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FAIR WARNING

When the Advance observed that a bill affecting the Elizabeth City Graded School had been introduced in the Senate at Raleigh we thought that this was a matter of grave public concern and published the gist of the bill in the first available issue of this newspaper.

In a subsequent issue we endeavored in the editorial columns to set forth our position as to the wisdom and expediency of the bill. As that statement may have escaped the attention of some of our readers and as one phrase in the copy was omitted, in getting the editorial into type we venture to reprint part of it:

"That there are some things in the bill to commend we are sure. That taken altogether it is worth while we are not certain. That the exemption of the cotton and hosiery mills from taxation would be unwise we feel confident. The idea has been adroitly advanced that the measure will relieve the factory operatives of the graded school tax; but this is not true unless the corporate limits of the city shall be changed."

To be somewhat more explicit our objections to the bill are based on these grounds: It will decrease the revenue of the school by at least a thousand dollars a year without corresponding advantage, especially in exempting corporations that should in all justice pay part of the school tax. It will deny children living in outlying districts with no other high school in the county the privilege of getting a high school education without paying tuition—a privilege not denied in many of the most backward counties of the State. Moreover some of these children would practically be deprived of the opportunity of getting any education at all. By increasing the number of trustees from nine to thirteen and by depriving the Mayor of the right to vote with the aldermen in electing the trustees this year there is created at once suspicion that here is an attempt to drag the school question again into politics. When two years ago an entire new board of trustees was elected at one fell swoop and the school was in politics for fair the Advance found room for some consolation in the fact that hereafter only half of the members of the board could be elected at one time. It seems to us that there has been agitation enough of the matter of the election of the school trustees. We would like to see that rest. Or if there must be change we would like to see elections made

less frequent and the number of trustees to be changed at one time reduced.

The last of these objections is relatively unimportant. The big idea is that the bounds of the graded school district should not be so changed as to deny people living just outside the town and willing to be taxed for them the advantages of the city's school. The district was given its present bounds because the people outside of town asked it and the school needed the money. This is still the case. It might not be a bad idea to make the district larger still.

As to the rest of the bill it is good or unimportant. The idea of having women on the board is, especially, in line with the policy of progressive communities elsewhere.

This is a full, fair and unequivocal statement of our position. Others are at liberty to set forth their own. The question is one of interest to all the people. If action is taken against their interest they themselves will be to blame.

Interesting editorial comment from this newspaper may be expected Friday on Monday's meeting of the aldermen and the commissioners.

There are 1,500,000 automobiles in use in this country and one-half of them are owned by farmers. But we have a perfectly good pair of legs and are not a bit envious.

A wise man talks of others. The fool babbles of himself.

Convicts Escape From Chain Gang

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county is a road machine, and after that a road drag. He was strong for the benefits of a road drag when that contrivance is frequently used on roads already made ready for it by the road machine.

Mr. Peave also wants movable stables, and a movable kitchen for his camp, plans for which he presented to the board yesterday, but upon which no action has yet been taken. He also submitted plans for new cages for the convicts, and said that after getting such cages in Craven he had not lost a prisoner.

MRS. CHAS. R. HAMLET DEAD.

A message announcing the sudden death of his sister at her home in Blackstone, Va., was received by Mr. W. E. Dunstan, on last Thursday night. Mrs. Hamlet was before her marriage in 1875, Miss Adelaide E. Dunstan of Murfreesboro, N. C., and was educated at the old C. B. F. Institute of that town. She possessed of rare accomplishments commensurate with the Christian graces of character. She was a devout and life-long member of the Episcopal church and had built largely at her own expense a parish chapel near her old home in Brunswick County, Va. She leaves a daughter, Miss Lilla Louise Hamlet, one sister, Mrs. Josephine J. Deyer, of Southampton County, Va., and one brother, Mr. W. E. Dunstan of this city. She is a sister of the late Dr. Henry V. Thomas V. and Augusta M. Dunstan of Windsor, N. C.

MEETS WEDNESDAY AT 3:30

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. L. T. Reed on Road street Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Business of importance will be discussed and all members are requested to be present.

Items From Weeksville

Weeksville, N. C., Jan., 27th—Mrs. John Harris has gone to Norfolk to attend the marriage of her sister-in-law and to make a month's visit to relatives there.

Miss Stanton has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit to friends here.

Miss Eunice Markham has invited a number of friends to attend a party tonight at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thompson, on the Dozier farm.

Mr. Jones, formerly in business at Lister's corner, has opened a store at Kelmee at the foot of Sound Road.

Mr. Ben Pendleton went to Elizabeth City Saturday on business.

Mr. Willis Simpson of this section is visiting his sister in the Corinth section and will return home Saturday.

Owing to the storm of wind and rain no services were held at Newbegun and Union churches Sunday.

A large number of young people, from this section attended the plays given at the Alkrama last week. A number expect to attend "The Moonshiners" at the Floating Theatre Thursday night.

Miss Althea Sandlers entertained a number of young people at rook last night at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meads of Symons Creek are visiting Mrs. Meads father, Mr. Chas. Cartwright, at Dry Ridge this week.

Mr. Neal Blow of Palin's Corner will give a dance on Saturday night.

Mr. John Onley, formerly of Norfolk will take up his work on the farm near here with W. T. Jackson in a few days.

Mr. Jerry Cartwright went to town on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meads and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Cartwright were in Elizabeth City Saturday shopping.

GEORGE SAWYER DEAD.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon over the body of George Sawyer at the home at Belcross. The interment followed in the family burying ground.

Mr. Sawyer died Wednesday at his home in Belcross after a long illness. He was 32 years old and is survived by his wife, a brother, Celus Sawyer, and a sister, Miss Sophia Sawyer. He was a splendid young man and his untimely death is lamented by a large number of friends in that community.

MRS. MARTHA J. BROTHERS *DEAD

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Epworth Methodist Church over the body of Mrs. Martha J. Brothers. Interment followed in the family burying ground at Brothers schoolhouse.

Mrs. Brothers died Wednesday morning at her home on Parsonage street after an illness of several months at the age of 70 years.

CRIPPLED BY FALL

South Shore, N. C., Jan. 29th—Mr. C. C. Basnight of this place was painfully injured by a fall in his barn Wednesday. No bones were broken, however.

Mrs. B. F. Roughton, of this place is in the hospital at Elizabeth City for treatment. She left here Friday.

ONE HEIFER CALF—Dark fawn with white spots, disappeared December 30th, 1914. 12 months old this spring. Finder notify M. R. Fletcher, R. F. D. No. 1. A satisfactory reward will be given. **feb2-3t.pd**

NORTH CAROLINA, TYRRELL COUNTY,

To Thomas H. Alexander and all parties concerned:

Notice is hereby given that on May 4th 1914 the Sheriff of Tyrrell County sold a certain tract of land described as 25 1/3 acres Grid Iron tract, listed in the name of Thomas H. Alexander, for taxes due and unpaid and assessed upon said land for the year 1913, said land being situated in Tyrrell County, Semperlong township, and the date when the time for the redemption of the aforesaid land from the lien created by the aforesaid sale will expire is May 4th, 1915; And at the aforesaid tax sale Z. T. Sawyer became the purchaser, and pursuant to law said Z. T. Sawyer will apply for a Sheriff's deed or tax deed for above described land unless said land is redeemed before the expiration of the time of redemption.

Z. T. SAWYER.

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NORTH CAROLINA, TYRRELL COUNTY,

To I. Lavenstein and all parties interested:

Notice is hereby given that on May 4th 1914, the Sheriff of Tyrrell County sold a certain tract of land situated in Columbia Township, Tyrrell County, N. C., described as one town lot on Main street, Columbia, N. C., listed in the name of I. Lavenstein, for taxes due and unpaid and assessed upon and against said land for the year 1913, at which tax sale J. N. Cooper became the purchaser and the date when the time of redemption of the aforesaid sale will expire, is May 4th 1915; And pursuant to law said J. N. Cooper will apply for a tax deed for above described land unless said land is redeemed before the expiration of the time of redemption.

J. N. COOPER.

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