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#### "A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION"

The Asheville Times of last Sunday carries an editorial in regard to the tannery at this place, which is in part as follows:

"When the plant was originally erected progressive business men of Brevard contributed enough money to buy a site for the plant at a cost of semething like \$6,500, and now that the original plant has been totally destroyed it has been hinted around that unless there is additional financial encouragement from the residents of the town the plant may be moved to another town.

"And therein lies the trouble. Many of the business men have expressed a willingness to again contribute a reasonable amount in order to retain the plant, but this opinion is by no means universal, some of the opponents of the measure have expressed themselves of the opinion that the town should not only refuse to again contribute to the rebuilding but should take stens to prevent the plant being re-established within smelling distance of the town at all.

"A resident of Transylvania dearly loves a fight, and since the proposition under discussion has two sides to it the people in the upper French Bread valley are not disposed to pass the matter by without strenuously insisting upon carrying their point. The outcome of the discussion will be watched with interest."

We think the Times has been misinformed, as we have not heard anything of any hints for additional financial aid. In fact we do not believe the management of the Transylvania Tanning Company would accept any financial aid. As we understand it, what they want is simply to ascertain the pleasure of the people, and when the Times speaks of "opposition to the tannery" a grave injustice is done to the progressive spirit of the people of this county.

When the tannery was built the people of this county pledged their loyal support to the enterprise and the progressive citizens of Transylvania have no idea of going back on their pledge. They stand ready to back up the promises they have made.

Candidates for Governor are bobbing up thick and fast lately, while the office of Lieutenant Governor is not likely to go begging. For the office of Governor, Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, was the first to break the news to the folks in public announcement. Next came Hon. R. N. Page and now comes the news that the Hon. Rufus A. Doughton, the veteran representative from Alman carry off the prize.

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Ten thousand dollars may be needd to properly enforce the so-called child labor law enacted by the recent General Assembly, but the House of depresentatives probably did the right thing by refusing, in the closing lours of the sesion, to pass the Senate bill increasing the appropriation from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per annum. The proposition did not look good on ts face and there is small wonder that the members shied at the idea of paying \$4,000 more a year to the commission named in the act finally acted than was asked for in the Connor-Saunders bill offered by the Department of Labor and Printing, for for a similar purpose. The proposed increase in the appropriation was an admission by the proponents of the measure ratified that they had secured the passage of a bill without providing means of enforcement. But perhaps, that was the intention at

Of course, a greater sum will be needed for the use of the commission created by the passage of the substitute measure, for the reason that no executive officer is named in the bill and no provision was made for renting and equipping an office. Had machinery for the enforcement of the law been placed in the Department of Labor, the Commissioner would have been the executive officer, with adequate quarters already equipped for handling the work without difficulty. One additional clerk to alse care of the reports of inspectors would have been needed, perhaps, but the appropriation asked for in the Department bill was considered sufleent to make a mighty good start. Anyway, \$6,000 is all that the

Department of Labor asked for in the iil proposed and the people of the State would have been justified in protesting a seemingly unnecessary appropriation, in that the suggestion for it had been created by the untenable position of a few prejudiced legislators who failed to give a valid reason for their actions in the child abor fight. Spending, without apparent excuse, \$4,000 annually of the people's money would have been hard to explain in the next campaign and members of the House decided not to create the issue. As a matter of fact, is justification of such a course could ave been made and the democratic party may congratulate itself on havng been spared the embarrassment of fleecing the treasury of the State of \$4,000 annually for two years by the refusal of the House to become a party to an attempted correction of an inexcusiable blunder in the enactment of a child labor law.

It is better to be safe than to be

#### THE COVERNOR SCORED SOME **POINTS**

The General Assembly incorporated a number of Governor Bickett's recommendations into law and ignored others. His proposition to erect a new building for the Department of Agriculture on the campus of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering was turned down flat. Likewise his idea of a highway measure. The Agricultural legheny is almost pursuaded to toss Departmen building is to be builded his hat in the ring. He is a former on the present site in the city of Licutenant Governor and a former Raleigh, and a compromise road bill speaker of the House. Lieutenant was agreed upon which provides for Governor Gardner will also try his a Sate system with optional county hand in the skirmish. May the best aid. The Governor was in favor of allowing the counties to pay onefourth of the cost in the State-wide The Victory Liberty Lean will be system of reads proposed and the offered to the people of the Country House of Representatives voted with thirty days hence. The campaign is him. The Senate balked, however, scheduled to start April 21, and close and the result was a compromise on Saturday, May 10. Five billion which represents the best thought of dollars will be asked for and the the read enthusiasts representing the

The recommodation of the Governew loan will take the form of notes nor to remove the State's prison and maturing in five years and the people its administration to the State farm are urged to give the proposition their was accepted and the prison building heartiest support. The expences in- will be converted into a hospital. cident to the great victory achieved His ideas touching a revallation of were very great and must be adjust- property were embodied in the new ed. It is coating a vast sum of money Machinery Act and a six months to bring the boys home and those school has been provided for in the who did not fight are expected to pay educational bill. A compulsory school the bill. Of course they are going to law was also enacted and provision. requiring the examination of

VOULD HAVE BEEN EMBARRAS- | cally defective school children was provided for in the enactment of ap propriate legislation.

Other recommendations which met the approval of the General Assembly were: Fixing a minimum salary for public school teachers; to make sanitary closets compulsory for the owner of property on which a closet is located withing 300 feet of a dwelling; ratification of the Federal pro hibition amendment; provide for a budget system; to prevent perpetuation of species by idiots and imbeciles, and other matters of signifi-

While the Chief Executive did not get everything he wanted his recommendations blazed the way for the enactment of many wholesome laws of a distinctly progressive character.

The Legislature did not forget the Confederate soldiers. It found a way to increase their pensions and this year's Christmas gift will represent more evidence of appreciation for the services rendered from sixty-one to sixey-five than has ever been presentbefore. Surviving sons of the sixties received from the State treasury last year, all told, the sum of 525,000. The recent General Assembly decided to bring it up to \$700,000. They ought to have a million.

#### PRIZE ANIMAL FOR TRANSYL-VANIA

Transylvania now has two Shorthorn cows which won prizes at the Shorthorn Congress recently held in Chicago. R. W. Everett, whose Davidson River farm is making Transylvania famous for throughbred cattle and horses, went to the Shorthorn exhibit in Chicago which was attended by buyers from all parts of the country. One of the animals purchased by Mr. Everett took first prize over several hundred throughbreds and cost \$1,200.

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## FIRE NEAR DEPOT

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Fire broke out in the plant of the Brevard Manufacturing Company about 11 o'clock Friday night. The fire started in the boiler room of the building used in the making of shutminutes at the beginning of each tle blocks. The new building recently erected by this company in which the blockes are manufactured into shuttles, was not damaged by the fire. The alarm was answered by mem-

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bers of the local volunteer fire de-

partment promply. However through

a misunderstanding in regard to the

location of the fire, considerable head-

way had been gained by the flames

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and the building was completely de-

streyed. The loss is estimated at

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