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FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

Before commencing to give our views on the following matter, we wish to say that we are in no way influenced by personal interest, nor do we mean to cast the slightest reflection upon any persons in the State who now hold office, or have held office.

There are several changes which the legislature should make in the present school law, some of which we purpose to notice now, and others later.

The first is in reference to the manner of filling the offices of County Boards of Education, and County Superintendents of Education.

These should, in our opinion, be selected by the people they are to serve. This is Democratic, and any other way of filling these offices is anything else but Democratic.

These appointments are made by one, or at most, by two men, the senator and representative, who, in many instances, are wholly unqualified to make wise recommendations for appointment.

It is true these appointments are ratified in open session of the legislature, but the suggestions or nominations of the senator and representative are always ratified.

This being true, it may well be said that, without the approval of their constituents at large, they may have a Board of Education appointment and forced upon their constituents, even though the members of this board may be wholly incompetent, and even personally obnoxious to his people.

The same may be said of the Board of Education in appointing a County Superintendent. If they, the senator and representative claim to have consulted with their county people, it generally develops that they have consulted only two or three, and these, probably, advise to gratify their selfishness, if nothing else.

These things should not be, and it is hoped that the next legislature will abolish this iniquitous feature in our present school law. Besides being undemocratic and unjust, it smacks of despotism, because it gives one or two men the power to thwart the plans and wishes of the people. The Board is the creation of two men, and not of the people, and the Superintendent is created by the Board, created by two men, who had this Board appointed for the purpose of creating this Superintendent.

Much more can be said on this subject, and we may do

it later. We close by submitting an interrogatory:

If the State Superintendent must be elected by ALL the PEOPLE of the State, should not the County Superintendents be elected by ALL the PEOPLE of the county? Every body must answer this question in the affirmative—none can do otherwise. Then, as other States elect their Co. Superintendents, as all county officers are elected, thus allowing the PEOPLE a voice in the election of all who are to serve them, should not North Carolina be equally democratic?

This matter will be presented to the next legislature for its consideration.

There are other things we wished to introduce, but this article is already too lengthy.

This manner of appointing instead of electing school officers was a NECESSITY before the disfranchisement of the negro, but now that necessity does not exist, and its REPEAL has become a NECESSITY. Every school officer ought to be ELECTED by the people to be served, from State Superintendent to school committee-men. This is democracy in its native purity and simplicity.

**CHILDREN'S DAY WITH THE
MT. PLEASANT SUNDAY
SCHOOL.**

Last Sunday was the day set apart for the children's day exercises of the Mount Pleasant Sunday school.

The day dawned fair and lovely and everything indicated a propitious time for the occasion. But about 10 o'clock, a. m., a cloud appeared in the west and the tones of low muttering thunder was heard, and the scene changed. However this passed away and barring a slight sprinkle of rain, no interruption of the promised pleasure occurred. At the arrival of 11 o'clock, the superintendent, Prof. C. H. Key, announced the commencement of the exercises by singing the old long metra doxology, "Praise God &c." The choir was well selected, and was composed of as good material as can be found in the State.

Prof. Key, who led the music, himself a magnificent vocalist, was assisted by the State renowned "singing Billie Gibson," and Messrs. D. M. McInnis, D. S. Pool, editor of the Anglo-Saxon, and Mr. M. A. Davis, among the gentlemen; and Mesdames C. H. Key, J. W. Lents, and M. A. Davis, and a handsome bevy of young ladies. The beautiful and accomplished Miss Esther Lents, presided at the organ with the skill of a veteran, and yet made no ostentatious display of her rare musical accomplishments. We have heard town choirs, and city choirs, but we never heard better music anywhere. The speeches and recitations of the children, notwithstanding a want of preparation was claimed for them, were excellently rendered. Where there were so many nice boys and sweet girls, it would be unwise to designate such as

were entitled to special commendation, especially when all did well, so we will not commit this error.

At the conclusion of the children's exercises, a collection was taken, and then a recess for dinner.

Yes, the next thing was dinner, and those who know the fame of this community, and the surrounding country for serving good dinners, might well envy the good fortune of those who enjoyed the pleasure of partaking of the refreshments served.

This writer was conveniently seated between his brother editor, and our prospective State Senator, and here was a trio that discharged their respective obligations in a faithful manner.

After recess, the crowd re-assembled in the church to hear the address of the speaker of the day, Hon. W. I. Everett. To say the Capt. made a good talk would not do him justice, for he always fills in a masterly manner any place assigned to him. He may not be a Demosthenes or a Cicero, or a Patrick Henry, but when he makes a speech, he always gives the facts and figures, and a true history of anything he talks about. Such are our best and most forcible speakers. Rev. Mr. Kilgore, the pastor of the church was called out, and he made a most interesting talk, which was greatly enjoyed, we hear, by the audience. This closed the scene, and the only regret felt by the very large audience was that "Children's Day" at Mount Pleasant only occurs once a year.

One prominent feature of the occasion was that, while we had old folks and young folks, single folks and married folks, and possibly some widows, we had a fair representation of widowers, and if some we have in mind did not avail themselves of opportunities presented, it was not their fault, and if they failed to do so, you may look out for them at Ledbetter's church, next Sunday.

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**The Headlight One Year for
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The Proposition:

For the heaviest ripe watermelon given to this office between this date and October the first, we will give one year's subscription to the Headlight. For the next heaviest, one year's subscription. For the third heaviest, six month's subscription.

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**Mortgagee's Sale of
Land.**

By virtue of the power vested in me by a mortgage deed executed on the 16th day of May 1901 by G. O. Sanders and wife, L. P. Sanders, which mortgage deed is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Richmond County in Book "R. R. K." page 172 et. seq., and default having been made in the payment of the bond accompanying said mortgage, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Rockingham, Richmond County, at 12 o'clock, M. on Saturday, August 20th, 1904, the following described tracts of land, lying and being in Marks Creek township, Richmond County, bounded and described as follows:

The first tract, being on both sides of Mark's Creek, beginning at a corner of the original tract, known as the Leviner tract in the Meadow branch and runs with the original line N. 37 E. 10 chains and 50 links to a stake on the south side of a small branch; thence N. 18 chains and 75 links to a stake and two pine pointers in a flat; thence West 35 chains to Marks creek; thence down the creek 5 chains; thence N. 33 West crossing the creek 13 chains to a stake, black gum and pine pointers and the beginning of the Curtis Jacobs one hundred acres; thence West to line reversed N. 23 East 48 chains to a stake and two large pine pointers; thence West 10 chains to a stake two large pine pointers in Randolph McDonald's line thence with his line South 41 West 40 chains to a stake; thence South 75 West 5 chains to a stake on the east side of the horse pen branch; thence down said branch S. 34 West 19 chains and 10 links to a stake in the horse pen, branch

at the corner of the Felix Jacobs one hundred acre tract and also the last corner of the Norman Jacobs one hundred acre tract; thence with the home line of the said Norman Jacobs tract about East 80 chains to its beginning corner to a pine, two pine pointers North of the Speeds town road called the Hadley corner, thence S. 29 West 2 chains and 75 links to a pine, now dead, on the east edge of Smith's new road; thence S. 40 East 6 chains to the third line of the McKinnon one hundred acre tract; thence with it No. 80 E. 6 chains to its fourth corner—a stake; thence with fourth line S. 60 E. 40 chains to its beginning a large

South side of the road near a branch and a corner of the said Felix Jacob's tract; thence with a line of the McKinnon tract and a line of the Felix Jacobs tract to the Green Pond road; thence with the Green Pond road to Marks creek; thence up said creek to the run of the Meadow branch; thence up said branch to the beginning, containing 582 acres excepting 35 acres claimed by John G. McKeithan.

Second tract—beginning at a pine three pine pointers on the West side of the Oheraw road and south of the head of a small branch on which John Dickson once lived and runs S. 45 W. 50 chains; thence S. 45 E. 10 chains; thence No. 45 E. 50 chains; thence direct to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less, being part of 28400 acres granted to David Allison 23rd day of Feb. 1798.

Third tract, beginning on the north line of Shadrach Jacobs land at a stake, three pine pointers; thence S. 20 E. 8 chains from Marks Creek; thence S. 20 E. 8 chains to a stake; thence N. 65 E. 56 chains; thence S. 31 chains; thence direct to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less.

R. H. Morpe,
Mortgagee

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the late Dr. John M. Stansill, on the 5th day of April, 1904, before the Superior Court of Richmond County, hereby notify all persons holding claims against the estate of the said Testator in present them to the undersigned for payment, duly authenticated, on or before the first day of June, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

WILLIE B. STANSILL,
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