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Editor Sylvan Valley News.

I want to write my name across your article of Jan. 19th, advocating better public school property for Brevard. If there is a tax payer in two miles of the town who is not ashamed of the public school building in Brevard he certainly has great taste for the unsightly. Our appreciation for education is an index to our citizenship and our efforts for better methods, better buildings, better teachers and longer terms will give us recognition and bring us in touch with the best people of the land who will gladly cast their lots with us in the "Land of the Sky" and help us build up permanent schools for ten months in the year. Good schools develop brain, brain develops enterprises, enterprises make pay-rolls and pay-rolls build and support towns.

Take the cold, bleak, rigid, New England states, their schools and mills have been their salvation for more than 100 years. Education gave them minds so fertile in thought and ideas as to make them inventors, and so skilled in workmanship that they could take our raw material and convert it into the most useful implements and the finest fabrics, and thereby grow rich at our own expense, and we grow poorer on account of our ignorance.

We will never be able to compete with our neighbor so long as our school facilities are inferior to his. But with equal chances educationally, there is no people under the sun capable of higher development than the boys and girls of Western North Carolina. Keep them in school regularly for a few years and they will come out with such polish, culture and refinement that we will hardly recognize our own children, and if we do we will only be sorry we haven't more like them.

Now let us, under the provisions of Section 4115 of the school law lay out a special school district, and vote a tax of not more than 30 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and 90 cents on the poll to supplement the public school fund in said district. This will enable us to build a house in keeping with the other improvements of our town and give us at least a nine months term each year. We may have either a graded or high school, it makes but little difference to me, so we have competent men at the head of it, and teachers proud of their ability and reputation, capable of getting results and making the school permanent and high class in every way.

This is a question of such vast importance to every citizen in and around Brevard that they cannot afford to be neutral. Let

us put our shoulders to the wheel and give our bright eyed boys and girls a chance. W. P. W.

It is vastly cheaper to build school houses than it is to erect penitentiaries, jails and almshouses, and it is vastly cheaper to educate our children so they may be self sustaining than to care for them as criminals and paupers, and the cheapest possible means of educating them is by taxation. We cannot expect help from others until we manifest a disposition to help our selves. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and give the cause of education a boom in Brevard. We shall be pleased to hear from others pro and con in the proposed district, and will publish all well written articles whether they coincide with our ideas or not. This is a question which affects every citizen of Brevard and its surroundings, and both sides are entitled to a hearing.—Ed. News.

How to Make Towns Progress.

By patronizing other than home institutions you are using a boomerang that is likely to do you injury when you least expect it, says D. M. Carr in the Home Trade Advocate. Love of home is one of the foundation stones of government. No one can be a model citizen and work against the interests of his home town. If he is not satisfied with his surroundings the country is large enough and perhaps a more suitable resident place can be found, but so long as you are identified with the community do your part toward its progress.

How to Make a Shoe Bag.

A handy shoe bag for traveling may be made, says the Pittsburg Press, from linen or any stout material. Make two oblong bags exactly alike. To make the bags cut the linen in four pieces eighteen inches long by seven wide. Place two together and bind firmly with braid. Turn over a hem at the top three inches deep and draw up with braid. One drawstring holds the bags together. The word "Shoes" may be embrodered on each bag in double outline stitch.

It may be significant that none of the Republican Senators took issue with Mr. Ryner, the new Maryland Senator, when he excoriated the administration for its Santo Domingo policy.

Former Gov. Douglas, of Mass., says the shoe manufactures can stand a reduction of the tariff. Some one should send Mr. Douglas a copy of Representative Daltzell's speech in which he proves that the foreigner still pays the tax.

"Insurgent leader" Babcock might create some more consternation by threatening to tell not only the "source" but the "destination" of those campaign contributions.

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Our Book Agents.

By One who Has Been in the Business and Knows where-of He Speaks.

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

It is amusing how the book men of our town keep some folks guessing. The fact that they have succeeded in business is an awful worry to the moral sensitiveness of some people. It is true that the book men of Brevard, by their good business judgment, energy and well directed efforts, have done more for Brevard than everybody else combined. Not only by selling and having books sold throughout the south, but have been at the head of every movement for the betterment of the town and county financially, educationally and politically. Had they gone out and failed as many of their critics have done it would have been a matter of no concern to the little fellow as narrow between the eyes as a weasel. However, for the enlightenment of those suffering from conscientious agony, I would like to explain the business in detail.

In the first place the book men employ the salesmen they can get for the road and pay them from \$50 to \$75 per month and all expenses. They invest from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each year, taking risks that would simply paralyze the little moral crank. Further; the price of the book and the cost of marketing amounts to at least 50 per cent. of the amount for which they are sold, and after deducting 25 per cent for losses we do well to realize 25 per cent profit, and often fall under it and sometimes actually lose money. The quantity of books we handle enable us to make close prices with the manufacturer but the expense of selling on our plan is enormous.

We will venture the assertion, for we know whereof we speak, that the merchant gets a large profit on shoes, hats, dry goods and millinery than the book men. We further know that the druggist gets twice as much on most drugs. But they say "We put in our time." So does the book man who goes through sleet, snow, ice, mud and slush.

I further know that we sell books cheaper than the preachers and colporteurs furnish them. But you say the preacher gave those not able to buy. So do we. We give away, or rather sell at least 10,000 bibles annually that we never realize five cents for. The parties to whom we sell are well pleased. I have heard many of them say they would not give them up for twice the price. We sell nothing but good books that will make the homes happier and better. You may start out the little critic with the same chances that we take and he would fail and lose money the first year. Offer him the services of the man that we employ at \$75 per month and he would want him to work for \$10 per month and board himself, and then think he was conferring a very great favor.

Other people who would criti-

cise the book men would starve out in less than six months and have to leave town if the book men should drop them. It is as it has always been—the man who has the ability to succeed in any vocation is always censured by the fellow who can't succeed in anything. If everybody in and around Brevard would attend to their legitimate business as closely as the book men do we would have better times and a better citizenship. W.

There is little prospect that the "Isle of Pines" insurgents will ever get out of the woods.

Another Czar who is getting uneasy and excited is the Czar-Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Many of the railroad presidents think President Roosevelt is just the man to be head of the Chicago University.

On his way to the bottom of the chute, Boss Durham of Philadelphia found time to "explain" that he was "retiring from politics."

Sec. Taft's criticism of Mr. Shonts, didn't exactly charge mismanagement though that is what it amounted to on the whole.

Uncle Joe Cannon can take care of the "insurgents" in the House. All the President has to do is to look after those in the Senate.

President Morales is suffering from a sprained ankle. His field of activity is not impaired however, as long as he does not sprain his jaw.

President Roosevelt and Sec. Taft having concuded their remarks, the canal commission will please consider itself fully "vin dicated."

It begins to look as if it may be necessary to enlarge the sea room, so that our warships can sail around without bumping into each other.

The Carnegie commission should forward one of its "hero medals" at once to Ellis Eary of Perkinsdale, Ind., who has just married his mother-in-law.

The movement to make a separate state of New York City is again revived. But is N. Y. City sufficiently civilized to become a state? Why not make it a territory.

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