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THE QUESTION IS STILL UNSETTLED

AND PUBLIC FEELING UNABATED

Still Good Results May Come From Referendum.

School Trustees Report to Chamber of Commerce, Old Wheat is Threshed Over and a Committee will be Chosen by Ballot Next Friday Night to Assist in Selecting a Site.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting last night surpassed anticipation in the way of excitement, but out of the violent storm, the thunders and lightning of rhetoric and an angry sea of contention came a white-winged dove of peace, which the Free Press earnestly hopes will be allowed to find a permanent resting place.

There is still a great deal of excited and acrimonious talk, but a calm and impartial judgment would convince all of the wisdom of referring the irritating school site matter to the Chamber of Commerce and an admission that the outcome of the meeting, the appointment of a committee to assist the Board of Trustees in selecting a site, is calculated to bring peace, provided all parties to the issue will lay aside personal feeling and abide by calm, unbiassed judgment.

This, however, seems to be impossible, and as divided public sentiment now runs it looks like a hopeless task for any committee to bring about a consummation that will please all. This appears impossible because of this dissension. It is not a question of public sentiment, but a division of public sentiment, and both sides claim a majority. Therefore, wherever the site is selected there is bound to be dissatisfaction. The people may as well make up their minds right now that no committee can settle this matter beyond dispute, so the only thing for them to do is to take a part in the selection of the committee by vote and agree, as good and loyal party politicians do, to abide by the result, whether it is pleasing or not.

"But," will say a great many, "the committee to be selected by the Chamber of Commerce, and we are not members and will have no vote." Right here will come a test of sincerity. Membership in the Chamber of Commerce is open to any good citizen. There is time for anyone who wants a voice in the selection of this committee to hand their name and initiation fee to any one of the membership committees and the first business of the meeting will be to elect them to membership, when they will have a full voice in the matter.

This is a fair and open proposition offered by the Free Press in the interest of peace and harmony. It places all on record in a double sense. Every good citizen should be a member of the Chamber of Commerce on general principles, but now they should become members and play their part or refrain from finding fault at the work of the chamber or of the committee to be selected. Candidates for membership may hand their names to the secretary, Mr. Plato Collins, or to any one of the membership committees, which consists of Messrs. Henry French, K. R. Tunstall and D. Ottinger.

Let it be understood that this plan is entirely the suggestion of the Free Press and is evolved from a patient hearing of suggestions and arguments of representatives of both sides made to the editor this morning.

By the readings of the 21st meeting.
Only in case of an important trial does the old court room hold such a crowd as thronged it to the doors last night, among which there were many ladies.

A few minutes were devoted to disposing of the smallpox matter, reported elsewhere, and then the real business of the meeting was begun by the reading of the following:

To the Chamber of Commerce:

GENTLEMEN—The women of Kinston come before you as supplicants this evening, asking you in the name of the children who cannot help themselves to interpose in our behalf in regard to the graded school site. Some argue that long walks are good for children, and so they are for some children, but we would call your attention to the fact that three hundred children are debarred from the privilege of attending this school because of its remote situation (fifty yards from the limit of the town) and the very young and the delicate ought to be considered, as their right to attend the school is unquestionable. More than three-fourths of the school children live south of North street.

We often hear of children who walk five miles to school but we do not hear of those who could not walk three five miles except when we read that our state is next to the most illiterate in the Union.

We have read in the Free Press of some

young girls who attended the graded school every day of last season, but we did not think of the difficulties they had to overcome in order to make that record. Their mothers tell us that they were often wet to the waist when they reached school and their clothes remained wet till they returned home in the afternoon. Any teacher will tell you that the child who lives remote from the school always has an excuse. They go to school late. They thus lose a great deal of time from school and both teacher and the pupil lose interest when the child is so often absent.

How many men in this assembly give the school a thought in the morning? Does not all the burden and anxiety about the child's welfare fall on the mother? It is she who packs the lunch basket and sees that the overshoes, umbrellas and wraps are ready—if she is able to have such things. Do you ever think of the women who cannot send their children to school well protected against bad weather? One lady in Kinston says that every time it rains, back fare for her children to get to school costs her thirty cents, another says she has to send her children off with wornout shoes on their feet and not a piece of wool on their bodies as large as their hands.

"Gentlemen this condition confronts you in Kinston and we beg to suggest that you take for your subject tonight this question: "Why did I vote for bonds and who influences me to vote?" Call on each member to speak or to tell why he voted and ask if he is satisfied with the results.

The ladies ask this of you and they are trusting you to give a central school. And they do so solemnly remind you that they have prayed to God to direct the conduct of this body.

The communication was laid on the table and the president called for the report of the Board of School Trustees, which was rendered orally by its secretary, Mr. N. J. Rouse. He said it was not his purpose or the purpose of any member of the board to do anything secretly and he deeply deplored the evidence of public feeling. He said the board had been prohibited from selecting the Webb lot by injunction which was not lifted until last May. Meanwhile it had been at work on other sites. Option was served on Mrs. Perry's lot at the east end of Peyton avenue, but it was found too small. Then a lot owned by Mr. W. C. Field was considered, but it was decided that it was so near the present site that the same objection would be brought against it. Only a few months ago the board in a body inspected the plot owned by Mr. Gabe Cox at the corner of Peyton avenue and Independent street. This site was regarded as desirable in every way and it was thought it would be as acceptable to all parties as any that could be selected. The board was willing to pay a reasonably high price, but considered Mr. Cox's figure of \$6,000 as altogether too high and dropped it. Ever since the injunction was removed the board has been endeavoring to secure a more central site and there never was a moment when the board would have declined to select a central site if it could have been gotten. "It is easier to criticize than to act," said Mr. Rouse. The board, he said, had always tried to do its full duty and had even gone beyond it by advancing money to pay teachers with no security.

Mr. Rouse's report was greeted with great applause and it looked as if it was all over.

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Put this out and take it to J. E. Hood's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets; the best physician. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the appetite and regulate the bowels. Regular size, 25c per box.

A RICH GIFT TO THE COUNTY

CRAYON PORTRAIT OF ITS PATRONYM

Capt. W. W. Carraway Tells Why This County is Called Lenoir.

Presents a Handsome Crayon Portrait of General William Lenoir, Patriot and Fearless Indian and Tory Fighter, Then Faithful and Efficient Servant of the People.

In the show window of B. W. Canady & Co. is a handsome crayon portrait, nearly life size, of Gen. William Lenoir. It is enclosed in a heavy oak frame and in the corner is this inscription:

Presented to Lenoir County, by W. W. Carraway, R. p. S. S. 1899-1901, and E. A. Parker, photographer.

The portrait is the work of Mr. Parker and is a perfect execution. Accompanying the portrait is a letter from Capt. W. W. Carraway to Mr. B. W. Canady as chairman of the board of county commissioners, which explains the portrait and the reason of its gift to the county, which follows in full:

MONTICELLO FARM,
Lenoir County, N. C.,
June 11, 1902.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: All through life I have had the question asked me by the rising generation why Lenoir county was called Lenoir. It occurred to me while a member of the legislature, that if I could find a good picture of Gen. Wm. Lenoir, in whose honor our county was named, that I would have a copy made and present the same to the county of Lenoir, so that coming generations might know why their county was named Lenoir.

Through the kindness of Mr. Frank A. Cleland, engraving clerk of the Senate, who married a grand-daughter of Gen. Wm. Lenoir, I obtained a photograph taken from a life size oil painting, the property of Mrs. W. T. Lenoir of Caldwell county. From his grandson, the Hon. S. F. Patterson, our worthy commissioner of agriculture, I gleaned the following history of his life:

Gen. Wm. Lenoir was born in Brunswick county, Va., on the 20th of May, 1751, of French ancestry. His father moved to Edgecombe county, near Tarboro, when the general was eight years old, and died there. He was educated at the old field schools. At twenty he married Miss Ann Ballard, of Halifax county. In March 1875 he moved to Wilkes (then a part of Surry county) and settled where Wilkesboro now stands.

Before leaving Halifax he signed a paper called "The Association Paper," asking the sentiment and opinion of the people in regard to the freedom of the colonies. He was clerk to the committee of safety of Stokes county until the state constitution was adopted.

On the commencement of hostilities with Great Britain, Gen. Lenoir took an active part. Deprivations of the Cherokees he formed and commanded a company to defend the settlement. He fought the Indians and Tories. He joined Col. Cleveland's regiment as a Lieutenant, and served with Gen. Buth- 2

erford and Williamson in 1776, which expedition put an end to the Cherokee war. He was a great Tory fighter, he carried his rifle, slept with it and no man unless he was well known was permitted to travel unless undergoing the strictest examination. He was a captain in Cleveland's regiment at the battle of King's Mountain, where he was wounded in the arm and side, and one ball cut through his hair.

In the active service of the state militia he passed through the different grades from orderly sergeant to a major general, in which latter capacity he served 18 years.

At his death he was the oldest magistrate in the state or perhaps the United States. He filled at different periods the various offices of register, surveyor, commissioner of affidavits, chairman of the county court and clerk of the superior court of Wilkes county.

He was one of the original trustees of the University of North Carolina, and was the first president of the board. He served many years in both branches of the legislature. He was speaker of the Senate for 5 1/2 years, for several years he was a member of council of state and president of that board. Member of state conventions which met to consider the constitution of the United States.

While speaker of the Senate Dobbs county was divided and Lenoir county was born and named Lenoir in honor of that christian, soldier and statesman of unblemished integrity, and firm patriot, Gen. Wm. Lenoir.

And now Mr. Chairman, I have the honor to tender to the County of Lenoir, this crayon portrait, in behalf of myself and Mr. E. A. Parker, who bore half of the expense in making this picture.

I have the honor to be,
Respectfully Yours,
W. W. Carraway.

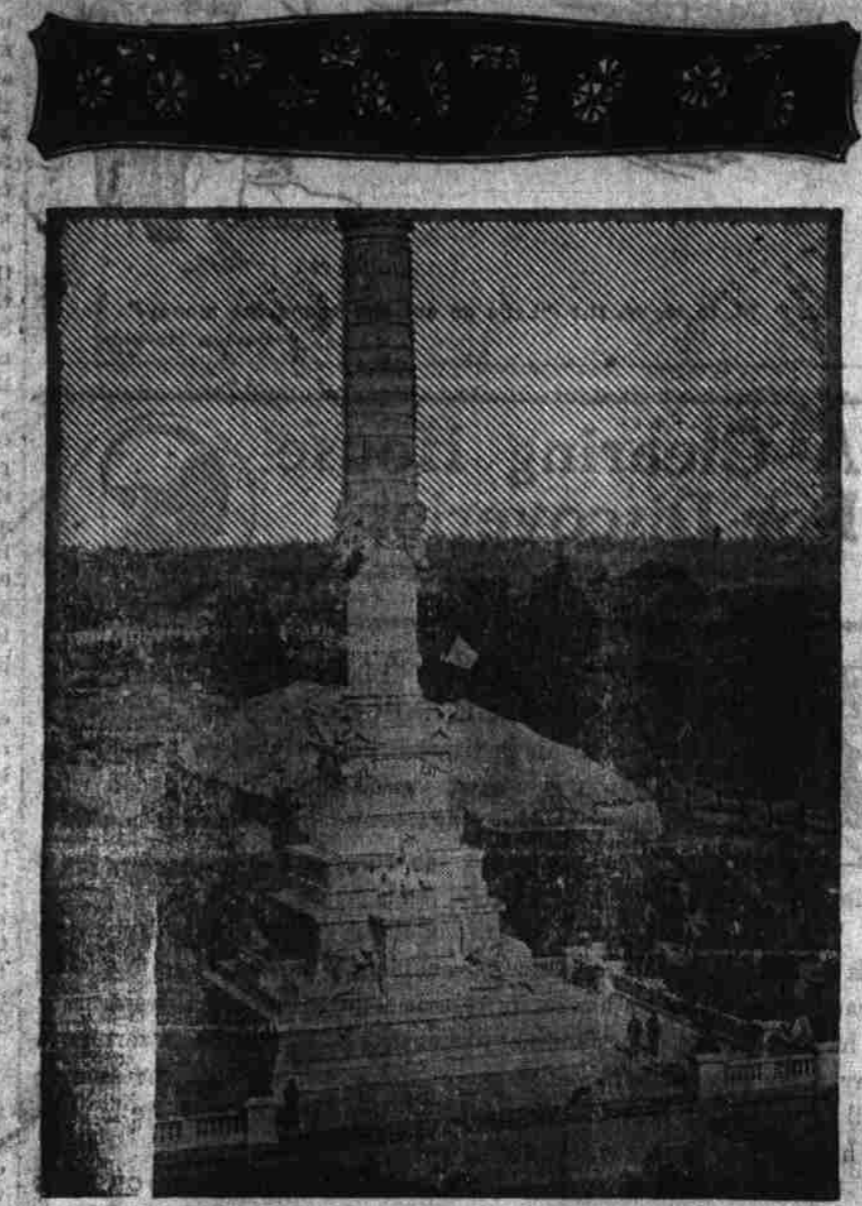
Not a Candidate.
Kinston, N. C., August 12, 1902.

Emory P. Frazz

My name has been spoken of in connection with the nomination for representative in the lower branch of the next general assembly.

Please say to my people, first, that I am not a candidate for this or any other office. However, I sincerely thank those who favor my nomination for their good will and kind expressions. What one could be any other than grateful for those nice things said of me by my much valued and ever faithful friend, Dr. B. H. Lewis.

The action of the late primary of that grand old township, Falling Creek, in which I have spent 48 years of my life, is truly gratifying and will never be erased from my memory. However, the democratic party owes me nothing; on the contrary, it has done me time, yes, fifty times more for me than I can ever hope to do for it. I have been the recipient of numerous places of honor and trust from his hands, and more, it has given me and mine abundant protection for the past 25 years, four years unexpired (1876 to 1900), which seem now to me as only a hideous dream. Very respectfully,
GEOORGE F. PARKOT



AN AMERICAN CIRCUS IN BORDEAUX.

When Mum & Bailey's circus pitched its tent in Bordeaux, France, re-nvas was erected in the Place des Quinaocones, in the very heart of the principal public square and show place of Bordeaux. That glimpse of this kind should be given the use of a public park is Americans, who relegate such shows to vacant lots. A circus in are park, New York, or on Boston Common would almost be ot.

Purely Personal

Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. S. W. Isler went to Goldsboro last night.
Major H. F. Brown came from Raleigh yesterday.

Prof. E. A. Simpkins returned to Seven Springs last night.
Miss Melissa May returned yesterday from visiting in Craven county.

Little Miss Mary Simpson Ross left this morning for Wilford to visit friends.
Mr. George Hadley was in Kinston a few hours yesterday, returning from Greenville to LaGrange.

Mr. I. M. Tall left this morning for a ten days' visit to "the land of the sky," the Blue Ridge mountains.
Mr. Alex Fields returned yesterday from a short business trip to Richmond, Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Esten Tripp, who had been visiting at Mr. Pittman's, returned to her home at Bonneron this morning.

Mr. Ralph Kilpatrick, who had been spending a couple of months with his parents, left for Pannasoffkes, Fla., his home, this morning.

Miss Lizzie Allen and Little Miss Mary Moore Allen, who had been visiting at Judge O. H. Allen's, returned to their home at Goldsboro this morning.

List of Delegates.
The following townships have just sent in the list of their delegates to the democratic county convention to be held in Kinston next Saturday:

INSTITUTE.
The convention of Institute township was called to order by Mr. E. B. Byrd, with Mr. W. P. Hardy as secretary.

The following delegates were elected: F. B. Hodges, J. W. Gray, J. T. Kennedy, J. A. Aldridge. Alternates: H. B. Walters, Elias Sullivan, B. P. Hardy and H. E. Parr. On motion the chairman and secretary were added to the list of delegates.

Mr. G. L. Sullivan was nominated for township constable.
The following were nominated as magistrates for the township: J. W. Brothers, E. B. Byrd, Ray Dawson.

PINK HILL.
Pink Hill township has elected the following delegates: H. K. Noble, G. L. Smith, Vance Noble, Blaney Harper, W. A. Jones.

The delegates were instructed to vote and use all their influence for Mr. George Turner for the legislature and Mr. Plato Collins for clerk of the court.

MINIST.
The following list are the delegates from Trent township: B. H. Dawson, J. A. Outlaw, C. M. Fordham, Sargent Stanley, Zack Harper, Brown Williams and Oscar Burdy.

TIMELY TOPICS

TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Pity is akin to love, but kinship does not always signify friendship.

First get a man's heart and you will not have to draw a revolver on him to get his purse.

The most noticeable trademarks are the wrinkles on business man's brows in dull times.

Calling a man hard names is often only another way of saying that he dares to differ from you in opinion.

Opinions are a good thing to have in life, but an extra pair of suspenders is often of more practical value.

When bullet or sword-thrust hushes the breath of one upon the field of battle, the heart of some woman is also wounded.

Genuine good breeding involves the sort of right feeling that makes it impossible to be otherwise than polite on all occasions.

Every individual in the world influences some one person, and the greater we make ourselves the greater we make some one else.

Before you run in double harness, look well to the other horse, but see to it that the other horse doesn't have a chance to look well to you.

Even if work were the sole aim of life, it would be folly to neglect relaxation; for no labor can be efficiently and permanently carried on without it.

A thing is never worth while doing if it does not do us some distinct good, if it does not make us better, whether spiritually, mentally or physically.

TIMELY TOPICS: In the midst of these political alarms and graded school alarms and various other "tracagons, stratagems and spolia" let us not forget that you and I have promised each other that we would keep hustling after that good roads business. I got a chance to shoot in another word or two to the chairman of the county commissioners the other day and found him "reasonable." Reminded him that George Tull's bottom land has oceans of rock for macadam and that the way to start is to get the county and town to chip in and buy a rock crusher and steam road roller and go to work. That's all we need, you know, except to know how. He said: "Go ahead and write it up in The Free Press and I'll stand by you." Now, that is a right smart of a start for one minute, don't you think? We have all looked upon Mr. Canady as opposed to good roads, because he took no interest in the good roads convention at Raleigh. But this shows that we were mistaken. Mr. Canady is a power in the land when you get him started. So now that he shows a disposition to start, let's all get together behind him, give him a shove, the pack of firecrackers to his cont-tail and let'er go. Now, some people may think Mr. Canady was giving me a sweetened jolly, or, to the approaching convention and campaign, but out upon such a base insinuation! I would not think it for a moment! U. Ktow.

Prompt Action.
At the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night Mayor Webb reported that a negro excursion from New Bern was scheduled to come to Kinston today, and asked what action he should take. The mayor of New Bern had notified him that there were five cases of smallpox among the colored people there. The Chamber of Commerce unanimously asked the board of aldermen to keep the excursion from coming and the board immediately did so. The aldermen were quickly gathered and without debate adopted a resolution prohibiting the train from stopping here.

Dysentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.
"I am just up from a hard spell of the flux" (dysentery), says Mr. T. A. Pinner, a well known merchant of Drummond, Tenn. "I used one bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world." There is no need of employing a doctor when this remedy is used, for no doctor can prescribe a better medicine for bowel complaint in any form, either for children or adults. It never fails and is pleasant to take. For sale at J. E. Hood's Drug Store.

THE WEE-LITTLES IN ANTWERP.

The Cathedral at Antwerp.

On a peaceful Sabbath day, the children decide to play and atone for a life of frivolity.

Citizens stare at them with ill-concealed amusement.

WIND THE THREE HIDDEN HOLLANDERS.