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Going Down the Hill

Education is the fundamental basis of human society and government.

It began in the home; at first when the mother taught the child to walk in safer paths and to produce the things of life more easily than she.

Seeing the advantage of education our nation and States have organized to extend a system of education to all the people.

It now begins to look like we are meeting two fearful tragedies. One is the failure to educate in the home; the other is in the state.

It can scarcely be denied that the home has already failed. Every indication now points to the fact that where the old-time mother taught the child the virtues of life, such as truth, honesty, virtue, and all other things that build character, now she is grappling with new problems, such as the rushing of her children into a modern society—a type of society that is, in a large measure, disregarding the finer principles upon which the foundations of high character is built.

Now, as to what the state is going to do is another serious question. The trend of things in this State during the recent session of the legislature seemed to be just cause for alarm.

It shows that those in authority of the great finan-

cial affairs in our State are opposed to being taxed to support an adequate system of education for the people at large; and in the fight to improve the school opportunities in the State at the expense of the State's wealth, the people failed and wealth won.

The law which purported to mean the improvement of the schools on a fair basis of equalized cost will evidently destroy, to some extent, the efficiency of the schools.

It is doubtless a deliberate step toward crippling the schools. Wealth has always feared knowledge, especially the enlightenment of its subjects. The more ignorant the factory worker, the easier to dictate to him, and the lower his wage.

The general substance of the new law means a larger equalization fund, which will come out of wealth, a lower county tax, fewer teachers, and no improvement in teacher grading, no increase in length of term.

In case a 30-cent tax on land does not produce a 6-months term, then a Raleigh equalization board may raise the land tax so that it will produce enough.

Education, has been our boast; but if we are not going down the hill, both at the home and in school, then things are not just what they seem.

How To Benefit By the Tariff

The new peanut tariff has not affected the price of peanuts to any appreciable degree. This is mainly because a majority of the American-grown peanuts are not in the same class with the Oriental peanuts.

Those farmers who expect to get the greatest benefit from the tariff must supply the type of peanuts that Japan and China have been supplying. We are apparently growing plenty of the small types of peanuts, and we are permitting our large jumbos and bunch types to mildew in the field.

Some of the largest of the peanut dealers are advising farmers to grow larger-kerneled nuts, such as the American trade has been getting from the foreign markets.

Last year about 1,000,000 bags of this type of peanuts came to America under a 3-cent tariff. This year they will have to pay 4 1-2 cents. The farmer who makes very careful seed selection, limes his land well, and plants far enough apart to permit a good growth of full-size kernels will get the benefit of the tariff. On the other hand, the farmer who pays no attention to size and quality of his peanuts will get very little out of it, because the supply of poor peanuts is generally filled by peas grown here and are not so much affected by the tariff.

Not Interested in Tammany Squabbles

Will Rogers did not only hit the keynote but he played a whole brass band when he said the people of the United States were not interested in that Tammany Hall fight now going on in New York. Will says the leaders are mad because Al Smith appointed Republicans to office while he was governor, and Al retaliates by saying that Tammany Democrats voted Republican when he was running for President.

Will is dead right. The folks are not interested in Tammany. Nor should they be, except to see that it does not get them in its grip.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me by law the undersigned will, on Friday, the 12th day of April, 1929, at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the premises of the late J. J. Long, near Oak City, in Goose Nest Township, Martin County, and State of North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described personal property be-

longing to the estate of the late J. J. Long, deceased, to wit: Six mules, all wagons, carts, buggies, cultivators, stalk cutters, mowing machines, rakes, transplanters, and all other farming implements of every kind, nature and description belonging to the said estate of the late J. J. Long. 45 hogs, 50 barrels of corn, 400 bales of hay, and all other personal property belonging to said estate. Also all household and kitchen furniture belonging to the said estate. This the 21st day of March, 1929. B. A. LONG, Administrator of the estate of J. J. Long, deceased. mr26 3tw

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Martin County entered in the special proceedings therein pending in the case of Arthur Cherry, administrator of Hettie Perry, deceased, against Oscar H. Perry, Maggie M. Perry, and Lucinda Cherry, heirs at law of Hettie Perry, and J. Sam Getzinger, guardian, the undersigned commissioner will on Saturday, the 30th day of March 1929, at 12:00 o'clock noon at the courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, North Carolina, offer at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, a one-sixth (1-6) undivided interest in and to the following described tracts of land, to wit: First tract: Beginning at a stake on the road below the late Mile Davis residence, being the beginning corner also of a piece of the Davis land conveyed to Ishmael Hyman, running from said stake N. 36 E. along a line of stakes and chopped trees to a maple chopped as a corner on the run of Conoho Creek, thence up the run of said creek, its various courses to a persimmon tree chopped pointing, being near the mouth of Maple Swamp, thence S. 11 1-2 W. along a line of chopped trees 9 poles to a great gum, a corner, standing at the head of the

canal that runs down the edge of Beaver Dam Swamp, thence up the canal that drains Maple Swamp, its various courses to James Hyman's and the Sukey Burnett corner, just above the road, thence down the road along James Hyman's line S. 36 1-2 E. 40 poles, thence up said road S. 57 1-2 E. 80 poles to the said stake, the beginning, containing 92 acres, more or less.

Second tract: Beginning at a stake on the road below the late Miles Davis residence, now Primus Lynch, thence running N. 36 E. along a line of stakes and chopped trees and a maple chopped as a corner in the run of Conoho Creek, thence down the run of said Creek, its various courses to the original corner, a cypress stump, corner of Miles Davis land and John T. Hyman at the mouth of a branch; thence up

the run of said branch, its various courses, along the John T. Hyman line to the mouth of a small branch near the road; thence up said branch to a gum, a corner, near the road; thence up said road to a stake, the beginning, containing 92 acres, more or less. This the 27th day of February, 1929. A. R. DUNNING, Commissioner. mr5 4tw

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