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"WHAT IS THE MOTIVE."

Newspaper discussions should be for the purpose of bringing out facts and placing them before its readers in such plain language that they can understand them. We thought we had used as plain English as was necessary for the citizens of Warren to understand the facts. But it seems that the editor of the HEADLIGHT cannot, or will not see. The old adage that "None is so blind as him who WILL NOT see" fits the state of the Headlights vision. In fact the name is a misnomer, for instead of being a head-light and illuminating the path in which its readers may walk, its light flickers and turns from side to side and the path is left in darkness.

For instance, is any light thrown on the facts by such twaddle as the following (in speaking of Mr. Daniel's salary, as Attorney to Board) "This salary is no doubt a disappointment to Mr. Daniel, for he expects the matter to be left open until the first Monday in July, when he hopes aided by Mr. H. H. Jones, to PUSH Mr. John S. Davis off the board of education." How in the name of common sense can Mr. Daniel, Attorney for the Board at one cent per month, and Mr. Jones, Secretary to the Board, PUSH Mr. Davis out of his office if he has a legal right to it, Is Mr. Jones, its Secretary, and Mr. Daniel, its Attorney, greater than the Board? Are the creatures greater than the creator? If so, we NEED changes in the personnel of the board. So far as Mr. Jones, is concerned, he does his PUSHING before the people, and then abides their will.

So far as Mr. Daniel's salary is concerned, we have given our views as an editor and as a citizen of this county. If the Headlight approves that kind of economy it is in a mighty small minority in the County and State. It looks to us as it was TWO CENTS spent without cause, for no bill had been presented nor contract made with an Attorney, and any action taken in May could not hold longer than July 1st, with TWO members of the new board to qualify and take their oaths of office then. Mr. Davis could not contract with Mr. Daniel nor fix his salary for a term beyond 1st Monday in July. Mr. Newell would not be a member after the first Monday in July unless he qualified for the new TERM, and Mr. Rooker alone could not elect nor fix salary beyond the 1st Monday in July.

We did not name the man or set of men to whom we have "boasted" about salary or any other matter. The only reference to salary for the Superintendent was that after July 1st I would probably be employed as "all-time" Superintendent. So far as that matter is concerned I have never spoken to Mr. Skinner about, and the question of salary has not been discussed with him. I know him to be a gentleman big enough, broad enough and identified with the farmers enough to do the best thing for the schools of the county, and to do what he believes to be his duty, without fear or favor. His action in the matter will satisfy me, and I am sure it will those who are interested in educational progress of today.

THE REVISAL (SEC. 4119)

No, we did not print Section 4119. But please readers of the HEADLIGHT look at Mr. Hardy's law. If that's the law, we are glad we did not quote such law. He calls your attention to "keeping history straight," but it must—surely it must be ancient history. He calls it the "Code of Eighteen hundred and fifteen." That would make it one hundred and two years old. He doubtless meant 1815; but then there IS no CODE of 1915. Doubtless he has in mind the ACTS of 1915; but then he lost his own case by his own admission. For he tells YOU that "the term of office of the members of the county board of education so appointed shall begin on the first Monday in July next succeeding their appointment, and shall continue for TWO YEARS." Two years "mind you!" He says "read what the Warren Record says about Section 4119 of the second volume of the Code, then read the entire section as it has been copied from the law book. "Mind you" he (the editor of the Record) only quotes part of this section."

So we are going to quote editor Hardy's law which he says Mr. Jones only quotes a part," then we are going to give you Section 4119 as it is written in the Revisal with amendments, bringing the Law to 1915. Mr. Hardy, editor, Mayor and Justice of Peace, has the Acts of 1915 which gives the law to date, except amendments by the Legislature of 1917 which makes the law even stronger in respect to filling vacancies.

EDITOR HARDY'S LAW

"The General Assembly shall biennially appoint three men in each county, of good business qualifications and known to be in favor of public education, who shall constitute the county board of education. The term of office of the members of the County board of education so appointed shall begin on the first Monday in July next succeeding their appointment, and shall continue for two years and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. In case of a vacancy in the county board of education by death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of such county board; but if such vacancy should remain unfilled for thirty days after it occurs, it shall be filled by the State Board of education. Upon failure of the General Assembly to appoint the three members of the county board of education for any county as herein provided, or any one or more of such members, such failure shall constitute a vacancy which shall be filled by the State board of education. Provided, no person while actually engaged in teaching in the public schools shall be eligible as a member of the county board of education."

We may not, in the estimation of the editor of the Headlight, be able to "keep history straight," but we respectfully submit that we keep law straight. He argues that Mr. Davis' time does not expire on July 1st, then quotes law to prove that it does—for his law says "shall continue for TWO years." The trouble with Mr. Hardy is that his law is out of date. He should have known that members of the Board of Education are appointed for SIX years. He has been contending all the time that Mr. Davis had a term of six years. If the Legislature shall fail to elect, then that fact "constitutes a vacancy." The Legislature failed to elect, so Mr. Davis holds a vacancy—not a TERM. Mr. Hardy argues that Mr. Davis fills a TERM of six years; calls Mr. Jones to task for not quoting the law, then quotes the law with much gusto and PROVES by his own law that he was appointed for two years. That's what we call "Hoisted by his own petard."

The editor of the Headlight (speaking of the Record) says "his answer is not an answer to our article of last week in any sense of the word, because the writer leaves the facts and goes after other things that do not concern the point at issue—"keeping history straight." We thought we had made ourself understood. We don't recall a failure to reply to our neighbor's criticisms. But it seems that he thinks we avoided the issue. In the issue of the Headlight to which this is a reply he charges us with:

1. Pushing Mr. Davis off the Board
2. Boasting of our Salary
3. Not quoting the law in full.

We respectfully submit to the citizens of the County that we have answered the criticisms of the Headlight.

To the first assertion we answer NO!

To the second assertion we answer NO!

To the third assertion, yes, but only that part was quoted which has reference to the matter under discussion.

There's an old adage which says "It is better to have loved and lost, than not to have loved at all. And we presume editor, Hardy, J. P., had rather have quoted the wrong law and lost his case than not have quoted at all. We make this further observation: that editor Hardy should have known that the Legislature does not appoint three men as members of the board of education each time it meets. He should have known that the TERM of office of a member of the Board is not TWO years. The fact that the law he was quoting read this way should have made him careful to get the latest law on the question. It is matters of this kind that causes useless discussion, because the readers of newspapers have a right to expect editors to be careful in giving the facts. Opinion may vary, but facts cannot.

Mr. Hardy may not desire the editor of the Warren Record to be Superintendent of schools, and as a democrat and citizen he has that right; but to argue that the Secretary of the Board of Education "hopes to PUSH" a member off the board is childish. "Said the Ant to the Elephant—mind who you're shovin'" was just as far-fetched. Democrats at the Polls settled this question of membership of the Board of Education of Warren County, and the appointments have been made. What is the motive behind all this stuff? The people have spoken. What good can it be to be served?

PUBLIC LAWS, SESSION 1915

"4119. ELECTION OF; VACANCIES IN, HOW FILLED. The General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and nine shall appoint three men in each county, who shall constitute the county board of education—one for a term of office of two years, one for a term of office of four years and one for a term of office of six years. The term of office of each shall begin on the first Monday in July next succeeding his appointment. Each succeeding General Assembly, at its regular session, shall appoint one member in place of the member whose term of office expires on the first Monday in July next succeeding that meeting of the General Assembly, and his term of office shall continue for six years from the first Monday in July next succeeding his appointment and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified: Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to those counties in which the county boards of education were, at the general election of nineteen hundred and eight, elected by a vote of the people. No person shall be eligible as a member of the county board of education who is not known to be a man of intelligence, of good moral character, of good business qualifications, and heartily in favor of public education. In case of a vacancy in the county board of education, by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of such county board until the next General Assembly meets and acts: Provided, that this act shall not apply to vacancies heretofore filled under this section; but if such vacancies should remain unfilled for thirty days after it occurs, it shall be filled by the State Board of Education. Upon failure of the General Assembly to appoint one or more members of the county board of education for any county as herein provided, such failure shall constitute a vacancy which shall be filled by the State board of education. Provided, no person while actually engaged in teaching in the public schools shall be eligible as a member of the county board of education."

PASTOR'S TRIBUTE.

To Allen and Mary Shearin Pegrum, of the Vaughan section of Warren County, N. C., May 31, 1844, was born Angelina Clanton Pegrum, who died suddenly at her home in Warrenton, N. C., May 12, 1917, in her seventy-third year. January 16, 1866, she was married to Mr. Jas. B. Lancaster; and he, three of their five children, W. R., Miss Maggie A. Lancaster and Mrs. Ruffin Loyd; a sister, Mrs. Charley Riggan, Vaughan, and a brother, Mr. Jack Pegrum, Macon, are left to mourn their loss. A son, Benjamin Allen Lancaster, died one year and one week before his devoted mother. Thus as the end drew near, she bore a weight of great sorrow.

Excepting a residence of eighteen years in Nash county, her life was spent in her native county. She loved home and the dear ones there, and was decidedly domestic woman; industrious and energetic. She greatly appreciated her kind neighbors, and was ever ready to do something for them. She bestowed warm-hearted attention upon the sick and suffering.

In her girlhood she joined the church which bore her family name, Pegrum, near Vaughan. Out of this historical old church developed the Macon Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her constant devotion to her church—the public services, the rules and regulations, the doctrine—is surely a worthy example to all who knew and loved her. "A virtuous woman, trusting in God's love and goodness." "of a meek and quiet spirit," consecrated in life, anxious, as she often said, to pass from the earth without sickness and suffering. God granted her sincere desire; for having worked on Friday, as was her custom, and with nothing more unusual than a head-ache, she retired to rest; but between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday morning her daughter awoke to find her precious mother in a dying condition. Before anything could be done her spirit went back to God who gave it.

There was a mutual fondness between her and her three grand-children in the home, and her last words were a good-night blessing on baby Willie Bunting: "You are the sweetest thing in the world."

After suitable funeral service in the residence Sunday afternoon, her remains were borne to Fairview Cemetery; where, surrounded by a large company of sympathizing friends, she was tenderly laid to rest by her son beneath a profusion of beautiful flowers.

R. H. BROOM.

DINNER COMMITTEE FOR PATRIOTIC MEETING

The persons named below are requested to act as a Dinner Committee for the occasion of the Patriotic meeting to be held in Warrenton on Thursday, May 17th. Each member of the committee is requested to give publicity to the meeting in his or her neighborhood and to ask the housekeepers to send baskets. On Thursday the members of the committee are expected to take charge of the serving of dinner.

The four ladies first named will arrange for receiving the baskets as they are brought in.

The Committee is as follows:

- Mrs. H. F. Jones
- Mrs. Lizzie Tarwater
- Mrs. Nathan Palmer
- Mrs. W. A. Graham
- Mrs. W. A. Connell
- Mrs. Robert Pinnell
- Mrs. Mark Perry
- Mrs. W. C. Mabry
- Mrs. W. C. Merrett
- Dr. P. J. Macon

LITTLETON ITEMS

Mr. N. J. Harris, of Epworth, who is one of our most successful farmers, was in town last week. Mr. Harris says that farmers in his section are planting things to eat.

Mr. G. E. Lewis, after a pleasant visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. N. Thornton, has returned to her home in Halifax.

Mrs. W. H. Nicholson went to Raleigh last week to visit her daughter, Miss Mary Nicholson, who is attending school there.

Mrs. E. N. Marborough, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Moore last week.

Mr. S. G. Daniel visited his farm near Halifax Friday and reports that the farmers in Fancette Township, Halifax county, are preparing for the biggest food crop in their history.

Miss Blanche Hicks, stenographer for the Royal Feed and Grocery Co., spent Sunday with her parents at Wise.

Mrs. T. C. Williams and children, of Essex, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Harrison, Manager of Panacea Hotel, made a business trip to Battleboro last week.

Mr. H. S. Wall, of Roanoke, was among the visitors in town last week.

Miss Allene Whitaker, of Norfolk, Va., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bessie Cawthorne, for several days.

Mr. R. A. Harris, of Macon, was in Littleton on business last Friday.

Miss Sarah Perry, of Richmond, is visiting at the home of her brother, Dr. E. A. Perry.

Miss Helen House and brothers, Mr. Charles and Mr. Harry House, of Thelma, were here Saturday night to see the picture, "Civilization" shown at the Opera House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butts and children, of Chaptico, Va., came Saturday to visit Mrs. Butts' mother, Mrs. E. C. Bebbitt.

Rev. J. A. Cargill has returned from Wilson, N. C., where he assisted in the "Men and Millions Movement of the Church of Christ."

LITTLETON GRADED SCHOOL CLOSSES

A Declamation Contest was held in the Graded School Auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Six eager, ambitious young Americans sat upon the rostrum, hoping to win the coveted prize, a handsome medal offered by Mr. S. G. Daniel for the best declamation. This medal is an annual prize given in honor of W. J. Bryan, whom Rev. J. M. Millard, in presenting the prize, referred to as the greatest orator of modern times. This medal is to encourage the boys of this section to take an interest in oratory. Each contestant spoke with earnestness and enthusiasm, and acquitted himself so well that the judges, Revs. J. M. Millard, A. P. Tyler and W. E. Swain, found it hard to decide who had won the most points, but finally agreed that the medal should go to B. B. Harrison. The High School boys rendered "Rastus Elink's Minstrels," to the delight and amusement of the large audience.

On Friday evening a very interesting program was well rendered by the primary class of the School.

- Mr. J. D. Newell
 - Mr. John S. Davis
 - Mr. C. C. Hunter
 - Mr. R. E. Williams
 - Mr. Mark Duke
 - Mr. Nat Weldon
 - Mr. Wallace Paschall
 - Mr. Sam Allen
 - Mr. Weldon Davis
 - Mr. W. L. Wiggins
 - Mr. R. S. Registered
- Central Committee

RIDGEWAY ITEMS.

Mr. Marvin Grant, of Littleton, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Grant Sunday.

Mr. L. M. Kilian, Mr. John Leonard and Margaret Kilian went to Warrenton Monday.

Miss Hope Thompson, of Macon, visited Mrs. W. A. Overby this week.

Miss Ava Alston went to Norlina Monday.

Mrs. F. W. Daeke and children, of Henderson, visited her parents Rev. and Mrs. C. Lauterback this week.

Mr. Lifsey, of Norlina, was here Monday morning.

Mr. P. M. Stallings and family, of Macon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baxter Sunday.

Mr. Earnest Hecht and family, of Henderson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hecht Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Dill, of Henderson, visited friends here Sunday.

There will be memorial exercises at the Ridgeway cemetery Sunday morning, May 20th, at nine thirty (9:30) o'clock.

NOTICE

To the Farmers of Warren Co.:

The cold weather has killed some of the cotton crops that were up, and some probably will not come up. The tobacco plants are late and scarce. Do not be alarmed, you have time enough to wait and see if these crops will pay to plant when it gets warm. And in corn they do not have a stand. Check the cotton rows four feet and plant in corn. The tobacco land that the guano has been sown on, plant the corn in the middle of the rows as the large amount of guano under the corn would excite it when small and burn off the lungs of the plant (that is the fodder) when larger, and prevent the ears from ever coming on the stalk. Corn at \$10.00 per barrel will pay better than cotton and tobacco at 20 cents. The farmer can work corn with the plow. Cotton, tobacco and hired labor are a very large risk. And some times fail to work together.

F. B. NEWELL,
The farmer's friend.

FOR-GET-ME-NOT.