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The Graded School Bill.

We print to-day the Graded School Bill as passed by the Legislature and as it will be submitted to the vote of the people of this School District on the first Monday in May.—The proposition to establish a Graded School, as contemplated by the bill, upon a tax basis is of great importance to the people of the district. In voting upon it every person should consider and weigh carefully the objections urged against it. While public free education is by no means the panacea for all of the moral, social and political evils of the day, as claimed by many, it cannot be denied that it is the settled policy of the American States and of the enlightened portion of the world. The community that refuses to put itself in line with public sentiment on this question must inevitably suffer in many respects. Whether the children of one generation have the right to demand of the State the opportunity for an education is not now, among thoughtful men, an open question, and the State that refuses to comply with the demand will find itself the loser in that most important element of power—enlightened population. Without undertaking any general discussion of this huge and comprehensive subject, we will throw out such thoughts as arise in our mind as to the interest which our own town has in this question. Wilson has had a career remarkable in the history of the State. Surrounded by towns many years older and enjoying natural advantages equal if not superior to it, we congratulate ourselves that it has outgrown them in population, wealth and commercial importance. No single element has entered so largely into its progress as the generous liberal spirit manifested by its first settlers in regard to its schools. To those who remember a few years back nothing stood out so prominent in the history of the town as the excellent schools, which brought so much intelligence and prosperity to it.

Just here we deem it not out of the way to say that sufficient appreciation is not shown by the present inhabitants of the generosity and wisdom of those who gave to the town the valuable school property which has been the basis of its educational interests. Much of the high value of the real estate in the town is due to the schools. Parents have been induced to come here to educate their children and thereby become, with their sons and daughters, permanent residents of the town.

Thrifty, industrious, intelligent and moral population is the basis of the growth and progress of all States and communities, and the mere fact that parents feel sufficient interest in the education of their children to seek a residence where it may be had, is evidence of the elements of character which go to constitute good citizens. Bad men care but little for such things and never seek such places.

The experiment has been tried here for more than a year, and the Graded school is a decided success, and nothing has given such an impetus to our growth as this school. The universal verdict where these schools have been in existence is favorable, as is most unmistakably shown by the large number of bills passed by the Legislature for their establishment in the towns of the State. In a few years every town with 800 people will have a graded school and we should regret to see Wilson behind in th matter. While we have decided convictions upon this subject, we are aware that there are those among us who have different opinions and we desire the matter thoroughly canvassed. If the tax-payers of Wilson are not willing to bear this burden for the purpose of sustaining the school we do not desire to see it imposed upon them. Let them consider the matter and speak out. The trustees named in the bill are large taxpayers and we are assured that they do not wish to impose any burden upon their fellow citizens which they are not willing to bear. The school to be successful must have the hearty endorsment of those who support it.

We will pursue this subject further before the election, giving such information as to the value of the property in the district, the cost of conducting the school and other points of interest.

The features of the bill are few and simple. It first establishes the boundaries of the district which seems to have been settled upon after careful consideration. The Commissioners are directed to submit the question of the establishment of the school to the qualified voters and if a majority of such voters favor the school the Commissioners then levy a tax, which shall not exceed 33⅓ cents on the $100 worth of property and one dollar on the poll. It may not be so much but cannot be more. The funds &c., of the two races are separate. The other provisions relate to the maner of conducting the school.

Our columns are open to discussion of the merits of the bill and we trust that the result of the election may be satisfactory to the intelligent sentiment of our community.

The Power of Corporations.

The failure of the bill before the last Legislature to create a Railroad Commission, and the ineffectual attempts of previous legislatures to regulate the freights, and fares of railroads, are among the indisputable facts to prove the dangerous power of these gigantic monopolies. Twenty years ago Gould, Vanderbilt, Huntington, Sandford, Sage and Field were comparatively poor men. To-day they are worth $500,000,000 and by the power they wield though the corporations they manage, control absolutely the Legislatures of a majority of the States in the Union. They make and unmake Governors, Judges, United States Senators, and Congressmen, and under the form of popular government are practical dictators of the govermental policy of the United States. These are startling facts, considered in connection with the bribery and corruption through which this wealth and power has been acquired. In 1873 Mr. Gould testified that he contributed money to control legislatures in four States. It was further proved that the Erie road in a single year under his management disbursed more than $1,000,000 for this purpose. The Treasurer of the New York Central Railroad testified before the late Constitutional Convention, of the State of New York, that that road paid $250,000 one year, and $60,000 another, to obtain legislation, and that it was obtained. In the United States Senatorial contest when Conkling was defeated, a member of the Legislature stated that he had been given $2000 to vote for a railroad candidate for the United States Senate. Two lobbyists were indicted, but through that corporation influence they have never been tried. During the railroad riots in Pittsburg Pa., in 1877, a large amount of property was destroyed. The railroads refused to indemnify shippers and endeavored to buy a bill through the Legislature saddling several millions of dollars upon the people of Pennsylvania. The bribers and some of their accomplices were tried and convicted, but through some mysterious influence were pardoned. In New Jersey the railroads united last winter in an effort to bribe the Legislature to pass a bill securing the entire water front of Jersey City, and not withstanding it was vetoed by the Governor, it was again passed over the veto. A year ago two members of the Ohio Legislature were arrested for bribing others in the interest ot a railroad company. The Credit Mobilier swindle showed that $47,261,000 were made by a syndicate of Congressmen, many of whom became suddenly wealthy without any visible means of doing so. It is a well known fact that Congress is packed with corporation, lawyers and other representatives of monopoly interests, so that measures in the interest of the people are retarded, while those in the interest of corporations are consummated without the slightest difficulty. Congress has not only refused to restore to the public domain the lands which had been forfeited by the Northern Pacific Railroad, but by enforcing the gag-law it was tried to prevent the vote from going on record. The chairman of the Committee appointed by the New York Legislature recently, after investigating the mana ement of railroads in that State, used the following language: "The abuses in railroad management exist so glaring in their proportions as to savor of fiction, rather than of actual history." These, only a few of the undisputed and indisputable facts, show the dangerous power which Railroad Corporations are exercising in this country and the urgent necessity of checking its overshadowing growth and influence. The attempt to create the late Railroad Commission was a move in the right direction, and we fear that the Legislature committed a grave error in failing to pass the bill, which was demanded by the people for their protection, and which was prepared with great care by one of the oldest and most thoughtful members of the Senate.

Governor Vance.

The most popular public man in Washington is the Senator from North Carolina; combining the bonhommie of Mat Carpenter with the wonderful faculty of anecdote of Tom Corwin, the North Carolinian is the life of any circle he may be thrown with. Dull care gathers her threadbare garments about her and hurries away when the genial Vance come up, and Momus begins to grin. Whenever a combined yell of merriment would come from the cloak room, or a roar of laughter from the senatorial restaurant, one could tell without any wide guessing who was at the bottom of it all. Dignity drops her cloak when Vance is near, and even the calm, cold Edmunds who wears a mask, would unbend and his shrill laughter be heard high above the rest.

It is worth the price of an orchestra seat on a benefit night to hear the Senator tell of his first experience as a Statesman. It seems that he was a member of Congress from North Carolina before the war and—but—let him tell it in his own words as he narrated it to some of the "boys" across the way, where thirsty members and scribes most do congregrate.

"I was a big man, I can tell you, boys, when I was first elected to Congress some twenty years ago. I swelled so that North Carolina could not hold me, and when I came to Washton, I imagined the eyes of the whole country were on me. I followed my friend George Sheridan's example literally. I voted on both sides of every bill that came up. I yelled Mr. Speaker!!! every chance I had. I called one member a liar, told another he was a fool, ogled the ladies in the gallery, cursed the pages, and kept them on the run all the time, I elevated my boots on the desk, spit tobacco juice on the floor, went to the committee room to look at documents, and drove up Pennsylvania avenue in an open barouche every evening when the weather was fine, I swaggered into the dining rooms, I lounged in the lobby, and disported myself everywhere supremely conscious that I was the observed of all observers.

When I returned home, it was in fine style. We had no railroads in my section of North Carolina, and I chartered a stage coach and rode on top with some of my lady friends, just to show them how my constituents along the route regarded me. About evening when the stage stopped at the top of a hill to rest the horses, and directly in front of a ragged old cabin, its owner, a real piney woods tar heel, tood leaning against the fence; his pair of jeans pantaloons hung suspended by one gallus; a hickory shirt open at the throat and an old straw hat, through the holes in which shocks of sandy hair darted.—When he saw me, he spit out about a pint of tobacco juice, and shifted the quid to another cheek; he scratched the calf of his left leg with the toe of his right foot and then taking me in, he brawled out:

"Hell blazes! Zeb Vance, is that you?"—Washington correspondent Petersburg *Mail*.

Our Supreme Court Reports.

The provision made for the republication of our Supreme Court Reports, was one of the most commendable acts of the last Legislature. It is well known that many of the volumes containing the opinions of our most eminent jurists Taylor, Henderson, Ruffin and Gaston are now out of print.—Some of later date are so scarce that they command exorbitant prices. A complete set of our Reports is not only difficult to obtain, but the scarcity and high price of many of the volumes places it beyond the reach of many of those just entering upon the profession. The opinions of the Judges of our highest court, should not only be accessible to all the members of the profession and officers concerned in the administration of justice, but the people of the State, whose rights of person and property are affected thereby. Two years ago the Legislature, then in session, had the same subject before them, but adjourned without taking any final action. The last Legislature has acted more wisely in promptly ordering the republication of our Supreme Court Reports, upon such terms as will bring them within the reach every intelligent citizen.

The New Code.

The chairman of the Code Commission Hon. W. T. Dortch has, by advertisement in the Raleigh *News-Observer*, invited proposals for the printing and binding the new Code. Persons desiring the contract are requested to address him at Goldsboro until the first of June next, when the bidding will be closed and the contract awarded for its publication in two volumes of about six hundred pages each. Ten thousand copies of each volume will be published and the edition will be stereotyped. The work will be ready for distribution by the time prescribed by the Legislature for it to go into effect. In the meantime the acts of the last Legislature will be published and distributed as usual, and the "Chaotic Confusion" which the code is intended to remedy, will continue to reign until then.

The bill that passed the Legislature fixes the pay of the Superintendent of Public Schools at two dollars per day and he is to visit schools only on the written request of the school committeemen. This will, we believe, impair the efficiency of system.

One of Wilson county's most intelligent and practical citizens said, in our office yesterday, that Wiley Farmer and John Bailey made the best representatives Wilson county has had in the Legislature since the war—and there are many who think as he does.

The Legislature reduced the State tax from 28 to 25 cents, and the poll from 85 to 75 cents. This looks like economical legislation.

Queen Victoria is very ill.

The Graded School Bill.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRADED SCHOOL IN WILSON TOWNSHIP, WILSON COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:—

SECTION 1. That the territory contained in the following limits shall be and constitute the "Wilson Graded School District," beginning at the Bridge across Hominy Swamp on the road leading from Wilson to Rountree bridge, thence North 58 deg. West to a point on the Barefoot's road, between the lands of L. D. Killett and the heirs of W. W. Winstead Dec'd; thence North 20 deg. W. of the lane on the lands of Mrs. Martha Winstead on the Raleigh road; thence North 18 deg. East to the line between Col. John W. Farmer and J. J. Smith; thence down the said swamp to a point dividing the lands of Thomas J. Gardner and Mrs. Fanny Hines: thence South 45 deg. West to the beginning.

Sec. 2. That the Board of Commissioners of the county of Wilson are hereby authorized to submit to the qualified voters of the said Wilson Graded School District in said county on the first Monday in May 1883, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, the question whether an annual tax shall be levied therein for the support of a Graded Public school for the white children, and a Graded Public school for the colored children in said District. Each voter shall vote a written or printed ballot with the words "For School" or "No School" thereon, and said election shall be conducted under the same rules, regulations and penalties as are prescribed by law for the election of members of the General Assembly.

Sec. 3. That in the event of a majority of the qualified voters of said District, being in favor of such tax, the same shall be levied and collected in the same manner as provided by law for the levying and collecting State and County taxes. The Sheriff of Wilson County shall collect and pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Wilson Graded School by the first day of January under the same liabilities as are now provided by law for the collection and paying over of the County school taxes; Provided, that the special tax so levied shall not exceed one third of one per centum on property, and one dollar on the poll.

Sec. 4. That the special taxes thus levied and collected from the taxable property and polls of white persons shall be expended in keeping up a Graded Public School in said District for white persons of both sexes whose names are on the school census list for the current year, between the age of six and twenty one years; and the special tax thus levied and collected from the taxable property and polls of colored persons shall be expended in keeping up a Graded School in said District for colored persons of both sexes whose names shall be on the school census list as, aforesaid, between the ages of six and twenty-one years.

Sec. 5. That Thomas J. Hadley, R. J. Taylor, Warren Woodard, George D. Green, G. W. Blount, Moses Rountree, H. C. Moss, H. G. Connor, and M. T. Moye be and they are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees for the Graded School for the whites; that said Board shall have power to fill all vacancies in said Board, to employ teachers, and do all such acts as may be necessary to carry on said school for the white children.

Sec. 6. That E. C. Simms, G. A. Farmer, Peter Rountree, Charles Battle, Jerry Washington, C. M. Jones, Daniel Vick, Samuel Williams and C. H. Darden be and they are constituted a Board of Trustees for the Graded School for the colored children; that said Board shall have power to fill all vacancies, to employ teachers and do all such acts as may be necessary to keep up the said school for colored children.

SEC. 7. That the Public school money which shall from time to time be collected under the General school law for Public school purposes for the white children in said District shall be applied for keeping up the Public Graded School for the white children, under the orders and directions of the Board of Trustees of said Graded Public School for white children, and the public money so collected for Public School purposes for the colored children in said District shall be applied to the keeping up the Graded School for the colored children under the rules and directions of the Board of Trustees of the Graded School for the colored children.

SEC. 8. The Board of Trustees for the Graded School for the white children, and the Board of Trustees for the Graded School for the colored children, shall at the first regular meeting after the establishment of said schools, and annually thereafter, elect a Treasurer of the respective schools. The person so elected shall execute a bond, with at least three sureties, who shall justify before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilson County, and be approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the school for which he shall have been elected, in an amount double the amount of tax levied for such schools.

The said bond shall be payable to the State of North Carolina and conditioned for the payments of, and accounting for all money, or other property which shall come into his hands as Treasurer. The said bond shall be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wilson County as other official bonds, and in the event of a breach of the conditions thereof, an action may be prosecuted by the Board of Trustees of the school of which the person giving such bond is Treasurer.

SEC. 9. That the Board of Trustees of the Graded School for the whites in said District are authorized and empowed to purchase and hold for the purpose of such school a building and suitable grounds, within the limits of said District, and to issue bonds with Coupons attached for the purchase money for the same, and to execute a mortgage on such property to secure the said bonds. The interest on said bonds shall not exceed eight per centum per annum, and such Coupons shall be receivable in payment of all taxes levied and collected for the maintaining such schools.

The said Trustees shall have power to sell so much of said property as they may deem advisable.

SEC. 10. The Treasurers of said Schools shall file statements of their receipts and disbursements in same manner and under the same penalties, as are prescribed for the Treasurer of Wilson County.

SEC. 11. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 27th day of February, A. D. 1883.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SEC'Y OF STATE,
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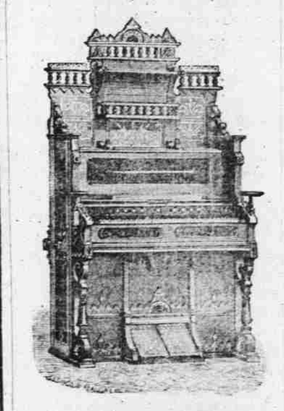

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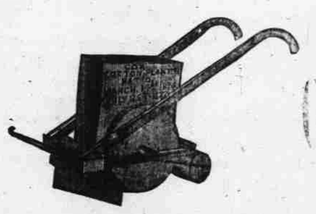

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