

THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION.

The school board of Melrose desires herewith to make a statement of facts in regard to the high school to be voted upon August 15th.

In making a canvass of the county we have been unable to find a single man who is opposed to the high school after he has been fully informed upon all phases of the question.

The fact of the high school law being one of the very best laws enacted in this state, and this being the first time the people have been called upon to avail themselves of the advantages to be obtained under the law, is the reason the people have so many wrong ideas and impressions of what the law really is. For instance, we find that some one has advanced the idea that the Melrose school board could, if they were so disposed, levy the full two mills (which is the maximum which under the law can be levied for all high schools in the county) and use a part of this money to defray the expenses of maintaining the public or common schools.

In answering that question we have but to refer you to the high school law which plainly says that "the money levied for high school purposes shall be carried upon the treasurer's books as a separate fund to be known as the HIGH SCHOOL FUND and can only be used for maintaining COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS;" so that it would be impossible for the school board to use any of this money to help pay the public school expenses without violating the law with impunity and contempt, and in order to forever eliminating this erroneous idea from your minds, we, the school board of Melrose hereby declare over our signatures that we will at no time lower the levy for public schools after having a high school, but upon the other hand the levy for public school purposes will have to be increased as the demand is sure to increase in proportion to the prosperity of the high school. Again, we find a large number are of the opinion that the entire county has to help build and equip a building. There is not one word of truth in this assertion, for Section eight of the high school law plainly says that the cost of the site, location of the building and erection and cost of same, shall be entirely borne by the district where the school is located. Now as to the additional tax,

we do not believe there is a man in Curry county who would vote against the high school on account of the little insignificant amount of increase of taxes, if he fully understands what one mill or two mills means in dollars and cents. It has been so often figured out and explained to the people, through the press and otherwise, that the increase of taxes to the average taxpayer would not exceed twenty-five cents per year, and that would not have to be paid until 1915, as the tax levy is already made up for 1914, that anyone really seeking information upon this phase of the question has been fully informed, so we are forced to conclude that anyone who would vote against the high school on August 15th, must of necessity do so from some selfish or envious motive or be wholly ignorant and uninformed upon the law relating to the high school question.

Referring again to the two mill proposition; as intimated above, some one has drawn upon his imagination so hard that a fear has been created in some minds that the Melrose school board might levy or cause to be levied the whole two mills for the one high school. Now in order to forever eliminate that fear from your minds, the Melrose school board have made the following affidavit and caused the same to be placed on file in Clerk's office at the Court House in Curry County:

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF CURRY

Now comes J. M. Littlejohn, C. H. Hannum and J. D. Lynch, who after being duly sworn upon their oath depose and say: That they comprise the membership of the Board of Education of Melrose School Dist. No. 12. And further that if a County High School be located at Melrose that they will never levy or cause to be levied to exceed one (1) mill on the dollar for High School purposes and that no part of said levy shall ever be used for any purpose except for the maintenance of the County High School.

Signed:

J. M. Littlejohn
C. H. Hannum
J. D. Lynch.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Melrose, New Mexico, this 4th day of Aug., 1914.
J. E. Love, Notary Public.
My commission expires Oct. 28, 1917.

Notice.

Water and light accounts will not be collected on the streets, at homes and business houses. You must call at city office and pay same on or before the 16th of the month or service will be discontinued on the 18th. The City Council has instructed that the ordinance governing this matter be strictly enforced.

CLOVIS WATER and LIGHT WORKS by Geo. W. Chalfant, Superintendent. It P. S.—The above has reference to current accounts only.

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New Presbyterian Church.

Work on the new Presbyterian church is progressing satisfactorily and when completed will be one of the most attractive houses of worship in the city. The people of Clovis look on the new edifice with admiration and will soon point with pride to the fact that we have another church building that would be a credit to any town. The Presbyterians have long realized the necessity of a new building but have only recently been able to raise the funds to build. The building will be of frame with pebbled dashed concrete on the outside and plastered on the inside.

The pictures at the Lyceum are better than ever. See them.

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A Communication.

TO THE VOTERS OF CURRY COUNTY NEW MEXICO:—

I wish to inform you that during last week while the school teachers were gathered at Clovis a scheme was incubated there to place those school teachers between the "devil and the deep blue sea."

Yes sir, they had their branding iron hot and tried to apply it in the form of a resolution committing all these teachers in favor of this High School at Melrose. That was the devil on that side and the outraged taxpayers of the county would be the deep blue sea on the other. But thanks to the valiant services and faithful performance of duty of a number of these teachers their little scheme foiled of success.

After seeing defeat staring them in the face, they withdrew their resolution. What other steps have been taken? They had just issued a "bull of ex-communication" to Clovis and Texico who had applied to them to join with them and have a school at Clovis and Texico also. But they proceed further and issue an edict of defiance and ultimatum to Clovis and Texico. That if they failed to get their school that they would see to it that these places should never, no never, get one of these schools. "Upon what meat hath these noble Ceasars fed upon that they have grown so fat!

The word "they" has reference to advocates and spokesman for Melrose not knowing whether they have an official head or not. Well, it remains to be seen how Clovis and Texico will act under this ultimatum. There are some people you can coerce and intimidate and there are some you cannot.

The Melrose advocates have also made this proposition: That the board of education, including the County Superintendent, I believe, would make

affidavit that they would not take but one mill of this two mill tax as they did not need it all.

Now that is not necessary at all as the members of this Board may all be in heaven in a short time and their successors would not be bound by their acts. If this is their intention and they expect to carry it out in good faith why did they ask for a two mill levy instead of a one mill levy? They say we will have an interest in that school.

It would be just as reasonable for them to ask us to help to feed and support a horse over there and then tell us we can come over there 30 or 40 miles away and use him some. "Oh what a tangled web we weave when once we practice to deceive."

The fact is, there is no code of ethics on earth that would justify a man or community in benefitting by money or anything of value at the expense or loss to another man or community without rendering an equivalent for it. To do so in this case is simply out of question. But they grow eloquent and inspired in trying to force us in a class as opposing high schools and would have us believe that there is not now and never would be a high school in New Mexico unless they get this high school at Melrose. "Good God said the woodcock and away he flew." I have talked to two or three, however, who seem to be under the pressure as above stated, who tell me that while it is against their convictions of right to vote this tax on all the people of the county, yet would vote for Melrose to have the school.

Great Heavens! How can a man face one way with his conscience, and the other way with his conduct. His heart on one side of the fence and his vote on the other side of the fence. "Oh consistency, thou art a jewel."

The only way on earth I know how to preserve my self respect, manhood and a guiltless conscience is to make my conduct conform to my conscience. It is amusing to hear them try to defend their position.

They have to wiggle in and wiggle out and leave the world in doubt as to whether the snake that made the track was going north or coming back."

Such a compromise of a question as I see it is simply an unholy truce between the duty of a man and that of cowardice. Other counties are voting against and defeating the same propositions we now have before us. Come out men and women on August 15th and do likewise.

W. P. ANDERSON.

Notice of Suit.

TO FRANK W. SMITH:

You will take notice that a suit has been filed and is now pending in the District Court of Curry county, New Mexico in which Lucille Smith is plaintiff, and you, the said Frank W. Smith, are defendant, and that said suit is numbered 786 on the Civil Docket of said court; and that Harry L. Patton, whose business and postoffice address is Clovis, New Mexico, is attorney for plaintiff in said suit.

You will further take notice that the general objects of said suit is that the said plaintiff obtain and recover a decree of divorce from you upon the grounds of desertion, and for a decree restoring to her the use of her maiden name.

You will further take notice that unless you appear, answer or plead in said suit on or before the 25th day of September 1914, judgment by default will be rendered against you, and plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint filed in said suit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of said Court, and affixed the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of August 1914.

A. L. AWALT, Clerk.

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