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FORWARD!

Gastonia has no team to shed to-day.

The $15,000 which she offered the county for the erection of public buildings within her bounds is still hers to be spent upon her own improvements.

But the vote cast indicates that the court-house is coming one of these days. "For Removal" received more votes than any successful county candidate in 1894, and the opposition had fewer votes in the count-up than any defeated candidate received that year. Nobody has the least reason for believing in his heart that the county-seat is a fixture at Dallas. It is but simple justice to that town, therefore, that the county make the removal at the earliest possible date. Then the uncertainty will be over and the business men of Dallas will know better what to depend on in their local investments.

Gastonia wanted the court-house, she made a generous offer to the citizens of the county. She hoped it would be accepted by them, but did not feel called upon to beg them to take it. The issue is settled for the present against her and she accepts the situation in the best of good humor. Her face is still to the sunrise and she will now interest herself in schools, lights, water-works, streets, good roads, and other improvements.

Her motto is "forward!"

SCHOOL TAX ELECTION.

Under an act of the last legislature "to encourage local taxation for public schools" an election is to be held next Tuesday in every school district (township) in the State to decide whether or not a special tax for schools shall be levied in such district or township. We have hitherto given in these columns the main points in the law. But since in the county-seat agitation school matters may have been left in the back ground, it may be helpful toward a better understanding of the act if we again summarize its principal provisions.

1. The election is to be held on the 10th of August.

2. The district (township) will be the unit.

3. The amount of levy voted on shall be not less than 10 cents on the $100 worth of property and 30 cents on the poll.

4. A majority of the qualified voters of the district is necessary to carry.

5. If the levy is carried it cannot be repealed within three years, and even then only by a majority of the qualified voters.

6. If the levy fails to carry in any district, an election shall be ordered every two years until it does carry.

7. The ballots shall read "For Schools" and "Against Schools."

8. To every district which levies a special tax or raises an amount by voluntary subscription, the State will give every year an equal amount; but the State appropriation can not exceed $300 to any one district. If the State hasn't the authorized funds sufficient to duplicate the district levies then the sum available will be divided in proper proportion among the districts making a levy.

9. The sum of $50,000 out of moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated is set apart to carry out the provisions of this act.

10. None of these provisions shall apply to any township, city, or district now levying a special school tax of as much as 10 cents on property and 30 cents on the poll.

We trust our people will think upon these things.

The principle of local taxation for public schools is a good one.

It is likely to have good and permanent results where it is put into effect.

The scheme for encouraging it may not be free from serious defects, but independent of these defects is an act to encourage local taxation for schools we can go right ahead with the local taxation.

If the State cannot duplicate our levy we shall at least have what we raise ourselves.

SCHOOL TAX BY TOWNSHIPS.

The election next Tuesday will decide whether the different townships are in a favor of the local school tax.

Indications are that it will not be voted in a single township. But we shall not on that account fail to call attention of our readers to the advantages to be gained by voting for the tax.

The rate named in the call is thirty cents on the poll and ten cents on the hundred dollars worth of property. Figure that out for yourself and you will see how much it will increase your taxes.

Now let's make some figures based on last year's returns, since this year's are not yet ready.

If the school-tax carries—

Crowder's Mountain township will add to her school fund $408.83. If the State duplicates this sum the total addition will be $987.66.

Dallas township will add to her school fund $403.73. If the State duplicates this sum the total addition will be $987.46.

Cherryville township will add to her school fund $503.55. If the State adds the $500 contemplated in the law the total addition will be $1063.55.

Gastonia township will add to her school fund $1099.64. If the State adds $500 contemplated in the law, the total addition will be $1599.04.

South Point township will add to her school fund $904.75. If the State adds the $500 contemplated in the law the total addition will be $1404.75.

River Bend township will add to her school fund $812.67. If the state adds $500 as contemplated in the law the total addition will be $1312.67.

Money raised at home and spent at home.

Are you going to vote for school tax? It will be a vote for the children if you do.

MAKE IT $2,000.

Gastonia township's school fund was less than $500 last year. This year it can be made to reach $2,000.

How?

This way:

This year Gastonia will receive about one half more from the regular fund than last year, for her apportionment was then scaled to help "weak districts, which scaling is to be stopped hereafter.

With the reasonable increase in property this will make about $750 to come from the county board's apportionment.

If a majority of the qualified voters come out and vote for the school tax this will add thirty cents on the poll and ten cents on the $100 worth of property. Calculated on last year's lists of 725 polls and $853,144 of property, this rate will yield $1069.64.

Add this to the $750 above mentioned and you have $1819.64.

Now the law provides that where the township raises $500 or more the state shall add $500. Now we have small hopes that the State will have the $500 to give, but suppose it gives $250. This will make the total $2069.64.

If the state should add $500, the amount would then run to $2318.64—nearly enough to employ for 8 months in the year a faculty of one teacher at $50, and four at $30 per month. How far would this be from being a graded school?

For these schools lasting 8 months in the year, have you any idea of what your tuition bill would be?

It would be for all your children put together for the entire 8 months in the common school studies only the amount of your school tax, which is 30 cents on the poll and 10 cents on every hundred dollars worth of your property.

Figure that out for yourself and you have your tuition bill for the year.

We did not have at hand the figures for the colored schools and in the above calculations they are not considered.

AN ESTIMATE OF MR. DANA.

The recent illness of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, editor of the New York *Sun*, who is now seventy-eight years old has been the occasion of numerous kindly references in contemporaries to this wonderful newspaper man. Below, is copied one from the New York *Times* which strickes us as being an accurate and sympathetic estimate of this great editor. Says the *Times*:

Mr. Dana loves to disagree with other editors. It is to him the chief part of the fun of business. He has made enemies of a good many men—but they don't know him. It delights him to set his newspaper crosswise of the main political currents. He often makes good men grieve, but he dearly loves to make wicked men howl. And he enjoys it all like a game.

His admirers and his detractors must come together at this point of agreement—that he has stood up stoutly against the debasement of the newspaper to the level of the stableboy's tastes and the gutersnipe's capacities. He abhors a sheet that is the joint product of the owner's unbounded fertility in rottenness and the reporter's defiant feats of ignorance. The best brains, the nicest taste, and the highest training are, in Mr. Dana's judgment, none too good for the staff of a newspaper.

Health and long life to him!"

The vote on the school-tax question will be taken by townships over the State. Your vote has no weight in the world outside of your own township.

BE LENIENT NEXT WEEK.

The GAZETTE has made some improvements in its printing machinery which in all probability will be for the worse temporarily. At any rate we trust our readers will be charitable if next week's paper is not up to standard in matter and mechanical appearance. We are putting in a larger and faster press—a venture fraught with experiment and interruption—and we shall be very happy to get out at all.

With the press which we to-day take out we have been able to give the paper a better print than it ever had before, and we trust that when we get acquainted with our new machinery we shall be able to keep up old appearances at least, even if nothing better.

Be lenient with us next week.

If any township wants better public schools it has a chance to get them next Tuesday.

There is less than a week of the school-tax campaign left. If you wish to carry your townships for better schools much work needs to be done.

If you pay tax on one poll and $1,000 worth of property the proposed school tax, would add only $1.30 a year to your taxes. Do you think you could stand that much for the sake of the children who are dependent upon the public schools for all the schooling they'll ever get?

If you pay tax on one poll and are worth $500, the election for school-tax, if carried, would add only 80 cents a year to your taxes. If you are worth $400 the increase would be only 70 cents, if $300, 60 cents, and so on. Couldn't you stand that much for the sake of better and larger schools?

We have been too deep in the court-house campaign to note before the improvements made in the form of the Charlotte *Observer*. The daily now comes in 8-page form, six columns to the page, and the weekly has been changed to a semi-weekly at the same price. Up-to-date-ness is written upon the face of every issue of this progressive newspaper.

The change from type to linotype composition improves wonderfully the appearance of Charlotte's popular evening paper, the *News*, and almost doubles its news capacity. The machines, formerly used on the now deceased *Tribune* of Raleigh, did their first work on Monday evening's paper. The *News* is to be congratulated upon its great improvement and we trust it will be compensatively appreciated by the paper's clientele.

Hot Weather Don'ts.

New York World.

Don't shave too close.
Don't hurry. Don't worry.
Don't drink anything with alcohol in it.
Don't eat heavily, especially of meat.
Don't fill yourself full of iced water.
Don't quarrel with anybody about anything.
Don't run to catch a car. There are others.
Don't wear any more clothes than the law requires.
Don't walk on the sunny side when there is a shady side.
Don't imagine that this sort of thing is going to last long. It never does.
Don't be scared if you can't sleep for the heat. You will sleep when sleep is absolutely necessary.
Above all things don't ask anybody, "Is it hot enough for you?" There is excitement to murder in that question.

A Sight Worth Going Miles to See.

Charlotte Observer.

The happiest conceit of the year was that brought forth by those noble men, Rev. Righteous Altogether Cobb, State Librarian; Dr. Common School Mebane, and Dr. Jay Yahoo Hamrick, State Labor Commissioner, as they looked at the eclipse of the sun through the smoked glass which the thoughtfulness of Rev. Jeremiah Lamentation Ramsey had provided. It was told of in our Raleigh correspondence yesterday. They conceived that the sun was a pie and the moon a Populist, and "gee whiz!" cried one, "look what a nice big bite the moon is taking out of it!" It would have been worth going miles to see them lick their chops.

Miss Gruber Married.

Marshville Herald.

Miss Camile Gruber and Mr. Will Cooper were married Tuesday evening of last week in Marion at the residence of Rev. T. J. Rogers, who performed the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Prof. S. F. E. Gruber, who will be remembered as the head of the famous family of musicians. Miss Camile is the eldest daughter and is a charming and accompolished young lady. Mr. Gruber is now proprietor of the Flemming-Eagle hotel at Marion.

"I have never had a day's sickness in my life," said a middle-aged man the other day.

"What a comfort it would be," sighs some poor invalid, "to be in his place for a year or two." Yet half of the invalids we see might be just as healthy as he, if they would only take proper care of themselves, eat proper food—and digest it.

It's so strange that such simple things are overlooked by those who want health.

Food makes health.

It makes strength—and strength wards off sickness. The man who had never been sick was strong because he always digested his food, and you could become the same by helping your stomach to work as well as his. Shaker Digestive Cordial will help your stomach and will make you strong and healthy by making the food you eat make you fat.

Druggists sell it. Trial bottle 10 cents.

EXPELLED FROM THE HOUSE.

Because They Denied the Existence of A Supreme Being.

Lenoir Topic.

In answer to the inquiry published in last week's issue as to whether anyone had ever been expelled from the Legislature on account of his religious belief, we are indebted to Judge Wakefield for the following information:

"In 1800 Jacob Henry, one of the members from Carteret county was excluded on the ground that he denied the divine authority of the New Testament."

"In 1831 Amos Weaver, one of the members from Guilford county, was excluded under the 31st section of the "old constitution." This section read as follows:

"That no clergyman or preacher of the gospel of any denomination shall be capable of being a member of either House of Commons or Council of State while he continues in the exercise of the pastoral functions."

Mr. N. A. Powell calls our attention to the exclusion of J. William Thorne one of the members elected from Warren county in 1874. The full particulars of this last case may be found by examing the House Journal of session 1874-'75. This man had denied the existence of a Supreme Being. The resolution of expulsion was a follows:

"Whereas, J. W. Thorne, the member from Warren county, has advocated and promulgated a most sacrilegious doctrine, subversive of the principles of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and of sound morality."

Therefore,

"Resolved, That said J. W. Thorne be, and he is hereby, expelled from a seat on this floor."

The Week's Business.

Dunn's Review.

Dispatches from almost every northern city of importance, condensed on the following pages, report without exception improvement in business, and from Detroit to Seattle and Portland, splendid crop prospects.

The stock market was expected to drop off with realizing after the tariff bill passed, but it advanced.

The wheat market seemed to have met a reaction, but has been moving upward as rapidly as before.

Money markets have been made more confident by declarations of the President and Secretary Gage.

The task of adjusting the business and industries of the country to conditions created by a new law has progressed with gratifying rapidity and ease.

Even the increasing strength of striking coal miners probably forwards the adoption of the uniformity plan, which promises to remove most of the causes of such struggles. Some confusion is caused by events seemingly contradictory; by closing of large cotton mills when many other works are starting, and by decline in some prices when others are advancing, but the balance is unmistakably on the right side.

The most important event since the passage of the new tariff, which was generally anticipated a week ago, has been the marked increase in foreign demand and advance in price for wheat, which has risen 4½ cents during the week, with Western receipts for the first time exceeding last year's, and Western railroads besieged for cars, and with Atlantic exports of 1,718,738 bushels, flour included, for the week, and 6,351,178 bushels in four weeks, against 6,917,865 last year.

Teller's Speech Cost Fortunes.

New York Dispatch.

If Senator Teller ban not made his filibustering speech in the Senate on Friday the Dingley bill would have received the signature of the President at once, and the cargoes of ships which arrived at vaious ports of the United States on that day whould have paid the extra duties assessed under the new law.

The amounts which were lost to the revenue of the United States in consequence of Senator Teller's speech were, therefore, enormous. Careful experts figured the loss on the cargoes of various ships as follows: Port of New York, $25,000; Philadelphia, $10,000; Boston, $13,000; Baltimore, $21,000 Newport News, $12,000.

Revival of Prosperity.

Manufacturer's Record.

The tariff Bill has been passed.

Crops in the country are unusually large.

The European demand for grain and cotton is heavy, and prices are yielding a good profit to farmers.

A settled tariff policy will without doubt create better business conditions, and, in connection with the enormous crops, bring about the prosperity for which we have all been so eagerly looking.

South in the Lead.

Chattanooga Times.

It is significant that North Carolina and Georgia had the best display of ore at the national gold mining convention held in Denver this week. All the richest gold mining regions in the world had their best specimens of ore, and yet the south carried off the palm. Surely nature has been prodigal in her gifts to this region.

Economic Value of an Education.

Concord Times.

The economic value of an education can hardly be overestimated.

Educate a people and they have more wants which they set about supplying in an intelligent way.

Their intelligence gives them increased power of mental penetration.

They improve their communities because they see where improvement is needed and have the ability to devise means for making the improvement.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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NEWS ITEMS.

At its recent session at Round Knob the State railroad commission reduced the telegraph rates to 15 cents for 10 words or less.

The Statesville *Landmark* is informed that Mr. J. W. Connelly of Alexander county, a truck farmer, has an onion that measures 18 inches in circumference and weighs 1½ pounds.

The new silk mill which has recently been moved to Greensboro will have $1,000,000 capital. When the plant was at Patterson, N. J., as many as 1,500 persons were employed in the mill.

The negro Brodie, who assaulted Miss Catlett near Kittrell, has been taken to Raleigh for safe keeping. The Governor orders a special term of court for Vance county on the 16th. to try the case.

The First National Bank of Asheville failed to open its doors Saturday, posting a notice that owing to slow collections and the stringency of the time, the bank would go into voluntary liquidation.

Charlotte mourns the death of one of her best and most prominent citizens, Mr. Jno. E. Oates. He died Friday morning at the age of 46 years. He was a native of Cleveland, in which county still live his mother, brothers, and sisters.

Gold mining in Stanley county has broken out in a fresh fever. Last week a two foot vein was discovered on the lands of Mrs. Clara Parker, near Gladstone, which the prospectors claim to be richest yet discovered in Stanley.—Charlotte *Observer*.

Li Hung Chang travelled through this country with his eyes open. He has just offered Geo. A. Brill, of Dutchess county, N. Y., a big salary to go to China and establish a model farm, under Government supervision and Brill is going.—Wilmington *Messenger*.

Dick Morse was arrested in Greensboro Sunday afternoon for preaching on the streets and was sent to jail. Several ministers went on his bond and he was released. At the tent meeting at night the evangelist Rev. J. W. Lee denounced the arrest in vigorous terms.

Evangelist Fife, who has spent part of the summer in Thomasville, and who latterly has been under the weather, is much better and left Tuesday for the coast of Maine where he attends a Bible school. His family are still here.—*Charity and Children*.

There are now 28 cases of small-pox at the pest house on Red Mountain, two miles from Birmingham, Ala. The most vigorous measures are being put into force by the health and city authorities to stamp out the disease and its further spread.

The *Citizen* says Ed. E. Hunt has left Asheville for the Alaska gold fields. He will first go to Seattle, Wash. If he finds it impracticable to make the trip from there at this time he will remain in Seattle and go to the gold fields next spring.

A gentleman in Jackson township has a clock which is a true barometer and fore-tells rain more accurately than the oldest weather prophet. Before a rain the stroke of the clock become very indistinct and can scarcely be heard. In dry weather the strokes are very clear and distinct.—Monroe *Enquirer*.

Capital Punishment.

Wilmington Messenger.

There is to a great extent in the United States a practical abolition of capital punishment. Scarcely one murderer in twenty-five is ever hanged for his crime against humanity. In the south theoretically it is an eye for an eye, and the murderer must pay the penalty with his life. But the courts as organized are not inclined to hang murderers or to punish crime. The courts are no longer "temples of justice," but are fortresses to protect criminals. In the north there is a puling, sickly, disgusting sentimentality against hanging. Imprisonment is the full measure of punishment for most outrageous murderers. It is bad for any country when capital punishment is abolished under any plea. In many states now juries can find for hanging or imprisonment for long or short terms. Abolish life for a life and you invite a great increase of murder. The villain fears Judge Lynch, but he has but little terror of the laws delay and long imprisonment, for he always is sustained by the hope that he may escape or be pardoned by a sympathetic Russell. The Nashville (Tenn.) *Christian Advocate* says:

"We have always been inclined to agree with the old lawyer who said: 'I want capital punishment abolished, but I want the murderers to begin first.' There is such a thing as unmerciful mercy. It is, moreover, a remarkable fact that the sentiment against taking away life by law is strongest in those very places which are most frequently disgraced by lawless homicides. There are communities in the United States in which, though they have witnessed scores of successive murders, it would be virtually impossible to send any man to the gallows. It is a queer perversion of the moral sentiment that wastes floods of sympathy on a red-handed assassin, and feels absolutely no compassion for his victim. The end of such a policy is inevitable. Sooner or later it is bound to bring about the overthrow of all law and the absolute dominancy of the worst elements in society."

It will be a very bad day for the south when capital punishment shall be wiped from the statute books. While it is a failure to a very great extent in execution public sentiment is largely favorable to it as yet. It would be a bid for more crime to abolish the punishment. Rather strengthen the law and make it a surer terror to evil doers.

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Turkey and Greece.

Turkey seems to have gotten the better of Greece in the recent war and the Sultan is much elated over his triumph.

But the Point

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Yours, etc,

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Mt. Holly Times.

'Squire Jim Craig hasn't gone to the Klondyke diggings, as reported last week. He made us a pleasant call this week. He says he will not start until they get an air ship on the route.

Snakes a Comin' and a' Gwine.

Grade Cor. Statesville Landmark.

A daughter of Rev. A. N. Barker was picking whortleberries a few days ago when she stepped on a rattlesnake. She started to run and a short distance away ran on another rattlesnake. One of the snakes was killed. The other got away.

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Report of the Condition OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AT GASTONIA,

IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 23, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$120,125 29
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,080 39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		12,500
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		1,500
Stocks, securities, etc		12,000
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures		10,000
Due from National Banks... (not Reserve Agents.)		7,434 83
Due from State Banks and bankers		4,740 41
Due from approved reserve agents		15,072 60
Checks and other cash items		1,037 08
Notes of other National Banks		430
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		87 41
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	$11,499 00	
Legal-tender notes	1,000	12,499 00
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer 5 per cent of circulation		562 50
TOTAL		$201,170 41

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50 000
Surplus fund	6,500
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	402 12
National Bank notes outstanding	11,250
Due to other National Banks	24,204 18
Due to State Banks and bankers	22,141 66
Individual deposits subject to check	40,876 60
Demand certificates of deposit	1,250 25
Time certificates of deposit	12,185 68
Cashier's checks outstanding	560 72
Notes and bills re-discounted	80,500
Bills Payable	10,000
TOTAL	$201,170 41

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON, } ss:

I, J. D. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. D. Moore, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of August, 1897.

WM. H. LEWIS, N. P.

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