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## A Graded School.

**Its Great Necessity and How It Can Be Secured.**

The question of a Graded school in the Town of Brevard has had some agitators, and I wish to enter the list and make a few suggestions.

The only way to get such an institution is to go at it in a business way. The building is not to be built simply to enhance property in the town or in the district which might be laid off as a taxing district for such a purpose. The dollar should never be placed above the man, neither should it be placed above the boys and girls, on whose shoulders the burdens of church and state must fall, not in the dim and distant future, but, in truth and fact, are falling now.

But how shall we proceed? The County Board of Education should lay out a district of two miles square, or more, if in their judgment it might seem best, using the court house as a centre. This boundary would doubtless embrace property of the taxable value of \$300,000. A tax of 20 cents on the hundred dollars' worth would each year raise over \$6,000. Use at least one and a half years of the taxes raised for the purpose of a building and equipments, and the taxes from year to year would keep a splendid corps of at least six teachers for at least nine months in the year. Every one inside the taxing district would get free tuition for their boys and girls, and the farmer who has a place worth \$2,000 can well afford to pay the small pittance of \$5 each year for the tuition of all his children. How many are paying \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$150 for one child sent away to the county that has waked up to the fact that good schools are the greatest benefactors given to the rising generation. The fellow on the outside of this taxing district who desired to have his child or children enter school could pay a reasonable tuition here in his home county as well as to send them away to other counties where advantages are no better.

When these things are accomplished money will come into the county with young men and women who would come here to equip themselves for life's work. Instead of this state of affairs numbers of young men and women yearly attend schools in other counties where advantages of a higher education can be had, and there is a constant drain on the county in the way of money sent out of the county by the farmer, the business and professional man to help their children secure that to which every one is entitled in order to make him or her a better citizen—a reasonably good education.

The amount of tuition received from sources outside the taxing district would more than meet ordinary expenses for repairs, insurance, etc. I venture the assertion that there is hardly another county in North Carolina where the advantages of a higher

education are as limited as in Transylvania. All towns are pressing forward along this line; surely we should not be totally wanting in respect to one of the most important factors in any community.

Go where you will, you hear visitors asking among the first things, what kind of schools have you in your town? Every home-seeker invariably asks "What kind of school and how long the term do you have in Brevard," and when you take out the Industrial School for girls, what have we to recommend? We are ashamed to say we have a public school, for the fellow may ask us to point out the building.

I repeat again, we ought not to let a few paltry dollars stand in the way of a thing that would mean more to Brevard than anything else at this time, a first class graded school, for young men and women. It's a small sacrifice for so great an attainment, and the cheapest method of securing in our midst an institution fraught with such lasting and beneficial results. Think not so much of making a little money, as making of the young men and women of your community, strong, sturdy and intellectual citizens capable of filling the highest ranks in the various vocations of life.

Why not take this matter in hand, secure a building site suitable for the purposes of a school, and one that would do for a permanent location of the institution. It is not a debatable question, it needs no philosophising or fine spun theories to give it weight in the public minds. It is a living, burning necessity in this town and community.

Wait not for idleness, thriftlessness and ignorance to sap the intellectual life of the town and county, but begin to talk it. Show the paying side of the investment. Let the Board of Education call a meeting of the people of the county and have the matter laid open that all may see the advantages, the acres of diamonds that lie at our very doors.

The best and most progressive towns of the state are the ones that have the best schools and colleges, and when we have these we will have such a drawing card that visitors will see the advantages we have and will not hesitate to locate among us, our town will begin to build up and in the end it will be a project that will add much to the material growth, and far more to the moral and intellectual growth of Brevard, year to every portion of Transylvania county. Let others speak, let all act.  
Respectfully, W. G.

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## Opinions as to Sidewalks.

We overheard an argument between two citizens of Brevard a few days since which put us to investigating. One contended that the terms of the bond issue prevented the use of the \$7,500 for sidewalks on any but the streets named in the order of election. The other contended that the money could be used on any street in town—even to opening new streets. We immediately referred to our files in order to learn the wording of the order of election, and here it is:

The said \$25,000 to be expended as follows, to wit: \$11,250 for the purchase, improvement and extension of the waterworks; \$3,750 for the purchase, improvement and extension of the sewer system; \$2,500 for grading Main, Broad, Poor, Caldwell, Whitmire, Depot and other streets; \$7,500 to be expended in grading and improving the sidewalks on above named streets in said town.

As we see it there is nothing in this to prevent the use of the money in building sidewalks and opening and improving streets anywhere in town. We very seriously doubt whether any of this money could be diverted to paying damages in order to widen streets, but for opening new streets where all rights are given to the town we see nothing in the language of the order of election to prevent.

After naming the principal streets the conjunctive clause "and other streets" gives the Board of Aldermen authority to put the money where it will prove most beneficial to the greatest number.

The expression "working like Beavers" means something now a-days in Moundsville, W. Va.

In the matter of a tariff war the German Emperor has decided not to cut off his Grecian nose to spite his Teutonic face.

However, Nick Longworth will always be able to prove that he got elected to Congress without any help from the Roosevelt family.

Chicago's financiers are asking "what's the use of having a bank if you cannot go to it whenever you want to and get money on the hired girl's name?"

At the Zoo.



Lion—That rich old guy doesn't know he's living.  
Monk—No? Well, I guess his relatives know it, all right.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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How easy the solution of all these public questions would be if the Senate was composed of magazine writers instead of lawyers.

Packers insist that they were afraid of Mr. Garfield. Still, he was not able to scare them to the point of reducing prices on sirloins.

After we have saved Niagara we might form a society for the purpose of saving the American eagle which is said to be doomed to extinction.

Three plumbers held up and robbed a Kansas City man on a street car. They could not wait for his pipes to freeze and rob on the pumping.

No doubt some one will rise to explain that the Kaiser's action in averting the tariff war was entirely a matter of compliment to the Longworths.

Jacob Rils is going west on a lecture tour. We advise him to drop that talk about a third term for President Roosevelt when he gets into Arizona.

The Senate seems to be trying to place as many obstacles as possible on the President's message recommendations under the head of "unfinished" business.

The President might take more kindly to Senator Lodge's address on railway rates, if Senators Aldrich, Kean and Foraker were not so mightily pleased with it.

At any rate, Mr. Garfield did not get much information, if the packers had as poor memories when they were giving details to him as they have on the witness stand.

Representative Towne is late with his resolution demanding the suppression of assaults upon the Jews in Russia. Representative Sulzer stopped that some time ago.

Will Mayor Dunne of Chicago or President Roosevelt be flattered because the Saturday Evening Post discovers a similarity in the fight they are making for the people.

Japan thinks it will have its entire war debt paid by 1937. That is, of course, if the requirements of progress do not force it to lick a few other first class powers in the meantime.

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