

THE COMMISSIONERS ACTION.

The outside criticism on the action of the Board of County Commissioners of Craven, in regard to the Board's refusal to hold a school election in August, according to the School bill passed in the Assembly of 1897, is far from the real situation in the case, and is quite usual in such instances, the criticism is unjust.

The JOURNAL has published the full text of the opinion of the Board's Attorney in this matter. It is a document that ought to be read by every one in North Carolina, carefully and thoughtfully.

It is a document that is likely to be brought into more than usual prominence.

Upon the legal opinion as set forth in this document there is likely to come most important developments and results to every tax payer in North Carolina.

Because the commissioners of Craven county have taken a most radical position in regard to this school bill, have declared most emphatically and unmistakably against its constitutionality, it must not be assumed that they have done so hastily.

Nor must it be thought that the members of the Board of Commissioners of Craven county are gentlemen who are prejudiced upon the subject of a liberal tax for educational purposes, therefore have declared against the bill.

There is not a member of the Board who is not highly in favor of a tax for educational purposes, who is not a tax payer, and most of them are heavy tax payers.

That the Board of Commissioners of Craven county has taken the position it has, composed as it is entirely of business men, all large tax payers, and each one a representative citizen, and declared itself against a law which it finds unconstitutional, and this in the face of a general sentiment which is for greater educational facilities, is a noteworthy proceeding.

That these Commissioners will stand by the position they have taken, anyone who knows them will not doubt.

Their position from every point of view is a most important one.

As citizens they have set themselves in no enviable light. They may and probably will be indicted.

As representatives of their county, their position, taken after careful and mature deliberation, cannot fail to commend itself to every tax payer.

They have sacrificed personal considerations, and taken a position that will be far from agreeable, from an individual standpoint, for the real contest has not commenced.

While the result cannot be determined until the case has been heard before the proper tribunal, its success from the Craven County Commissioners position will be one which will compensate for everything, for it will save the tax payers of North Carolina a sum of money which they cannot afford to pay, especially when it means incomplete returns and an expenditure with no commensurate results.

The JOURNAL as will every thoughtful citizen in Craven County, commends the action of its Commissioners, and trusts that the pluck which has begun this movement, and the opinion which has sustained it, will find a triumphant ending.

THE POPULIST CONVENTION.

The national conference of the People's Party, which has just ended its sessions at Nashville, Tenn., has taken on some new political armor, and shifted about some of its old political trappings, which it believes unsuited for the next campaign fight.

This convention has also pronounced very decidedly against Marion Butler, its members seeming to realize that this political leader, a man in whom they had placed so much confidence, was simply a political trickster, one who had betrayed his constituents in order to advance his own individual fortunes.

Believing this, the convention placed its mark of disapproval upon Marion Butler, and his methods, in no uncertain manner.

Whatever may be urged against Thos. E. Watson, it can hardly be said that he is insincere in his Populist beliefs, or afraid to announce them.

Between these two Populist leaders, it can be said that Marion But-

ler is sincere in his principles so far as they do not conflict with his personal aims, or political advancement, while Thos. E. Watson is fanatical in carrying out his political principles, regardless how it may affect him, individually.

The one is a cold blooded politician, the other a hot blooded enthusiast.

As to the Convention's work at Nashville, and the address which it originated, to be sent out to the people, some new political positions are taken.

Most extraordinary, the convention declared against fusion.

Probably it thinks its populist doctrines are sufficient in themselves to attract votes.

But more extraordinary still, it declares "that free silver will not bring relief until trusts, combines and rings are abolished."

Just how this declaration, giving free coinage of silver the second place, will please its party members, remains to be seen.

The convention proposes to re-organize and push its educational methods, and it may be counted upon as being a factor in future political campaigns.

NEW BERNE'S INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

With the final settling up of the truck crops, balancing receipts against expenditures it has often been thought that the real work of the year in this vicinity was practically over.

But this year it is different, and New Bern, while it has had a good truck season, is not going to rest upon this one industrial factor, but expects to be kept busy from the time the trucking season is over, until it returns again in the last part of the winter months.

The tobacco interest, a tobacco market, will in a few weeks become an important industrial factor in this city and vicinity.

It was said that New Bern could never build a tobacco warehouse.

One is now nearly ready for occupancy, which destroys that prophesy of not being able to build a warehouse.

It has been said that the lands in this vicinity would not produce a marketable tobacco.

The idea has been scattered to the winds by the actual production of a tobacco equal to any grown in North Carolina or Virginia, and in some instances of a finer quality.

The farmers in this section have shown their confidence in the New Bern Tobacco Warehouse by putting in a tobacco acreage, and the Warehouse people have assisted the planters with seed, and any advice that was necessary to assist them in their tobacco raising.

New Bern has this industrial factor, its tobacco business, for this Fall and into the Winter.

And besides this tobacco trade, the outlook is most promising for corn and cotton which will come here for a market, and add to the industrial trade of the city.

The industrial outlook for New Bern this Fall is excellent, and to make it a complete success, a sure thing, it is only necessary that every citizen should do his part, by talking up his town and working to bring business to it.

There are good, prosperous times ahead for those who are willing to make an effort, and this means the development and upbuilding of New Bern and her industries.

SHALL WE GO AWAY?

The summer light of city residents to the mountains or seashore, has become so customary that it is considered the right thing to do.

While New Bern may not boast of being a metropolis, yet she has a number of citizens who are well able to join, and do join, the throng of summer tourists to mountain and ocean side.

To those who through choice or necessity are compelled to remain at home, to pursue during the hot months their usual routine duties, there is much of comfort and enjoyment.

Especially is it so to those living in New Bern.

Those great essentials to a city's health, good water and sewerage, this city enjoys.

Its sanitary condition is also good. Its streets and alleys are well looked after, and no foul matter is permitted to accumulate.

While New Bern, as well the rest of the country has experienced a long and severe heated term, yet the general health of the people of New Bern today is remarkably good, and the doctors have no serious cases to report, while the patients are willing to admit from their point of business "that the people are distressingly healthy."

With these local conditions existing New Bernians who are not strictly tourists must feel well satisfied with their lot, and question of going away need not disturb them.

In addition to the home comforts, the New Bernian who wants a few hours outing can easily take it, and at small cost, going either to the seashore near Wilmington, or to Morehead City.

The citizen of New Bern has really nothing to trouble him dur-

ing the summer time. If he wants a change of scene, he can easily get it, and if compelled to remain at home he can feel secure so far as his personal health and bodily comfort are concerned.

The question of where shall we go for the summer, is not a vexing one to the residents of New Bern, and they never have to seriously ask it.

SORROW AND PEACE.

(Contributed.)

The article in last Sunday's JOURNAL on "The mission of disappointment" is a beautiful one, and a true one. On all alike comes this sorrow in some form. Disappointment and heart aches are the daily events of life for "never morning wake to evening till some hearts do break."

Even the sunniest heart will feel dark clouds of sorrow gathering around it thick and fast.

Peace is often driven out of these sunny hearts to allow disappointment to hold its sad and bitter sway.

Sorrow comes to all in some shape but God's mercy be most tender upon those whose sorrow is a living one, not a dead one. Upon those who are forced by circumstances to meet the world with a smiling face, and bright word while their hearts (seen only by God) are torn and bleeding, and longing for "some one" to soothe its aching. How many grow hard and stern under this sadness? Does not our Heavenly Father note all this and will He not at the last day, say, "Peace and Pardon, oh, sorrow laden soul."

May each of us be able to close our eyes, and putting our hands in His, be led to that Home beyond and there rest. If we trust in God, and feel we are doing our very best, why should we not all of us greet, rather than shrink from, Death?

Then all disappointments are done with. Cannot we who carry with us this hidden sorrow and "go mourning all our days" look upon our release as a sweet and simple.

"Passing out of the shadow, into a purer light, Stepping behind the curtain, Getting a clearer sight, Laying aside the burden, This weary mortal coil, Done with the world's vexations, Done with its tears and toil, Tired of all earthly playthings, Heart-sick and ready to sleep, Ready to bid our friends farewell, Wondering why they weep, Passing out of the shadow, Into eternal day— Why do they call it dying, This sweet going away?"

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J. A. Maddox, Atlantic, Ga., writes, "I had great trouble in passing urine, which was filled with sediments. My back and loins gave me much pain, and I lost my appetite, strength and flesh. I became nervous and unable to sleep. Two bottles of Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) gave me entire relief."

S. M. Ellis, Atlanta, Ga., writes, "Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) cured me of most stubborn eczema. I had doctored it without success for twelve years. For sale by druggists."

Our Duty.

Should I support the missionary work of the church?

This is no unimportant question to the reader. Personal obligation and personal salvation are involved. And the salvation of others is also involved, because the gospel reveals God's plans for saving men, and those who have not the Gospel have not the knowledge of the way of life.

All questions of religious duty, have but one supreme reference.

What saith the Lord.

The Bible is the revealed will of God. Its precepts and commands are the rules of duty for every believer. Its declarations are authoritative and are binding on all, and on all alike. If the Bible is not the rule of duty, then there is no authoritative law of moral conduct. If the authority of the word is rejected, we have no authoritative ethical code, and no moral responsibility. Each one is a rule unto himself. So will and fatal a conclusion will be at once rejected by every thoughtful person.

As the Bible furnishes one standard of duty, we refer every question of obligation to that. What does the Bible teach?

On the duty of mission work it speaks plainly.

All the prophecies concerning the work of Christ, the great head of the Church, reveal the world wide character of His mission, as well as the benevolence of His reign. No one can read these prophecies without being convinced that the coming Messiah was to be the world's redeemer.

The teachings of Christ and the apostles reiterate and testify the teaching of prophecy in regard to the mission of Christ.

Jesus said that these prophecies were to be fulfilled in Himself, and that repentance and remission of

MAY ADJOURN SOON.

It Depends Upon Hawaii Treaty and Monetary Commission.

Competition Among Architects to be Encouraged for Public Buildings. Criticism of Judge Bradley by Sen. Allen. Attempt to Blame.

View of the large majority by which the tariff bill passed the Senate, one can hardly realize that a few months ago well-to-do men were expressing opinions in regard to the tariff, which were discarded by the Senate amendments to the bill, which is now before the House.

The President had the matter finally disposed of, so soon that the conference is not likely to be a very long one, although some blunting will probably be included in its first stages.

Two things stand in the way of fixing a date for the adjournment of Congress. President McKinley's message asking for legislation authorizing a currency commission and the determination of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations to report the Hawaiian annexation treaty at the present session, instead of allowing it to go over until next winter. If an attempt is made to bring these matters to a vote, the date of adjournment will be very uncertain if not adjournment is likely to be postponed for some time on the tariff bill.

Plans and specifications for the new method of securing plans for public buildings, under the Tarney act of Congress, which is to be inaugurated by a competition to furnish the plans for new buildings to be erected at Norfolk, Va., and at Camden, N. J. Regulations governing these and future architectural competitions were this week issued by the Treasury department. They provide that at least five architects of good standing shall be asked to submit competitive plans, drawings and specifications for each building to be erected, information as to cost, etc., to be furnished by the Supervising Architect office. The right to reject all plans submitted is reserved, but when one of the competitors succeeds he will get quite a nice thing. He will be commissioned by the government to prepare complete plans and to locally supervise the erection of the building. Secretary Gage has great expectations of the new plans, both as an improver of public architecture and as a developer of architectural talent.

Senator Allen took occasion during the short debate which preceded the laying of his best sugar bounty tariff amendment on the table by a vote of 57 to 9 to express his opinion of Judge Bradley, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, who presided over the trials of the sugar scandal witness and, with one exception, instructed the jurors to bring in verdicts of not guilty. Mr. Allen said: "I do not know who Judge Bradley is, nor do I know any man sitting on the bench in this District or elsewhere and who would hold that a question put by a member of a committee and not objected to by the balance of the committee was not a proper one, ought to be convicted of imbecility and general incompetency, for not knowing one of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence that has come down to us from 600 years ago. One of the oldest principles of evidence, one upon which we act every day, is that silence is consent. It was decided differently, however, by that distinguished jurist, Mr. Bradley, and possibly there are a few poor fellows, who believe that there can be such a thing in these days as favoritism in the administration of justice."

Assistant Secretary Howell, of the Treasury department, was about the maddest man in Washington for awhile this week. It all came about through an Alabama office-seeker. Several weeks ago Mr. Howell received a letter from this man asking that his application for the position of collector of Customs at Mobile be filed. Mr. Howell filed the application and as a courtesy wrote the man that he had done so. This week Mr. Howell got another letter from the Alabama chap, in which he coolly proposed to pay Mr. Howell one-fourth of the salary, if he would procure his appointment to the office. As such he could not do so, Mr. Howell replied to Mr. Howell that he had been guilty of violating a statute of the United States by trying to bribe a Government official, and had thereby shown his own willingness to fill any official position.

Death of Senator Harris.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Senator Elihu G. Harris, of Tennessee, died at his residence here a few minutes before twelve this afternoon. The Senator had been growing constantly weaker for several days past, the intense summer heat, which has prevailed, greatly debilitating him, and no doubt hastening his end.

Mr. Harris represented the Ninth Tennessee District in Congress for the two terms ending in 1882, when he died of pneumonia. He then moved to Memphis, where he has since resided. He was three times in succession before the war, beginning in 1852, elected Governor of his State, and was serving in that capacity when the war broke out. He took a pronounced stand for the Southern Confederacy and was known as one of the Southern war Governors.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a fourth or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; sediment on setting indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine shows hematuria (positive evidence of kidney trouble). This treatment is sure to relieve or cure the disease, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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REWARD OFFERED

For Arrest of Perpetrators of the French Broad Case.

Chatham County has an Interesting Law Case. Insurance not in Compliance with Law. The Lease Again. Can Play in the Square.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL offers \$100 reward for the perpetrators of a strange crime committed in the month of November, 1896. The body of an unknown man was found floating in the French Broad river in Buncombe county. The coroner held an inquest and the jury was of opinion that the body was that of William Vesel. There seemed to be no other character to the murderer or murderers. It was found that the latter after killing him had thrown the body in the river.

An interesting legal case comes up from Chatham county. A. P. Terry of Pittsboro made application to the county commissioners for license to sell liquor, and 275 out of the 410 voters in the township signed the petition. The county commissioners refused to grant license. Proceedings were today begun to force them to grant it, on the ground that the law does not give them absolute discretion or power to refuse generally. The wording of a previous act was "shall without discretion grant license," which that of the present act is "may." But there is a proviso, which was in the former act and which was evidently by an oversight left in the new one, and it is on this proviso that Terry's counsel has his contention.

The southeastern tariff insurance association will not comply with the law of the last Legislature requiring insurance on farm houses to be as low as the rates in the southern states of Virginia. The act also requires a reduction of rates on farms in the country. With this act the companies comply, but they ignore that part of it relative to country dwellings.

A Pinkerton detective is now at Lexington, trying to unravel the mystery of the murder of Mr. A. A. Springs.

The Louisa dispensary is making sales at the rate of about \$20 a day. The commissioners ordered beer kept on ice but this the board of control stopped.

The new State directors of the North Carolina railway seem to be quite the reverse of sanguine as to Gov. Russell's carrying out his plan to amend the lease of the North Carolina railway to the Southern.

The keeper of the capital issued an order that no children or nurses, who are not allowed in the Capital square after 7 p. m. The board of public building held a special session yesterday and rescinded the order. There is some comment on the fact that not the least notice was taken at the Capital or by the treasury department of the death of ex-Senate treasurer S. McD. Tate. The Capital board yesterday discussed this matter in view of newspaper strictures.

The law now requires a report of the amount of tax furnished in mines. The first report of this kind ever made came today from the Cumbeck coal mine.

The military company at Henderson will go to Washington, D. C. Monday on its annual outing.

The deputy revenue collectors in this district have made an excellent record this year in the matter of seizures of illicit distilleries.

HEAT IN CHICAGO.

Many Deaths and Horses Drop in the Streets.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Of all the hot days that have made life a burden since the warm weather of 1897 began this was the worst. There were more deaths of human beings and of animals, and the number of prostrations was greater than upon any other day of the long hot spell that has hung over Chicago. Sixteen people are dead from the heat, two are in hospital, and out of a large number of prostrations ten cases are critical.

The night was a sizzling horror—there was comfort to be found nowhere, the hottest night Chicago had ever known. The mercury was 87 last midnight, and although near the lake it sank to 82 at 6 a. m. the decrease in temperature was more than offset by an increase in the humidity, which through the night and day made the discomfort far greater than is implied by the record of the thermometer.

The day was especially severe on horses, over 100 lying in the streets. Sixteen hundred men and boys were temporarily thrown out of employment in Pullman today. Owing to the intense heat the managers found it necessary to close the works at noon and send the workmen home.

At Bloomington, Ill., the mercury reached 105.

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Japan Makes Dentist. WASHINGTON—Minister Hoshi, of Japan has received late advices from both Hawaii and Japan, which show that negotiations on the difference between the two governments on the immigration question are going forward peacefully, and that there is nothing in the progress of the negotiations to justify sensational reports that there is a probability of serious trouble between the two governments.

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