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SOME OBSERVATIONS. There are some communities that, like the heathen Chinee, have ways that are "peculiar." If any proposition materially affecting the public interests is submitted for approval or rejection, the first question asked is-not what are the merits of the propositionwhat advantage will it be to the community-but, who has made the proposition or who is advocating it, and the answer is met with this reply: "Well, if Mr. A. or Maj. B. is supporting it, then I am opposed to it." He either bristles up and fights it from the go, or he goes at it in a more clandestine manner. He organizes the opposition and is ready for you when the issue comes.

Before and during the last session of the legislature, there was great pressure brought to bear upon it by the newspapers throughout the State demanding some decided legislation for the improvement of the public schools. Responding to that appeal, a bill was passed, making radical changes in the school law raising the State tax from 18 to 20 cents on the \$100; restoring the office of county superintendent (supervisor); dividing the counties into school districts in a different manner, and, in order to encourage the levying of local taxes for fund raised from the increase in the State tax, estimated at \$50,000, should be distributed to the different school districts (not exceeding \$500 to each) voting to tax themselves as much as \$500. Now, there are features of this

law which may be objectionable, especially the provision changing the school districts, but it is the law and we have no option as to whether we shall accept or reject it. But on the 10th day of August, next, a majority of the quali fied voters in each district is to will consent to tax itself and get the bonus offered for so doing, four or five months, or reject the offer and get back none of the additional two cent. State tax.

We propose, in a future article, to discuss some of the arguments, pro and con, on this subject. Meantime, let us divest our minds of all blinding prejudices and consider the question on its merits alone. Let us not be guilty of the glories of the campaign of 1876. folly of saying, "this law was passed by a fusion legislature. I am a democrat and I'll none of it." The Pharisees of old had a saying that nothing good can come out of Nazareth, and they therefore, rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Let us not imitate their example, but, like Nathaneal, "come

and see," for ourselves. Remember every dollar up to \$500 that any township votes for itself for the public schools, the State will give the same amount for the schools. The State will have it to pay out, too, when called for. The school law is a clumsy one in one particular, and for some remote districts will incur some expense in re-arranging districts. The law should pay the managers of election reasonably and force them to act (parring unavoidable hinderances). Yet, on the whole, it is a good law. The expense of the election must be borne anyway, and we should make the best of it for the sake of posterity. The gentlemen who have served as registrars, regardless of pay, from patriotic motives, deserve much commendation. Others might have served for the same reasons, but it may have been impossible for them to have done so. A man who pays taxes on \$250 worth of property will pay with the special school tax 25 cents, and 30 cents poll; if he pays on \$500 worth of property, he pays 50 cents and 30 cents poll; paying on \$1,000 worth of property, he pays \$1.00 and 30 cents poll, and so on In either case it will cost a man very little to send one child to school from six weeks to two months more a year.

Stockholders of the Southern Building and Loan Association, o Huntsville, Ala., have been gar nisheed by Milo Abel on a claim of \$2,000 due him by the company. It is stated that the company has a capital of \$1,000,000, and has always met its obligations promptly. The company has, perhaps, mor stockholders than any other similar organization in the South, large amounts being held in all the Sothern States. This action will probably precipitate the whole business into the courts.

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THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE OF 1808. A correspondent asks the Raleigh News and Observer, "What will be the leading issue in 1898?" After saying in twenty-two lines that in the domain of national politics the issue will be the same in '98 as in '96, our con-

temporary continues: In North Carolina the issue that will swallow up all other issues will be the determination to rescue the State and its affairs from the hands of ignorant, corrupt or wonten men, who, in a short lease gard to the educational tax, ou of power, have manifested their unfitness to govern the State or to administer the affairs of the ninety-six counties, which are even

that is to-day free from scandal is the town and city governments. not passed into the hands of the Republican party and their allies. there will be deficits. The schools

by competent men.

The legislation enacted, when it rule, did not get a decent hearing, and if, perchance, there was a disposition to enact a good law, the ability to properly draft and enact it was often wanting. Its friendship for education was the only ray of light in a night of blackness, ignorance and corruption. spirit that dominated the Legislathat imposes grevious burdens the extension of the school term, shocked every week at the wonten it was enacted that the additional disregard of every principle of decent government displayed by men elevated to power. In many instances, these ten-dollar men in thousand-dollar places, concious that they will never have another chance at the public crib, have shown their hoggishness greed in a way to disgust all decent members of their own party.

The people of North Carolina believe in a clean, honest and frugal government, the kind they have enjoyed for twenty years They are already sick and disgusted with the reign of incompetency, hate and scandal the change of parties has brought, and their wrath is kindling against that day decide whether or not that district when they can visit vengeance upon the men who have betrayed their trusts, brought shame upon the State, made bankrupt a treas and thus extend its school term to ury, and inaugurated a reign of scandal, petty greed and rottenness that even now stinks in the nostrils of the people. In 1896, all men who wanted to restore the State to clean government by just men, rallied to the standard of the Democratic party, then, as now, the only hope of good government. In 1898, unless they be bastards and not sons, they will repeat the scenes, the incidents and reap the

> If on an everage one township for each county in the State votes good beginning will be made. The entering wedge of success insures final triumph. No good thing ever begins except by a minority. When we have been with majorities for good things it was rather easier sailing-more pleas ant; but remember, noble persons hardly, if ever, begin with a great majority whooping for them. Christianity has been in a minority during most of the history of the world and is in the minority yet, the majority of the human race being unregenerate, infidels and pagans. Yet, christianity will triumph, and every false religion will bite the dust of defeat, and every knee will bow willingly or unwillingly, to the King of kings. So do not fret about being in a minority, if you are, in any good work. Time is too precious to waste paying any attention to talse flings of certain others. Do duty and go straight ahead.

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Eclipse of the San July 29th. Wilmington Star.

Our people will have an oppor tunity of observing an eclipse of the sun on Thursday morning, July 29th, on which date, shortly before 8 o'clock in the morning, the earth will enter the moon's shadow. It will be 10:30 before the eclipse is finally over. Threefourths of the sun's disc will be obscured -a larger obscured segment than has been observed in any eclipse for many years.

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THE QUESTION OF EDUCATION

North Carolina Stands Next to Foot in Illiteracy.

THE LOCAL TAX ELECTION.

Bleesed With Every Natural Advantage North Carolina Unly Needs an Intelligent Population to Place Her Where She Rightfully Belongs - Corn Cracker on the to "massa" and "missus" with such

crespondence of The Messenger. I have written an article or two in a rather humorous vein in rewhich the people are called to vote

in August. In all seriousness I regard it as a move in the right direction. North important than the State Carolina stands next to foot in government. The only portion of illiteracy. And this in view of the the North Carolina government fact three fourths of her population are white. Even in States where the negroes outnumber the which, with a few exceptions, have whites a larger per cent. of the population can read and write than in the Old North State. This Hardly a day passes when in forces the unwelcome admission this or some other paper in the that the whites of our sister State, some new scandal is not un- Southern States are much better covered to the public gaze, and the educated than we, and even the end is not yet. In some of the negroes lead us. I tell you somecounties it is really apparent that thing is wrong under these condi-We have the shortest pub have been brought into the mire lie school terms of about any other of petty peanut politics and noth- State. Nearly all the other States. ing but the decision of the Su even in the South, have from five preme Court kept the charitable to six months, while we have institutions out of the hands of about three. We can never have the men whose only desire was to a school till we are willing te obtain the offices that were held for it. The next lowest rate of local taxation to us is South Carolina. She pays 14 per cent. was not vicious, was crude and Massachusetts pays 95 per cent, of silly. Meritorious measures, as a her school fund by local taxation. We pay 1 per cent. We can never hope to be an educated people while such is the case.

Holy Writ informs us that people cannot hear without a preacher and that he cannot preach unless he be sent. I interpret that, sending part of it, to mean he must be The people of all parties stood supported in the sending. A aghast at the venal and vicious teacher must be paid, or he will go to a more inviting field. Twenty-They have been astounded five dollars a month three months again and again as law after law in the year will not hold a good teacher when he can get from \$50 uries of life to run the governand unheard-of penalties has come | to \$75 per month for five or ten to their knowledge. They are months in a favored locality. A man sees more vanity and vaxation of spirit, and all around tribulation in a "820 a month and board around" community in three weeks than he would meet in a live educated community in ten years, Where they pay nothing and get nothing it is a continual growl. The patrons are enveloped in Egyptian darkness, and the man who does not know his letters and sends his "chaps" to be "teached" is the most exacting. Nothing short of 11 hours hard work on the part of the teacher will satisfy him, and it is expected of the poorly paid overworked devil to make statesmen. Jennie Linds, and philosophers out of children who inherit the idiotic tendencies of their ancestor, who, in fact, "get | more like their dad every day.

we should be, either in tact, energy, or literary attainments. Under present conditions, a prizefighter is needed worse in some localities than any one else. But if we lazy, ignorant, ungodly pedagogues don't suit you, raise the standard of education and the salary, and you can get better teachers. That can be done by voting a tax. They that would be free themselves must strike the blow. The present arrangement, is, to pay 30 cents on each poll, for local taxation for schools, a pays back whatever you pay. If of sunshine, have caused a general a man pays \$3.00 he has to be advance in crop conditions. \$3,00 giving him the benefit of ton. There is, however, one sec Does not the man who helps you rain has yet fallen, and corn is bethe law excuses no one.

I know we teachers are not what

I saw a man tried at Shelby not know it was against the civil law to sell whiskey. He knew it was against the revenue law, but was not aware anybody but Judge Dick was likely to have him taken in custody. The poor fool had the look and tone of one trying to tell the truth. The judge seemed to have occurred throughout the disthink such ignorance as reprehensible as selling blockade, and punished him accordingly. He made an example of the wooly necked nountaineer to the tune of \$25 and costs, and all the people said amen. If I were worth \$50,000 and the State did not give a cent, I had rather pay \$50 tax to have better schools, better preachers, better churches, better roads, better farms and farmers, than to pay out more than that amount to feed some unfortunate in jail, or try some free negro or poor white man for a capital crime. I am aware that now and then a smart edu-cated man steals 890,000 or kills somebody, but he or his friends unscrupulous lying witnesses. The general the past week has been generally men whose vacant looks portions of the district. Too much an opinion on any subject. Conthem to form an opinion that an Cotton is perhaps still a little left Dawson City about a month tember, 1896, in the Christian ien goes up Salt River.

If we people fail to vote it and many being planted. we will have to help pay it, and let the "nigger" get the benefits

the natural product of the dark continent peeping through the jungles of Africa, and feasting on human flesh. The negro, with all his faults and frailties, was the de fender and protector of the Southern women and children, while the flower and chivalry of the South were battling with the invader.

The dusky son of Ham knew

when he was discharging his trust

fidelity that said "massa" was bat

tling to rivet the claims of his thralldom. Would there be anything wrong in letting him have a little education if he helps pay for it! Even taking the view that every time you educate a negro you ruin a good field hand; is it not better to let the negro have half a loaf than for both white and black to be without bread f I am a Southern man and apposed to social equality. I oppose mixed schools and mixed churches as far as the races are concerned. I consider myself as one of a superior race. But that does not prove that I am a better orator than Booker Washington or Tecumseh, or a greater philosopher than Confucious, the sage of ancient China. I can imagine a great many of the Caucasian race who, by virtue of their ignorance, could not cope with Booker Washington in oratory, and by reason of their weak servile spirits could not do the daring deeds of Tecumseh. Had Tecumseh been educated in military tactics he would have rivaled the great Napoleon, Alexander the Great, as that "nigger,"

Hannibal. As to "paying tax," demagogues have ranted against that ever since the "Boston Tea-party." The Americans never cavilled at the

ber that a heavy indirect tax is living in England. right. It is so ordered, and every man that boys a manufacture: article pays from 30 to 47 per cent. tax and no questions asked for conscience sake. This tax is placed on the necessaries and luxment, Our Indian friends paid none of this tax and had no government. But they are disappearing before the educated pale face, floating o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

No backward step will be taken broken. in this fight, and I hope all our State will rally to the support of a cause that will do much to hasten the advent of the reign of peace with healing in his wings. With our forest and mineral weath, we but need an intelligent population to place North Carolina where she rightfully belongs.

CORN CRACKER. Cherry Mt., N. C., July 14, '97.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN, For the Week Ending Monday, Jul

19th, 1897. The week ending July 19th ha

the season. Fine showers occurred on several days, which were nearly general over the State, only five or six counties still suffering from drought. All crops have improved. Cotton is very vigorous and the only complaint is that it is somewhat smaller than the average. Cutting and curing tobacco is now beginning also in the central dis

EASTERN DISTRICT.-Nearly all and 10 cents on each hundred dol- reports received indicate that the hars worth of property. Very few past week has been exceptionally men would be taxed \$3.00. Even favorable. Genial showers with should be be taxed \$5.00 the State moderately warm days and plenty worth \$3,000 and is able to pay. nights have been a little cool, but Besides the State pays another not sufficiently so to damage cot-\$6.00 for school purposes. But tion in the southern portion of the some men worth about \$1,800 say: district, including Duplin, Pender "Oh, but I pay the tax!" Do you? and Brunswick, where almost no create that wealth help you pay it? ing cut short: In general, crops Yet you grudge him the boon of a pittance to help make good citi-zens of his childen by helping give in north portion, where it is being law, and don't know it. Yet, by a though it will be short; bottom wise arrangement, ignorance of land corn is fine. Tobacco has J. B. Rowan, at Sparks, Ga., a improved greatly and cutting is station on the Georgia Southern & pretty general in the eastern dis- Florida Railroad. long since who swore he didn't trict. Sweet potatoes fine; apples ripe; melons abundant. Straw-

berry plants are being set out. CENTRAL DISTRICT .- The past favorable one; the drought has ress during the week. Corn is tasselling low, with small stalk, and there are still complaints of damage by chinchbugs; but the late crop has improved materially and much of the early crop is safe. food. blooming and boiling. Prospects for tobacco much improved; farmers topping it: cutting and to the fields and work or stopping it: cutting and to the fields and work or stopping it: cutting and to the fields and work or stopping it: Cotton, though still smaller than ers topping it; cutting and curing has just been begun in this dis trict. Oats all cut. Wheat threshing continues. Sowing turnips has begun.

WESTERN DISTRICT. - Drought are able to pay the expense. The still prevails in Surry and Allelawyers are smart and come high, ghany counties, and over limited The next item of expense is to pay portions of a few others, but in heapest feature is to buy the jury, very favorable, with good rains ing-in fact, have to swear they in fact, the nights have been quite have formed no opinion, and are cool in the northern and mountain proclaim the fact to all observers rain occurred in Mitchell county that they are incapable of forming and portions of others, and some poor ignorant devil who stole a Corn is about laid by; it is small "nigger" is going to vote it, and potatoes very fine. Wheat thresh-

Le Legal Blanks by the hun-I wish one of these objectors would compare some of the educated negroes of the South with fice, Neal building, room 6. how long it will last,"

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Several cases of small pox are reported from Birmingham

The large family from Brazil with \$220,000 in gold will settle in Alabama.

Snow storms were prevailing in all the higher portions of Colorado Tuesday.

Miss Winnie Davis has been invited to attend the Logan monument ceremony in Chicago.

There has been a satisfactory rainfall throughout India. The extent of relief work will now be reduced.

Minister to Spain Woodford is directed to press the claim of Mrs. Ruiz for \$75,000, which is but half of the sum originally demanded.

Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, has appointed Thos. B. Turley, a lawyer of Memphis, United States Senator, to succeed the late Senator Harris. President McKinley, it is re-

ported, will notify Spain that unless the Cuban war ends October 1 he will recognize the Cubans as Dr. W. L. Ryder, who, on Easter Sunday a year ago, brutally shot to death the sweetheart who re-

bus, Ga., Monday night. The exports for the past fiscal year reached the highest figure in the history of this country. The total was \$1,051,987,091, as compared with \$882,606,938 in 1896. The excess of exports over imports

jected him, was lynched at Colum

was \$287,613,186. John H. Bradberry, the young California millionaire, and his wife amount of tax, but at the princi- have been reconciled. The milple of taxation without taxing lionaire's wife eloped a few weeks ago with Russell Ward, an Eng-The majority voted last Novem- lishman, who has a wife and family

> As a result of the work of labor agitators, men in four of the largest West Virginia may join the miner's strike. The wives of Pennsylvania that a party of gentlemen who left there Thursday afternoon for coal mines in the southern part of

Wind, rain and lightning united in creating havoc in Baltimore Saturday. Houses were unroofed, while Columbia is still the gem of trees broken down and splintered, the ocean and Old Glory is still electric light circuits burned out, afternoon and was drowed. The aged and local weather records

> Fairview, Senator Gorman's arm, near Laurel, Md., has produced this year the enormous crop of 2,000 bushels of wheat from 100 Railway on most of its divisions. acres. The Senator sold 2,500 Beginning Monday, Asheville's bushels of his crop as it came from city clock will mark the hours in the threshing machine at 721/2 cents a bushel.

clares that the city directory of ing the ocean breezes at More Washington City contains 40 head, Col. Carr is at Pikes Peak George Washingtons, seven Mar- Rocky Mountain, J. S. Carr, Jr., is Washingtons and 19 Mary Washingtons. "The bearers of Flower (nee Miss Lida) is spend these names vary in color from a ing the summer in or near Boston, light gingercake tint to an ebony while Miss Lalla Ruth still lingers been one of the most favorable of black that rivals the ace of in the Orient and Europe. spades.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American | Carolina railroad reached a point Baptist Missionary Union have, about three miles beyond Ashe thanks to John D. Rockefeller's ville Friday afternoon, the en \$250,000 gift, succeeded in paying gineer discovered a large boulder off their joint debt of \$486,000. Rockefeller's gift was contingent He was moving too fast to stop, on the two institutions raising and as the train passed the steps from other sources an equal sum. on the right side of the train Nearly 5,000 persons subscribed.

The famous Broadmoor casino, all of them off on that the \$100,000 pleasure resort of ing the rear sleeper. one of the handsomest buildings, devoted exclusively to pleasure, in the West. The loss will be \$100,ooo to Broadmoor Land and Improvement Company, and \$100,000 to Kappler & Miller, of Denver,

The prize offered by the South- \$1,000,000 a year to be distributed ern office of the Baltimore & Ohio for wages. The product is sold railroad of \$25 for the largest watermelon grown in the South this season was presented to President McKinley yesterday. The weight them a practical education. Many plowed for the last time Corn is of the melon was seventy eight a poor ignorant devil violates a about laid by; it has improved, pounds, was forty eight inches in circumference, and grown by Mr.

A dispatch from Topeka, Kan., that Kansas farmers are appealing for help to save their wheat, offerweek has been an exceptionally ing as high as \$2 a day for day laborers, while the State is swarmbeen broken in all counties which ing with tramps who refuse to were suffering and local showers work, but that is the condition now. Thousands of acres of wheat trict. The nights have been a little are still in shock because farmers cool. All crops made good prog- cannot get help to stack it. Tramps swarm along the railroads, but they refuse to go to work. The people in the town and country, however, have organized against them, and refuse to give them The women slam the doors in their faces when they come to

Reports of a great gold discovery in Alaska have caused intense excitement, particularly in the Western States, and large numbers of people of all classes of society are making a mad rush for the new Eldorado. A Seattle, Wash., dispatch of the 18th, says: "The excitement over the Kloyn dyke mines is on the increase and hundreds of people are preparing fectionate good bye, and giving They are supposed to know norh- and more moderate temperature; to sail for Alaska. The steamer Portland, which brought down over \$1,000,000 in gold, is on her bearers as well as the flowers for return trip, and will be crowded rain occurred in Mitchell county and portions of others, and some lowlands are too wet to plow. The county below to her utmost capacity. Inspector and Minnie Shawhan Lyne, of Cynthiana, Ky, and a member of a prominent Kentucky family. She marsequently a light bribe will enable Crops are doing remarkably well. on the Portland, says: 'When I ried Mr. Cocke on the 23d of Sep embezzler is not guilty, while a small, but is blooming nicely ago there were 800 claims staked church at Cynthiana. Dr. J. A out and there were between 2,000 Watson, one of Mrs. Cocke's phy then the plea they don't want but is looking well. Some comThen the plea they don't want but is looking well. Some comSafely say there was about \$1,500, Mrs. Cocke was suffering from to help educate the "nigger!" The plain of chinchbugs still. Sweet ooo in gold mined last winter. The uraemic poisoning, a condition wages in the mines were \$15 a day that is occasionally accompanied the eastern counties are going to ing continues. Good stand of peas and the saw mill paid laborers \$10 by symptoms of acute insanity, a day.' Wages for all sorts of la- and that it was while in this con bor are now fabulously high, as is dition that she committed the the case on every boom camp, but deed. Dr. J. A. Burroughs,

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Items of Interest from North Carolina

SUICIDE OF MRS. W. J. COCKE.

The Wife of the Ex-Mayor of Asheville Takes Her Life in a Fit of Temperary Insanity—One of the Greatest Silk Man-infactories in America to be Moved to Greenshore—Sad Death of a Bride—Ki Gudger's Approaching Relief - Other

A. B. Stephens, one of the largest merchants of Rutherfordton, has failed.

It is stated that Governor Rushave "buried the hatchet."

Ex State Senator Carver, Cumberland, las been arrested charged with moonshining. The Charlotte Observer says that

Charlotte and W. S. Clanton is to be assayer of the mint. The railway commission met at Round Knot Monday to assess fund of the county that votes the

railway property for taxation. It will be in session all week A Greensboro contractor tells

are in course of construction in Greensboro. It is stated that H. A. Gudger has been selected for the place of consul general to Panama and that

early in September. It is said that Dr. H B. Battle will establish a phosphate factory at Winston, and that Prof. Irby late of the Agricultural and Me chanical College, will be associ-

ated with him. In Charlotte last week John Austin, to years of age, killed Kell Caton, 12 years of age, by stabbing him with a large sewing awl. Austin was held for murder with-

out bail and is now in jail.

nto a ditch in Charlotte Saturday cellars flooded, trolly cars dam- ditch was partially filled with water from a rain and the child was washed under a culvert.

> Asheville aldermen have decided to adopt central time-the standard now used by the Southern accordance with this standard.

Durham Sun: Mrs. Carr and One who has investigated de- the three younger boys are enjoytouring through Canada, Mrs. ters and editors especially are in-

Salisbury Sun: I's train No. 12 west bound, on the Western North lying dangerously near the track. crashed into the boulder and tore all of them off on that side, exc ; t

Colorado Springs, burned to the ground Monday morning. It was nounced in the North Carolina papers that one of the greatest silk manufactories in America i to be moved from Patterson, N. J. to Greensboro. This means an investment of a million dollars there in a plant. It means the employ ment of 1500 operatives and nearly chiefly in the North and middle West; so the money which the industry makes will practically all come into the South from other sections. This move is the direct result of the Southern Railway's industrial department.

An Elkin correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says, under date of the 19th: Wednesday last was the day set for the marriage of "It seems incomprehensible Miss Beatrice, daughter of Dr. Cansas farmers are appealing John L. Smith, of Sparta, and Prof. Olin P. Ader, principal of Wilkesboro High School. expectant groom went over to Sparta Tuesday and found his prospective bride very sick in bed. Wednesday dawned bright and fair, but the bride was not any better. The marriage took place. however, the bride being in bed when the ceremony was performed. Thursday night, at 12 o'clock, the immortal soul of Beatrice Smith Ader took its flight homeward. leaving the young ausband lonely, desolate and broken-hearted. The remains were intereed Saturday at Sparta. The bride was a graduate of Salem Female Academy, and was a very highly cultured young The Citizen of Monday contains

an account of a distressing occurrence in Asheville Monday evening-the death of Mrs. Minnie L. cke, wife of ex Mayor William Johnston Coke, from a self-inflicted wound. She left a letter to her husband, bidding him an afdirections as to the arrangements for her funeral, selecting the pall the casket. Mrs. Cocke was Miss placer diggings are notoriously another of the physicians, con-unreliable, and there is no telling curred with Dr. Watson in this Public School Licction, August 10th.

By act of the General Assembly an election will be held in every township in North Carolina in which there is no local taxaticn for school purposes, Tuesday, August 10th, for the purpose of improving the Public Schools by local taxation

The State of North Carolina has appropriated 850,000 out of the General Fund to be apportioned ash often makes the difference among the townships voting in favor of local taxation. If a township votes a tax of 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 30 cents on the poll and thus raises \$500 in addition to the usual school fund, the State will add \$500 more, mak sell and Major Hiram L. Grant ing the the extra amount added to the Seizool Fund in the township \$1,000 If the township raises \$300, the S are will give \$300. If it raises over \$500, the Sare will add 8500.

Any township that votes for lo-J. M. Mullen is to be postmaster at | cal taxation wall, therefore, be sure

to have first class public schools Col. J. S. Carr, of Durham, has promised to give \$500 to the school largest per cent of its voters for local taxation. Let all strive to

Remember the day, August 10th. the Record that 196 houses have been completed within 60 days or your neighbors. To stay away will be equal to voting against this plan to get good schools for only a small expense. The tax of ten cents on the \$100 is only one dollar on a thousand or five dollars the appointment will be made on five thousand. Surely every citizen will see that thus the best schools can be obtained cheaper than any other way

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> Local Ministers' Conference. The 27th annual session of the Western North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference will (D. V.) meet in Haywood St. church Asheville, at 8 o'clock p. m. July

> 29th to August 1st. The public generally and minis vited to attend. All ministers and editors who expect to attend will please notify Rev. M. A. Smith, chairman committee of arrange ments, in time for Conference di rectory.

W. P. WILLIAMS, Pres., W. E. ABERNETHY, Sec'y.

There is no Word so Full of Meaning
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