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NEEDS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Free Public Schools the Basis of Popular Education—Taxes are Paid by the Wealthy to Aid the Less Favored—By This Means Only Can the Opportunities Reach All.

Mr. Pleasant, Feb. 27, 1902.

It is not now necessary for us to put forth arguments to show the value or necessity of public schools. They have passed the experimental station far into a process of steady growth, and today present a broader, more substantial and far-reaching work for the children of our country than could ever have been anticipated in the days of their inauguration. Many mistakes have been made, but these have only served to give us a clearer vision of, and incite into our sphere of work.

While we do not advocate the present system of schools as being the best that could be devised, we do say that in some shape or form, such schools must exist.

No nation is safe with its masses groping in extreme ignorance. It is a well-known fact that the great majority of our people cannot take advantage of the opportunities which the high schools and colleges offer them, nor are they able to employ teachers out of their, too often, limited means.

It behoves us as a State and a nation to educate these people. It is our duty and to our advantage to do so. If they have neither the means nor the opportunity for acquiring an education, how are they to prepare to face the stern realities of life. It is the duty of some one to come to their rescue. Who is more able to assist them than their better-favored and wealthier brother who owns the property and pays the taxes.

To estimate public schools would be to bear our country back to the pre-historic time when but the favored few could expound the law, fix the prices and rule the country.

A brief review of the history of our own State, preceding the date of 1840, would cause us to appreciate more fully the importance of public schools; the great part which they have played in the building up of the State, and the magnitude of the advantages, comparatively speaking, which we now enjoy. To take away the educational advantages from the poor people would be, virtually, to crown the rich man monarch. Even under the present circumstances, there seems to be approaching, near enough, this crisis. There is but one way to successfully ward off this danger, and that is to educate the poor man, in order that he may safely guard his own

rights.

Observation teaches us, that the colleges and high-schools are filled with children of parents of limited means. Children whose nobler impulses have been awakened in the free schools and whose energies have been aroused to such an extent that they could not content themselves with the little that such schools were able to give them. And through the schools we see them aspiring to fill the most prominent positions that our State or country affords. These, we contend, are in many cases, minds, that had it not been for the free schools, would have lain dormant, ignorant of their real worth, and of that which lay within their power to obtain or accomplish. The free school is therefore a necessary precedent to the college, and the State is dependent upon the college for men to direct and govern her people.

Such being the facts, may we not justly conclude that the free school is no mean thing. That there is a great responsibility resting upon every teacher who enters the schoolroom for the purpose of moulding the characters that will make our future citizens and State, for as we have said, a large majority of our citizens never go further than through the free school. That the responsibility is great enough to arouse a determination in every conscientious teacher to labor more strenuously in the future to promote the well being of our State, to arouse nobler impulses and higher ideals in the hearts and minds of the children intrusted to their care, and create in them higher aspirations, a higher life and a nobler citizenship. Z. E. B.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK AT CHARLESTON.

Educators Invited Easter Week—Committees Will Meet and Escort Them to Homes.

Easter has been designated as educational week at Charleston. Educators are urgently invited to attend on that occasion and spend from a week to ten days taking in educational ideas along with the sights on the exposition grounds and a view of the historic Fort Sumpter, the seaside charms at the Isle of Palms and the realm of exquisite floral beauty of the magnolia gardens.

Mr. Alger M. Wheeler, Assistant Director General desires educators who will avail themselves of this special occasion to make known what day they will arrive that a special committee may meet them and escort them to private or public lodgings which will cost from 25 cents per night at private houses to \$2.00 at fine hotels, meals costing from 15 cents up.

THE PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND.

He Will Visit the Charleston Exposition the Latter Part of This Month.

Washington, March, 3.—A delegation of citizens from Charleston had a conference with President Roosevelt today in regard to his attending the Charleston Exposition. The delegation strongly urged the President to keep his engagement to visit the exposition and assured him a most cordial welcome. The President told the delegation that if nothing intervened to prevent he would take great pleasure in visiting Charleston and the exposition some time in the near future.

The party was invited to luncheon with the President. The delegation consisted of Mayor Smyth, Aldermen Rhett and Kollock, representing the city, and President Wagener, Mr. Hemphill and Dr. Gadsen, of the exposition board. After luncheon it was stated that no date could now be fixed for the visit, but that it probably would take place late in the present month. In a few days Secretary Cortelyou will take up the matter with the exposition authorities and railroad officials with a view to selecting a date that would be most convenient to all concerned.

MR. JNO. WINECOFF DEAD

Mysterious Cause—He Steps off Moving Train at Landis and is Found Dead—Was 37 Years Old and Unmarried.

Mr. John Winecoff was killed Monday night at Landis. The circumstances as related to us by Mr. S. W. Winecoff, uncle of the deceased, are as follows:

Mr. Winecoff, with Mr. Brown Pethel and another friend, as on train No. 7 coming from Salisbury. Mr. Winecoff got up from his seat at Landis and without making known any purpose walked out and stepped off the steps, his friends not being able to act quickly enough to save him. When the train stopped they hastened back to the spot to find their worst fears realized. He was dead.

Mr. Winecoff was near-sighted but not a man that drank and there is no accounting for the act or accident if such it was.

Mr. Winecoff was about 37 years old and was unmarried.

His burial occurred at 4 o'clock today (Tuesday) at Lutheran Chapel church.

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Notice!

I will levy on all real estate in the county on which the taxes have not been paid on March 20. If you haven't paid your tax and don't want to be advertised you had better get your receipt at once. If you haven't paid your Poll Tax you have till the 1st day of May to get your receipt if you want to vote this fall—after that day you will not be in it at all, regardless of color. The law requires me to furnish the registrars with a list of all delinquents on the first day of May. This March 1, 1902. J. L. PECK, Sheriff. 3-1-1w.

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