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THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Time for the Legislators to refer this Matter to a Vote of the People—Partnership and the Bankruptcy Law. The Robesonian has been requested by the local Retail Merchants' Association to publish the following editorial from The Asheville-Gazette News, and the letter which follows it. The Asheville-Gazette News respectfully invites the consideration of all business organizations and all newspapers in the State to the position it has taken in regard to the homestead law. We take the position:

First, that a very plain principle of right and wrong is involved. Second, that the operation of the homestead exemption in bankruptcy is uneconomic, in that it imposes a burden, the excess the dealer must charge for his risk, upon the entire community.

In a letter to Slayden, Fakes & Co., which we are publishing today, F. W. Thomas, referee in bankruptcy, discusses the application of this under a decision of the State Supreme Court, as affecting partnerships. Doubtless, as he argues, the practice of partnership exemptions, although sanctioned by law, is wrong in principle; the way to correct it is to correct the fundamental law in regard to exemptions.

The view of the Retail Merchants' Association of North Carolina, of the subject generally is furnished The Gazette-News by a prominent official of that organization:

"We contend that this law has served its day. The protection it afforded in days past was a necessity, but the need for such a law has long since ceased to exist."

"The exemption is a bulwark against honest men's credit, making it necessary for an honest man to own above \$2,000 to \$3,000 before he really has any credit (estimated by the way the homesteads are laid off by the average jury, to the amount of \$1,500)."

"Dishonest people use it as a legal shield for their protection against paying their honest debts."

"Today where in one honest case it is necessary to take advantage of the homestead law, as was originally intended there are 100, yes, 200 and more, who take protection behind it to avoid paying their legal obligations. Today it is easier and quicker to make money by failing than it is to nurse a good business through its infancy or a panic to a successful establishment of that business."

"For instance, four men go into the grocery business, two men put in \$900 each, the other two put in \$100 each. They secure credit and buy merchandise to the amount of \$3,000. Two of them manage the business, the four partners agree to draw a salary of \$200 monthly and at the end of the year they have increased their stock to \$5,000. They have paid out over \$9,000 in salaries (two-thirds of which is not profit) which they each put into real estate. They find they cannot meet their obligations; they assign; they have their homestead laid off, \$1,500 each; it leaves nothing with which to pay the people who furnished them with goods, then it is necessary for the factory or wholesaler to tack this percentage of loss on to his goods—honest merchants and honest consumers are compelled to pay for these exemptions."

"If \$1,000 worth of merchandise is furnished any man and he uses it to buy property he has no honest moral right to refuse to pay for the merchandise because he has invested in real estate. If the honest man pays for his groceries, meats, doctor bills, as well as notes and other paper, why should the rascal be allowed to beat for his living because he is mean enough to take advantage of the homestead law?"

"This makes it necessary for the honest people to pay more for their goods and accommodations to make good for those who will not pay."

"It is plain to the average man that this percentage of loss must be added by the dealer to make a legitimate profit. Then why continue to encourage rascality and make it harder to be honest? Is it not harmful to the honest business man as well as the honest public?"

"The time is now at hand for the business interests of the

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EDUCATIONAL AWAKENING.

North Carolina First—A Splendid Tribute to the Achievements of the Old North State in Educational Progress.

Mr. Ray Stannard Baker, a well-known magazine writer, is contributing a notable series of articles to The American Magazine in "The Negro Problem." In the August issue of that publication, under the title "The New Southern Statesmanship," in elaboration of the idea that the only sure foundation for democracy is universal education, Mr. Baker has the following to say of conditions obtaining in this State:

"Not unnaturally the movement found its earliest expression in North Carolina, which has been the most instinctively democratic of Southern States. From the beginning of the country North Carolina, with its population of Scotch-Presbyterians and Quakers, has been inspired with a peculiar spirit of independence. When I was in Charlotte I went to see the monument which commemorates the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence; the work of a group of stouthearted citizens who decided, before the country at large was ready for it, to declare their independence of British rule. North Carolina was among the last of the Southern States to secede from the Union, and its treatment of its negroes all along has been singularly liberal. For example, in several Southern States little or no provision is made for the negro defective classes, but at Raleigh I visited a large asylum for negro deaf, dumb, and blind which is conducted according to the most improved methods. And to-day North Carolina is freer politically, the State is nearer a new and healthy party alignment, than any other Southern State except Tennessee and possibly Kentucky."

"Such a soil was fertile for new ideas and new movements. In 1855 two young men, Charles D. McIver and Edwin A. Alderman, now president of the University of Virginia, began a series of educational campaigns under the supervision of the State. They spoke in every county, rousing the people to build better school houses and to send legislators to Raleigh who should be more liberal in educational appropriations. In many cases their rallies were comparable with the most enthusiastic political meetings—only no one was asking to be elected to office, and the only object was public service."

"As Alderman has said: 'It was an effort to move the centre of gravity from the court house to the school house.' 'And it really moved; the State took fire and has been afire ever since. Governor Aycock made the educational movement a part of his campaign; Governor Glenn has been hardly less enthusiastic; and the development of the school system has been little short of amazing. When I was in Raleigh last spring J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education, who was also one of the pioneer campaigners, told me that a new school house was being built for every day in the year, and new school libraries established at the same rate. Between 1900 and 1906 the total amount of money expended for schools in North Carolina has more than doubled, and while the school population in the same years had increased only 6 per cent., the daily attendance has increased 28 per cent."

Very truly yours,
F. W. THOMAS.

Wants Decision Revised in Standard Oil Case.

Lenox, Mass., (Special), July 29. After an all-day conference of the leading government prosecuting officers and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, one of the special counsel for the government in certain civil suits, it was announced by Attorney General Bonaparte that every effort would be made to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and that an application for a reargument of the case and motion for a modification of the opinion would be submitted to that court. Although no time is fixed, this action by the government will be taken at the earliest possible moment, while the pending prosecutions against the Standard Oil Company and all other prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates is charged, will be pressed for trial. The decision to take this action was unanimous.

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ELIZABETHTOWN ECHOES.

Bladen Teachers Institute—Death of Mr. Oscar Bascom Cromartie, an Excellent Young Man—Other News Items.

Mr. Percy Smith is spending this week at White Lake. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis and daughter spent part of this week at Wrightsville.

Rev. Mr. Shevlar, of Atlanta, Ga., delivered two fine sermons in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday.

The Bladen Teachers' Institute this year will be held at White Lake, from July 27th to Aug 7th. Prof. R. A. Merritt and Miss Dunn, of the Normal, will assist in the work.

Mrs. Newton Robison and son spent part of last week at Wrightsville. Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cromartie will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their only son, Oscar Bascom Cromartie, which occurred at their home near here Monday, after a long and severe illness of typhoid fever. He contracted that dread disease while at work at Bolton. The young man was about 23 years of age and had been a member of the Presbyterian church of this place ever since he was a small boy. He was very active in church and Sunday school work. He will be greatly missed in this church. And it was largely through his efforts that a church was recently organized at Bolton. The remains were laid to rest in the Clarkton cemetery Tuesday, and the funeral was attended by many sorrowing friends and relatives. Besides his parents, Mr. Cromartie leaves five devoted sisters to mourn his untimely death.

Miss Mamie Bizzell, of Laurinburg, spent Saturday and Sunday in town the guest of Misses Louisa and Lizzie May Hall. She will attend the Teachers' Institute at the Lake.

Miss Mamie Lytle, who had been spending some time at Red Springs, has returned home.

Mr. D. L. Blue, of Clarkton, was in town yesterday a short while.

Among those who attended the burial of Mr. O. B. Cromartie from this place were Mrs. W. M. Whitted, Mrs. D. C. Sinclair, Misses Emma Whitted, Lena Hall and Annie McLeod, Messrs. J. M. Clark, Jim McLeod and Loyd Whitted.

Court will be here next week. The Ladies Aid Society served icecream Saturday in the afternoon for the benefit of the church.

Judge C. C. Lyon arrived home today. Those who left this morning for the Teachers' Institute at White Lake were Misses Annie McLeod and Louisa and Annie Hall.

The young people of this place and around about here had a big dance Saturday night in the old Masonic Lodge. There was some good dancing. Music was furnished by the Gill Bros. string band.

Mr. J. M. McEwen, of Clarkton, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. F. T. McLeod, on his way home from White Lake.

Mr. R. S. White spent several days at Wrightsville last week.

Miss Katie McLeod spent Sunday and Monday at White Lake the guest of Miss Jocelyn Hall.

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Crops in this section would look much better if they had more rain.

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