound dog afflicted with rabies was killed in Norfolk at an early hour this morning by two policemen, who were among its victims. Police Officers McBryde and Cooper, who killed the dog, [illegible] with two children, were among bitten. Four others were [illegible] severely wounded by the [illegible] dog.

Charlotte, N C Jan 11.—Quite a sensation was caused in this city this morning when a warrant was issued by W S Dandson charging him with violating the Watts liquor law. The affair resulted from the testimony of defendant in the recorder's court who said they secured a liquor prescription by asking for it and they were not examined. The case hinges largely on the fact that they were not regular patients.

Wilmington, Jan 10.—Superintendent W J Jenks and Bridge Foreman W J Galolway, of this division of the Seaboard Air Line, were here today, having arrived from Hamlet on a motor car, the trip being taken in this way in order that the roadbed of the Carolina Central, between Wilmington and Hamlet might be inspected. It is believed that material improvement of this roadway will be made in the near future.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 11.—The case against W. T. Rigsbee charged with illegal voting and the contempt rule against the same defendant were settled this afternoon without trial of either case, except to hear some facts in the contempt rule that was served on the defendant after the last term of court. In the illegal voting case, which has been on the dockets for nearly two years, the solicitor nol prossed the case with leave to reinstate it at any time if the defendant gets into any further trouble. The defendant was placed under bond in the sum of $2,000 to make his appearance from term to term for one year and show that he has not been in any trouble, that he has not interferred in any way with the courts. In the contempt case there was plea entered by which the court imposed a fine of $250 and the costs of the action.

Durham, Jan 10.—Never before was there enacted in the court room here a scene that equaled that enacted tonight, when the jury in the case of J E Harris, who killed M F Goss, returned a verdict of justifiable homicide and not guilty of any crime. When the foreman of the jury spoke and in answer to the usual question said "not guilty" there was a storm of applause that continued for several moments For several minutes after this the bar was simply overrun by those who crowded about Harris and his wife to extend congratulations. The man who a prisoner but a moment before was swept first one way and then another by the crowd of friends who surged about him, In evidence it was so clearly demonstrated that this man had been hounded and hunted down by Goss that the people as well as the jurors thought Harris did no crime when he fired the fattal shot,

Patronize your home paper.

To Marry at Council.

Invitations reading as follows have been sent out:

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sanderlin
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter.
Nannie Belle.
to
Mr Edison Black Council
Wednesday evening, Jan. twenty third
nineteen hundred and seven.
at half after seven o'clock
At Home.
Council, North Carolina.

The Governor's Message.

The message of Governor Glenn to the Legislature, although a little long, is an interesting document and deserves to be read by the people all over the State. On most subjects of interest the Governor rings clear.

After dwelling on the blessings of Providence and the benefits of [illegible] he takes up the matter of taxation. He is against the inequality in valuation of property in some counties and thinks that the railroad and other corporations were taxed at fair and at worth the assessed value of property in the State would be one billion dollars

Regarding railroads, he thinks the two classes of fares should be abolished and a flat rate of 2 1-2 cents with 2 cents for mileage books should be adopted. This recommendation will be popular with the people.

Touching the child-labor question, he thinks that none who can not read and write should be allowed to work in the factories until they are fourteen.

We cannot attempt to give even a synopsis of the message, but we consider it a very able one and in most respects the recommendations will be popular with most people.

South Dakota recently won a suit against North Carolina based on certain reconstruction bonds and secured judgment and the payment of about $25,000. The retiring Governor of South Dakota, Mr. Elrod in his last message to the Legislature urges that the State refund the money to North Carolina on the ground that it has no moral right to retain it. The Governor says the courts sustained the legal right of South Dakota to recover, but there are instances in which legal rights and moral rights differ, and this is one of them. The money obtained from North Carolina in this case has been given to the State University. It will be interesting to note if the South Dakota Legislature has the moral courage to do the right thing, as recommended by the Governor.—Savannah News.

ENTRY NOTICE.

L H Smith has this day entered 200 acres of land in Bladen county, Cypress Creek township, lying in and on Big Colly, adjoining the lands of David Melvin and others. If no protest is filed within thirty days warrant of survey will be issued.

This December 10 1906.
Wm. Whitted, Entry Taker.

NOTICE OF ENTRY

L. H. Smith and S. L. Smith have this day entered 250 acres of land in Cypress Creek township, Bladen county, lying on the north side of Big Colly, and the south side of Indian Camp bay, adjoining the lands G W Smith, D S Rich and others. If no protest is filed within thirty days warrant of survey will be issued.

This December 10th, 1906.
William Whitted, Entry Taker.

NOTICE OF ENTRY

The Gray heirs have this day entered 200 acres of land in White Oak Township, Bladen county North Carolina, lying in Harrison Creek Swamp, adjoining the lands of J N Gray heirs and others. If no protest is filled within thirty days warrant of survey will be issued.

Wm Whitted, Entry Taker.

Music in the Public Schools.

N. C. Journal of Education.

No teacher has done his or her full duty if the school term has been finished and the students have not memorized a few of our greatest church hymns and our national songs. In teaching memory selections, the teacher should not fail to include in this our greatest songs. The children should be taught to sing. A certain part of the day's exercises should be set a part for this work.

The Supervisor of Music in York Pa, says:

Music is a sister to reading and a correct intonation and enumeration. Musical education develops faculties of the memory, of observation and research, as do geography and other branches of elementry teaching. It is not merely a pastime, a form of educational [illegible]

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[illegible] mind in the United States Senate; shortly he was to have been chosen leader of his part in the Senate. But now, he comes back to the Senate, re-elected, but a fallen star. He confesses that as attorney he has accepted huge fees from an oil company subsidiary can to the Standard Oil Company, and also borrowed large sums of money from that subsidiary company. It is nothing wrong to accept big fees or to borrow money from corporations so interested in our law making and come forth without the smell of fire or—oil.

When Mr Bailey was in the beginning of his career he declared to a citizen of Raleigh that he (Mr Bailey) was convinced that he must be rich in order to serve his people well. It was there that he erred. He is rich now, but he cannot serve them as he did when poor The deceitfulness of riches—the devil's snare—has brought low all his brilliant opportunities. There is many another man in the South saying: "I must first be rich." Every of them is going the same way—not of dishonor but of delusion. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness. Beware what you put first. There is but one thing first.

We do hope that Senator Bailey will profit by his early blunder. We are glad Texas has re-elected him in spite of it. He is too able a man to ruin. Let him live down his mistake, and rise a few years hence to lead his people and defend their principles.

"Yet for a man may fall in duty twice,
And a third time may prosper."

News and Observer, Jan 10.—The most interested auditor of the reading of the message to the joint session of the Legislature yesterday was Mrs Glenn, the aged mother of the Governor, who had and inconspicuous seat in the gallery. Like mothers everywhere, her joy in the success and prominence of her son was sufficient to itself and she sat apart with her pride in it, content. Upon the conclusion of the reading, however, her presence was discovered by friends who crowded about to congratulate her personally and upon the fine impression her Governor-son had made, both in the matter of his message and his parsonal bearing during its delivery. It was a happy and an unusual sight.

THE PATRIOTIC CITIZEN.

Paper read by Miss Miriam McFadyen, of Clarkton Academy, at the January meeting of the Bladen County Teachers' Association.

Teaching is a spiritual art and classifies with music, poetry and oratory.

For several years these have been the first words I have seen on opening my professional journal.

And yet teaching, except in the case of college or university work, is not recognized as one of the learned professions. Teachers neither meet with that social and financial recognition, nor exercise that influence in the community which the supreme importance of their calling deserves and demands.

Now why is this?

There are several reasons why it is true. I think the chief one is this—[illegible] teachers themselves [illegible] the magnitude [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] intelligent citizenship.

We tax the people of our State in order to educate the children because universal intelligence is absolutely necessary if we wish our republican form of government to stand. I wish to say right here that I am heartily and entirely in favor of a compulsory school law in North Carolina. I believe the State has done only a part of her duty when she provides her children with schools. She should require them to attend these schools for at least four months in every year, between the ages of 6 and 14. I believe the time has come when every teacher in Bladen county, and every teacher in North Carolina, should begin to agitate this question.

As I said an educated citizenship is necessary with our form of government.

Not the education alone which enables a man to earn a livelihood, but rather that which enables him to become a useful member of society, and especially that which fits him to properly perform his duties to his government and to his fellowmen.

So it is the patriotic citizen we need. But "love of country" must be preceded by knowledge of country. Can we love that of which we are ignorant?

Therefore I would urge upon you the need of paying more attention to the study of civil government in your schools.

This can be begun with the smallest children; they will be interested to know the names of the officers of their town county, etc, and as they grow older they should know what qualifications are necessary for a man to be President of the United States, to be a United States Senator, a Congressman, etc

Then compare the qualifications of corresponding State officers.

Have them realize the many, many times in which they come in touch with civil, State and local government, and that it is the national government with which they are in contact at the post-office, court-house, etc,

Make plain the difference between the national, State and local government.

In this way the youth of our country will comprehend, in the language of Benjamin Harrison, that "Citizenship has its duties as well as its privileges. The first is that we give our energies and influence to the enactment of just, equal and beneficent laws. The second is like unto it; that we loyally reverence and obey the will of the majority, whether we are of the majority or not: The law throws the aegis of its protection over us all To the law we bow with reverence. It is the one king that commands our allegiance."

I think the act passed by the Legislature in 1901, that one day in each and every year should be known as "Carolina Day," and should be celebrated as such by all our schools, by devoting the day to the consideration of some topic of our State history, was a wise one indeed. It has already done much to arouse the patriotic spirit within our borders.

The law would not have been in vain were it only for the fact that each teacher in North Carolina has had copies of our patriotic songs sent him by our State Superintendent, and has taught these to the children under his care. Do you realize what that means? If the teachers have done this: That [illegible] sing "Carolina," [illegible] and "Ameri-

[illegible] that [illegible] And do you know, I don't believe any child can sing these songs without being a better child—a more patriotic child at least. And now that we have learned these songs, please do not forget all about them till "Carolina Day" next year.

I have found that nothing relieves a school room of its drudgery like bright, catchy songs. I have known children to work hard all day for the privilege of singing the last ten or fifteen minutes in the afternoon.

Have you ever tried opening your school in the morning with a good song, not necessarily a Sunday School song, but a song song the children like to sing? If so, have you not found that you did not have so many tardies?

Or how about that time in school when everything is going wrong, when even the brightest seem stupid, and every one is squirming? Have you ever put on your sweetest smile and said, "Come, let's stand and sing that song you like best of all."

Was that five minutes wasted? No, for that song has acted like a stimulant, and everyone goes to work with renewed vigor.

Use your patriotic songs on these occasions. "Carolina" and "Ho, for Carolina" are both fine and I've never seen a child who did not like to sing them.

But whence must come the inspiration for this task?

The thousands of children in our schools represent all classes of society, and all stages of social and moral development. We cannot hope to make scholars of them all, much less perfectly developed men and women. Our aim is to do the best we can for each individual, to enable him to grasp the highest opportunities of which his life here is capable, and to do his duty.

Thus increased intellectual capacity, enlightened conscience and moral perception are transmitted from generation to generation, and in that way the teachers influence is immortal. Tiresome as our work may seem from day to day, what more inspiration than this is needed?

Many a man who has paid every dollar he owed in this world may be put in hell at last for being a thief. Theft is the unlawful taking of the property of another, without his knowledge and consent.—Sam Jones.

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