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THE SPECIAL TAX.

Some weeks ago at a meeting of the citizens of the town held in the Court House it was decided to take steps looking to a vote on the question of increasing the school levy in this school district. The work of securing the necessary petitions was turned over to the Parent-Teacher Association, the only organization connected with the schools. Immediately after the meeting the petitions were circulated in some parts of the city and the same were generally signed, but as yet we have not heard of the election being ordered.

On inquiry the Press and Banner is informed that the work of securing the petitions has somewhat lagged. The ladies who are the officers and appointees of the Parent-Teacher Association have so far not secured the necessary signatures. Perhaps being citizens with the vote is somewhat more of a burden to them than they had expected. At any rate they are proving about as slow as some men we know.

Laying this aside, however, it appears to the Press and Banner that the matter of ordering this election should be pressed at once. In fact, it is absolutely necessary that the matter be given immediate attention. The schedule of teachers' salaries for the next year as outlined at the meeting while considerably reduced all along the line, cannot be paid unless the two mills taxes are voted. That much is certain. We shall not be able we think to secure teachers for any less than the sums proposed. We believe, as we have stated, that teachers should be paid reasonable salaries, and no more than is reasonable; but it is foolhardy to expect to secure teachers for less than they can earn in other callings where the work is not so irksome.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for the trustees of the district to co-operate with the Parent-Teacher Association in this matter, at least so far as is necessary to ascertain the wishes of the public in the matter.

The Press and Banner has no direct interest in the matter. We are for low taxes always unless the public good demands higher taxes. The owner of the Press and Banner would profit perhaps if the two extra mills were not authorized. But we cannot stand in these matters on the effect such measures will have on our pocket-books. We must remember that there are many children in the city whose parents are unable financially to send them to schools other than the public schools; there are widows with children, and men with so many children that good public schools are absolutely necessary in order that these children may receive a proper education. In many cases the parents are doing all that they can. It is a considerable charge on a man in moderate circumstances to keep four or five children in school, even when the buildings are furnished by the public and there are no tuition charges. The design of the public schools is to help all the people to educate their children and especially those who need and deserve help. In forming our opinions in matters pertaining to the schools we need to think of the public good and not of ourselves too much.

This school district is poor financially as compared with the school districts in other towns of like size. We have few manufacturing enterprises in the district and the income is small. Notwithstanding this our tax levy for public schools is much less than it is in many other towns where schools of only ten grades are operated. We do not believe there is a town in the state with eleven grades in its schools where the tax levy for schools is lower than here. We really

believe we are from two to six mills lower than any of the other towns.

The Press and Banner has no desire to press its views on other people of a contrary opinion further than the situation demands. But we would be reluctant in our duty to the public, as we see it, if we did not urge the people of this school district to get together and vote this additional tax. We see it as an imperative duty at this time.

The teachers that the Abbeville Press and Banner talks about for the city of Abbeville is the thing that must come for many of our rural schools, and that will come in the near future. We have advocated that for many years, and we have some districts in Newberry county where that idea could be inaugurated to the great benefit of the children and to the community.—Newberry Herald and News.

"WUSN'T THAR"

Uncle Jim Stark says that all this talk about his going to Level Land is null and void. He hasn't been there, he says, since he made the concluding oration on the benefits of good roads away back yonder before the war, or thereabouts. He converted Judge A. F. Carville with that speech, and he thought when he did that he had about done all the good he could do in that community.

He does not deny that "nephew" was in that precinct on one occasion last summer, and he is not sure but that he went again. But he says he knows the nephew didn't do much card-playing and liquor-drinking, because he hears that there was fried chicken "galore" spread before the visitors on that occasion and he says the nephew wouldn't lay fried chicken down for "no kind of drink," to say nothing of a deck of cards; "Great Balls of Blue Mud, No, he wouldn't," Uncle Jim declared.

Since all the testimony has come out about the wickedness of Level Land it is said that several fishing parties are being planned for that section; in fact if Col. Pat Roche hadn't already "set his function for Shuckpen Eddy," he doesn't know but that he would go to Level Land "hissself."

We are expecting Mayor Walter Wilson and Chief John K. Temple down in a few days to give a correct inventory of what is going on in Level Land.

DRESS OF PURE GOLD ONE PRINCESS' WEDDING GIFTS

Belgrade May 16.—A dress of pure gold is one of the most conspicuous of the wedding gifts received by Princess Marie, of Rumania, who will be married here June 1 to King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia. The dress was presented to her by the peasants of the country.

King Alexander has received from the Serbians in Macedonia, shirt of pure silver, woven on a hand loom from a mediaeval design that now is nearly extinct. Among the king's presents to his bride to be, is a magnificent crown of gold, embellished with diamonds, rubies and amethysts, each district of Jugo-Slavia having contributed one precious stone for the crown.

MOOT COURT

The members of the graduating class at the high school are holding moot court this week to the enjoyment of the pupils. John Klugh is Judge and the defendant in the case "Bill" Cox, who is charged with the crime of killing his dog. The fate of the defendant hangs on the testimony of Fred Minshall, a witness for the defense, who testifies that he went home with the defendant from a dance at the home of Donald Harris and they found the dog dead upon arrival.

BANDITS SECURE \$30,000

Springfield, Mo., May 16.—Four bandits in an automobile intercepted a machine carrying pay roll of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad this morning and escaped with \$30,000 in currency and silver. Police Lamb was hit in the left arm by a shot fired by a bandit. The driver of the car in which the bank messenger was riding was wounded in the back.

Shipwrecks in the Baltic Sea average one for every day in the year.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE DECREASED IN APRIL

Washington, May 16.—America's foreign trade slumped in April, after its recent advances, according to reports issued today by the commerce department. Exports for the month aggregated \$321,000,000 compared with \$330,000,000 in March and imports totalled \$217,000,000 against \$256,000,000 the previous month.

Exports during April were the lowest for any month of the current fiscal year and about \$19,000,000 less than the same month a year ago while imports for April were the lowest since February when the total was approximately the same and were approximately \$3,700,000 less than the same month last year.

For the ten months ended with April exports aggregated \$3,131,000,000 against \$5,850,000,000 during the corresponding months of 1921, while imports for the period were \$2,095,000,000 against \$3,264,000,000 during the ten months ended April 1921.

Gold exports for April aggregated \$1,579,000 compared with \$384,000 during the same month last year while imports of gold for the month aggregated \$12,000,000 against \$81,000 in April 1921.

Imports of gold for April were the lowest since February, 1920 when the total was \$4,473.

Gold exports during the ten months ended with April aggregated \$22,000,000 compared with \$132,000,000 during the corresponding months of 1921 while imports of gold for the period totalled \$446,000,000 against \$537,000,000 during the ten months ended with April last year.

Silver exports for April aggregated \$5,108,000 compared with \$2,318,000 in April last year while imports of silver for the month were \$4,799,000 against \$3,297,000 in April 1921.

Silver exports during the ten months period amounted to \$51,000,000 compared with \$49,000,000 during the corresponding months of 1921 while silver imports aggregated \$59,000,000 against \$49,000,000 during the ten months ended April 1921.

MASTER'S SALE

The State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE
Court of Common Pleas.

R. C. HAGAN, Plaintiff,
against

E. L. BOYD, et al, - - Defendant.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Salesday in June, A. D., 1922, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Two Hundred and Twenty-seven and one-half (227½) Acres, more or less and being tracts Nos. 14, 15 and 16 of the Cleveland lands, known as the Norwood Quarter:

Tract No. 16 48½ acres more or less.

Tract No. 14 111 acres more or less.

Tract No. 15 69 acres more or less.

All of which will more fully appear by reference to plat made by R. B. Cheatham, surveyor September 16, 1919, which said plat is recorded in office of Clerk of Court of Abbeville County in plat book—at page—

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash balance on a credit of one and two years, the credit portion to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum payable annually and be evidenced by the bond of the purchaser and secured by a mortgage of the premises, which shall provide for ten per cent attorney's fees for collection, if it becomes necessary to place in the hands of an attorney to collect with the option however to the purchaser to pay all cash. That the purchaser shall pay into the Master's office five hundred (500) dollars of said purchase price of said lands in one hour time and if he fails to pay so much on said bid that the Master do resell premises at the end of one hour on the same terms and condition and at the risk of the former purchaser.

Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.

THOS. P. THOMSON.

5, 17, 3wk Master A. C., S. C.

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The State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE
Court of Common Pleas.

CAROLINE W. BRISTOW, Plaintiff,
against

J. D. PHILLIPS and ROBERT J. HUTCHISON, - - Defendants.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Salesday in June, A. D., 1922, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Magnolia Township, Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Seventy and five hundredths (70 5/100) Acres, more or less, adjoining lands now or formerly belonging to Calhoun Mills, Parker, J. T. Taylor and the Cotton Hill plantation, and is the same tract of land bought from Anderson Real Estate and Investment Company by deed dated 5th January 1920, and is shown on plat made by W. H. H. Newell surveyor, November 9, 1916, as tracts numbered 12, 13 and 15.

TERMS OF SALE—1-3 Cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years, the credit portion to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable annually and to be evidenced by the bond of purchaser secured by a mortgage of the premises which shall contain the usual clauses for fees when collected by an attorney, with the option, however, to the purchaser to pay all cash. That the purchaser at such sale shall pay into the Masters office one hour after such sale, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars of said purchase price of said land and if he fails to pay so much on said bid the Master shall resell said premises at the end of one hour on the same terms and conditions and at the risk of the former purchaser. Purchaser to pay for stamps and papers.

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A brass band has been added to an English asylum's equipment as a therapeutic agency in the treatment of the insane.

A camera that photographs noises is the invention of an English engineer.

PEGGY JOYCE SHOWS SHE HAS BAD TEMPER

New York, May 13.—Peggy Joyce returning today from France on the Mauretania, bubbled over with indignation when on the trip up the harbor from Quarantine, she was shown a Washington dispatch stating that the motion picture theater owners of America had banned any films in which she might be featured, "in the interest of a clean screen."

"I haven't committed any crime" asserted the actress, whose name has been mentioned in dispatches from Paris in connection with the recent suicide there of "Billy" Errazuriz,

attache of the Chilean embassy. The Errazuriz family have indignantly denied reports that the attache died because of unrequited love for the actress.

"I think this is outrageous," she continued. Denying that she had been hurried out of France because of the Chilean suicide she said: "The French police never came to see me about the suicide. The French people mind their own business and that is more than I can say about some Americans abroad."

Japan's postage stamps usually incline to bird subjects, the osprey being a favorite.



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