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LOCAL TAXATION.

But one more issue of our weekly paper will reach our readers after this week till the great question of local taxation will have been passed upon. Prof. H T J Ludwig has promised us another production from his able pen for our next issue too with the hope of presenting the matter to our readers with such force that the merits of the issue may be fully seen and appreciated.

It is a fact that the shortness of our schools has tended to modify the zeal the equipment of teachers and has produced apathy on the part of parents and children to avail themselves of the meagre benefits afforded, while the existence of some free school has made it the more difficult to secure patronage to private schools.

We have been no little disconcerted at the indifferent attendance on even our short free schools and have studied the cause and the remedy no little. We have no real solution to offer with positive assurance, but we are of the opinion that longer schools will be better attended than short schools and the attendance will improve under advancing opportunities as it has receded under the shortening schools.

We are sorry the law and many of its silly advocates insinuate that our people are "against schools" and are not in favor of education. It is not so. There is hardly a parent that does not greatly desire the education of his or her child, and the ambition is too often crushed by the stupor of the task.

Local taxation seems the only means to obtain longer and, of course, better schools, as the constitutional limit of general taxation does not afford sufficient margin.

Admitting that opposition to the whole measure would be a justifiable rebuke to the blundering lawmakers, it is not a matter about which to be resentful or indifferent. Let us consider the interests of the children who are, ere long, to fill our places in the world's arena. We can afford to sacrifice much for the them. The tax is small and the experiment is worth trying.

Voters of Cabarrus please give this matter your deep and unimpersonated consideration and let us carry the county for local taxation for schools. We can correct the evils gradually hereafter, probably more easily than we can correct them and at the same time bring up again a defeated cause.

Let us grasp the good and as we have opportunity eschew the evil.

THE ECLIPSE TOMORROW.

Tomorrow there will be an annular eclipse of the sun. It will begin to be seen here at about 8.30 in the morning and will end after 11 o'clock. Let our boys and girls each get a piece of window glass and make it well on one side and look through it at this interesting situation, when you will see the moon between you and the sun. The almanac says the digit will be five and nine-tents, which means that at its greatest degree the moon will hide nearly one-half of the sun from view.

Be sure, boys and girls, to use the smoked glass and look often at it. You will think the moon is just standing still, but not so. It is whirling through space at many thousand miles per hour. In fact it is going so fast that if it were passing right close by us you could not tell whether there are boys and girls there or not.

Now, there may be boys and girls there (its a sorry world that has not boys and girls in it) but if there are it is night to those that you will be looking at and they are probably scrambling out of bed in their night clothes, peeping out of the windows at that shadow on the earth, that they may call the moon, just as you do when you watch the eclipse of the moon. There are no eclipses of the moon for you to look at this year and if there are some little moon girls and boys they can't see any eclipses of the sun this year, it's funny, is it not? There's a man now who thinks he is going to find a way to telegraph to the folks in the moon. Well, if he does we'll each give him the prettiest button we can find, won't we?

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