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REV. J. G. PULLIAM'S WORK

We had an interesting talk with Rev. J. G. Pulliam while he was home this week, in regard to his work in Philadelphia.

He is meeting with very good success, raising funds for the Lenoir Academy, and judging from letters he showed us he is making many friends for his cause in the city of brotherly love.

Mr. Pulliam has this month made a payment of \$500 on the property, and thinks if he has no misfortune he will raise the entire debt in a reasonably short time. He is engaged in a noble work and if he can continue to succeed in his efforts, the fine property of the Lenoir Academy will some day be an ornament to our town, and one of the foremost institutions of learning in this part of the State.

We make this little statement without the knowledge of Mr. Pulliam, and wish him God speed in his undertaking.

Mr. W. L. Beach has another article on our public schools in this issue. He makes some reflections on the board of education and county superintendent, that they will doubtless try to clear up, or at least give their side of the question.

A few days ago a friend asked us what he could engage in to make some money. We told him to rent a piece of land and make something—anything—to sell. Farm products of all kinds are in demand at profitable prices, and the man who has a good quality of live stock, grain, forage, fruits or vegetables to sell can find ready buyers at good prices.

The Charlotte Observer commenting on our article of last week on Thriftlessness, says very truly, that only in the line of agriculture could a community exist, with the careless and indifferent methods followed in this country. Any other line of work or profession, calls for more care and better attention than the average farmer gives his vocation, to keep it from going to pieces.

At this time of the year we hear a good deal said about the roads, and the local papers are free to give advice as to what should be done to improve them. Time goes on however and as the "Arkansas Traveler" said about his roof, so we of this country say or act in regard to the roads. When the weather is good the roads are fine, and when the weather is bad it is too bad to fix them.

There are people in this world who think they are smart and try to sound the smartness before the world by speaking or writing in a sounding, ungrammatical phrase. If the speaker or writer is bright and intelligent, he should be understood by all, and his words should be plain and simple.

School Officers.

In a recent article we mentioned the three prime factors of a successful school—the officers, the patrons and the teacher—and this statement holds true whether the school be public or private, whether one school is considered or a whole system. No business can succeed in this age of aggressiveness unless it is directed by capable men who devote their time and talents to its best interests.

For more than half a century we have been playing at the education of the children of the State, when it should have been our most serious business. Unless the children are educated there is no foundation at all on which to build our hopes for the future of our State.

Then it is time to quit trifling and to put business principles and talent into the school work. We do not mean that the State has not had men whose highest ambition was to give us a perfect system of public instruction, but a few men cannot do it alone.

There are some counties in the State which have made an enviable record in their school system, but all have not, and ours is in the latter class. This being true it is only natural to inquire where the fault lies and how it may be remedied. As the board of education and superintendent are at the head of the school work in the county, it is essential that they be men of the highest intelligence; that they be patrons of the schools, vitally interested in their success, and that they have the time and the inclination to use themselves and their talents for the advancement of the county schools as they do for the success of their private business. If these requirements are fully met one great obstacle would be removed.

Then it is necessary that they make themselves acquainted with all the schools, the conditions in the different districts, and their varying needs. That our present officers, have failed to do this is plainly shown in the character of many of their committees, and in their mode of distributing the school funds, for it cannot be called apportionment. Men who can neither read nor write; men who have no children to awake their interest; men of questionable character are not calculated to add to the effectiveness of a school, but they are sure to bring confusion among the patrons and hinder the work of the teacher.

As to the distribution of funds a few examples will suffice to show their manner of procedure. In Kings Creek township, one district with ninety-seven scholars was given \$90 or 92 cents per capita, one with 114 scholars \$109 or 95 cents per capita, and one with 70 scholars \$90 or \$1.28 cents per capita. Why this discrimination?

We are told it was to make the school of equal length. But the law requires the grade of scholarship to be considered and this was not done, for the least per capita to the district has the most advanced pupils. The real reason for this unjust discrimination, is that one member of the board is personally interested in the last named of the favored districts, and the Supt. in the other. When objection was raised on the part of the first school these gentlemen would not hear of reducing this amount in order to do justice to all, but to right a wrong committed a greater, by taking \$10 from a colored district in which the money had already been taught out.

Does the law provide that members of the board shall have such length of school as they wish at their own doors, or that superintendents shall have exorbitant prices for teaching, they never did? Is this fair when other districts must foot the bill?

In Lower Creek township one school with 63 scholars was given \$96 or \$1.52 per capita, and one with only 30 was given \$95 or \$3.23 per capita. This in the face of the plain statement of the law that they shall not attempt to give the same length of term for those schools which have less than sixty-five scholars as for those which have more than thirty.

line and numbers fifteen who belong in and attend school in another district, and they are allowed, without a word of objection, to draw money in both districts. Doubtless there are many other such cases.

These things can exist only through gross negligence of the county officers. There are some other things the people can't understand. Why can depositors refuse to exchange a part of the books? How can some men keep books for sale and refuse to exchange any? Will the proper authority answer? When the board of education and the county superintendent do their duty the schools will begin to be what it was intended they should be.

There are other faults and shortcomings in others which will be noticed later.

WALTER L. BEACH.

Health and Beauty.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills.

Attempted Highway Robbery.

Mr. Jake Nixon, a farmer living near Beattie's ford, on the Catawba river, was held up by a strange negro about two and a half or three miles west of Mooresville late Saturday evening. The attempted robbery occurred before dark. Mr. Nixon had been to Mooresville and had sold some cotton and was on his way home, when a strange negro came out of the woods and accosted him, demanding his money and showing a revolver to enforce the demand. Mr. Nixon told the negro he had no money—that he paid out what he got for his cotton. While this talk was going on a third party came in sight and the negro fled.

This attempted robbery occurred at or near the same place where one negro held up and robbed another negro some months ago.—Statesville Landmark.

An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist, of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. J. E. Shell & Co.

Electric Bells Along the Road.

Concord, Jan. 27.—The Southern Railway and the town board of Concord have been for some time trying to come to some agreement about the rate of speed at which trains should pass the depot, and the railroad authorities have at last adopted a plan by which the trouble will be settled at once and for all time. Electric bells are being put on the line of the road, to act as danger signals on the passing of each train. These bells are connected by electric wires with the railroad tract and are suspended in tall towers, one standing 3,000 feet north of the depot, and the other 3,000 feet to the south, so the danger line extends 6,000 feet. The weight of the engine rings the bells as the train is passing, and wherever danger signals the signal within the tower limits, does so at his own risk. This station is the only point between Richmond, Va. and Concord, Ga. where the Southern Railway has placed electric bells.

Girls Organ "Hugging Social."

A Springfield, O., special to the Chicago Record-Herald says: A Hugging social was held last night in the North Greenfield church, which was attended by 500 people. The affair was a success financially, having been widely advertised as a scheme to pay off the church debt. Nearly \$75 was raised. Following were the rates charged:

Girls under 15 years of age, 15 cents for two minutes' hug. Girls under 20 years, 50 cents. Twenty to 25 years, 75 cents. Another man's wife, \$1. Old maids, 3 cents and no time limit.

Adelia Dennison, who prepared the schedule of prices, was probably the most popular of the young women. The girls of the congregation set another meeting for February 1, but the older members say it must be called off, as the bounds of propriety have already been overstepped. Last night's hugging match has widely advertised the affair, and the girls say that if the one arranged for February 1 is given they will pay off the entire debt. The social was more largely patronized by middle-aged and old men than by the young men.

Cures Eczema, Itching Humors,

Through the blood by taking Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which makes the blood pure and rich, heals every, sore, scab, scale, boil or eruption, and stops the itching of eczema. B. B. B. cures especially, the worst and most deep-seated cases. B. B. B. kills the humors in the blood. Druggists, \$1. Describe trouble and trial bottle sent free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Rex Gass, of Winston, Shot.

Special to the Observer. Winston-Salem, Jan. 27.—Rex Gass, assistant floor manager at the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse, was shot in the abdomen and perhaps fatally wounded this morning by George W. Pruett, a picture agent from Wilmington, who was accompanied by his partner, Charles Luton, of Elizabeth City. The shooting occurred on the warehouse floor. The wounded man was removed to the hospital at once. The operation performed, showed that the ball went through the bowels and lodged at or near the backbone. There is little hope for his recovery. Pruett and Luton were caught by several men in the warehouse and there was talk of lynching the first named, but the advice of cooler heads was heeded. The impression is general here that the shooting was premeditated. Pruett and Luton were committed to jail without bail. The trouble between Gass and Pruett started last night over a girl. They went home with her from a religious service, both claiming to have engagements with her. When arrested Pruett had two pistols, one in each hand, while a pistol and pair of knucks were found on Luton.

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Last Saturday a policeman of

McAdenville shot and instantly killed Frank Jenkins a drunken man whom he was trying to arrest. Jenkins resisted and used a knife on the officer.

Special to the Observer.

"I want to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christenson of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and bought it. It cured me and I am now as well as ever."

A Suggestive Anecdote.

"Ah, neighbor," said one farmer, dolefully to another, "how unfortunate you and I have been! I've done nothing but fret ever since our potatoes were destroyed by that untimely frost. But how is this?" he asked in amazement, "you seem to have a fine, healthy crop coming up now."

"Why, yes," was the reply, "I planted those directly after I found the first crop was destroyed."

"Yes, while you were fretting, I was at work: I put off my fretting till I'd mended the loss."

"Why then, you've no need to fret at all."

"True, and that's the very reason why I don't."—Ex.

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On Wednesday night of last week Mr. Jerry Harrison of Deerfield, lost his dwelling, barn, wood shed and granary, together with nearly their entire contents by fire, which entailed a cash loss to him of fully \$2,000 or more. The fire, we are told, was of incendiary origin, as all the buildings were burning at the same time, the barn being at least one hundred yards from the other buildings. Three head of splendid horse stock, farming utensils, wagon, buggy, harness, and a large amount of provender were destroyed; 200 bushels of grain together with a large lot of flour, bacon, and other family supplies were reduced to ashes, and almost the entire contents of his pretty home was lost. Up to this time we learn that there is no definite clue as to who the guilty wretch is, but we trust he may soon be apprehended and that the punishment he so richly deserves may be meted out to him in short order. Mr. Harrison unfortunately was carrying no insurance.—Watauga Democrat.

In a mountain hotel there is a sign which reads: Boarders taken by the day, week or month. Those who do not pay promptly will be taken by the neck.

A man out in Colorado died recently while playing a game of cards. He held five aces and the other fellow held a gun.

Rear Admiral Schley repeatedly and emphatically stated that he would not enter politics.

Non-Resident Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court, Caldwell County, Spring term, 1902. W. C. Crisp, vs. Mary Elmer Crisp.

The defendant above named will take notice that the above entitled action has been instituted against her by the plaintiff for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. That he will within the next six weeks file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Caldwell County, a complaint in this action and at the next regular term of the Superior Court for Caldwell County to be held on the 24th day of February, 1902, apply for the relief asked in this action, when and where the defendant may appear and answer or demur to said complaint if she so desires.

This Dec. 31st, 1901. J. V. MCCALL, C. S. C. Harshaw & Sherrill, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Patterson J. McDade

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H. C. Martin.

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H. C. Martin. Theo. P. Kincaid & Co.

Far off Cattle HAVE LONG HORNS! The above remark is credited to an old colored man, Bill Dula, who for many years was well-known around Lenoir. A gentleman told him, Bill, of an incident that had occurred at some distant point, and he being somewhat incredulous about the truthfulness of the story made the quaint, but sage remark: "Fer off cattle hab long horns." Now, we have a story to tell you that you can believe with full credulity. This story is about our immense stock of Hardware, Furniture, Stoves, Buck's Ranges, Carpets, Bed Springs, Rugs, Granite and Tinware, Horse Shoe Nails, Ox Shoes, Drawing Knives, Chisels, Braces and Bits, Hinges of all kinds, and different designs—sizes and prices, with or without previous conditions. Now as to the credulity of our clerks, capable of being easily believed, anything that you may need or want in our line from a wash pot to a tin cup do not be afraid to ask for it, and you will find them as polite as a chip of basket, especially Will McGowan. When you are in need of window glass, to keep out the cold and rain, all you will have to do is to call for Heim Moller, if he has not the size you want he will either cut or order them for you with the greatest of pleasure imaginable. The next important personage that we have is Dennis Eabb. When you make a purchase, if you live anywhere in the corporate limits, he will hitch up "old Joe" to the wagon and have your purchase at your door in a "jiffy." Goods dispatched expeditiously as a cannon ball. As to our own persons, why please, you know us too well for recommendation to hold any higher office than we have. Just come in to see us. Customers will be treated as politely as by real friendship companies. We will not do up with such care as a loving wife bestows upon her husband.