

Hard on School Trustees.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Now, gentleman to all of you, greeting: We are not taking this opportunity to throw stones at any one or whip some one over some one else's shoulder, but if we should happen to mention something that has happened, or is now happening in some district of which some reader of this is a Trustee, we will kindly ask such an one to give it due consideration.

We propose to note something we consider detrimental to the schools of our county:

1st. Inadequate and unsuitable buildings for school houses.

This is not a debatable question for every one is forced to admit that much better work can be done and much more accomplished in a good house than in a ramshackled, tumbled down affair. A house well heated and well lighted bears the same relation to a successful school that a fertile and rich soil does to a good farm.

Again, if you expect a bountiful harvest you are compelled to have your farm equipped with suitable implements and sufficient horse power. Are all our school-houses equipped with proper seats, good blackboards, charts, globes, and other (we will call them) "implements and machinery" for use in the schools? It is nothing uncommon in a country school-house in the West to find from five to eight hundred dollars worth of apparatus and other fixtures exceedingly useful to schools, but with us, sad to say, in a great many instances you will find not even seats or blackboards.

Now, gentleman, you might with as much reason expect the farm laborer who is working for you to raise a good crop for you with a forked stick for a plow as to expect a teacher to give you a successful school with such an equipment as is found in the average country school-room.

If any Trustee reads this whose school-house is as described above minus blackboards and decent seats, let him lay all blame of failures in his school to himself and there let it remain as long as his school-room remains in its bare condition.

Again, as we have all learned by sad experience for the last three years a good season is also a requisite for a good crop, that is, crops depends on heat, moisture, &c. Schools do also. If your school room is not ceiled, your floor all open until pencils will fall through the cracks almost anywhere, the weatherboarding off in various places and about one-third of the glass out of the window while the boys have to go all the way from a hundred yards to a half mile to gather lightwood knots to burn and the nearest well or spring from which to get water is from a quarter to a half mile away (which is the case in more than one place) just blame yourself, Mr. Trustee, if your school is a failure.

Again, many influences are brought to bear on the board in the selection of teachers that should not be considered, yet the truth is, in a great many instances they are a given weighty consideration. A few of these evils or untoward influences we will try to notice:

1st. Political influence. What! Can there be such a thing in South Carolina? Most assuredly, yes. Some member of the board is either an aspirant to some office, or has some relative or friend that is when a son or daughter of some prominent citizen of the county makes application for the position of teacher. Their attainments are poor, as shown by their certificate; their experience very limited and their success exceedingly doubtful, but yet this would be politician on the school board will espouse their cause and use his influence with the other members of the board, whereas at the same time they have applications from other parties with good attainments, long experience and a record of successful schools. But these are not considered. Only noted as being on hand, and the contract is made with the first named party in order to secure the influence of this

influential parent toward the election of the would be politician, or his friend or relation as stated above. Such school officials are simply using the public school money for the attainment of their own selfish aims and ends.

2nd. Social Influences. Is it possible that any school Trustee would or could so completely forget, not only his implicative duties, but more, his sworn duties, as to let a desire to advance some member of his family in the social world influence his vote in the selection of a teacher? Sad is the thought but there is. Now, how is this done? We, as well as the old countries across the sea, have fathers and mothers who make strenuous efforts to consummate and bring to a final reality matrimonial alliances for their sons and daughters and instances have come under our personal observation where (as silly as it may seem and as absurd as it may sound) the simple fact that of a Trustee's son paying court to some lady who was a teacher secured for her the influence of the young man's father and secured her the school.

Again, I have known more than one teacher who wanted some good position the next year to pay very marked attention to some Trustee's daughter where it would have the proper effect and thereby secure his influence as in the case stated above: Now, does this seem entirely too pusillanimous to be true and yet (shame be it) such is frequently the case.

3rd. A direct dollar and cent influence. Horrors of horrors! Yes! A few years ago a teacher (not in Lexington county though) when asked by your correspondent whether or not he had anything to do with teacher's agencies, said he had not as he had a much better scheme. When asked what it was, said that all school boards were not angel bands nor individual members of it all angels every-time either. That some good agencies want about five per cent. of my salary, while I can take about two and a half per cent. of the same and place it at the right place as a bait and it will secure me the influence of a member that will secure me the position.

Again, in conversation with a certain Trustee where we knew there had been two applications for the school, we asked how it came that the one got it that did and received for an answer that one would board with him while the other would have come from home and, therefore, would not have left any of the money in the district, (of course he meant his own pocket.) Growler.

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They Are Back Numbers.

Somebody once said that the great men gravitate to Wall Street. The thing was not unhappily said. Men who have at one time or another have been conspicuous in the public eye pass hourly in Wall Street unnoticed. A few examples may be noted. There is the former Speaker of the House, Thomas Brackett ("Czar") Reed, now a member of the law firm of Reed, Simpson, Thatcher & Bynum, corporation attorneys. His office is 25 Broad street, in one of the newest and biggest sky scrapers of the Wall Street district. He comes and goes without anybody's turning to look after him. Even in Washington where the throng is used to the sight of celebrities, Reed was always noticed, partly on account of his conspicuous personality, but in Wall Street nobody pays him the slightest heed as he passes to and fro.

Complete oblivion, so far as the throng is concerned, has befallen John G. Carlisle, who, now bent and old, is jostled in eating and drinking places, in elevators and busy corridors, like any ordinary person without fame. He is practicing law, too, but indifferently, from all accounts.

Then there is the former Vice President of the United States, Levi P. Morton, now president of the trust company bearing his name. Mr. Morton, of course, was a big man in Wall Street before he became a big man in politics, but nobody in the financial world pays any greater attention to him now for his having once been Vice President.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Lyman G. Gage, would serve as another example. In Wall street today he is not a whit more prominent than any one of two hundred other bankers and not half as prominent as either of four or five who might be mentioned.

The Best Remedy for Croup.

This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in case of burglars. There used to be an old fashioned remedy for croup, known as hive syrup and tolu, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

A Remarkable Case.

An exchange states that one of the most remarkable cases ever tried was recently settled at Decatur. A young man bought 2,000 cigars and had them insured for their full value, smoked them up and then demanded his insurance, claiming that they had been destroyed by fire. The case was taken to court and the judge decided in favor of the man. The company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property and the same judge ordered that he pay a fine or go to jail for six months.

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A Tit-For-Tat Game.

Chattanooga, Nov 19—Because their miners formed a union, the Morgan Coal company has today closed its mines indefinitely.

Clerk's Sales.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF LEXINGTON.

Court of Common Pleas. Julius E. Lorick, Plaintiff, vs. B. F. Swygert, and Samuel B. George, as the Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Lorick, Defendant.

FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE. IN OBEDIENCE TO THE DECREE OF THE Court herein, I will sell to the highest bidder at public outcry, before the court house door in Lexington, S. C. during the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in December, next: All that plantation or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Lexington county, and State aforesaid, containing one hundred and ninety-one (191) acres, more or less, bounded as follows: On line and road bearing s. w. belonging to Jesse D. Lorick, and also line bearing s. e. by the said Jesse D. Lorick, or line bearing n. e. by lands belonging to F. W. Wagener & Co., and by Broad river. The said land lying in the fork of Broad and Saluda rivers, on Kennerly's creek and Long branch waters of Broad river and having such other forms and marks as the plat for the same will more fully represent.

TERMS—One-third cash; the balance in two equal annual instalments, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold, with leave to pay all cash. The said mortgage to contain ten per cent. attorney's fee in case of foreclosure or suit. Purchaser to pay for papers.

SAMUEL B. GEORGE, Clerk of Court. November 10, 1902. 3w3. Messrs. Efrid & Dreher, plaintiff's attorneys

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

Court of Common Pleas. S. P. Younginer, S. R. Younginer, Lee R. Younginer, George F. Younginer, John W. Younginer and R. B. Earr, Plaintiffs, vs. Mrs. M. J. Younginer, in her own right and as Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas P. Younginer, deceased, and the Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Defendants.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE Court of Common Pleas made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale before the court house door in Lexington, S. C., on the first Monday in December next within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the county of Lexington and State aforesaid, containing ninety-six and one-half (96 1/2) acres, more or less, adjoining lands of "State Farm," J. W. Younginer and S. P. Younginer, and bordering on Broad River, known as Tract No. 9, of the Simon Younginer Estate.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the balance in two equal annual instalments from the day of sale, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold, the purchaser to have the privilege of paying all or any of the credit portion of the purchase money in cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers and the recording thereof. JOHN W. LYLES, C. C. P. F. C. Willsboro, November 4, 1902. 4w3.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF LEXINGTON.

Court of Common Pleas. T. G. Herbert and others, Trustees under the Will of R. O. Oliver, deceased, plaintiffs, against Jacob A. H. Geiger, The Carolina National Bank, of Columbia and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, defendants.

FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE. IN OBEDIENCE TO THE JUDGMENT order and decree of the Court herein, I will sell to the highest bidder: at public outcry, before the court house door in Lexington, S. C., during the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in December next: All that lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Lexington in said State, and known as the Bell Place, and containing in all five hundred and sixteen acres, including one hundred and seventy-three acres, sometimes mentioned in the Cedar Grove Place, bounded by the Cedar Grove Place (formerly of A. W. Geiger) and by lands now or heretofore of Dr. Geiger, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Geiger, Jack Lucius and the Summer Place; the property herein described being the same as that conveyed to J. A. H. Geiger by deed of the Carolina National Bank, dated March, 1900.

TERMS OF SALE—One-fourth cash; balance on a credit of one, two and three years, in equal annual instalments, with interest from day of sale, payable annually, secured by a bond or bonds of the purchaser, with a mortgage of the premises sold, the mortgage to contain the usual clause providing for attorney's fee of ten per cent upon amount due in the event of suit or proceedings for foreclosure, with the privilege to the purchaser to pay more or all cash, if desired; the mortgage also to contain a clause providing that upon default in the payment in any instalment the entire debt shall fall due. Purchaser to pay for papers.

SAMUEL B. GEORGE, Clerk of the Court. Clerk's Office, Lexington, S. C., November 6, 1902. Mr. A. M. Boozer, plaintiff's attorney. 3w3.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY POSITIVELY forbidden to trespass upon the lands of the undersigned by passing through making roads, hauling wood or straw, hunting with or without dogs, by day or night, or in any manner whatever, as the law will certainly be enforced against all persons violating this notice.

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