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THE TANNERY

In this issue of the News we publish the resolution in regard to the Transylvania Tanning Co., which was unanimously passed by the Brevard Club at its meeting on Tuesday evening.

This organization has with characteristic loyalty to the interest of the county taken the lead in this matter. And now the time has come for the people of Transylvania to decide as to whether or not they will devote their efforts to the progressive development of the county.

The question is now squarely before the people individually and collectively. The Transylvania Tanning Co. cannot be expected to rebuild the plant recently destroyed by fire without assurance of the support of the people.

The company has received offers of building sites and thorough support from many other towns that know a good thing when they see it.

Through the efforts of J. S. Silverstein the board of directors of the company has been persuaded to delay their final decision a few days longer.

To all thinking citizens the loss of this enterprise looms up as the greatest industrial calamity imaginable, yet a loss insignificant compared to giving up a resident who is a remarkably vivid expression of the highest ideals of American citizenship—Joseph S. Silverstein.

A WISE DECISION

Once again has the General Assembly of North Carolina decided that divorce shall not be made easier by legislative enactment. Two or three bills relating to the divorce question and destined to make that instrument more easily obtained have been introduced and promptly rejected. There is force in the suggestion that men should be required to observe the same standard of morals that are demanded by society of the weaker sex. Both should be measured by the same standard. At the same time there should be no letting down of the bars in the divorce laws of the State and the present General Assembly is showing wisdom in disapproving any further laxity in the requirements touching marital relations and obligations.

The practice of letting down the bars for the benefit of special cases started away back in 1899 and resulted in a goodly crop of separations within a few years. Marriage became a mockery and the evil of divorce thrived for a time. The double-standard of morals will hardly be more harmful than would letting down the bars for the purpose of making divorce easier. The point advanced that men who insist—and rightly so—that their wives shall "keep themselves unspotted from the world," should measure their own conduct by the same yardstick. Only three states—Kentucky, New York and North Carolina—make a distinction on this point and the Raleigh solons argued well the point that changes in the present law contemplated by the proposed measure might be used by immoral men to impose upon innocent women in the practice of nefarious schemes against society was well taken. But the Legislature has wisely concluded that divorce shall not be made easier in North Carolina at this time. And the point is well taken.

THE TAX AMENDMENT GOES THROUGH

The State Senate and House of Representatives have passed the bill providing for the submission to the people of the proposed tax amendment to the Constitution which will make possible the taxing of unearned incomes of the predatory rich. The bill passed the House by a practically unanimous vote, but certain special interests made a desperate attempt to defeat it in the Senate. That they failed is due to the splendid leadership of Senator James A. Gray of Forsythe. He laid his plans well and had the backing of Governor Bickett to the limit of his ability. The vote of three-fifths of those present, and voting was necessary, under constitutional requirements, to put the proposed amendment through. On a roll call thirty-five voted in the affirmative and only nine in the negative. This means that the people will have an opportunity to say at the next session whether unearned incomes shall bear their proportional part of government expenses. The provision of the Constitution to be amended is as follows:

"The General Assembly may also tax trades, professions, and incomes: Provided, that no income shall be taxed when the property from which the income is derived is taxed."

This is rank discrimination in favor of the citizen whose personal income from ownership of property is derived without effort on his part, in that he is not taxed a single cent, while the user of property is required to pay to the limit. As we have said before, if this amendment is ratified, as it surely will be if the people can be brought to the point of understanding it, a very moderate rate of tax on income from property as well as from wages and salaries and fees would yield sufficient revenue to take the place of property tax now levied by the State for the support of the State and its institutions. The General Assembly has done well in submitting this amendment. It will be ratified by 100,000 majority.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

The Asheville Citizen was this week purchased from J. H. Caine and R. S. Jones, who have owned the paper for 15 years, by George Stephens of Charlotte, Chas. A. Webb and Haywood Parker of Asheville.

Mr. Stephens, who for some time was president of the Charlotte Observer, will be the head of the new company. This distinguished citizen of Charlotte is no stranger in our part of the state. He has long been actively interested in the advancement of Western North Carolina. He was one of the chief promoters of the Kanuga Lake enterprise at Hendersonville.

Mr. Chas. A. Webb is United States Marshal for the western district of North Carolina. He is also one of the owners of the Asheville Times.

Mr. Haywood Parker is a well known attorney of Asheville.

The new owners of the Citizen state that it will, "continue to be a non-partisan Democratic newspaper" with the development of Western North Carolina as its chief concern.

Our confidence in the success of their endeavor is surpassed only by our interest in their efforts and the sincerity of our cordial good wishes.

The drainage bills enacted for Henderson and Transylvania counties are likely to prove to be steps in the right direction. Anyway, no possible harm can result from the passage of these bills. A start had to be made sometime.

If the Legislature is deluding itself with the idea that the election of boards of education by the people will keep the public schools out of politics it has another guess coming. Or if it thinks the proposition to give the minority representation on these boards in republican counties will improve conditions a rude awakening is in prospect. The whole scheme is politics gone to seed. Better let well enough alone.

With all the republican members right on the spot and a number of democrats away the vote on the Britt-

Weaver case is not at all surprising. It was a strict party vote in the committee and a strict party vote in the House, with a number of democrats absent. However, Mr. Weaver has been vindicated by an unquestioned majority of 1,053 at the last election. Vindication at home is vastly more valuable than the result of an organized movement in Washington.

It appears that no child labor legislation in harmony with the Federal tax amendment will be enacted by the General Assembly now in session. Therefore, the Government will have to step in and protect the children of North Carolina as it started out to do when the Keating-Owen bill was voided on a technicality by divided Supreme Court last year. The mill men of the State are probably relying upon the hope that the Tax Amendment will meet with a like fate but we would respectfully remind them that the highest tribunal in the land has never yet interfered with a revenue measure. And it will not break the record of a century now.

REMINISCENCES

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Schools and school equipment in those days was inferior in many respects, yet they were equal to the day and age. They met the demands.

There were subscription schools made up by the patrons signing an article, as follows: "The undersigned agrees to teach a three months school at . . . to teach spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic; to dismiss two weeks for arduous pulling, and etc.

Generally speaking, there were more rules than sciences. The first school I went to, was in a split log house; cracks all open, a dirt floor; one door, didn't need any windows. My first teacher was a Mr. McDonald, son-in-law of Arch Jordan. The next was an old man, Johnnie Young, both in this new house, near where J. H. Duckworth first settled.

About this time, 1839, the Cathey's Creek Baptist Church built a new house down in the flat near the spring. The old house on the bluff was turned into a school house. It was fine, had a plank floor and seats made out of plank, but no backs. The seats in the first school house were saplings split and holes bored and pins put in for legs. The larger splinters were hewn off, but they were not all off by a long shot. The only improvements that had been made in the new quarters was to bore holes in a log and put pins in and a broad plank for writing purposes, and knock the "chinkin' and dobbin," out of the cracks to give light.

Here the following teachers taught, viz: old man Young, Charles Paxton, Miss Elizabeth Patton and J. H. Duckworth. How many terms each taught, I dis-remember, but I went to all of them. Then they built a school house down near Uncle John Duckworth's, they called it "The Duck school house." J. H. Duckworth taught several schools there. I was a student in all of them. I wish to say that J. H. Duckworth was the best teacher I went to.

During the period of the last schools mentioned, Col. Geo. Orr was teaching at Davidson's River. These two schools were on friendly terms. Each school organized a debating society. Each society met and debated each week. About once a month they would meet, alternate and debate against each other. And it was "tit for tat". Each society had its "King's fool". Jim Glayton at Davidson's river and Flem Harris at Cathey's Creek. They were used in tight places where wit was of more advantage than argument. In these debates, is where I got my first start in public speaking.

In about 1848, Col. Geo. Orr was induced to teach a kind of select school at the "Race Paths." He taught grammar and geography in addition to the former studies. I went to this school to finish up Smily's arithmetic. I had mastered everything behind it.

I did not make as rapid advancements in this as I had in former schools. My fiancée was a student in this school finishing up on "Pike's"

arithmetic. Don't think I quite got through Smily, but I had learned quite a little about lbs., shillings and penny weights.

This school was four miles from fathers. I walked it morning and night.

The young man that was master of the Old Blue Back Speller and those old hard arithmetics and grammar was better qualified for business than one-half that the high schools are turning out today with diplomas. Now listen. They wrote a hand that could be read. (Permit a note.) My first act of public life was a mass meeting to consider the propriety of dividing Henderson county and making a new county. Lee Gash was chairman, Daniel King put me in nomination for clerk with these remarks. "He is a young man, a fast writer and when he writes you can read it".

They punctuated correctly; they spelled correctly; figured by their own head. Do they do that today or are they using some other man's brains and figures, and a type writer, so you can read it.

Before you take issue with me on the above qualifications for business, I refer you to the Court records in Hendersonville kept by John Gullic and Elisha King, back in the 40's. Then tell if the schools in that age prepared men for business life. I abide the decision.

J. R. HAMLIN

NOTE—In my next article I will tell about the churches.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Subjects:

11 a. m.—"Joshua, Successor to Moses," by the pastor.

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