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Next Thursday will be March 14th and Cleveland will vacate and Mrs. Kinley occupy.

The House has decided to adjourn to-morrow but the Senate has not agreed, and in all probability it will be some time next week before the Legislature adjourns.

We are indebted to the Washington Post for a copy of the Post Almanac and Encyclopedia. We are also in receipt of a copy of the Legislative Directory published by Mr. N. O. Pyle, of Columbia.

The Legislature did well to re-appoint the same Boards of Township Commissioners that served last year. The Boards are composed of good men as can be found in the county and they have discharged their duties faithfully and conscientiously.

The disposition of the General Assembly to lay special taxes on all trades, professions and industries, perhaps, is all right; but it seems to us that while the proposition is under consideration, it would not be a bad idea to impose at least a small tax on cigars and tobacco in New York Expositor.

We think so.

The stand which the Legislature has taken on the liquor question, and the disposition to strengthen, rather than to weaken, the Dispensary law, must be pleasing to every temperance man, while the friends of law and order must be very much gratified. The strong and decided stand of Governor Ellerbe, in support of the law, is fully sustained by the Legislature. It seems that the day when the liquor element of the State can rule the morals and sobriety of this people has passed.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

Why haven't taxes been reduced? This question is getting to be monotonous; but it is full of vigor, and must be answered. Our tax last year was more than the year before, and this year it will be still higher. There is no leader of the Reform forces in the House or the Senate, and as a consequence, they are going deeper into the mire every day, and a heavy tax bill is as bad as any political party ever got into, or floundered out of. The Conservatives, of course, are looking on with complacency at the taxes being piled up.—Layfield Advertiser.

BUDGET HOME EFFORTS.

Texas gets a needed example of patronizing and extolling the virtues of home industry and home production. Down in the Lone Star State one sees a great many signs which read something like this: "Texas ham and bacon from Texas-raised hogs, fattened on Texas-grown corn." The Drover's Journal gives this sound advice: Make the home brands of every thing the best that can be had, and then patronize them.

A Revolution in Cotton Handling.

The question of cotton-handling is now attracting universal attention in cotton-growing, cotton-handling and cotton-manufacturing circles. The plans that have been matured for introducing the cylindrical baling system, after several years of preliminary work, indicate that in the near future the whole method of cotton-handling will be improved, and that all cotton must be better baled and better handled, whether it be compressed by the old system or by the new. With the new system, that puts up a round bale, uniform size and weight, that is proved to be almost fire-proof, in active operation, no one can afford to put up a bad-dyed or false claim—durably and very inflammable, as a substitute. The new system, most certainly, is to a better handling of

all cotton, to the great advantage of the cotton growers, because clean, well-baled cotton must always command the highest market price. Mr. Edward Atkinson, in a treatise upon "The Cotton Fibre and Its Improvement," has said: "The man who first conceived a cylinder bale, made by lap, with the air excluded, has done more to modify and improve the treatment of the cotton throughout its course from the field to the gins than any man who has existed since Whitney invented the cotton gin." This week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore devotes five pages to a full illustrated description of the new system, as compared with the old, which is the first comprehensive report ever made upon the subject, and in closing says: "The mechanism for making round, rolled bales of cotton at last has been brought to such perfect condition that its almost immediate general use may be set down as a foregone conclusion. The inauguration of such a revolution in cotton handling as this would make a change in the marketing of the South's great staple of universal interest."

Educational Column.

The matter for this column is furnished by County Superintendent of Education L. L. Copeland.

It was our pleasure to attend the exercises at the closing of Prof. R. D. Cooper's school, in No. 3 on the 19th inst., and I am an enjoyable occasion it was. The Prof. has great tact in getting up programmes for such occasions and certainly succeeded in interesting the audience last Friday. All the pupils took part in the recitations, which is not often the case, and reflected great credit upon the teacher by the manner in which they recited their several pieces. The exercises began with a short address (which will be found below) by Prof. Cooper, and was continued with recitations from the children until all had spoken; after which the writer made a short talk. Rev. Peter Strober followed with an eloquent appeal for better common schools—claiming that while our colleges were deserving of much encouragement, it was impossible to have an educated people unless more attention were paid to the country schools. He maintained that, if our people could get the benefit of all their school tax, the schools could be kept open nine months each year, and cited the large appropriations made in our State colleges to substantiate his position.

At the close of Rev. Stokes' address, the crowd was invited to partake of a bountiful dinner provided by the good ladies of the vicinity. Altogether it was a pleasant occasion, and the excellent teacher and good people of that section are to be congratulated on the interest they are taking in the cause of education.

AMERICA OR EUROPE, COOPER.

Patrons and Friends: This is the closing scene of a school term of four years at this place for me. It is needless for me to attempt to express my feelings on this occasion, or to try to tell you how pleasant my stay amongst you has been.

It is hard for me to break pleasant associations—especially with my children, when I feel that I enjoy their confidence and esteem. But friends, the longest day in the year beholds a setting sun; the longest night must close with the dawn of day and the longest school term comes to a timely end. The day is too long for the ambitious worker who is his own employer; there are none too many hours in the night for one wearing with the labors of the day and the school term is none too long for ambitious pupils who desire to make the most of their opportunities. Lost opportunities can never be regained. The successes and failures of the term now ending are recorded upon the lives and characters of the pupils—time can alone tell the result. The opportunities that have been well used will be recalled with pleasure, while the failures will be remembered with regret. Success prepares the way for success and the habits which we form of succeeding will render success easy, where habits of failure would make it impossible. It is easy in youth to form habits—then how careful we should be to form only those which will contribute to our success in life. Trifles then, that lead to habits are not undeserving a teacher's attention—trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifles.

The capacity of every teacher is limited, while the demands upon him, during school hours, are often almost beyond limit. Some duties necessarily take precedence of others and the teacher must decide in regard to them. Whenever differences of opinion exist that of the teacher should prevail. He is the head—the master, and his judgement and authority must be respected, or confusion and anarchy follow. When parents give the teacher their countenance and support his labor becomes more efficient and satisfactory results usually follow.

**Biliousness**  
Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrefy in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache, &c.

**Hood's Pills**

Invomina, nervousness, and if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc., 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Be sure to get Simmons Liver Regulator for your Spring Medicine. It's the old reliable that did the old folks so much good. Don't let anyone persuade you to take anything else instead. You can always tell Simmons Liver Regulator by the Red Z on the package. Don't forget the word Regulator—Simmons Liver Regulator—better than anything else and sure to do you good.

IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO ATTEND THE EXERCISES AT THE CLOSING OF PROF. R. D. COOPER'S SCHOOL, IN NO. 3 ON THE 19TH INST., AND I AM AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION IT WAS. THE PROF. HAS GREAT TACT IN GETTING UP PROGRAMMES FOR SUCH OCCASIONS AND CERTAINLY SUCCEEDED IN INTERESTING THE AUDIENCE LAST FRIDAY. ALL THE PUPILS TOOK PART IN THE RECITALS, WHICH IS NOT OFTEN THE CASE, AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THE TEACHER BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY RECDITED THEIR SEVERAL PIECES. THE EXERCISES BEGAN WITH A SHORT ADDRESS (WHICH WILL BE FOUND BELOW) BY PROF. COOPER, AND WAS CONTINUED WITH RECITALS FROM THE CHILDREN UNTIL ALL HAD SPOKEN; AFTER WHICH THE WRITER MADE A SHORT TALK. REV. PETER STROBER FOLLOWED WITH AN ELOQUENT APPEAL FOR BETTER COMMON SCHOOLS—CLAIMING THAT WHILE OUR COLLEGES WERE DESERVING OF MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE AN EDUCATED PEOPLE UNLESS MORE ATTENTION WERE PAID TO THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS. HE MAINTAINED THAT, IF OUR PEOPLE COULD GET THE BENEFIT OF ALL THEIR SCHOOL TAX, THE SCHOOLS COULD BE KEPT OPEN NINE MONTHS EACH YEAR, AND CITED THE LARGE APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN OUR STATE COLLEGES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS POSITION.

AT THE CLOSE OF REV. STROBER'S ADDRESS, THE CROWD WAS INVITED TO PARTAKE OF A BOUNTIFUL DINNER PROVIDED BY THE GOOD LADIES OF THE VICINITY.

ALTOGETHER IT WAS A PLEASANT OCCASION, AND THE EXCELLENT TEACHER AND GOOD PEOPLE OF THAT SECTION ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE INTEREST THEY ARE TAKING IN THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

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PATRONS AND FRIENDS: THIS IS THE CLOSING SCENE OF A SCHOOL TERM OF FOUR YEARS AT THIS PLACE FOR ME. IT IS NEEDLESS FOR ME TO ATTEMPT TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS ON THIS OCCASION, OR TO TRY TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASANT MY STAY AMONGST YOU HAS BEEN.

IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BREAK PLEASANT ASSOCIATIONS—ESPECIALLY WITH MY CHILDREN, WHEN I FEEL THAT I ENJOY THEIR CONFIDENCE AND ESTEEM. BUT FRIENDS, THE LONGEST DAY IN THE YEAR BEHOLDS A SETTING SUN; THE LONGEST NIGHT MUST CLOSE WITH THE DAWN OF DAY AND THE LONGEST SCHOOL TERM IS NONE TOO LONG FOR THE AMBITIOUS WORKER WHO IS HIS OWN EMPLOYER; THERE ARE NONE TOO MANY HOURS IN THE NIGHT FOR ONE WEARING WITH THE LABORS OF THE DAY AND THE SCHOOL TERM IS NONE TOO LONG FOR AMBITIOUS PUPILS WHO DESIRE TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR OPPORTUNITIES. LOST OPPORTUNITIES CAN NEVER BE REGAINED. THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THE TERM NOW ENDING ARE RECORDED UPON THE LIVES AND CHARACTERS OF THE PUPILS—TIME CAN ALONE TELL THE RESULT. THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN WELL USED WILL BE RECALLED WITH PLEASURE, WHILE THE FAILURES WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH REGRET. SUCCESS PREPARES THE WAY FOR SUCCESS AND THE HABITS WHICH WE FORM OF SUCCEEDING WILL RENDER SUCCESS EASY, WHERE HABITS OF FAILURE WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE. IT IS EASY IN YOUTH TO FORM HABITS—THEN HOW CAREFUL WE SHOULD BE TO FORM ONLY THOSE WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SUCCESS IN LIFE. TRIFLES THEN, THAT LEAD TO HABITS ARE NOT UNDESERVING A TEACHER'S ATTENTION—TRIFLES MAKE PERFECTION AND PERFECTION IS NO TRIFLES.

PARAGON SEWING MACHINES SOMEBODY CAN HAVE AT A BARGAIN. 1 VIBRATOR AT \$19, 1 ROTARY \$23, PRICES USED TO BE \$25 AND \$35.

WE BOUGHT 'EM RIGHT AND HERE'S OUR PRICES: CUPS AND SAUCERS AT 25, 35, 39c, PER SET. PLATES 25, 35, 39 AND 48c, PER SET. SOUP PLATES 35 AND 39c, PER SET.

COVERED DISHES 39, 45 AND 58c.

LARGE MEAT DISHES 10, 13 AND 15c.

MEDIUM WASH BOWLS AND PITCHERS 69c. LARGE 89c, 98c \$1.15.

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