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A REMARKABLE SUIT, TO UPSET SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION.

Summons Served on County Commissioners, Board of Education and Sheriff—Hearing August 10th.

We learn that Mr. W. M. Person acting as attorney for certain residents of the Mitchiner School District has brought suit against the collection of the special school tax in that district.

There was an election in the Mitchiner district last February in which 32 voted for the special school tax and 9 against it.

The complaint as filed by Mr. Person claims that one-fourth of the free holders, did not sign the petition; that there were some irregularities in conducting the election, and that the registrar refused to register some negroes who applied. We hear however that the registrar emphatically denies this.

But perhaps the most striking part of the charges made is in reference to the apportionment of the school funds by the County Board of Education, charging that the Board of Education gives too much to the white schools and too little to the negro schools.

The complaint sets out that at the January meeting, 1908, \$7,745.00 was apportioned to the white schools and \$3,35,900 to the colored schools, and then says such a division "is illegal and unconstitutional and in discrimination and to the prejudice of the colored school children of Franklin county."

This is the first time we have ever heard any complaint that the white schools were getting too much. As a matter of fact the colored schools are conducted in full compliance with the law and are run for four months each year.

The case is set for hearing before Judge C. M. Cooke on August 10th. W. M. Person appears for the complainants and T. W. Bickett and R. B. White for the County Commissioners and Board of Education.

Teachers Institute.

Plans for the coming teachers institute have been completed and announced before it will be conducted by Supts. Mills and Sams. The first session will be held Monday, Aug. 10th, beginning at 10 o'clock, and it will continue for two weeks. Examinations will be given on Thursday of the second week and all questions will be on subjects covered by the preceding work of the institute. On Friday, the last day, examination will be concluded and State Supt. Joyner will make an educational address.

Off for Camp.

Capt. J. B. Thomas is daily drilling his men preparatory for the encampment at Morehead next week. The boys will leave by special train Tuesday night, and will go from Raleigh over the Norfolk and Southern.

Capt. Thomas says that he will carry a full company, and the Times wishes them a pleasant time and a safe return.

The Confederate Reunion at Winston-Salem.

A friend writes the editor of the Times that the citizens of Winston-Salem, with that splendid spirit of enterprise and generosity, that has characterized them, are making elaborate and extensive preparations for the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans on August 19th and 20th, which is the time fixed for the State Reunion of the "Boys in Gray."

It is the purpose of the various committees having the matter in hand to give the old heroes such an

enjoyable time that they will carry with them to their homes the pleasantest recollections of their visit to the "Queen City of the Piedmont." The gates of the city will be thrown wide open to the "Old Guard." The locks will be taken from the doors, watch dogs will be muzzled. The police department will be suspended. Homes will be thrown open, and the old fellows will be welcomed with open hands and glad hearts. Old comrades will welcome old comrades. Sons of veterans will be glad to grasp the hands of their father's friends. Kind ladies, daughters of the Confederacy, smiling maidens, all will do their part to contribute to the happiness and comfort of the veterans during their stay in the city.

Winston-Salem does nothing in a public way on a small scale. The occasion of the State Reunion will be made a notable one in the history of the wide-awake city. Committees are at work arranging details of the interesting event. Comfortable sleeping quarters will be arranged. There will be a plenty to eat and drink and there will be something going on all the time to amuse the veterans, and everything possible will be done to make them feel at home.

Among the number of distinguished speakers for the occasion will be a nephew of Gen. R. E. Lee.

All old soldiers of Franklin who are certain of going to the Reunion at Winston-Salem, are requested by H. C. Kearney, Commander, to be sure to notify him not later than the meeting, which is to be held in Louisburg on Friday, August 7th.

Picnic at Flat Rock.

The annual Sunday School Picnic at Flat-Rock church last Saturday, July 18th, was an occasion that certainly did credit to the good people of that community. From 7 o'clock in the morning till 12 at noon the people from all over Franklin county, together with many visitors from the adjoining counties, continued to pour in upon the grounds. All roads that day seemed to lead to Flat-Rock. By 10:30 the church was filled to overflowing and the comers from that time on simply added to the magnificent crowd already on the grounds.

After a special song service led by Messrs. Jackson and Newton and the marching of smaller children, Ben T. Holden, of Louisburg, was presented to that splendid crowd in a very laudable manner by Supt. R. B. White, of Franklinton. Mr. Holden pleasing in appearance, eloquent in expression, logical in his reasoning and attractive in his manner of presenting his thoughts, spoke for about three quarters of an hour on "The Needs of an Educated Christian Citizenship." He praised the Old North State for the wonderful progress made in the cause of education during the last decade and emphasized how important it was to the national health and spiritual welfare that our training be of the right kind. "For" says he, "the mere learning and doing within themselves will not give us power, because power to be permanent and lasting must in the ultimate be based upon righteousness. It was Solomon who said 'Wisdom enters not the wicked heart, and knowledge without conscious is but the ruin of the soul.' Sunday School work is the most important Agency in man's moral development; the most essential attribute of a well-rounded Christian gentleman. It enables the individual to set for himself ideals and assists him in the attainment of those ideals. And the man who strives after the attainment of an ideal is always a man of character, for continually comparing his own accomplishments with the attributes of an ideal he comes to recognize his own inferiority and a selfish egotistic nature is thereby held in check. Too

much stress can not be laid upon the necessity of early training and upon the responsibility of mothers for the lives and conduct of their little ones." "For", he declared, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Following Mr. Holden Prof. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, discussed most admirably "The Sunday School, Its Aims and Its Agencies." With the keen sense of humor that he always has at command, together with the power of expression and gift of oratory of which he is so well master, he held the crowd spell bound to the finish.

Supt. White then addressed a few remarks to the fathers and mothers asking that they give their children a larger part in their lives. "That they take them into their confidence and assist them in developing, some individuality. Give them some interest in your work," says he, "and enable them to form some idea of business and of living."

The next thing on the programme was dinner and any one who has ever attended a Picnic at Flat Rock knows what it means to be there when the tables are spread. The afternoon was devoted to singing and social enjoyment; and the most we can say is that we wish the occasion came semi-annually instead of annually.

REPORTER.

[The above was intended for last week's issue, but came too late—EDITOR.]

Sunday School Convention at Youngsville.

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern N. C. Christian Conference held its 14th annual session with the Christian church and Sunday School of Youngsville, on July 21-23 inclusive. The convention was called to order promptly at 9:30 o'clock of the first day by the President Prof. S. M. Smith, of Raleigh. J. C. Winston was elected Asst. Secretary and the roll-call of delegates from the various schools composing the convention was taken up. Twenty five schools were represented by delegates or by letter. At the opening of the afternoon session the convention was assured of a hearty welcome on the part of the people of Youngsville, Geo. L. Whitaker in a brief, but pointed address, extending these words. Rev. A. T. Banks, of Raleigh responded very appropriately. The theme for discussion during the afternoon was that of Teacher Training. The discussion revealed the fact that the convention thoroughly appreciated and approved the idea and plan of having the teachers in the schools pursue a regular prescribed course of study leading to graduation. This course is now being prepared by Profs. W. C. Wicker, W. P. Lawrence, and W. A. Harger, of Elon College, and will be ready to be placed before the teachers in a very short time. This work consisting of two volumes will embrace the Old and the New Testament teachings, Biblical History, Church History, Doctrines, Sunday School History and Data, new methods and plans, etc.

Primary work was the theme for the morning session on Wednesday. Miss Valeria Alston read a most interesting paper on primary work and methods. By order of the convention the paper was ordered to be printed in our church paper, The Christian Sun. The Primary Union, an organization of all primary teachers in the convention then held its annual meeting. Officers for the year were elected and greater interest and enthusiasm was stirred along the line of primary work.

Class Organization and the Adult Bible Class Movement were the topics of discussion for the afternoon session. Interest centered around a report of the work of an organized class in the Sunday School of Liber-

ty church. The Supt. of the School told how, since organizing, the Porto-Rican class had quadrupled its membership and attendance—doubled its working power, and contributed yearly toward mission work, in Porto Rica, an amount double that given by any church in the conference for missions. The ministers present were so impressed with the idea that they openly pledged an effort to organize the adult classes in the school of their respective charges.

Judge C. M. Cooke of Louisburg was invited to a seat in the convention.

Thursday, the last day, was given to matters of business. The Committee on Expansion reported several churches in the conference as having no Sunday Schools, and a plea was made to the pastors of those churches in behalf of Sunday Schools.

Committee on Literature and on Moral Reform each made stirring reports relative to the work in their respective lines. Committee on nominating officers for ensuing year made the following report which was adopted: President, Prof. S. M. Smith; 1st Vice Pres.—Geo. T. Whitaker; 2nd Vice Pres.—Rev. W. G. Clements; Sec.—Rev. A. T. Banks; Asst. Sec.—Rev. H. Scholtz; Treas.—T. J. Haskins. Place of next meeting was referred to Executive Committee. Treasurer reported cash in Treasury, \$101.00.

The convention then listened to the President's address outlining the work for the coming year and portraying the glorious outlook of the Sunday school under present conditions. The Music Committee made its report and followed it with a short program consisting of songs, solo by Miss Ethel Clements, of Morrisville, and quartet.

The committee on resolutions then presented very appropriate resolutions thanking the good people of Youngsville and community for kind hospitalities extended the convention during the present session, which were adopted by a rising vote, and judging from the many expressions of appreciation we feel that the members of the convention and visitors enjoyed their stay among us, and we are sure we appreciate having them with us, and will be glad to entertain them again. Taken all in all this was by far the most successful convention yet held. Greater interest was manifested and this means greater results for the Schools represented. If they carry out the ideas brought out by the different subjects discussed there will be greater interest in the Sunday schools and they will feel that it was well they attended the fourteenth annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Sunday School convention at Youngsville, N. C.

S. E. WINSTON, Supt.
Youngsville Sunday School.

Unwritten Law

Or the great THAW-WHITE Tragedy at The "Gem" Theatre Louisburg, N. C., July 31st and August 1st. It is something you have read about and never seen. Open 1:30 a. m. to 11 p. m. Admission: Adults 20 cts; Children 10 cts. Don't forget the date. Go and take the children to the "GEM".

To Fruit Distillers.

I will be in Louisburg on Monday, Aug. 3, to take the bonds of any who may wish to register and make brandy this year. All who have them will please bring their old surveys.

R. J. LEWIS, D. C.

A Good Farm Paper.

I have the Agency for the best Farm Paper published—The Progressive Farmer. Will be glad to take your subscription. Only \$1.00 a year.

J. EDWARD THOMAS.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Miss Edna Watkins, of Blanch, N. C., is visiting Miss Blanche Egerton, Mr. W. D. Morris, of Petersburg, Va., is visiting his cousin, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster.

Mr. P. A. Reavis and family spent several days with his people in Cary this week.

Miss Belle Mitchiner, of Franklinton, is visiting the Misses Webb, near Mapleville.

Mr. W. J. Cooper and family left this week for Virginia Beach to spend a week.

Mrs. Stella McMillan and Miss Alberta Kearns, of Winston-Salem, are visiting at Mr. M. F. Houck's.

Mr. J. S. Hall, of Durham, member of the White-Hall Furniture Co., spent two days in Louisburg this week.

Mr. P. R. White, Cashier of the First National Bank, returned last week from Virginia Beach, where he spent several weeks.

Mr. Arthur Arrington and family are visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Arrington, who is quite sick at her home near Mapleville.

Superintendent W. R. Mills and family, and Mrs. M. C. Pleasant, have returned from a visit of several weeks in Wilson.

Mr. F. S. Spruill came over from Rocky Mount Wednesday night and will spend a few days in Louisburg, on professional business.

Mr. Chas. U. Harris, one of Raleigh's prominent young lawyers, and a member of the last legislature, was in Louisburg this week on professional business.

Mr. T. W. Bickett left Wednesday for Fayetteville, where he went by special invitation to deliver an address before the "annual picnic" of the farmers of Cumberland county.

Mr. Joseph M. Person has returned from a visit of ten days to relatives at Wake Forest. His friends will be glad to learn that he has nearly recovered from his recent illness.

Misses Lucy and Mary Webb, who have been visiting relatives at Thelma, returned to their home near Mapleville the past week. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. C. House and Miss Fannie House who will spend some time with them.

Mr. W. E. Perry and bride, arrived here from Texas, last Sunday morning, and will spend several weeks with his people near town. Mrs. Perry was Miss Edith Plankett, of Waco, and the happy couple were married in that city on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Perry has been making Marshall, Texas, his home for several years, and the Times congratulates him upon his success both in a business way and his good fortune in winning a good wife.

Mr. Theo. D. Tyack, of Winston-Salem, is the new representative of the American Tobacco Co., on the Louisburg market. He arrived last Saturday, and has already met a large number of our citizens. In behalf of our citizen generally, the Times gives him a cordial welcome to the town. Mr. O. C. Gregory, who has made many friends during his stay in Louisburg, left this week for Greenville, N. C., upon which market he will buy tobacco for his company. This is quite a promotion for Mr. Gregory, and he gets a good raise in salary. He will not move his family to Greenville until about October first, therefore our people may expect to see him occasionally until that date.

Mr. M. E. Winston, of Youngsville, spent last Sunday in Louisburg.

Miss Gertrude Winston, of Youngsville, is visiting Miss Margie Mason.

Mrs. W. T. Hughes and children left this week to spend a few weeks at Chase City. Col. Hughes came over to accompany them.

Capt. C. W. Roney and wife and Mr. C. R. Cheatham and family returned this week from Pannett Springs, where they have been for the past three weeks.

Miss Addie Frestead, of Durham, who has been a guest at Mr. E. P. Blackley's, and Miss Clair Usell, of Durham, went down to Mr. J. R. Earle's in Cedar Rock yesterday, to spend a few days.

Dr. W. R. Clifton and Mr. Joe A. Clifton, who have, to the delight of their many relatives and host of friends, been enjoying among us the past two weeks, left on Wednesday for their Texas homes. In bidding us adieu they said that their short visit had been very pleasant, and that they enjoyed every moment of their stay in their old native county. Their friends here will be glad to see them come again soon.

Birth-Day Party.

Miss Mary Young gave a birth day party on Wednesday evening, to which she invited a number of her lady and gentlemen friends. Those present were Misses Grant and Lynn Hall, Katie Furman, Katie High, Nell Hight, Glennie Aycock, Annie Green, Clayton High, Badger Hart, W. D. Jackson, Cels Hayes. All report a pleasant evening.

CONCERNING THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The platform is not so radical as we feared it would be. The tariff plank is given proper prominence, and we believe that it is the issue on which the Democracy can most effectively appeal to the people against a continuance of Republican control of the government. On other material topics the utterances were explicit enough to offer a broad contrast to the evasive treatment afforded them by the Republican Convention—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

The platform put forward by the Democracy at Denver is a strong presentation of Democratic principles. Quite properly the tariff is made the paramount issue of the campaign, and the tariff plank is one that admits of no ambiguity. It is straight to the point, calls for an immediate revision of the tariff by the party that has consistently fought the battle for tariff revision and demands that trust-made articles be placed on the free list. The declaration of the party on this great question is one that challenges the admiration and elicits the support of all tariff reformers in the country—Athens Banner.

Of the platform the Times-Dispatch can speak for the most part, in heartiest commendation. What ever its novelties or western eccentricities, it shows by the side of the hypocritical display of the Republican manifesto to signal and shining advantage. It is straightforward, explicit and above board, and it has nothing whatever up its sleeve. It strikes the real essentials of Democratic principle in the great issues of tariff reform, publicity in campaign contributions, States rights, the income tax, the popular election of senators, civil service reform, the abuse of Federal patronage, and economy in the administration of government. On all these points the Republican platform is silent or evasive. To all of them the Times-Dispatch gives its unreserved endorsement—Richmond Times-Dispatch.