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THE GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING.

Reply to the Personal Attack on the Editor of the News by the Board of Education.

Quoted from article in last week's News:

Why don't you tell the people that you were ignorant of the fact that the Cullowhee Training and Industrial School building, which cost \$7,000 and for which the state paid \$3,500 last year, is pebbledashed? (See democratic handbook, page 99.)

Isn't it just a bit strange that the Board of Education kept silent until the democratic handbook was circulated about a week ago? In reading it they discovered what they supposed would put the News editor out of business and answer his question.

Why don't the Board of Education tell the people that the Cullowhee Training and Industrial School is not a public school and therefore has no relation whatever to our question. The same is true of the school house at Biltmore. It is a church school, a small one story affair run by the church and does not apply to our position on public buildings.

You further know that every house in Biltmore—depots, school house, church, business houses, stables, etc.—are pebbledashed, and that Biltmore is most certainly the prettiest little town in the south.

Some of these assertions are lacking in truthfulness. Our information, by one who has lived there, is that the church, the only building in the town that even aims at respectable construction, is a brick building—the rest look like ant heaps, one size, one shape and one color. They reflect the individuality of one man—and no one questions his right to build as he pleases. No public money was used in the construction of any building in Biltmore.

As to "the prettiest little town in the south" there are differences of opinion. No children are allowed to play on its streets and lawns, not a dog, chicken or animal of any kind is permitted to "gambol on its green," and the lack of variety in construction makes the cottages in Biltmore repulsive to the common householder. Ordinarily not more than a third of these homes are occupied although every residence elsewhere around Asheville is in constant demand. Biltmore is pebbledashed out of credit and our Board of Education seem determined that Brevard shall follow in its wake.

If one wants to ascertain how pebbledashed will stand rough usage they have only to look across the railroad from Biltmore station and notice the freight depot. The mud finish is knocked off and defaced the entire length of that building as high as freight touches it in handling.

And to say our course is undemocratic when we have followed the law to the letter is such a reflection on an editor's intelligence that we must say that he is either poorly advised concerning the situation or has a special fondness for gross misrepresentation.

If the editor of the News un-

derstands the mission of the democratic party it is to protect the people from the operation of laws which are unjust and undemocratic. Carnegie, the Standard Oil and all other trusts "follow the law to the letter," and yet are not democratic. We said, and still stand by our position that to use the public money in the construction of a public building without letting the public know what they were to get in exchange for their money, is undemocratic and unwise. This may be a "reflection on an editor's intelligence" but we hope to live down its evil effect. We know that it is a reflection on the intelligence of a Board which takes the authority into its own hands, and we seriously doubt if they will be able to live down its evil effects.

Read the order—you will find it in the Register's office—and you will find the proposition submitted so clear that no sensible man could be misled by it.

Less than a month ago we made a strenuous search for the plans of our new graded school building for the purpose of having a cut made to illustrate a write-up—but failed to learn anything of their whereabouts. It is not enough that they are "in the register's office"—they should have been printed so that every taxpayer might know what he would get for his money.

And besides we will say for the benefit of the allwise and ever successful editor, that the building is to be heated by steam and therefore danger of fire from the inside is a matter of little concern.

We learn that the building is to have eight school rooms—but when? It "is to be heated by steam"—but when? If there is not money enough in sight to finish and seat only four rooms how soon will it be on hand to put in steam fixtures? In the humble opinion of the "allwise and ever successful editor" if no school is run in this district until the mud finish graded school building is completed and heated by steam, some of our children will arrive at man's estate without an education.

"Ever successful!" Doesn't the Board of Education know that no editor can be successful without gaining the confidence and esteem of his readers? In order to do this he must be truthful and honest in all his dealings. This being so what becomes of their accusation that he "has a special fondness for gross misrepresentation." We leave the question for our readers to answer.

But horrors, who are the kickers? First, the News editor, because we would not pay him four or five dollars for advertising for bids.

This accusation is beneath the dignity of any county official. It is a fact well known to the writer of this undignified attack on the editor of the News that no public

building, church or school house, has been built in the county without help from said editor's private means if the opportunity to donate was presented to him. Every public betterment has received his financial and moral support, and who ever heard of his charging for publicity given to the building of a school house, either public or private? When has the Board of Education paid him anything for his influence in the election which made a graded school house a possibility?

This accusation of mercenary motives could only have originated in a brain controlled by mercenary motives. The accuser knew that it was false, and as we see it the entire article as printed last week was written in hope that it might raise a dust which would hide the cloven hoof beneath their transaction. If anything was needed to prove that they feel guilty in this business the ascribing of mercenary motives to others furnishes the proof.

It is well known that this paper was started without a dollar of assistance from the town or county. It has worked for every betterment that has been undertaken, and its editor has no wealth to show for his labors. He has received, since the News plant was bought \$1,890 from personal sources. There is a debt of \$1,500 against the plant, the increase in value of the lot is \$625—these added together make \$4,020, and his price for the outfit is \$4,000. Not a dollar received from the town or county enters into its value in any way—it has supported our family and we are not extravagant. Where do mercenary motives—working for four or five dollars for advertising a school building—come in?

Evidently from the article in question, the die is cast—"keep kicking until the house is built"—is their advice. Not a word about submitting to the wishes or will of the people. No hint that anything that can be said will alter or amend the decision of this autocratic Board of Education, so further controversy will be useless. We should have been glad to supplement the public money with a private subscription, had a substantial and creditable building been undertaken, and we believe that there are others who would have been glad to help—but not for a temporary wood building with mud finish.

In closing this article we wish to say that our stand for a better school house has been endorsed by leading citizens of Atlanta, Nashville, Charleston, Asheville and other cities; by judges and prominent attorneys from several adjoining counties, and a judge who was here at court was positive in the assertion "your Board of Education is making a mistake." We wonder how many endorsements of their pebbledashed enterprise the Board of Education has received. We have done what we considered our duty—we are on record as opposed—forever opposed to cheap construction of public buildings in our enterprising and growing town, and we believe

the time is not far distant when even the present Board of Education will acknowledge our position correct.

Evidently the Board does not intend that the public, who pay the bills, shall have any voice whatever in deciding how their money shall be spent, so further argument is useless. They might have used a column in giving information as to their designs, but they chose instead to use it in a personal attack, and as personalities are barred, this ends the controversy. They will have to account to the people and not to the

EDITOR.

Union Meeting.

The next Union Meeting of the Transylvania Association will be held with the Enon Baptist church, Sept. 28-30.

FRIDAY.

11 a. m.—Sermon by P. G. Elsom.
1:30 p. m.—The work of our Union as it lies before us. General discussion led by F. M. Jordan.
3:00 p. m.—Does the Bible teach that the chosen of the Lord often sin "and come short of the glory of God?"
Twenty minute speeches. 1. Old Testament teaching, P. G. Elsom. 2. New Testament teaching, Jno. W. Briggs.

SATURDAY.

10:00 a. m.—Religious exercises led by the pastor of Enon church.
10:15 a. m.—Our religious home life. Twenty minutes speeches. 1. The parents, F. M. Jordan. 2. The Bible in the home, Judson Corn. 3. High ideals for the home, P. G. Elsom. 4. Proper reading for the home, Jno. W. Briggs. 5. Proper topics of conversation in the home, J. M. Hamlin.
12:00 m.—Sermon by T. C. Holtz-Claw.
1:30 p. m.—Kind of mission work that should be done in our Association. General discussion led by F. M. Jordan.
3:00 p. m.—How shall we train our church members, and especially the young, to meet the increasing demands and enlargement of our work in our state and nation, and to the utmost parts of the earth? Led by E. Allison.

SUNDAY.

9:30 a. m.—Religious exercises led by Jno. W. Briggs.
10 a. m.—Sunday school mass meeting. Three twenty minutes speeches.
11 a. m.—Sermon by F. M. Jordan.
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