

Are They Sincere, Or Is It Claptrap ?

"Your committee presented your petitions below to the Treasurer of the Graded School Committee (Mr. Edgar Love, and the Treasurer of the Town of Lincolnton (Mr. A. M. Hoke) and were refused access to the data asked for therein."

"To decline the request of so representative a body of citizens, who merely wish to know how their money is being spent, seems strange, indeed, and the public can draw their own conclusions."

W. E. GRIGG, }
C. E. ROBINSON } Com.

Following the lead of Mr. C. A. Jonas, who says that the Democrats can always be depended upon to make a "SCANDAL and a MESS, etc." can the above language of W. E. Grigg and C. E. Robinson be construed by any intelligent man otherwise than an insinuation of dishonesty and wrong-doing on the part of the School Board and Town Officials?

Is not the very fact of getting up such a petition an insinuation in itself?

Were not the names of W. E. GRIGG and C. E. ROBINSON inserted in the body of the petition as the "SELECT COMMITTEE" before said document was circulated or signed?

Who inserted the names of these two gentlemen?

Who carried around this petition after their names were inserted?

Did these gentlemen solicit their own appointment?

Was this petition written on Mr. C. A. Jonas' typewriter?

Did the gentlemen who got up this petition REALLY DESIRE to EXAMINE THE "BOOKS, OR WAS IT THEIR AIM AND OBJECT TO BE REFUSED in order to use such refusal to cast ugly insinuations against the Board?

Were not the Books open to inspection by any citizen of Lincolnton?

Was it necessary to have a petition in order to see the books?

Are the two open and avowed enemies of certain members of the Board the proper persons to constitute a committee to AUDIT the accounts of the Board?

Would not the Board have acted very foolishly to surrender their books into the hands of their avowed and declared enemies?

If no specific charges are made against either Board will not the men who stirred up this racket stand convicted in the eyes of the public of resorting to vile insinuations in order to embarrass the School Board and to cast aspersions on our Board of Aldermen?



The Public Will Await, With Some Interest, the Reply To These QUESTIONS.

A Specimen of Dirty Politics.

Mr. W. C. Asbury States How He Was Imposed Upon.

MR. EDITOR:—

I wish to express through your columns, to the citizens of Lincolnton my position on the School Bond Issue, and why my name appeared in the list of petitioners. I have always favored all the town improvements and am heartily in favor of completing the school building, and have always favored the present bond issue. In signing the petition I did not pledge myself not to support the Bond Issue. I signed the petition hurriedly, not having time to properly consider the matter, and I had no intention of casting discredit or insinuations on the present School Committee or the Board of Aldermen. Living in the lower part of the town, and having lived here only a short time I knew nothing of the political strife existing between the old and present Board of Aldermen, and did not ally myself with either faction when I signed the petition. I kindly ask it as a personal favor that my name be stricken from the list of petitioners who asked to look over the Town Books and School Books (through their committee) as I do not approve of this method of investigation and also for the reason above set forth.

Respectfully,
W. C. ASBURY.

Comments Governor For Appointing Woman State Librarian. (Georgia Free Lance.)

It did not create a sensation when Governor Smith very properly appointed Mrs. Cobb State Librarian, and yet at one time the eligibility of women for that place was the discussion of the State. The women were tremendously interested and brought all the influence they had to bear upon the Legislature; that body finally acting favorably to the women, whose interest was in behalf of Miss Ellen Dortch, now Mrs. Longstreet. Governor Atkinson, however, failed to make the appointment and Miss Dortch later married General Longstreet. The writer was at that time editing the Rome Georgian and worked hard for the passage of the bill and for Miss Dortch. Tremendous pressure was brought to bear on Governor Candler to appoint Mrs. W. Y. Atkinson, widow of the late Governor, but in this as in several other things, he failed to do the right thing, so it remains for Governor Smith to have the distinction of being the first Governor of Georgia to appoint a woman to the office of State Librarian. It was well done for Mrs. Cobb should have had it long ago, and if the Governor does several more things like that he will find that he has added unto himself wisdom and stature.

It is noticeable what pretty hoisery they wear on rainy days.—Columbus Ledger.

At this season when the reduction of the cotton acreage is being discussed, wonder if some way could not be devised for reducing the acreage of "wild oats" that some Lincolnton youths are sowing?

The best arrangement the Farmers' Union could make to handle the coming cotton crop so that it will not bring less than twelve cents per pound will be to reduce the acreage 20 per cent.

Easter Eggs.
The News man is indebted to Mr. David Fisher, of Route 4, for two very unusual Easter eggs. These are hen eggs of normal size but the peculiarity lies in the shells, which are different from any egg shells the News man has ever seen before, being in ridges. The eggs were laid by a young pullet that is a cross between a silver-lace Wyandotte and a brown Leghorn. The eggs are on exhibition at the News office.

Fowler-Warlick.
Last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fowler parents of the bride, Miss Olive E. Fowler was married to Mr. Louis H. Warlick, of Reepsville. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Chas. E. Wehler in the presence of a few friends of both parties. The News extends its very best wishes.—Catawba News.

From Cherryville Eagle.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beam, of Waco one day last week a fine son.
Bryte Putman is critically ill with pneumonia at his home at Waco.
Miss Eirtha Rhodes and little brother, of Lincolnton, were visitors in this city last week, stopping with D. S. Thornburg.
Mr. Edward W. Shedd spent Saturday in Newton, on business.

How to Win Respect Even When Lied About.
The American does not ask whether a question is popular or unpopular before taking position. If it believes a popular proposition to be wrong it does not hesitate to say so. If it believes an unpopular proposition to be right it says so. Its friends know this. Its enemies know it. It compels their respect even while they lie about it.—Nashville American.