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Review of The Aulander Graded School Controversy.

MR. EDITOR:

While looking through the Herald of March 12th, we noticed that the Aulander correspondent was out with a long comment, in which he handles his rural neighbors with gloves off. It appears from the best we can gather that the correspondent and a few of his sympathizing friends, have lately engaged a few of the Hertford County people in a Legislative Contest, over the Graded School question, in which both he and his friends, have met sudden and unexpected defeat, and as we presume, feeling sore and bored over the unexpected results, he proposes to give his contestants just a bit of public criticism. The comment appears to be laden with the spirit of Holy I, and wicked thou, it is so fraught with undue feeling against a few men of whose virtues or vices, he knows practically nothing as to render it, unpleasant even, to the better element of his friends and therefore deserves comment, only for the information of those who know nothing of existing conditions.

Permit us to say first, that against the town as a whole, we have nothing to say. We commend her apparent desire for better educational facilities and believe she is amply able to provide them without the service of any, who are willing to publicly and needlessly decry the good name of those who may chance to differ with their opinion.

While our town has many good people and is amply able to accomplish much good, yet, the better element of her citizens, we presume, do not claim to be infallible or inclined to unduly criticize. Perhaps however one of the gravest errors a town may make is to throw her arms around a square of six miles and incorporate it in our school district without having first, counted the cost of its consumation, such a proposition may result first for the town people but works great inconvenience to rural citizens, who reside from 2 to 3 miles away.

Your correspondent intimates that the election was carried by a vote of 140 to 60, which he says, shows the proper spirit in the matter. The election to which he refers, was held nearly two years ago. He has therefore had nearly two years in which to try-out his proposition, which so far has proven very unsatisfactory to a large majority of those concerned. This has been conclusively proven by the fact that after having two years to calmly consider the matter a majority of his town people cheerfully signed our petition asking for elimination, saying, as they did so, that the step had been unwisely taken.

Just here, we beg to acknowledge our most profound gratitude to the conservative thinking citizens of the town who largely helped to break the shackles of a life long bondage, which a few less considerate souls would have gladly sealed upon us.

Again your correspondent says that from a financial point of view, the withdrawal scarcely affects the school. Over against this, permit us to say, that there is a report floating around, that the withdrawal has effectively stayed the sale of bonds. We are not in position to vouch for the validity of this report, but we fear that something has gone wrong in Denmark. If this report is true then it would appear that the eliminated part of the district has a much better rating in the estimation of those who have money with which to buy bonds than it has in the estimation of those who have it not.

Again, your correspondent appears to take much pleasure in referring to the Hertford County part of the district as being exceptionally poor, ignorant and inferior to their educational interests. We frankly admit that we are a very poor people, but the fact, that we are poor, does not

eliminate our sympathy for others in the same unfortunate walk of life, which really appears to be true with your correspondent, provided, we judge from the tone of his published comment.

But as to whether we are as indifferent to our own educational interests as he would have the reading public believe, is a statement, which the facts connected with our past record will easily disprove. We beg to say, that during the last 15 years our little public school district, notwithstanding its poverty, has contributed to the more honorable professions several well equipped young men. The people of Aulander are now receiving their legal council and medical advice at the hands of men who were bred, borned and educated while residing in district No. 6, and other honorable professions are now enjoying the efficient service of her well equipped young men. Even the man to whom he refers as his ideal comes directly from the very heart of that forlorn district No. 6, over which he so ardently weeps. The real facts in the matter are, that practically all the leading business men of his own town come directly from district No. 6, and other rural districts analogous thereto. Over against this, we beg to say, that the public school district of which his town is the center, and of whose educational interest she has had the sole directions, has not, during this same period, been able to produce but very few young men educationally equipped for the more honorable walks of life.

In full view of the above, your correspondent expresses grave fear, lest the skirts of his town, shall be defiled by reason of contest with that forlorn Hertford County district which has during the last 15 years, contributed to the state quite as many professionally efficient young men as his own. The above are facts, he cannot deny and upon these we rest our case before the bar of public opinion.

Surely it would be wise for your correspondent to stop and think ere he shall let go his next square of mud. He further intimates that under this act these 86 children would have annually received \$24.72 per head. In response to this, will say that this promise is nearly two years old, and twelve months overdue, and still there are no indications of its being complied. With broken promises are not generally considered as very dependable stock in trade. He also wailing states, that these people will never again have another such opportunity. May the Lord grant that we may not, with our hats in hand and our heads inclined, we listen to his sad story and respond with a hearty amen! Whatever may be said to the contrary, it still remains a fact, that this proposition was rushed before the legislature of 1913 without our knowledge or consent.

The only information we ever received relative to the intended action was such, and only such, as public rumor could give.

Fearing, however, lest something very undesirable should be thrust upon us, we proceeded to prepare a petition addressed to the citizens of Aulander, asking that we be not forced into bondage against our wills. A committee presented these pleadings. Among others to whom these were presented was a leading business man who was presumed to know the facts. He sarcastically informed us that we were fostering a fight against something that did not exist and that if such conditions as we spoke of ever materialized it would not be within 3 or 4 years. Just eight days later we were frankly informed that a request for the privilege of calling an election upon the question of a bond issue had consummated before the legislature. Oh! consistency thou art a jewel. But many are the crimes committed in thy name. Now Mr. correspondent, if you really feel the interest in our welfare, which you profess

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Court Calendar.

For Hertford County, North Carolina
Beginning April 12, 1915
For Two Weeks
Hon. G. S. Ferguson, Judge Presiding.

FIRST WEEK.

Tuesday, April 13th
58 J. E. Reid vs. Bessie Reid.
106 Henrietta Oliver vs. Julius Oliver.

108 Wiley Bass vs. India Bass.
124 Lottie Myrick vs. Eugene Myrick.

134 Della White vs. George White.
143 Fleety Smith vs. Will Smith.

Wednesday, April 14th.
33 Johnson Mitchell vs. A. C. L. R. Co.

11 Atlantic Coast Realty Co. vs. J. C. Newsome.
16 I. V. Turner and L. C. Parker vs. H. B. Vann and wife et al.

21 J. W. Brown vs. E. G. Sears.
26 C. Green vs. A. C. L. R. Co.

Thursday, April 15th.
28 Albert Hall vs. J. C. Benthall and R. E. Cowan.
54 H. V. Parker vs. J. S. Mitchell et al.

7 J. H. Mitchell et al. vs. S. J. Boyette and George J. Newberne.
46 Halifax Lumber Co. vs. J. E. Brady.

29 W. S. Sessoms vs. S. E. Vaughan.
Friday, April 16th.
30 J. H. Mitchell vs. Mrs. Rosa Barrett and husband.

137 J. A. Eley vs. Isaac Norman
60 J. H. Mitchell vs. J. E. Overton.

76 Mosler Safe Co. vs. Farmers-Atlantic Bank.
95 Farmers-Atlantic Bank vs. H. M. Wade Mfg. Co.

Saturday, April 18th.
14 B. B. Winborne, Jr., vs. J. S. Lawrence et al.
110 The Peoples Bank, M'boro, N. C. vs. John Chitty et al.

122 In the matter of Will of John C. Drake.
17 W. G. Overton, Admr. vs. Brauning Mfg. Co.

25 K. R. Ireal vs. A. C. L. R. Co.

SECOND WEEK.
Monday April, 19th.
44 C. G. Parker and A. M. Browne, Exrs. vs. T. E. Futrell.

83 W. A. Chavis vs. C. G. Parker and A. M. Browne, Exrs.
79 Sallie Anderson vs. James Liverman.

19 W. G. Jenkins, Admr. vs. Minnie and Lonnie Moore.
41 Dan Hill et al. vs. W. & P. Railroad Co.

Tuesday, April 20th.
48 D. A. Burch vs. Starkey Hare.
52 J. W. Godwin vs. W. T. Ward.

143 J. W. Godwin vs. W. J. Gay.
111 Robert Dozier vs. J. F. Dildrey.

87 William Reid vs. A. C. L. R. Co.
88 E. P. Reynolds vs. A. C. L. R. Co.

MOTIONS.
1 Davie Watson et al. vs. Andrew Harrell and W. G. Jenkins.
2 J. H. Hyatt vs. Jno. O. Askew.

2 J. G. Majette vs. E. G. Sears.
12 Pattie E. House and husband vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.

18 Neppie Anderson vs. A. L. Jeffreys and wife.
20 The New Supply Co. vs. J. L. Liverman and wife.

23 W. M. Eley vs. J. H. Trant, Jr.
26 J. E. Newsome vs. Eula and Russell Harrell.

27 J. H. Hyatt vs. Hugh Holloman.
51 Selz, Schwab & Co. vs. Halifax Lumber Co.

62 J. C. Chitty vs. E. D. Newsome.
66 W. A. Browne vs. Wright Mitchell.

98 Lillie R. Traylor vs. C. W. Mitchell.
112 Tom White vs. Elizabeth River Lumber Co.

9 J. H. Mitchell vs. Elizabeth

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Baraca-Philathea Convention.

Interest is daily increasing throughout the state in the Fifth Annual Baraca-Philathea State Convention, which will be held in Raleigh, April 22-25. Nearly 200 names had been received, three weeks in advance, at the office of Baraca-Philathea Headquarters, in Greensboro, asking that entertainment be reserved for them. It is expected the number will reach 1000 within the next two weeks.

The mere announcement of a Baraca-Philathea State Convention attracts wide attention and keen interest among the young people of the state, for it is well known that the past four Conventions, held in Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte and Durham, were the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of young people ever seen in the state. North Carolina, the Banner State in organized Baraca and Philathea Bible Class work, is doing a wonderful work in reaching and using the masses of unchurched young people, and their Convention promises to furnish enthusiasm and inspiration that shall be felt in the churches and Sunday schools from the four corners of the state.

While every session of the Convention, beginning Thursday evening, April 22nd, will be largely attended, the Sunday session promise to make a grand climax, being featured with splendid music, addresses, Convention sermon, parade accompanied by sacred of brass band and closing consecration service.

Several thousand visitors will flock to Raleigh for these closing meetings, among whom will be a number of classes in bodies. In order that reservations may be made for all desiring to attend, names of the two voting delegates from each class, and others, should be sent promptly to Miss Flossie A. Byrd, General Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.—Baraca-Philathea Headquarters.

District Missionary Meeting.

There will be a district Missionary meeting of the Warrenton district in Murfreesboro, N. C. April 13 and 14. The auxiliary of the following churches are included; Jackson, Ahoskie, Windsor, Woodland, Colerain, Roxobel, Murfreesboro and Winton.

The exercises will begin Tuesday afternoon at 3:30; Bishop Waterhouse is expected to preach the annual sermon Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, Rev. E. H. Davis of Jackson will be present also; and will preach the annual sermon in case the Bishop is hindered from coming. There will be a morning and afternoon service on Wednesday. Miss Lillie Duke of Durham, our conference first vice-president and manager of the young people's work, will deliver an address Wednesday night. Other leading workers of the conference will be present also.

All delegates and visitors who are going to attend will please notify the president Mrs. Urish Vaughan when and by what route they will come.

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Spinsters Convention.

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