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WHOLE No 11752

THE RESIGNATION

of J. J. Payseur as Member of Concord Graded School Board.

"It being apparent to me that I can no longer serve the public or my constituents in Ward 1 as a member of the School Board, I have decided to resign.

The Board as elected was purely representative, but as it is now constituted it only records the wishes of two of its members without regard for the public or the will of the people. The action of the present board in the election of a Superintendent for next year shows their complete inconsistency and their weak remembrance or their own former actions and words last year when Prof. Curtice was proposed for Superintendent. The two members of the board who now control its actions gave as their only reason for not voting for him that he was a northern man and therefore would not suit us. Also that the salary would have to be raised one hundred dollars above the usual limit. In the recent election of Prof. Coler, the inconsistency, to put it mildly, is plainly shown.

Prof. Curtice has been teaching in the South with fine success for eight or ten years. Prof. Coler comes direct from Ohio with no evidence that he ever saw anything of the South. The salary was at the same time raised from \$810 to \$1,000, with the permission, of doubtful legality, to run a High School Department in such a way that he is to have all the proceeds from it. Naturally the Superintendent would give much of his time and attention to this department, and naturally, also the other business of the school, that part instituted and paid for by the public, will suffer. All this, however, when there is already in the town a well conducted, progressive, high school of recognized standing.

The former superintendent, Prof. E B Lewis, deserved and had every reason to expect, a re-election. The Graded School had made great progress. Its work was systematic and harmonious. The work of each teacher and grade for each month is filed in the records. Tabulated statements of attendance, etc., were filed in the records, for the first time in the history of the school. The course of study was widened and systematized.

There was no desire by the public that a change should be made. There was no charge brought against the former superintendent. The school board has endorsed every official action of his. He has carried out every measure proposed by the board, and he was positively assured of his re-election by two of the three members of the board up to the date of the election of his successor.

To have failed to re-elect under the foregoing circumstances was absolutely unjustifiable, but it was outrageous to have done so after keeping him waiting two months under the positive statement that he was to remain, and then fail to re-elect him. His family deserved some consideration. The board had

perfect knowledge of all the circumstances two months ago. They knew no more when they finally acted, and they had kept him from securing some other position during the whole period when such places are filled. It has appeared to be a deliberate and systematic effort, not only to keep him out of the place in question but of all other positions as well.

I do not care to bear any responsibility for such actions, in which I neither had nor could have any part, and in which the wishes of half the town are virtually not only ignored but opposed, and that with no excuse given or implied, but that of prejudice.

In my opinion the only hope for the public schools here is to elect men to the board who will consult only the needs of the children instead of their business relations in order to know what to do.

J. J. PAYSEUR.

NO GAME

With Wadesboro Friday On Account of Rain—Wadesboro Now Claims the Victory.

The baseball team returned home this (Saturday) morning from Wadesboro. The game Friday was prevented on account of rain, but nevertheless Wadesboro claims a victory, as our boys didn't play.

To better explain the circumstances though, as to Wadesboro's victory, we insert a letter from Captain Oldham, which was sent to us: "As it is, Wadesboro is awarded the game in lieu of Concord's forfeiture of the game. We think Wadesboro rather 'gay,' for three reasons. In the first place, we think we know when it is raining too much to play ball. It is our opinion that such was the case Friday at Wadesboro. In the next place Wadesboro's captain was not on the ground and could not have the game called, hence Wadesboro could not have the game. Again, no umpire had been agreed upon by the captains, consequently no one had the power to call the game nor any right to give the game to Wadesboro. For these reasons Wadesboro seems in a hurry to deprive 'Concord of her alleged championship of the South' (which honor has not been claimed by the team itself but others whose names are not known to us.) But if Wadesboro thinks she is 'so warm' we wish her to know that we will meet the team she had on Friday in Charlotte for all gate receipts or for any purse she feels willing to put on her team. We are sorry the rain prevented our giving her the drubbing she so richly deserves and we feel we could have so easily given.

We wish to express our thanks for the kind treatment received at the hands of the citizens of Wadesboro.

We meet Pelzer the first three days of next week. We expect some warm games."

AN EXCITEMENT

At Jacksonville Between a North Carolina and Wisconsin Soldier-Bayonets Fixed.

Quite an exciting incident occurred in the North Carolina camp some days ago just before the 3 o'clock regimental drill.

While just outside the line with some North Carolina, Virginia and Wisconsin soldiers, Private Colbert, of the Horner's Nest Rifles, got into a dispute with one of the provost guard—a Wisconsin man—whom he promptly knocked down with his fist. As the Wisconsin man rose he put a shell in his gun to shoot Colbert, but he never got a chance to do so, for the Tar Heels covered him like so many bees, and Colbert fled to his tent. The Wisconsin men pursued him and the Tar Heels pursued them, while the North Carolina guard turned out and chased the whole outfit. The tent into which Colbert ran was torn down, but no one was hurt, Colbert having gone out the back way. Within two minutes there were a thousand men around the tent and trouble seemed imminent. The guard, however, promptly fixed bayonets and drove the Wisconsin men to their camp, then compelled the North Carolina soldiers to go to their company streets. The temporary excitement over, the best of relations were again established between the two regiments.—Fred Merritts Correspondence.

MISSIONARY EXERCISES

At Trinity Reformed Church Tomorrow Night—The Public Cordially Invited.

On tomorrow night at Trinity Reformed church the Woman's Missionary Society will hold exercises.

The following program, interspersed with music, will be carried out:

Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Select reading—"Missions," by Miss Esther Cook.
Recitation—"A Missionary Plea," by Miss Lizzie Bostlan.
Duet by Miss Fannie Stricker and Mrs. Marie E Faust.
Essay—"Only a Cup of Cold Water," by Miss Lillie Misenheimer.
Address by the pastor, Rev. J N Faust.
Solo by Miss Fannie Stricker.
A collection will be taken some time during the exercises for the home mission work.

PERSONAL POINTER.

—Mr. Jones Yorke returned home this morning from a business trip.

—Rev. W P McGhee went up to Lexington yesterday evening to attend the district conference in session there.

—Mr. Ed Sherrill, of Washington arrived this morning after visiting at the home of his father at Denver. He is stopping with his brother, Editor J B Sherrill.

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