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PAY OF SUPERINTENDENTS

Vital to Welfare of Rural Schools That Salaries of Superintendent Be Increased.

Columbia, State.

Will you allow a woman, a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Woman's Association for the Improvement of Rural Schools, to speak out on Supt. Martin's suggestion that the salary of the county superintendents be raised. I agree with Mr. Martin's report of 1903, you will find in my report as school visitor these words: "Is it possible for the salary of the county superintendent to be raised? If so, we could get a Moses to lead us out of the wilderness."

A superintendent cannot do what is required of him on \$500 a year. Supt. R. T. Hallum, a faithful, wide-awake man, in Pickens county, said to me: "I could not live at all if it was not for my farm." I visited with him 18 schools; the hire of a horse cost \$22.40. Now think of several visits to 75 schools! Soon your expense account runs up to the amount you are paid. My expenses were paid by the board, yet it shows up what it cost to visit schools.

I say raise the superintendent's salary and raise the poor superintendent. There should be a standard for the county superintendent entering the race. He should be examined by the State board; the ones passing should then stand for election before the people.

Until the county superintendent is thus elected there will be no intellectual development in some counties. As it now is often the best qualified man is left out in the race, and the one elected fills our schools with teachers and trustees to please some fancy of nepotism or politics.

The superintendent is the backbone of the whole country's success.

So let no one fill this place but a cultured, Christian gentleman, fashioned like the "grand old man," John Leland Kennedy. Then we will be a progressive people. The teacher in our rural schools should be better. "Anything will do" should be a thing of the past. If the age of the teachers were raised to 21 we would get rid of teachers who are teaching as a stepping stone to something else. We need and should have them—teachers who have made "their calling an election sure." A boy cannot vote until he is 21, yet he can teach in a rural school. Is not the shaping of the destiny of a child more important than a vote? Think of this, you law makers. When you go to Columbia, don't forget the rural child or the child toiling in the mill.

Give them only the teacher who has spent years in preparing for this lifework and teaches to better humanity. To teach without going to college is as catching as measles. We must stop this epidemic. The poor teacher demands just as much pay as a good one. I know a cultured lady teaching for \$35 a month and her seventh grade pupil teaches for \$40. Isn't this putting a premium on ignorance?

You teachers should stop this. If I were a teacher I would try to keep poor teachers out, for they impress false ideals on a child's mind that a good teacher cannot eradicate. "Better rural schools" should be the motto of our next legislature.

Maryo R. Shelor.
Westminster, S. C., R. F. D.

Keep the bowels open when you have a cold and use a good remedy to allay the inflammation of the mucous membranes. The best is Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. It contains no opiates, moves the bowels, drives out the cold, is reliable and tastes good. Sold by Pickens Drug Co.

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KILLS HUSBAND, COMMITS SUICIDE

REASON NOT KNOWN.

Double Tragedy in Chicago Causes Great Sensation.

James F. Delaney, vice-president of the American Shipping company was shot and killed in Chicago last Friday by his wife, who immediately committed suicide. The tragedy occurred in apartments occupied by the couple on the North Side.

Delaney's body was found on a bed with a bullet wound in the back of the head. The wife's body was lying near, the bullet having been fired into the brain through the mouth. The revolver was still clutched in her hand. Delaney was well known in New York, where he spent the greater part of his life.

Mrs. Delaney, before her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Wills Point, Tex. She was thirty years old. Her husband was 36.

TRIED TO FORCE ENTRANCE

Negro Attempts to Break Into Residence.

A negro attempted to enter the house of Mr. J. S. Harby, of Anderson, last Wednesday night while Mrs. Harby was alone with her three small children. He made two unsuccessful attempts trying to effect an entrance through the doors. Mrs. Harby had her pistol ready to fire if he had entered but became frightened and screamed and the negro ran away. She did not see him well enough to recognize him or to identify him afterward. The house is on the outskirts of the city and near the woods and the negro ran into the woods.

On last Saturday evening about dark a negro attempted to enter the house of Mr. Norman Boggs at Calhoun. Mrs. Boggs was alone and refused to open the front door, as the negro would not give his name. He then went to the rear door and attempted to force an entrance, but was frightened away by Mr. Cochran, who, though a very sick man, in answer to the screams and calls of Mrs. Boggs for help managed to go down to the house and frightened the negro away.

Mr. W. P. Goodman and Sergeant J. B. McCrackin put the Clemson bloodhounds on trail and ran the negro rather closely until about 9 o'clock. The negro was located in a house on the college grounds, but proved an alibi and was released. This is the second attempt of the kind made at Mr. Boggs' house this year.

To "Get Rid" of Foster Parents, Girl is Charged With Putting Rats in Coffee Pot.

There has been quite a sensation in the country about 7 miles east of Prosperity. A girl 14 years old had been adopted by Joe Miller and wife. They gave her all she needed, but she was not permitted to follow her own will in the matter of visiting and it is charged she made an effort to even up matters by putting rats in the coffee pot.

Both Miller and his wife were made quite sick, and to this fact, in all probability, they owe their lives. The physician, when called, recognized the symptoms of poison, and upon investigation found some of the compound still in the coffee pot. When recosted and asked why she did it, the girl said, it is stated, "Because she wanted to get rid of 'em."

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The woman, who was a sweetheart of Byrnes, says she bit off his lip because it had kissed her rival and his ear because it had listened to that rival's calumny of her.

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WOMAN MURDERS INFANTS.

Children Say Mother Runs Baby Farm.

The spectacle of two women denouncing as a murderess the woman who brought them into the world but whom they refused to call "mother" was witnessed in the office of the district attorney of New York city last Friday. The women are Mrs. Marie Schoch, recently a resident of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Ehring of New York. The mother whom they accused is Mrs. Wilhelmina Eckhardt, who was arrested by representatives of the county medical society yesterday on a charge of having performed a criminal operation. The arrest was made upon information furnished the society by the daughters and the younger women appeared voluntarily at the district attorney's office to amplify the testimony they had already given against their mother.

Both Mrs. Schoch and Mrs. Ehring declared that they had seen Mrs. Eckhardt kill hour old infants and dispose of the bodies by burning them in her kitchen stove. Mrs. Ehring declared also that her mother had quarreled with her because she refused to assist in burning the bodies of babies.

Mrs. Schoch told district attorney that when she was three days old her mother wrapped her in a bundle of rags and cast her into the street. She was rescued by her grandmother, who reared her and with whom she remained until she became a woman.

When she came to this country she said she found her mother conducting a disorderly house and she declared that her mother sought to have her become an inmate of the place. She refused. The first she knew of her mother's present occupation, she said was when Mrs. Eckhardt's little adopted son made a discovery in the house which led to the exposure and Mrs. Eckhardt's arrest. When she learned of the discovery made by the little boy Mrs. Schoch said she went to her mother about it and she declares Mrs. Eckhardt proposed that they go into partnership. This she did after consulting with representatives of the county medical society, and with a view of causing Mrs. Eckhardt's arrest.

It was while occupying this position in her mother's house, she said, that she procured the evidence which resulted in Mrs. Eckhardt's arrest.

Mrs. Ehring came here four months ago from Regensburg, Germany. She testified that she lived with her mother after coming here and in August last she saw her mother burn the bodies of infants.

LIP AND EAR GONE

Former Lover Held For Assault.

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WAS IT FRENCH WAISTS OR WAS IT MALPRACTICE?

WOMAN SHOOTS A DOCTOR.

Wings Two Innocent Bystanders, Also. Miss Ottilio Schneider, of New York, 42 years of age, Thursday afternoon fired five revolver shots at Dr. Frederick Bierhoff, two of which struck the doctor, one in the body and another in the arm, while two shots struck other men. The shooting took place in the street at Madison avenue and fifty-ninth street. Dr. Bierhoff was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, where his wounds were found to be not especially dangerous. One of the shots took effect in the arm of Otto George, a lawyer, another struck Paul Sheehan in the back. Neither of the latter was seriously injured. Miss Schneider, who was seized by the police before she could fire a sixth shot, gave various reasons for the shooting, asserting first that she was revenging herself for alleged professional malpractice and afterward said that the doctor had stolen all the ideas for French waists which she had designed.

DOUBLE TRACK TO BEGIN.

Oliver Bros. Will Do Work Between Charlotte and Atlanta—To Be Finest Line in the South.

The topic of conversation in local railway circles yesterday was the big contract let by the Southern Railway company to Oliver Brothers, of Knoxville, Tenn., for grading straightening and double-tracking the main line between Charlotte and Atlanta, Ga., the amount involved in the contract and the time required to complete it, were the two questions most frequently asked. It is given on good authority that the contractors have five years in which to finish their work and that over \$20,000,000 is involved. The present line is 267 miles in length. According to the new plans and specifications, this old line is to be worked over from start to finish. Where needed, the grades are to be reduced, the fills raised, new ties put in, the track straightened and the bed generally improved. The tracks will run side by side, and will be ballasted similar to those of the great systems of the North. Every device known to science will be utilized in making the road as near perfect as possible. The straightening of the line will necessarily result in some of the smaller towns along the present route being left high and dry. The surveys, however, have been made with a view to discarding as few as possible.

R. F. Rivinac & Company, subcontractors operating in connection with Oliver Brothers, who are now engaged in building the new Southern freight yard at Charlotte, will begin work on the double-tracking of the main line south from Charlotte towards Greenville as soon as the machines and supplies may be received. This will be some time next month.

In the office of the register of deeds of Greenville county there is the biggest deed on file which has ever been received in the State. It is for \$200,000,000. Copies have been filed in every county in the State through which the Southern lines run. A large part of this immense sum is being used in betterments, such as the double-tracking of the system, the purchase of additional rolling stock, enlarging the terminal facilities and making other improvements.

In magnitude the contract with Oliver Brothers surpasses anything that has happened recently having any connection with Piedmont Carolina.—Greenville News.

Woman's Column

Newsy Items to Interest the Fair Sex.

Silk bedclothes are the latest fad in high society in London.

Don't fret and worry. Mental anxiety is a sure flesh reducer.

"Love is honey mixed with gall," says a magazine writer. The girls furnish the honey, and the boys do the rest.

The Philadelphia girl who left a rich, old bridegroom "waiting at the church," evidently didn't know the value of ready money.

Rub a little thin cold starch over windows or mirrors and wipe off with a soft, cloth. This produces the most shiny results.

A Miss Smith is to represent Chicago in the New York beauty show. No matter what great affair is pulled off, there is sure to be a Smith in it.

By careful hygiene you can build up an emaciated figure, and as your health is fully restored, the sunken cheek will fill out and glow with good color.

There's no rush about catching a beau. Few things in the world are so numerous as men. The supply is large. Wait until the right one comes along.

In four-fifths of the United States birds with beautiful leathers have been early exterminated. A lady in New York has been seen wearing a cloak which cost the lives of 8,000 of those winged poems of the air which we call humming birds.

Uncle Sam has many of the fair sex in his employ at Washington. Twenty per cent of the women are widows of Senators, or relatives of government officials. They are allowed one month for vacation and one month's sick leave, annually.

Women don't need medicines and sanitariums. They want rest and work, fresh air and sunlight, and cheerfulness. Staying in the house all the time would kill a camel or an ostrich, and how should a woman expect to endure such an unnatural existence?

Miss Mary M. McDonald of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday last, when the moment arrived for the ceremony of her marriage to W. F. Thaber, stepped aside and put into her place Miss Viola Glover, a girl whom Thaber had wronged, and, with the assistance of her brothers compelled him to marry the girl.

Women have patented cigarette machines but it would seem that the feminine fancy went too far when it undertook to evolve an "improvement" in cigars by soaking them in an extract of pine needles "in order to take away that nasty taste." Yet such an "improvement," so called, may be found in the patent office.

A college of lovemaking has been established in Milwaukee. Most people had supposed that doing this came natural but possibly, after all, it is both an art and a science which may be acquired. Presumably the prizes for the greatest proficiency in the various classes will be marriage licenses with persons of title or great wealth as most desired.

Did you ever bake bananas? If not, you have missed a great dainty within the reach of all. Skin the bananas, lay them side by side on a baking dish or pan, put them in to a hot oven and bake until a rich brown. The juice from the fruit will form a thick syrup. Serve hot or cold with cream and sugar, and you will thank us for suggesting this cheap but toothsome dish. Bananas so served will be found to

be easily digested by those who cannot eat them raw without indigestion.

The startling statement was made by the Rev. Joseph A. Milburn before an audience of women at the Englewood Woman's club that: "Women—mothers and wives are to blame for most of immorality in the world." Continuing the speaker said: "Women allow one standard of morals for themselves and another for their husbands. When their boys go astray they hold out their hands to help them; when their daughters go astray they weep because they know they are forever ostracized and they make no effort to change this condition of affairs. Men should be held to the same restrictions as women, and women should be allowed the same latitude as men. The great sin is not the sin of the magnificent passion, but the sin of the circumscribed life. Women need broader scope. Their routine duties are narrowing. They get into ruts which are suicidal. Literature is a respite. Reading gives the necessary broadening influence. The tendency of most people is to become provincial and reading overcomes this tendency.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTHERS. Parents and teachers need never expect to govern children successfully until they have learned to govern themselves.

"Making a child mind instantly" is considered a great accomplishment by some inexperienced parents and teachers. Does the child obey your commands with a cheerful spirit and with loving looks in its eyes? Does it show a desire from day to day to help and to please you in little things? If so, your guidance is in the right direction.

Point out attractive ways in which the child may find pleasure in doing right. Call out by conversation with it, the child's idea of right and wrong in things that transpire both in its home and school life. Call out its childish judgment, and respect it, too.

Teach the child to be respectful to the aged by showing a liberal amount of deference to the aged parent, whose last days are supposed to be made happy and comfortable in your home.

Teach the child to be kind to pets, not by kicking a dog or beating its horse in its presence. There is a better way.

"My child has a fearful temper." Has it? Then try to ward off causes for arousing its temper until it is old enough to control itself. A little tact will prevent many an unpleasant scene with a nervous, excitable child.—Exchange.

LAW CAUSES TROUBLE.

Because Company Die Not Run "Jim Crow" Cars Manager Was Arrested

Because of the refusal of the Montgomery Alabama Traction company to obey the new "Jim Crow" car law, every car operated was stopped an hour the other morning by the arrest of the general manager of the company, and several motormen and conductors. The law requires every car shall either be for whites or for blacks and be labelled "white," "colored." The company asserts that it is impossible to obey the law as they have not enough cars. After the delay of an hour an injunction was granted against the city by the city court on the ground that the law could not be kept, and traffic was resumed.

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