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MR. JOYNER'S STATEMENT.

He Corrects Some Wrong Statements About the Educational Work of the State.

In Sunday's News and Observer was printed an article from the Winston Republican by Representative Butler, of Sampson county, criticizing the educational policy of the State in certain particulars.

With reference to that article, by request, State Superintendent Joyner has made the following statement:

MR. JOYNER'S STATEMENT. \*I wish, first of all, to make the following statement or exhibit of the public school funds of North Carolina for the year beginning July 1, 1903, and ending June 30, 1904:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, Reported balance on hand July 1, 1903, General poll tax, General property tax, Special property tax, Special poll tax, Fines and penalties, Liquor license, Dispensaries, Loan fund, Corporations, etc., State Treasurer, Other sources.

Table with columns: DISBURSEMENTS, Installment and interest on loan fund, White teachers, Colored teachers, Houses and sites, County superintendents, Institutes (white), Institutes (colored), County treasurer's commissions, Mileage and per diem county boards, Expenses county boards, City schools (apportionment), Making census, Other purposes.

Total, \$1,777,624.73. Balance on hand July 1st, 1904, \$262,180.86.

1. The eighty-five days school term for 1903-'04 is the rural school term. The 160 days term of the cities is not included in the average of eighty-five days for the rural schools.

Observing the above, the 1903-'04 rural school fund expended for the eighty-five days term will stand as follows: Total school fund, \$1,777,624.73. Deduct: City apportionment, \$137,643.86. Balance July 1, 1904, \$262,180.86.

work, and other evidences of progress without number show that this expense is something to be proud of instead of being the subject of criticism.

Again, in 1898, the school census cost nothing. Then it was taken every two years in a kind of demerolary way. There was much inaccuracy in the school census and much injustice done in the distribution of the school funds.

In 1901 the Legislature provided that two cents a month should be paid out of the school committees for taking an annual census of the school children of each school district.

The following excellent letter from the efficient chairman of the County Board of Education of Guilford county emphasizes the explanation of the increased expenditures for schools set forth in his answer to Mr. Butler's article.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the structure of Mr. Geo E Butler in the Union Republican, I may say that one cause of the failure to increase the length of term in Guilford county has been the fact that the people have demanded a better grade of teachers.

Finally, "Other Expenses" in 1898 were \$49,501.18. In 1903-'04 the same item was \$88,881.20. In 1898 there were very few rural schools with decent desks, and none had libraries.

Mr. Butler also calls attention to increase of only one and a half days in the school term for the year 1903-'04 over the year 1902-'03, although the school fund for 1903-'04 was larger by \$315,015.16 than in 1902-'03, and desires to know where this increase went.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

House Approves Counts Against Swayne—Minority Leader Williams Creates a Stir by Calling a Democratic Caucus Meeting—Other Matters.

Washington, D. C., January 23.—The House approved all twelve of the counts against Judge Swayne, and the seven managers have been appointed, and it is now thought that the Senate will begin its trial this week.

Mr. Bryan has been in Washington for two or three days, and his visit has been the occasion of some comment. He says the visit has no special political significance but that he is just renewing acquaintances and keeping in touch with the democratic leaders.

A good deal of anxiety has been felt in democratic circles since Friday over the rumor that John Sharp Williams was contemplating resigning as minority leader.

Twice the past week I happened to be in the Senate gallery when two separate senators were concluding carefully written speeches; and in each instance the grave senator began his closing paragraph with the remark, "I have already detained the Senate longer than I intended."

Contributions to the inaugural fund already aggregate more than \$60,000 and more funds are being solicited. The glories of these modern times do cost money.

Fire at Hamlet. Hamlet, N. C., Jan. 21.—Fire broke out here this morning at about one o'clock and could not be checked until it had destroyed fifteen or twenty thousand dollars worth of property in a number of buildings.

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Whiskey Legislation—The Anti-Jug Law Made Special Order for Thursday—A Number of Important Matters.

Raleigh, January 23.—One of the most important measures to receive the attention of the present General Assembly will be taken up in the Senate Tuesday, January 31st, as the special order for that day, to-wit, the bill of Senator Lang, of Iredell, designed to prevent the manufacture or sale of liquors in towns with less than two hundred inhabitants.

The interesting, though not unexpected news, is given out from the Department of State that the republic of San Domingo has gone into the hands of a receiver, and that Uncle Sam is the receiver.

A remarkable illustration of the thoroughness of modern detective methods was furnished last week by the arrest of the crank who attempted recently to blow up the statue of Frederick the Great, which was accepted by our Government last year as a gift from Germany.

To say that liquor flows freely would perhaps be an exaggeration. There are no "open saloons" (licensed), it is true, but the bottle establishments are as numerous as the leaves were in Valambona—or some other asport.

Time was (and with some is yet) when the "dispendary" was thought to be the biggest sort of "snoots." Opinion seems to be changing. A man well balanced, an observant citizen, said:

"I fear it has come to be a case of drinks instead of a drink. You've got to buy a bottle to get a drink. Either the purchaser of the original package, or some one else, takes the balance."

THE CAUSE OF MANY SUDDEN DEATHS.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, influenza, etc.

It is a disease that is often called the "silent killer" because it often kills without warning. It is a disease that is often called the "silent killer" because it often kills without warning.

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