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GETTING IT STRAIGHT

The Advance had hoped that it was done with the school question for the present. But an inadvertent and minor error in the editorial "Fair Warning" in Tuesday's issue makes an additional word necessary.

The senate bill amending the graded school charter makes the number of trustees proper, including two women trustees, ten. The chairman of the county board of education, acting as chairman at all meetings of the graded school trustees brings the number virtually up to eleven. Tuesday's editorial gave the number as thirteen, which was an error.

In spite of this mistake, which we regret very much and now offer our apologies for, the argument of the editorial which had to do mainly with the proposed change in the bounds of the graded school district is undisturbed. And as for the number of trustees, it is still to be increased but increased to eleven instead of to thirteen.

The present number is nine and at first sight it appears that the only change made is in the addition of two women to the board; which in itself few would object to. But when the bounds of the district are made to conform to the corporate limits of the town and one of the trustees to be elected by the aldermen thereby eliminated, virtually Mr. J. M. LeRoy is named to take his place. Now the Adams doubts whether the educational interests of the county and of the town are always identical. There have been in some counties suits between the town and the county as to which should receive certain funds. Here in Pasquotank not long ago the county had claim to certain fines which had been going to the town and not them. It strikes us that the chairman of the county board should be more zealous in making the interests of the county secure by any means possible in a school. Every member of the board wondering how to do something better in this thing than the town.

And these matters are the school question again. The Advance wants to set forth what it had in mind when we suggested that rather than circumscribe the graded school district should be enlarged. If the district were extended in Providence township along both sides of Knobbs creek road, instead of taking in part of one side and leaving the other almost altogether out, as at present, it would make it possible to consolidate the two schools on this road; and one rural township in

the county at least would be in way of establishing rural schools that could compare with those of other progressive communities in the State.

A FACING OF ISSUES

Some of our readers may be wondering why we have given so much more of space in this paper to the graded school bill than to some of the other measures introduced into the legislature by Pasquotank's representatives there.

And yet it seems to us that there is no ground for any such feeling. The other measures so far as we have heard of them were all discussed before Messrs. Coloon and Small left Elizabeth City. The road bill and the salary system bill introduced by Mr. Coloon were read before the Farmers Union and before the County Commissioners and endorsed by both bodies. But the graded school bill seemed to materialize after the aforesaid gentlemen reached Raleigh.

Since, however, we have brought up these matters, the Advance will set forth its position.

This paper began talking about establishing the office of county treasurer and putting the officers of the county on a salary basis before these reforms were incorporated in a bill or so far as we know, discussed by the Farmers Union. Now if a bill embodying reforms that we have advocated seems to be in way of passage we cannot do other than wish it well. The bill may have its defects. This paper has made request for a copy but has not received one. But for defects, if they exist, Mr. W. L. Coloon must answer to the people of this county.

Again the Advance now for more than two years has been hammering in season and out of season on the question of good roads and urging some measure that would insure good roads for Pasquotank county. W. L. Coloon's road bill is the first answer to our efforts. The bill may not be exactly what we wanted, for no copy has been furnished us that we may go over it carefully and study its provisions. But with its general trend we are acquainted and can find no fault with it. It has the endorsement of the farmers. Objections that are offered by others apply only to certain details. We say let it pass, and let Mr. Coloon and Mr. Small answer to the people for it.

To be entirely frank the Advance would feel better satisfied if someone other than W. L. Coloon were sponsor for these bills. This paper has never been able to entirely forget that Coloon went to Raleigh two years ago with a city charter endorsed by the board of aldermen; and what the legislature and Mr. Coloon turned out was something parts of which the city fathers had any use. It would be well for the people of this county to remember this also and to write either Mr. Coloon or Mr. Small for a copy of each bill as it will pass. They would be a real help to us in making them better.

WHERE THE WORLD IS YOUNG

The matter of the graded school question has been a longer question for debate than one of necessity. The action of the county commissioners in denying the town the use of the county jail after June 1st made any dillydallying or delay impossible.

The board of Aldermen, then, deserve no particular credit for the fact that they are planning to take this step. They have got to do it. The only question is one of the cost of the proposed structure. As to this the Advance may make further com-

ment when we have heard the report of the special committee which is investigating this very question. For the present we will go no further than to say that the building of temporary quarters that will later have to be destroyed or disposed of will be a mistake.

The man who is responsible for the awakened interest in this matter and to whom is due the greatest measure of credit for the action that has been taken in the county physician, Dr. Z. Fearing. The conditions set forth in his report and first given publicity in the editorial columns of this newspaper last Friday have prevailed for some time; and had the county had a less able officer as its physician the injury some method of handling the city's prisoners might have come about definitely even until the town of county had been compelled to answer for this injustice in court.

The county if now appears will not be satisfied with refusing to quarter the city's prisoners in its jail but will remodel that structure in such a way as to make it possible to allow each prisoner his own cell and certainly his own bed.

The jail, we believe is four to or fifteen years old. It was not built right in the first place. It is now totally inadequate to the city's needs. Norfolk has one cell for each prisoner and so has Hertford. It is time for Elizabeth City to fall in line. The Advance thinks that two or three thousand dollars, if it would make the Pasquotank County jail a fit place for prisoners, would be money well spent.

The Advance was more entertained than impressed by the notion of Alderman Anderson last Monday that the Market House bond issue be submitted to the people of the town. Probably we would have thought no more about it but our attitude on this matter has been questioned. Our position will be set forth in the next issue.

By exactly what mental process we had figured out that by Coloon's bill the number of school trustees would be increased to thirteen we do not know unless in the idea that two women are equal to four men. We presume that that is the way the legislature at Raleigh feel about it when the suffragists descended upon them this week.

The "Thrift Club" of the Citizens Bank announces February 15th as the last opportunity to enter its ranks for this year. After that time it will be too late. But that it is never too early, members joining at the tender age of one week or thereabout entitled. And in spite of hard times and poor relations, these young fellows are keeping up their accounts.

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No matter whether spring is early or late there will be sage ones to tell us that the ground hog said so.

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Telling of times when dog meat—and the meat of starved to death dogs at that—tasted better than any porter-house steak he had ever eaten; pic-

turing a region where the average velocity of the wind is fifty miles, where a bunting flag goes to shreds in a few minutes, a flag of stoutest canvas is threshed to pieces in an hour and a flag of tin is battered out of shape in the first gale, so that sheet iron is the material that must be used; describing sea elephants that weigh sometimes as much as four tons each and measured twenty five feet in length; showing penguin rookeries so large and so densely populated that from a vantage point they seemed like vast popplestrewn beaches, instead of bird colonies. Sir Douglas Mawson has presented before the National Geographic Society one of the most remarkable series of polar exploration that has ever come from these regions.

In his account of his researches along the great Antarctic continent discovered by Rear Admiral Charles Wilkes—who was the same Admiral Wilkes who figured in the historic 'Trent' affair in which he during the American Civil War, held up the British packet, 'Trent' and removed from her, Mason and Slidell.—Sir Douglas paid tribute to the explorer and his work.

Mawson and his party undertook the work under the patronage of the Australian Government. The steamer, Aurora, formerly plying in American waters, was the ship that carried them to their base and finally brought them away. A midway base with a wireless relay station through which the party could keep in touch with civilization, was established at Macquarie Island, which was the old sailing ship route between Australia and Cape Horn and whose beaches are lined with the rocks of many a ship. The main base was established at Cape Denison, on the Antarctic Continent, and a second base several hundred miles further east.

Pictures were brought back by Sir Douglas showing the nesting places of a number of birds of passage who go to the Polar Continent to nest and whose eggs have never been seen elsewhere. There were absolute strangers to our ears and would interest the camera man with its much seeming interest as the camera man reported them.

The most interesting of the birds that flew on the edge of the Aurora's horizon, was graphically shown by the fact that the men had to lean out upon it, at an angle of perhaps 45 degrees, to walk in the ordinary wind, while no camera could record anything but a blank when the lizard was at its height. The hut which was the headquarters of the party, had one window, which was in the roof. The weathered the sun and the storm of the weather caused this to become a great deal of trouble. The men had to lean out upon it, at an angle of perhaps 45 degrees, to walk in the ordinary wind, while no camera could record anything but a blank when the lizard was at its height. The hut which was the headquarters of the party, had one window, which was in the roof. The weathered the sun and the storm of the weather caused this to become a great deal of trouble.

When the cook wanted a piece of meat he would send a dog down to get a penguin or a leg of mutton, and would take it away from him as he came out. One day the dog got away with a leg of mutton, which was rescued only after a chase of two hours; and then it was so damaged that the party voted to give it to the dogs after all. Read-

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Upon one occasion Sir Douglas set out with Dr. Mertz and Lieutenant Nimmo, on a courtly expedition. After about two hundred miles Sir Douglas and his sledge were lost. Sir Douglas and his sledge were lost. Sir Douglas and his sledge were lost. Sir Douglas and his sledge were lost.

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