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Wealth Shows Its Hand

The poison arrow that we have feared so long has at last been shot by the tax-dodging wealth—for the sole purpose of crippling and wounding the schools.

Rigid economy is the desire of all people, and our Legislature should see to it that extravagance in schools, like extravagance in everything else, should be curbed.

Teachers are generally reasonable folks and would doubtless accept small cuts here and there, but when it comes to a cut of twenty-five per cent, they could not exist and meet the necessary requirements to do proper work.

The money power in our State evidently never intends that the people who they make their millions out of shall be educated out of their big dividends.

One thing is needful and must not be neglected by this Legislature, and that is ample provision to educate the masses. If we fail we will never be able to put up a fight for equal rights.

Education and intelligence are the things that are holding the fight up for the people at the present time.

The friends of the people should never give up the fight. And the schools must run.

Valuation Decreases

Up to this date Bear Grass is the only township which has completed the revaluation of her land. It is reported that the values in that township have been reduced slightly over 25 per cent.

The poor crops in that township in 1929 and 1930 were such a shock to the farmers of that section that it has thrown them somewhat into a spirit of depression, which has doubtless had the effect of making them think their property is worth less than it really is.

As a matter of fact, the township as a whole is made up of independent home-owning farmers, who are suffering more from shock than from actual financial depression.

Crime—Not Law—Makes Criminals

Mrs. Cozart deplors the fact that the prohibition law makes criminals.

The lady should remember that it is not the law that makes the criminal, it is the violator. There has never been a law passed that did not make the violator a criminal. Laws are passed to protect, and not to make criminals. Yet if the individual refuses to obey any law, he places himself in the criminal, or law-breaking, class.

The Capital City Needs Cleaning Up

There was little hope that the charges of attempted bribery brought against certain people in and around Raleigh could be proven.

But there is almost a universal belief that less than the half has been told. It is significant to see a bunch of old broken-down, discarded politicians hanging around Raleigh, when everybody knows they are there to sell their evil influence to the moneyed gang for the purpose of trying to becloud the minds of honest but perhaps ignorant or unsuspecting legislators. Everybody knows they separate the legislators and

grade them into various classes—those whom they can not buy, those whom they can buy, those they need and those they do not need—and then they go after them accordingly.

Of course, they find a few who want jobs, some want office, some want money or other favors.

The sooner the class of politicians who hover around the Capitol whenever the legislature is in session is booted out of Raleigh, the better it will be for the people.

Grounds for Suspicion

The Senate investigation has evidently caused some uneasiness in the State. It would be amusing to see the maneuvering to try to "wet blanket" the fires that are liable to break out here and there. What the guilty want is to smother the testimony.

One noticeable thing which makes the suspicion much greater is the old gang wallowing around who were once the identical fellows who passed the foreign stock exemption law. When people see such men as W. L. Long, John B. Dawson, and others who once had high aspirations for the governorship and senatorship, but failed, standing around a legislature, it is to some extent grounds for suspicion.

Such men are generally hired by somebody who wants more than their share of the blessings of government and less of the responsibilities of the government.

If we could only have one legislative session free from unfair influences; that is, money, women (bad), and liquor, things would soon get better.

A "Want Ad"

North Carolina has for exchange many dilapidated, liquor-drink, boot-licking politicians, who have lost their usefulness and are now a menace to free government. Will take in exchange anything that is harmless. Quick trade is desired.

"In Jesus' Name—"

"In Jesus' Name—" were the last words of Colonel E. C. Hillyer, while praying in a Raleigh church Sunday morning, when his heart ceased to beat and his soul went to the spirit land.

Doubtless most of us would like to have the summons come under the same circumstances. Yet how little is the world doing along that line.

We have yielded our hours of prayer to pleasure programs, until it is a strange thing to hear the name of Jesus, unless somebody dies. The name of some famous prize-fighter, golf player, baseball hero, or movie actor is heard oftener than the name of the Deity.

We seem to forget that in the history of man, he has prospered who has kept close to the house of the Lord, but the nations that forget God are always doomed to fall.

Friendships—Not Opinions—Differ

There is no difference of opinion in this legislature. Everybody sees exactly alike.

If a man is a friend of the people, he stands for a fair distribution of taxes; he supports the various plans to carry in effect the MacLean Law. If he is bound by the bonds of love for some special friend or interests which are seeking big dividends, he can be counted against the MacLean Law.

The question is not on a difference of opinion, it is purely a difference of friends.

We may fail this time. But now we know the importance of picking our friends, and next time only such legislators should be selected as are worthy of trust. First of all, we must select men who are right in heart and who are too honest to be swayed by the hope of office, social promotion, business opportunities, or even a wad of cash.

Legislating As High As Ever

The strangest thing about the present General Assembly is so little effort has been made to reduce taxes by cutting down expenses. Living expenses have been reduced twenty-five to fifty per cent. Wages of unskilled laborers have been reduced more than fifty per cent and thousands can get no work at any wage; but public service comes as high or higher than ever before known in North Carolina for State employees, and the State has a greater number in its employ, without counting those in the highway department, than ever before in its history. We are seemingly approaching the time when everybody will have a public job and be on the State payroll.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

NOTICE
North Carolina, Martin County. In superior court.

W. W. Griffin vs. Roy Lanier
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Martin County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 1st day of June, 1931, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., sell to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title and interest which the said Roy Lanier, the defendant, has in the following described land:

A tract of land in Williams Township, Martin County, adjoining the lands of Frank Barber, Gus Lanier, Geo. Williams, and others, containing acres, more or less, and more commonly known as Bettie Lanier land.

This the 1st day of May, 1931.
C. B. ROEBUCK,
Sheriff Martin County.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the powers contained in two several Deeds of Trust executed to Mary M. Jones and Sarah M. Mitchum by Simon P. Moore on the 14th day of January, 1922, and on the 31st day of December 1921, respectively, to the undersigned Trustee, which Trust Deeds are of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book U 1 at page 257 and Book U 1 at page 248 respectively, default having been made in the payments under each Deed of Trust, and at the direction of the holder thereof, the undersigned Trustee, will on the 25th day of May 1931 at 12 o'clock noon in front of the courthouse door, Williamston, North Carolina, expose to sale the following described property:

First tract: Bounded on the North by old J. B. Coffield land, on West by Reuben Jones, on South by Simon P. Moore, and on West by John

Purvis, being same land conveyed to Simon P. Moore by Virginia Moore, recorded in Martin County Registry in Book T-1, 478.

Second tract: Being that same tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife, Sarah A., to York Moore, of record in Martin County Registry in Book EE, page 634, to which reference is made for full description, containing 22 acres, more or less.

Third tract: Being that tract of land conveyed by W. H. Wilson and wife to York Moore, of record in said Registry in Book EE, page 635, to which reference is made for full description, containing 54 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale, cash.
This the 24th day of April 1931.
B. DUKE CRITCHER,
Trustee.
Jos. W. Bailey, Att'y.

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Remember the disastrous experience of last week and insure your tobacco and other crops against hail losses. We are prepared to give this class special attention. See us for information.

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PROPERTY Revaluation

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessors for Griffins Township will sit at the following places and time for the purpose of revaluing all real estate in said township:

FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 20th, From 8 A. M. On

J. EASON LILLEY STORE

Thursday, May 21st, From 8:00 A. M. On

SMITHWICK'S CREEK CHURCH

Tuesday, May 26th, From 8:00 A. M. On

All persons who own real estate have to attend to be heard by said Board.

This May 14, 1931.

Noah R. Peel

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR GRIFFINS TOWNSHIP

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