

**PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED  
TO DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL**

Opinions Differ Regarding Project  
ed Improvement—Some Want  
New School Building and Other  
Favor Remodeling Structure.

In regards to the new school project which under consideration by the Board of Education it is asserted that a public meeting may well be preced to the regular school election in order to ascertain the sentiment of the people and form a definite plan of action. There said to be considerable discussion by residents for and against the project and several plans for improved educational facilities have been suggested.

While the Board has under consideration the probable cost of an entire new High School building, there is said to be some unfavorable feeling on the issue of Township bonds at this time for the purpose. Others are of the opinion that it would be a wise step so to still others recommend rebuilding the present structure.

Some steps have yet been taken in this matter, which have been informally discussed by the Board at recent meetings and it is aroused considerable public interest. If action is taken it will be during the coming month the annual school election.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

#### State Meeting at Egg Harbor City with Noted Lecturers.

Under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture a farmers' institute is being held at Old Fellowship Church, Egg Harbor City, Thursday next. Farmers and their families from all parts of the County are expected to attend large numbers. Following is the program for the day:

10:00 a. m.—What are you farming for? Mr. Franklin Day.

11:00 A. M.—Macon chapter: Suggestions from experience? Mr. Charles D. Barton.

1:00 P. M.—The manure of a fertilizer? Mr. Edward Van Alstyne.

2:45 P. M.—Successful management of truck farm: a—Soil; b—Fertility; c—Crop d—Seeds; e—Labor; f—Markets? Mr. C. Hulbert.

3:00 P. M.—Controlling the San Jose scale and other insects injurious to farm crops? Mr. Edward Van Alstyne.

7:30 P. M.—Question box.

9:15 P. M.—The advantage pure-bred stock has in the production of World's

8.15 P. M.—"Forest preservation and propagation: Its value both as timber and to agriculture," Mr. Alfred Gaskill, State Forester.  
This lecture will be beautifully illustrated

### Building Contracts.

Horace B. Deal Co. Contractor and Mary J. Curran, Contractors shall provide all materials and perform all work for the raising and alterations on Hotel Stanley, South Carolina, Kentucky, that sum to be paid for by the owner to contractors for said work and materials shall be \$6,777, payable as follows: \$1,000 when building is ready for raising; \$1,000 when building is raised; \$1,000 when brickwork is completed; and \$3,777 when the entire work is completed; balance 10 days after completion.

John B. Dunham and Charles P. Flint, Partners of second shall and will erect and till on a room house and bath, situated on west side of Kennedy street, that sum to be paid for by the owner to contractors for said work and materials for same for the sum of \$2,556, payable as follows: \$1,500 when building is sheathed and in balance of \$1,056 upon completion. The work to be completed on or before May 15, 1906.

Y. Gandy, Contractor agrees to provide all materials and perform all finish all work including the erection and completion of a one-story brick store building. Addition to front of property No. 208 North Main street, that sum to be paid for or before April 1, 1906. The sum to be paid by the owner to the contractor for said work and materials shall be \$1,829, payable as follows: \$300 when brick walls and chimneys are up to the square and roof materials are in place; \$1,000 when building is sheathed, roofed and flashed in water tight with a permanent sash roof, chimney to be up to its proper height and building lathed ready for plaster; \$400 when building is scratch coated and brown coat is applied.

J. Mathis & Son, Contractors and St. Leonard's Land Co. Contractors shall provide all

tion and completion of a dwelling for S.L. Leonard's Land Co., at a point specified by them on their land. To be completed on or before April 15, 1908. It is agreed that the sum to be paid by the contractor shall be as follows: \$1,000 when first floor joists are payable on; \$1,200 when sheathed in; \$1,800 when roughing when coated; \$875 when white<sup>d</sup> coated; \$1,225 at completion.

S.L. Leonard's Land Co. Contractor shall provide all materials and perform all work for the erection and completion of a dwelling for S.L. Leonard's Land Co. at a point specified by them on their land. To be completed on or before April 15, 1908. It is agreed that the sum to be paid by the owner to the contractor shall be as follows: \$1,000 when first floor joists are on; \$1,000 when sheathesd when white<sup>d</sup> coated; \$1,200 at completion of building.

S.L. Leonard's Land Co. Contractor shall provide all materials and perform all work for the erection and completion

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Sunday service the same with the exception of the 9:22 a. m. North, which does not stop at the Court House Station as on weekdays.

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**Post-Office Hours.**

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Notwithstanding assurances from the various state departments interested and school officers, politicians adverse to the present administration are doing their best to raise a rumpus and gain false sympathy for themselves. Says the Trenton State Gazette: "Democratic newspapers, with the purpose of making political capital for the party they represent and sympathy for themselves are falsely accusing the Republican administration of planning to 'raid' the public school fund. 'Raiding the school fund' has an ugly sound, and the newspapers that are using this phrase for a narrow and selfish purpose ought to be condemned from one end of the State to the other. The Republican party has been generous with the public schools; it has done everything possible to develop and improve the public school system in this State. It has appropriated money lavishly out of the public treasury for the maintenance of the public schools, and has encouraged the movement that has been an active one for years in the direction of increasing the salaries of public school teachers. For all of this our democratic friends can take no credit. The 'school fund,' of which they have recently become so extremely solicitous, was ruthlessly raided by them when it was really a 'fund,' and they were in power in the legislature." The State Board of Education, County Superintendents and public officials have issued statements relative to the alleged "raid" and satisfactorily explained the intentions of the legislature. But some have eyes and will not see and ears and will not hear.

One of the departments of our Township public school system most deserving of consideration next term is the night school, the sessions of which have been discontinued owing to decreased attendance. For five months the school was maintained with considerable interest on the part of those endeavoring to gain an education, then waning attendance caused the Board of Education to close the department until next September. The good resulting from such a department is inestimable and is not directly evident. Foreigners were taught the language and working youth were enabled to secure a knowledge of books sufficient for all ordinary business purposes. If there was a mistake in the school it was in starting so early in the Fall. In the cities night school sessions usually begin a month later, continuing four or five months, and a similar course might be adopted here with good results and at less expense to the Township. The night school is a valuable institution to the community, lasting in its influence. Its success during the first year gives assurance of the maintenance of a similar department next term.

Sportsmen differ regarding the intended hunting license bill which the Fish and Game Commission purpose to introduce during the present session of the Legislature. It is regarded by many as an infringement of natural rights, while those who favor it assert that hunters will be more than repaid for the license fee by an increase of game resulting from its effects. The scheme has been tried in other states and resulted favorably, but game conditions in New Jersey are just a little different than in those commonwealths and the plan might not work out so well. The majority of sportsmen in Atlantic County are said to be unfavorable to the bill and indications show that it has not met with general approval in any section of the State. The burden of proof rests upon the Fish and Game Commission to demonstrate in a satisfactory manner that the measure is for the best interests of New Jersey sportsmen.

"Separate the Church from the State," said the Rev. William Disbrow in a sermon recently, "and keep it separated." Great men of all times have recognized the wisdom of that principle. Especially is it important in these United States, where civil and religious liberty are constitutional rights belonging to every individual. The State cannot dictate religious worship nor deny it in any home, school or place of worship, nor should it provide funds for any one religious purpose. While the United States is primarily a Christian nation, our law cannot interfere with the free exercise of religious liberty and belief. Every denomination is free to worship after its own form and to enlarge its following, but religious influences must be eliminated from public affairs if they are to be administered with justice and if religious liberty is to continue.

The return of the American fleet on Washington's Birthday from its cruise around the world ended one of the most remarkable trips in the history of nations and spread the fame and greatness of the United States throughout the civilized world. It was a cruise of peace, not of hostility, and the welcome accorded Uncle Sam's battleships in every port evidenced the goodwill of foreign nations. Not only will the cruise be productive of peace, but its influence will be felt in commerce and general intercourse between the United States and foreign countries will be promoted. Sixteen men o'war conveying fifteen thousand well trained men is an envoy of peace that no nation can afford to ignore.

Congressman John J. Gardner has been working hard in the interests of Atlantic County and has secured a proviso in the Rivers and Harbors bill for a survey of the Atlantic City Inlet, with a view to making that portion of the coast a harbor of refuge. That project has been a favorite one with the people of Atlantic City for many years and the proviso is a long step toward its fulfillment. With his usual quietness the Congressman "has been saying nothing but sawing wood" and the result of his efforts in this line is now apparent. What appears like a mountain in Atlantic County dwindles to the aspect of a molehill in Washington and the survey for the inlet, with hundreds of other river and harbor projects clamoring for attention, was secured only by the hardest kind of an effort and with a conscientious belief in its necessity to the shipping interests of the United States.

The conquest of the air progresses steadily and at a rate that bids fair to realize the ambitions of aeronauts of this generation. Two hours flight of a machine heavier than the bulk of air it displaces has been attained, and the use of the air as a highway may soon be more than a dream. Once the secret of aerial navigation has been mastered, as it undoubtedly will, the way will be open for wonderful developments. When the first railroad was built its inventor in his most sanguine dreams never imagined the half of its sphere of usefulness, but the final conquest of the air promises things much greater and too far-reaching to be now comprehended by mankind.

One of the most remarkable Winters in many years is drawing to a close. Changing climatic conditions are no doubt in a measure responsible, although several other causes are assigned. Truth to tell, the science of interpreting the weather is yet crude and no one can with certainty determine just what the reason is for such mild weather when ice and snow should abound. "Uncertain as the weather" is yet a true saying, but the progress of science indicates that the laws will someday be discovered that govern the weather as well as other natural conditions. Speed the day!

The waters of Lake Lenape have been restocked with a large quantity of adult black bass, and it is safe to assert that the fame of this beautiful body of water as the finest inland fishing ground of the State will be enhanced by the multiplication of this gamey species. Black bass are one of the finest game fishes that swim and followers of the rod and reel will have some rare good sport along the banks of the lake and the river above when the fish breed and multiply. The law against the use of nets in the waters of the lake should be rigidly enforced.

Abolition of the voting machine is provided for by a legislative bill containing thirteen words. It is possible that the measure will be carried, although some members are said to be favorable to retention of the machines. The question should be settled this Winter and the controversy ended.

After his strenuous duties in Washington during his two terms as President, fighting the corporation octopus and reforming spelling, the wilds of Africa can hold few terrors for Theodore Roosevelt, the Great.

## STATE PRESS COMMENT.

"Some way out of the State's financial dilemma must be found and it is up to the party in power to discover that way. One of the best suggestions we have yet heard for solving the problem is in substance as follows:

"Let the Republican party pledge itself to appropriate annually for the support of the public schools as much money as the schools have received in any year under the operation of the act of 1906 which devotes all but one-half of one per cent. of the main stem railroad taxes to educational purposes, and then let the Legislature repeal that act. This would disarm the critics who oppose repeal on the ground that it will 'cripple' the schools.

"If the schools were to continue to get as much as they are now receiving there could be no force in the objection to rescinding the act of 1906. The schools would not suffer, but at the same time the State would be the gainer by any increase of taxes coming from an increased assessment of railroad property, and its revenue might also be increased by a tax on Pullman cars and cars of the trusts that are operated on the railroads in this State.

"The money for the schools would be appropriated annually by the Legislature, as advocated by Governor Fort, while the Republican party could confidently go before the people with the pledge to give the schools as much as they are now getting under the tax appropriation act of 1906.

"This appears to us to be a practical, businesslike solution of the question. We commend it to the careful consideration of the Republican leaders."—*Camden Post-Telegram*.

"Not satisfied with the initiation of an effort to bring about some effective means by which the natural resources of this country may be conserved, President Roosevelt has directed the Secretary of the State to extend a formal invitation to foreign powers for an international conference to discuss the conservation problem. Whether this move will help to promote the much desired conservation of our natural resources is an open question, but it would seem best for those enlisted in the cause to exert their energies at home and demonstrate the feasibility of the project before making a world question of it. The world has existed many thousands of years, and its natural resources continue to afford ample opportunity for the genius of its inhabitants to supply waste wherever it may happen. The exhaustion of mineral and timber supplies is very remote, and if the great alchemist is not busy in increasing the supply of coal and iron the inventive genius of the world is at work to discover substitutes. Conservation of present resources can only be had by restriction of use and production, and that suggests a limitation to human enterprise and energy. Nevertheless the forces back of the conservation idea should be encouraged in their aims, with the hope that they mature in something practical that will not interfere with the industry and prosperity of the country. In the meantime Mother Earth may be depended upon to provide for all who wisely and energetically seek her aid."—*Camden Courier*.

"Senator Wakelee's bill providing for a jury commission, composed of the Sheriff and two associates appointed by the Common Pleas Judge, is not likely to find much favor with either the Legislature or the people. To be really effective for good, a jury commission should be entirely independent of outside local influence. Either the Sheriff should have full authority in the matter, as at present, or the power shall vest in a commission appointed by the Governor. To associate the Sheriff with two appointees of the Court would open the door to all sorts of trouble, especially if the Sheriff should be benighted by the other two, in which event the Court would be open to the question of endorsing undue influence in the matter. In our opinion the judges should have nothing to do with the selection of jurors, and we believe that they are of the same way of thinking."—*West Jersey Press*.

"That was good news for Atlantic City that J. Hampton Moore, Congressman for Pennsylvania, imparted to the banqueters at the Hotel Chelsea Saturday evening, when he said that this resort would have a harbor survey by Congressmen and Senators. He flashed before the assembled audience the draft of a bill that he intended to put through the national body, and the intent of the bill was to provide an inlet entrance of not less than twelve feet over the bar.

"This will be the initial step toward securing that which we have longed for these many years, a inlet channel which will eventually bring around a harbor of refuge, if not a port of entry.

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