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EVERYBODY'S SCHOOL.

Among the most potent forces at work to-day in the cause of popular education is the local newspaper—not the big blanket sheet set with machines and sent out from the great cities, but the more modest paper set by hand and sent out from our county towns here at home.

The children read the local paper even if they have to spell out the words. It contains the names of people they know and describes events near home of which they want to know—hence it is a speller, reader, and history in one.

The teachers and school officers who are alive and up to the times with their work are always readers of the local paper. Any teacher or school officer who doesn't keep well informed about current events at home is more dead than alive.

The local newspaper should receive the hearty support of every citizen of the community where it is published. It is the people's school, and in no other on earth is so much education furnished for the price paid.

On another page we have copied some of the agreeable things our exchanges have been saying about Gastonia's Fourth of July celebration. In behalf of our town, county, and people we thank our contemporaries for the honor they do us.

The convention of the 7th congressional district at Monroe last week was a record-breaker. It was on the 1200th ballot that the nominee, Mr. Robert N. Page, was named. It may be noted here that Mr. Page is a "business man," a brother of Messrs. Henry and Walter Page.

Using Oil as Fuel. Maginn's Cotton Mills of New Orleans, La., has introduced the use of kerosene oil as fuel. The company consumes about ninety barrels of oil a day.

Arlo Rippey, who escaped from Durham jail last year, has been arrested at Anniston, Ala., and will be brought back to North Carolina. Rippey was under a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary for rape at the time of his escape.

THE RIDE TO GASTONIA.

How the Colored Excursion Set the Laureate's Muse into Action. The colored excursion from Charlotte, which did such a thriving business in Gastonia last Thursday, had a poet laureate. The ride to Gastonia set his muse in a fine frenzy, and several verses that would have made Walt Whitman turn verdant with envy rolled themselves out and eventually into print.

The laureate's name "Miles J. Rhynes, Jr.," is signed at the bottom with the title of "North Carolina Bard." And the name is none other than that of a former inhabitant of Gastonia, who will be remembered as having once been janitor of the First National Bank. Below we give a sample or two of the stanzas, selecting those which are less likely than the rest to give the gentle reader tetanus or frenzied neurosthenia.

As recorded by the North Carolina Bard, the talk in Charlotte is given thus: "Ho, ho for Gastonia, on the tenth of July, '02, when the people as they read the advertisement." The picnic diet of which the poet dreamed appears to have inspired the following: "They tell me there is a train that comes to Gastonia on the tenth of July. Well, are you going? I'll go with you. For Gastonia is where I got chicken pie."

The scene now shifts to Gastonia, where eager expectant throngs await with bated breath the arrival of the excursionists. Hear the poet's harp twanging above the rattle of the rails and the snorts of the iron horse: "Charlotte's coming boys, hear that old train making noise. Man she's coming too, she's about 1200. Ah man she's puttin' thro'."

Mr. Samuel Jenkins is in a very critical condition and is not expected to leave. His wife is also very sick. Mrs. J. H. Beatty has been right sick for a week but is getting better. Mr. U. B. McIntosh of your town brought his family over to visit his father, Mr. N. A. McIntosh last Sunday.

Miss Mary Harwell of Catawba county is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Underwood. The genial C. A. Beatty is canvassing Lincoln county now selling clothes wires and we are glad to state is meeting with much success. Charlie is a hustler, anyway.

Our folks are making preparations for the annual Sunday School Conference which is to hold its session here at Snow Hill church next Saturday and Sunday, the 19th and 20th. We expect a lively time. You are booked for a speech, Mr. Editor, so come along and see our people and let them see you and we hope we will all be benefited.

Mr. R. L. Abernethy and family moved in from Gen. Carr's Oconeechee farm at Hillsboro last Tuesday. D. R. Conell has been attending the Institute at Dallas this week. Miss Aubrey Cannon of Charlotte, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Conell.

Mr. H. H. McKeown will commence school here Monday. He taught here last winter and gave satisfaction generally. We are well pleased with the ticket nominated by the convention last Wednesday and especially with the men for Senator and House of Representatives. The only trouble is they are required to do their work in too short a time. The law or the constitution which ever it is that allows them pay for only sixty days work should be changed so they can take more time and get to work.

Maginn's Cotton Mills of New Orleans, La., has introduced the use of kerosene oil as fuel. The company consumes about ninety barrels of oil a day, piping the liquid directly into the mill from pipe lines reaching New Orleans from the Pennington District.

McADENVILLE.

McAdenville, July 14.—A protracted meeting has been in progress at the Baptist church for the past week and is still going on. The pastor, Rev. B. L. Hoke, was assisted last week by Rev. W. F. Watson, and while there has been no "big demonstration" still it is apparent that much good has been done. Rev. S. F. Conrad, was here last week in the interest of his paper.

Mr. John P. Dean and Miss Eunice Barber, both of this place, were made one for life last Wednesday evening in the presence of a number of their friends at the home of the bride's mother. Rev. R. M. Courtney performed the ceremony. We join their large circle of friends in congratulating the happy couple and wish them many years of unalloyed happiness.

Mrs. Wm. Hope was made happy last week by a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel, of Stoneville, Ga. Mrs. Hope had not seen her mother in 22 years and it had been 8 years since she saw her father, so we are sure this was a happy re-union.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright, of Concord, accompanied by Miss Venie Cook, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fisher, and Mrs. M. R. Wright and other relatives and friends of whom they have a host here. Mr. Wright and Miss Cooke will return to Concord to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Turner, of Danville, returned home Saturday after a stay of two or three weeks among relatives here. Miss Margaret Ward, of Charlotte, and Miss Tula Adams, of Gastonia, are visiting Mrs. Dr. Glenn.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Bland, of Charlotte, came over by private conveyance Saturday evening, returning next day. While here they were the guests of Mr. R. R. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tillman and Miss Jane Tillman, are visiting in Charlotte at the home of Mr. Jas. H. Walters.

Miss Nannie Wylie, of Chester, spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. S. M. Wylie. Miss Wylie has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. M. Wilson at Spencer Mountain. Prof. J. L. Webb, will go to High Shoals soon to teach a singing school. He may go this week.

The two little children of Mrs. Bessie Earney are home on a vacation from Thomasville. J. E. Harris, has gone to Eatonton, Ga., where he will take charge of the spinning department in a mill of which Mr. R. K. Matthews, formerly of this place, is superintendent.

Pink Fisher and Bob Long moved to Gastonia last week. J. F. Clemmer will begin the erection of several more houses here this week. Mr. L. B. Reid has accepted a position with the Coolesce Cotton Mills in Davie county and will move there soon.

Miss Gertie Allen, of Gastonia, visited friends here yesterday. Little Bela Howell, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Howell, is suffering a great deal from the effects of a scald on the side of his head. He was scalded accidentally one day last week and while the scald is not dangerous still it is painful. The little fellow is very patient and is getting along very well.

STANLEY ITEMS.

Stanley, July 12.—There were good rains in some sections the past week, while others are yet in need of refreshing showers. The wheat crop is now being threshed and is of fair quality but the yield is so light that the threshermen cannot muster up enough courage to blow the bugle. We notice that the second largest list of names at the Teachers' Institute at Dallas the past week have the address of Stanley. This speaks for our high school as being a factor in that branch of industry.

Prof. D. C. Johnson, the new principal of the Stanley Creek Institute, is in town, working up the interest of next school term. Mr. E. L. Peggam, Jr., and Dave Smith are now canvassing Catawba county for assistants and helpers with the most strenuous persistence. It seems that our Editor of THE GAZETTE is growing with the people of Gaston, many of whom had never heard him on the hustings before the Fourth. He shook his fist at the crowd and called them liars [Fourth-of-July-ers] and no one resented it nor denied the fact.

Col. Pink Roper, of Belmont, said that his far-fetched punning was catching and the one of N. Y., and Ky., made him think of Rye. The Colonel declares that he always looked down on water as suitable for navigation but as a beverage it lacks leverage. We hope the commissioners will consent to grade and macadamize our road to the top of the hill this side of the river, as this will give a large part of Gaston county a level road to Dallas, Gastonia, and all points south. A large delegation will urge this matter on Monday next.

RATHER UNPROFITABLE.

The Government's Way of Business—Sold \$1,000,000 Worth of Property for \$20,000. New York Cor. Baltimore Sun. For less than \$20,000 the United States government has sold to private purchasers the pneumatic gun plant at Sandy Hook, the establishment of which has cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

It was after the three great pneumatic guns, with their elaborate equipment of air compressors, engines, pumps and boilers of which so much was expected a few years ago, when they were installed, had been condemned as "unservicable" that sealed proposals for the purchase of the entire plant were asked. There were comparatively few bidders, and among them it was found that Salomon Bros., of this city, were the highest at a price for the entire plant of less than \$20,000.

They are Protesting. The Times came in possession of the following letter yesterday. It explains itself. Raleigh, N. C., June 20, 1901. To the Republicans of North Carolina: In view of the disaffection and disgust existing all over the State among Republicans under the present management, with Senator Pritchard as chairman and autoeratic head Boss, with the Revenue Ring and its little Bosses as yelpers, it is considered the duty of this committee composed only of Republicans, in the interest of the party and its future organization and success (after the 4th of March next, Senator Pritchard will drop with a thud out of the Senate into merited obscurity) to ask every true Republican to introduce and have passed, or at least to take a vote, in his county convention on some protest or resolution condemning the present and past two years' management of the party and protesting against the future management of the party by the same men, and in order to assist you, we herein formulate such resolution, which may be changed in any way to suit your views and the conditions of your county.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the present management of the Republican organization in the hands of Federal office holders and protest against a continuance of the same; and believe it will be to the best interest and harmony of the party that no Federal office holder shall be elected or serve in any organization committee of the party. Select delegates to the various conventions to this end. COMMITTEE OF REPUBLICANS.

It is proposed to establish at Tryon, N.C., a plant for the manufacture of ladies' cotton underwear. A building 40x100 in size will be required, its size being sufficient to permit doubling the capacity when desired. About \$50,000 will be invested at the start, and seventy-five hands will be employed.

A Salisbury photographer has sold 1,200 photographs of the two negro boys who were lynched at Salisbury—the bodies being photographed as they swung from the limb.

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MAGIC OF MODERN SCIENCE. Nature's Processes Reproduced in a Laboratory by the Kinetoscope. One of the most celebrated tricks of the Indian conjurer, in which he seems to his audience to cause a tree to grow to full maturity in a few minutes from the tiny seed which he plants in the ground, is curiously paralleled in a way to which the Kinetoscope has recently been put at the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, for studying the growth of plants. Kinetoscopic pictures were taken systematically and almost continually as the plant selected for a subject grew, the work requiring several months before the film was complete and involving the use of automatic flashlights and other ingenious contrivances in order that the changes of each hour might be recorded from first to last. When it was finished, however, the strip of negatives could be run through the Kinetoscope as fast as the operator wished, and the plant was seen in the space of a moment actually growing from seed to maturity, each stage of its progress being in the same proportion to the others as it was in the original development of the living subject.

An interesting similarity between plant and human growth is noted from these pictures. The little plant grew rapidly at first, as the child does; then there was a period of rest, a renewed season of activity succeeded, and the rapidity of the development lessened gradually until final physical maturity was reached. The human eye and human patience—even the patience of the enthusiastic and vigilant scientist—could hardly follow the gradual processes of nature in botany, but the mechanism of the Kinetoscope suffers not even the slightest change to go unrecorded, and when its work has been done every instant which it covers can be brought before the vision with absolute exactness and clearness.

The End of the Novel. Science and the stern reality of life are bound to destroy the novel. It is out of harmony with the scientific and materialistic spirit of the age, says the St. Petersburg Noroysa Vremya. The more industrial and strenuous a nation is the fewer novelists has she. Only the backward, the passive, the visionary peoples produce great novelists. The fable, the national tale, the folksong have died. Why not the novel? It, too, is subject to the law of evolution. It has been its acme, its highest point, and is on the decline.

Cost of Coronation Seats. In connection with the news from London that the price of good windows commanding the coronation procession of Edward VII. has gone up to something like \$305 it may be noted that at the coronation of Edward I. the price of a seat was half a farthing. In Edward II.'s time a whole farthing was required. To see Edward III. it cost a halfpenny. A good seat for Edward IV.'s procession cost two pence, and for Edward VI.'s the price was fourpence. There is a big jump between VI. and VII.

Miss Cora Lewis Entertains. To the Editor of the Gazette: One of the most pleasant evenings of the season was enjoyed by a parlor full of her friends at the hospitable home of Miss Cora Lewis, east of town last Saturday evening. The "At Home" was given in honor of Miss Lewis' friend, Miss Janie Smith, of Asheville, who has been visiting her during the past week. Our charming hostess had evidently had an enjoyment of the evening under consideration for longer than a passing moment. Every one felt that his presence had been actually desired, and that he owed something to the pleasure of the occasion.

The order of the evening was first games suggested by guests. Then followed a comic song, "Three Little Mice." Next followed "Chatter Box," in which Mr. G. W. Hanna was voted the most talkative of the guests. A dialect selection was next read by Mr. B. L. Stroup interspersed with frequent bursts of laughter. A contest in "needle-threading" was next taken up. In this Miss Euphemia Robinson and Mr. B. L. Stroup were awarded the prize for threading the greatest number of needles and Miss Janie Smith and Mr. G. W. Hanna the booby prize, which was a model love letter which the hostess required Mr. Hanna to read to his partner in the presence of the guests.

All now retired to the dining room where an estimate of Miss Lewis' entertaining abilities rose to the highest pitch as we partook of the refreshing dainties spread before us. Those present were: Misses Janie Smith, Pearl Robinson, Euphemia Robinson, Hattie Hanna, Cora Lewis; Messrs. Brady Stroup, Jno. Lewis, Charlie Peires, D. Schenck Craig, Kelly Lewis, Palmer Lewis, Lee Lewis, and G. W. Hanna.

As the midnight hour was drawing near we dispersed, feeling that the time had been all too short. We all hoped that our night again be the privilege of enjoying Miss Lewis' hospitality. A Guest.

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