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CONGRESS AND THE SILVER QUESTION.

I cannot but feel a certain humiliation, as a Southerner, in seeing so many Southern Senators rise in their seats in the Senate and defend a policy that violates all the rules of sound financial legislation...

Senator Fugh, of Alabama, asks the question, "why silver is opposed by the national banks" and answers himself, "because silver is the only medium of our currency which they cannot control."

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Hayes' veto in 1878. may be preparations to repeat of the same means, should it become necessary to keep the law in existence. Let us hope that none of our Southern representatives will lay themselves liable to the suspicion of having been influenced by improper motives.

Senator Coke, of Texas, tells us of the wonderful financial prosperity of France, and in a very indefinite way of the vast amount of silver in circulation there, so indefinite as to show that he knows nothing about it.

Nor does Senator Coke or either of the other advocates of silver, refer at all to the recent correspondence of our government with those of France, Great Britain and Germany, showing the utter hopelessness of coming to any such international agreement...

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TEACHERS' DEPARTMENT.

C. W. WELCH, A. M., EDITOR.

County Institutes.

"Now is the time for County School Commissioners to begin moving in the matter of a County Institute for next summer. Success or failure depends upon thorough preparation for the Institute, or lack of preparation.

We copy the above from the December number of the Carolina Teacher. Our County School Commissioner is required by law, on the first day of February, or as soon as practicable thereafter, to apportion the income of the County School fund among the several school districts of the County in proportion to the average number of pupils attending the free public schools in each district.

The information which an earnest teacher would receive, the enthusiasm which he would catch, at a properly conducted institute would be worth more to his pupils and his patrons than can be estimated in dollars and cents.

An institute was held last Summer, lasting two days, and was attended by some of the teachers of the county. This was a very good beginning and accomplished a good work.

A Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Mower, McMaster and Sligh, were appointed to prepare subscription lists, to be forwarded to each County committee.

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the great demand for persons competent for positions of so great responsibility. Let the interest in the cause of education not be abated, but let the teachers take advantage of the suspension of the public schools to better prepare themselves for the work of the future.

The examination of teachers in the public schools of Newberry County for the ensuing year was held last week in the School Commissioner's office. There were a number of applicants, the most of whom succeeded in their efforts to obtain certificates enabling them to teach in the public schools and to draw pay from the public treasury.

The questions for examination were very much as they have been for many years. A very liberal percentage of them are purely "catch-questions" and do not, in the slightest, determine one's competency to teach.

There are in all fifty questions. Here are some of the "catch-questions." IN HISTORY. 1. "Name the battles of the Mexican War won by the army under Gen. Taylor; also those won by the army under Gen. Scott."

IN GEOGRAPHY. 1. "Name the Atlantic States and give their respective capitals." 2. "Name the three noted volcanoes of the Mediterranean Sea."

IN ARITHMETIC. 1. "When principal, time and interest are given, how can rate per cent. be found? Illustrate by an example." 2. "When time, rate per cent. and interest are given, how can the principal be found? Illustrate by an example."

Now we ask any one who is competent to judge, to examine into the worth of these questions; and see, if in the most of them, the teacher who has a good memory but little skill to teach may not be enabled to make one hundred per centum on such questions, while he who makes teaching a profession and is eminently qualified to impart instruction to pupils, may not, for want of an equally good memory, actually fail to answer three-fourths of the same questions.

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ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE SCHOOL CLAIMS APPROVED AND ORDERED PAID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1ST OF NOVEMBER, 1884, AND ENDING 31ST OF OCTOBER, 1885.

Table listing school claims for various districts (No. 1, 2, 3, 4) and individuals, including names like A. P. Pifer, L. L. Kibler, and amounts in dollars and cents.