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THE AGE OF HIGH TAXES

Many are waking up to the fact that this is truly an age of high taxes. Meetings are being held in some parts of the state in protest against the present trend of the times. The Republican party is going to make an issue of the tax rate and try to capture the state on a promise to give relief. And they may do it. There are some who would like to return to the days of low taxes, so great is the love for the dollar.

We all can recall the days when there was not a bridge in the county, and when the roads were impassable for anything in the nature of an automobile. Ten years ago men who cared to cross Surry county put in a solid day of hard travel over the rough hilly roads to do it. Today they cross the country in a hour.

We all recall the days when a little was spent on the poorhouse, as we called it, and a little spent to run the courts, and a little to operate the state government, and we kept a three months school for the few children who cared to attend. If the people want to return to the days of low taxes they have the choice before them.

It costs money to bridge every stream in a county like this; it costs to support asylums where every insane person is properly cared for, and where every blind child is trained and educated. It costs money to run a school system that provides for the education of all the people in a way that will develop an intelligent and worthy citizenship. No thinking man can figure out how we are to maintain our roads and our schools and our asylums and at the same time have a tax rate such as we had a few years ago.

A high tax rate is not and never will be popular, but the people of this state are too intelligent to be willing to go back to the days of a generation ago and thus save the money that is now required to maintain our present standard of living.

WANT WOMEN ON SCHOOL BOARD

There is sufficient interest here in our city schools to make our citizens think of the many ways that might be found to make conditions better. It is very well known that one of the liveliest organizations here is the Parent-Teacher association and that the women of the town are very largely in the majority at the meetings of the association. This is one way of knowing of the interest that is taken in the schools by the parents of the town.

It is very well known that the present city administration went into office with something like a tacit understanding that the women were lining up for the winning ticket and that they were to have recognition on the school board. We do not understand that any demands were made or any promises given, but there was much talk about women being given places on the board, if the present officials were elected.

There are two vacancies on the board this spring and citizens are already canvassing the available women as well as men who may be elected. We have heard almost no criticism of the management of the schools, so far as the work of the present board goes, but there are many who think that if two women who were interested in the school were on the board it would be the cause of more interest, and possibly have a tendency to take the schools farther from the field of the politician. Just what would be to gain by having two women on the board no one seems to know, and yet there are those who want this change to be made.

Women are human and just as aspiring as men, and, naturally, if they are to vote they will want to have some recognition in the distribution of the places of honor and trust.

If the schools will be helped by having women on the board then we all want them there, to be sure.

THE LABOR SITUATION AT THE QUARRY

We are this week using much space in The News at the request of those interested in the labor situation at the Quarry. If a free discussion of the whole subject will in any way aid in bringing about an agreement, or lead to a termination of the difference, then all we are doing is worth while.

For the benefit of our readers the following seems to be the labor condition here. The first of the year the men who are known as manufacturers asked that the wage of stone cutters

be reduced from \$8 to \$6 a day. The stone cutters declined to accept this reduction. Then the manufacturers decided to no longer work union labor and offered employment at \$6 a day to those who were willing to work in an open shop. All stone that is being cut is now done by non-union labor. Some of the men who belonged to the union have gone back to work and others are waiting for an adjustment that some adjustment will be made by which union labor will again be recognized.

Up to this time we have heard of nothing in the way of conduct on either side that is in the nature of threats or disposition to win by unfair means. The disagreement is here and no man can fall to feel the effects who has his eyes open to conditions about him. Strong men and good men are idle waiting the adjustment. The job is open to them at \$6 a day, and it is their right to decline to accept it. The stone cutters think their highest interests demand that they stand by the union and work only as union men.

The manufacturers think their highest interest demands that they no longer work union labor and so there you are.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS SHOULD BE FREE

The school of a community should be the most popular place in the town. The children should be encouraged to get up all kinds of entertainments and the public should be encouraged to attend.

In these days of a multiplicity of shows, cheap shows and costly shows, of every name and nature, it is hard for the school to compete and make an admission charge. The attendance of the public at the school should be of much greater importance than the little amount of money that is raised by an admission fee.

It would be no bad idea to make a general ruling that no admission can be charged for any kind of a school entertainment given at our school auditoriums. If this rule was made it would have much to do with filling the house at every effort the children make. The school is supported by the taxes of the people, and they should not have to pay for admission when they want to attend some school function.

WANTED—A THOUSAND CATS

A neighbor of ye editor has recently had three fine gangs of chickens to hatch out and the pesky rats have caught them all but three at this date and the neighbor has given up in disgust—he will make no further effort to raise chickens.

Over in Europe the papers tell how they have been making mighty efforts to rid the country of rats and they have found that all they have done is to thin them out and give them a chance to breed even faster. Some weeks ago this town gave away poison and tried to get the people here to kill the rats, and practically nothing was done.

Here is your remedy. Let every family keep a cat. But, mind you, a cat must have a cat hole. The cat is a house animal and thrives and does well only about the homes of people where it has some protection and care. One of these modern homes with no cat hole is no place for a cat. If the people here wanted to rid the town of rats and cared to cut a cat hole, and then every family go into the business of keeping a few cats the rat problem would fade away as sure as fate.

Take it from us the cat hole and the cat will do the work.

CITY SCHOOLS TO HAVE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

At a recent meeting of the school board of this city it was decided to make a change in superintendents. It is understood that this decision was reached by a vote after due consideration and that the vote was not unanimous.

A year ago there developed opposition here to the management of our schools, but the school board was not willing to make any change. Since that time the matter has been much in the minds of the people and was finally disposed of at the recent meeting at which a change was ordered.

Sentenced to School

In these strange times many new things are coming to light, and the wisdom of men is being drawn on in many ways in the effort to handle the new situations that arise. We have in mind the case of a street hip pocket salesman who the police finally rounded up this week and who went free with a sentence of twelve months in our graded schools.

The man was 19 years of age and this was one way out, for his case was such that if it went the ordinary course it would mean the roads. The decision of the court may be a wise one, for to reform the fellow is the thing to do, if it can be done. He certainly has his chance if he now cares to use it. There is yet another side to the question that may appeal to some, and that is, just where does the welfare of those children come in who must now associate with the man who for a year is to serve his time in school. And yet he may be not one whit worse than many of those about him.

SLANDERING MOUNT AIRY

Somebody has gone and circulated reports about this town that are playing havoc. It has long been known that we have a progressive people here and that we cater to all the needs of the folks who come to see us on business or pleasure. Now somebody has gone and circulated the report in other towns and sections that it is not safe for visitors to patronize our citizens who are engaged in the once lucrative business of going about our streets with a pint in each hip pocket and supplying the needs of local and visiting thirsty ones. The report that has played the wild is to the effect that our local hip pocket salesman have and are adulterating their product with wood alcohol, secured, the report says, from some of the local furniture factories where this chemical is used in the mixing of paints. Now, they tell us, that visitors here from other sections are afraid to buy from our people, and either bring their spirits along when they come or remain thirsty during their stay with us.

The result of all this is working a hardship on our local salesman to the extent of destroying the profits of the business, for the demand is so reduced that it has been found necessary to reduce the price of a pint bottle, filled with pure Patrick county corn liquor, to the low and almost unknown figure of 75c. Think of it, not so many moons ago and this same pint could readily be sold for \$3, whereas now it is hard to sell at any price, and never brings more than a \$1.25, and some times goes for 75c.

Unless this erroneous report is in some way rectified, our local industry is ruined, for no man can afford to cater to the trade at such prices. Those interested in the welfare of our local hip pocket salesman should get busy and clear up these damaging reports to their one-time prosperous business.

Dr. Eaton Speaks to Kiwanis Club

More than one hundred business men of this city assembled at a luncheon Saturday night at the Blue Ridge hotel, where as the guest of the Kiwanis club they heard Dr. Chas. A. Eaton deliver an address on "America's Greatest Need." Dr. Eaton came to this city highly recommended by some of the greatest men of this country and it was indeed a treat for those present to hear him.

Dr. Eaton spent months in the government service during the war being connected with the ship building department, and when the government became discouraged on account of such a tremendous loss of shipping from the German submarine, Dr. Eaton was sent into all the ship yards and camps to deliver addresses to the workmen and impress upon them more fully if possible the importance of speeding up the ship building. And it was during these several months of touring the country from coast to coast in the various camps and public works that the subject "America's Greatest Need" was born in his mind, and which he analyzed as being intelligence and character. He would like to see every man more thoroughly trained in his special line of work and every man and boy educated and trained along the lines most suitable to his peculiar traits.

The most amazing feature to his mind was the revelation made during the war by the "intelligence test" that was given the soldiers as they entered camp. He says that out of hundreds of thousands of these young men put to this test it was found that 70 per cent of them had the mind of a 14 year old boy. This discovery made by army experts in this line causes him to fear that this condition enables politicians and agitators of various kinds to use these young men in their efforts to further their cause whether it be for the good of the nation or not.

Touching upon the economic conditions of the world he declared that the time has come when more of the people should be given the privilege of participating in more of the enjoyments of life. Today America has the highest standard of living of any country in the world—our worst conditions, economically, are right now better than any other country's best. And this condition should lead the people of America to live less to themselves and seek to help other parts of the world—the war has made it possible for us to live as a nation to ourselves. This fact is demonstrated by the great debt the European countries own to America. Today Dr. Eaton says he hears people say "make those Europeans pay us our ten billion dollars back," and yet what would we do with it. Dr. Eaton sees the time when this debt will be marked off our ledger as a contribution. Discussing it he says there are only three ways to pay it, gold, goods and labor. We don't want their gold, this country already has too much, to let them pay us in their goods would be to ruin the manufacturing business of this country, and the same is true of paying it in labor. And so he sees no other solution except forget the debt incurred during the war and go out into the world and help reclaim the destroyed areas and not simply live to ourselves and enjoy our own pleasures and wealth.

Dr. Eaton completed his address by an appeal to the business world to put into the minds of the people ideas for good and growth and development, and calling upon them to develop the confidence of the laboring world by fair treatment and honest methods in dealing with them.

The coming of Dr. Eaton has been an inspiration to all who heard his masterly address which fact saw its culmination in the favorable comment made on it by the ministers of the town in their pulpits.

R. F. D. No. 1 News

On Friday night March 10th, 1922 aunt Nancy Duke (as she was familiarly known) departed this life at her home near Holly Springs. She had been in feeble health for some time, but was confined to her bed only a few days. Her remains were laid to rest at Holly Springs on Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m. Services conducted by the pastor Rev. W. C. Callaway and Ira D. Ferguson. She was about 75 years old.

Her only surviving relatives are four grand children. "Aunt Nancy" will be greatly missed among her neighbors. She was a quiet unassuming woman, had many traits of kindness, was especially good to the sick and afflicted.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barnes of Jonesboro Route 1 spent last week at the home of Mrs. Barnes' father, J. T. Riddle on this route.

Mrs. Walter W. Simmons and little son who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks returned to their home in Davenport, Iowa last week.

Mrs. C. D. Reeves is very sick with pneumonia, we are sorry to say.

We are glad to note Mrs. S. M. Stone who has been seriously sick for some time is improving.

A Tribute to Pearl Taylor

Pearl Taylor, the fourteen year old daughter of Mrs. Nealie Taylor died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Atkins near this city Feb. 28.

She and her mother made their home with their relatives her father Mr. Frank Taylor having died during her infancy. She attended the Salem school and the school faculty and pupils paid her a beautiful tribute by passing resolutions commending her sweet disposition and christian character, her painstaking care in the preparation of all her lessons, and faithfulness in meeting all obligations as an example worthy of emulation, and commending her loved ones to Him who alone can comfort.

C. L. Whitman was called to Winston-Salem the first of the week by the death of his mother.



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EDW. M. LINVILLE, Trustee.



Spring Opening

This Week Is On

This Store Is the Center of Attraction Now

It naturally should be, of course, when every woman is in quest of style information, which will enable her to select what Spring apparel she needs with an absolute assurance of correctness.

Correctness of style, correctness of quality, correctness of price and correctness as to individuality. These are the things which this store has always stood for, and it certainly would never do now to deviate from either one of them.

So, as the Spring season advances, when shipments of new goods arrive daily, this store becomes more and more the center of attraction.

NEXT WEEK

March 20-25 is

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