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RANDOLPH TEACHERS

THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION MET LAST SATURDAY - ADDRESS BY PROF. NOBLE.

The Randolph County Teachers' Association met in the auditorium of the Asheboro graded school last Saturday, with a large attendance, all seeming enthusiastic and interested in the matter of improving the rural schools.

The meeting was opened by singing "America," Scripture reading by Supt. Bulla, and repetition of the Lord's Prayer. There was little business to come before the Association; and after the reading of the minutes of last session by the secretary, Miss Lillie Parrish, came the principal feature of the day, an address by Prof. M. C. Noble, of the University of North Carolina.

Supt. Bulla introduced the speaker in a few words, paying high tribute to him as an educator.

Then Prof. Noble, in his own inimitable manner and with his inexhaustible fund of wit and humor combined with solid common sense, entertained, instructed, and encouraged his audience for about an hour. He began by telling something of his own early experiences as a teacher. His story of the little piney woods school in an 18x20 house, with two doors and four windows, was indeed interesting. It was very encouraging to the young teachers, especially, to realize that this distinguished educator, who has since held high positions in the school system of the State, and is now at the head of the Educational Department of our State University, has once undergone the trials and tribulations that fall to the lot of the teacher in a small country school.

Prof. Noble told of teaching recently a night class in the mill section of Chapel Hill; and said it was as much pleasure to him to instruct the boys as overalls, who is forced to toil during daylight for his bread, as to lecture to the intelligent and cultured students of the University.

In regard to discipline of children, the speaker said the average teacher's greatest trouble is in failing to see things from the child's viewpoint. The teacher should remember that the child's nature is human as in hers and that all are liable to err. No one should attempt to teach unless in a good humor. Prof. Noble is a firm believer in the efficacy of a joke and a good laugh occasionally.

Continuing, the speaker called attention to some of the great improvements in the schools of the present day as compared with those of the last generation. The old idea that education was only necessary for men who were to enter the ministry, law, or medicine, and not necessary for women at all, as they only "had to cook." No special preparation was required for a teacher; anyone who had a little knowledge of books could teach school. All this is very different now. In the old days, too, the teacher was an object of fear to children, instead of being their friend and helper.

The old custom of having the teacher "board around" has passed away; and while conditions are not always as they should be, they are ten times better than they were fifty years ago. The speaker said that patrons of schools sometimes fail to do their duty by teachers even now, and that he would like to have a meeting of patrons with met a teacher present.

Some of the burdens formerly put upon teachers really seem ridiculous at the present time. For instance, it was once a duty of the pedagogues not only to teach the children to write but to manufacture the pens to be used from goose quills. The ink was home-made, often from pokeberries or some other homely material. Another improvement of the present day is the use of tablets instead of the old unsanitary slate. Just here, the speaker gave an account of writing he saw in the English schools when traveling in that country. He said the children, at first, were taught to write in sand on boards, and as mistakes were easily corrected.

The return to the County Superintendent, which office was at one time abolished in North Carolina, was a great forward step. Formerly it was almost impossible to get people in the country districts to buy the necessary books for their children, some even being unreasonable enough to say that a child did not need a reader until he could read in the "Testament," but such is not the case now. People are willing to buy books and co-operate with the teacher.

One of the greatest needs of the present day school, according to Prof. Noble, is better teaching of history and geography. In geography, especially children, often memorize the text without really understanding what geography is, though the teaching of this subject, as all others, is improving.

Altogether, it was shown that the schools of the present day are much more pleasurable and profitable than formerly.

After Prof. Noble's address, the teachers were invited down to the classroom of Miss Cletus Burgess, who gave a most interesting and practical arithmetic lesson with her class of second grade children.

SUPERIOR COURT

ELECTION CASES NOT TO BE TRIED NOW - COURT PAPERS TAMPERED WITH CAUSES DELAY.

The civil term of Randolph Superior Court convened last Monday morning, with Judge Shaw presiding. It is expected that court will continue two weeks, and will then be followed by the criminal term of one week.

On Monday morning of this week the counsel for the plaintiffs swept into the court house with motions for judgment in the election cases. The motion was met by a special appearance by defendant's counsel who filed half a dozen affidavits showing that in the case of F. M. Wright vs. J. M. Caveness, the summons prepared by plaintiff's counsel was made returnable to a term of court "the first Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915," instead of "the second Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915."

Counsel for plaintiff filed no affidavit in denial of this, although the summons now shows that it has been changed to "the second Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915."

"Upon the affidavit filed by the defendants in this case the court finds that the summons when issued and served was returnable on the first Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915, and as made out was filed in the Clerk's office; that subsequently thereto said summons was taken out of the Clerk's office by Mr. Redding, one of the counsel for plaintiff, and that when it was filed thereafter that it had been changed to from the first Monday after the first Monday in March, to the second Monday after the first Monday in March, and upon these findings and of facts the court orders that summons be changed so as to read, the first Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915, as it was when originally issued, filed and served. The defendant moves that the action be dismissed for the reason that the summons was returnable on the first Monday after the first Monday in March, at a time when there was no court in and for Randolph County. The motion of the defendant is denied and the defendant accepts. The plaintiff moves to amend said summons so as to make it returnable on the second Monday after the first Monday in March, 1915. Motion is allowed and the defendant accepts."

This tampering with the record while out of the Clerk's office, taken out by an attorney for plaintiff, greatly embarrassed the plaintiff's attorneys, and the other counsel present denied any knowledge of the change made in the return day of summons. This naturally frustrated plans and the cases will not be tried at this term.

Up to the hour of going to press the following cases have been disposed of: The case of Etta Harvell against the Western Union Telegraph Company consumed a large part of the time Monday, but was finally non-suited. The judge not considering the evidence sufficient to put the case to the jury.

In the case of Mrs. Swaringim applying for divorce from her husband, W. E. Swaringim, divorce was granted. Mrs. Swaringim formerly conducted the Central Hotel in Asheboro, and Mr. Swaringim was at one time editor of a newspaper at Fuquay Springs.

The case of Clark vs. Nance was compromised, Bettie Clark taking the old home place and the most valuable part of the land under dispute, and Nance receiving a smaller portion.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN HENDERSON

A negro woman and her infant child were killed and two men, Joe and John Perry, husband and brother-in-law of the murdered woman, were probably fatally injured in a battle with unidentified persons, who set fire to the home of the Perry family, near Henderson, early one morning last week. After setting fire to the home, the persons on the outside began shooting into the burning house, wounding the two men so badly that they were unable to rescue the mother and child who were cremated in the burning building. Sheriff Royester and a posse went in search of the murderers and the two injured men were taken to Henderson for treatment.

Mrs. E. L. Stamey, wife of Dr. Stamey, and children, of Greensboro, will go to Alamogordo, New Mexico, in a few days to spend some time on account of the illness of little Miss Eunice Stamey.

Many of the teachers had a long distance to drive to their homes. It was decided to postpone this part of the program till a future meeting.

Supt. Bulla made a short talk, urging the teachers to prepare for County Commencement and the meeting adjourned.

Teacher's Present.

Lula Andrews, B. L. Anderson, A. F. Zachary, Kate Nance, Bertie Lawrence, Sarah Wood, Emma Ridge, Mrs. Dora E. Davis, Nora Wood, M. O. Kanoy, R. C. Cox, Daisy Osborne, Edna Lamb, Pearl Leonard, W. P. White, Mary Bunting, Alma Barker, D. M. Wetherly, Bertha Yow, F. P. Boroughs, Edna Hutchinson, Sallie Mason, Beulah Cox, Annie Maness, Mary Lamb, Pearl Younts, Ruth Roberts, Kate Phillips, Lillie Festina, Cletus Burgess, Elbie Miller, Besse Laughlin, Lillie Parrish, Janie McClelland, Mrs. Lucy Davidson, Cordelia Craven, Hazel Cox, Mary Bunting.

SEEN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S CHURCHES, PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, DEPARTMENT STORES - EVICTMENT OVER THAW TRIAL, AND OTHER HAPPENINGS.

There are many places of interest in the great city and just now one of the most interesting is the court building where Harry K. Thaw is standing by his fifth trial since the murder of Stanford White. People are admitted only by card, and there has hardly been standing room for those holding cards.

A countryman is impressed by the many horrible things that happen. There is something new every day. The suicide of a young lady who was stenographer in a prosperous business man's office has made the citizenship of the whole country wonder why. Investigations have uncovered the fact that the employer was leading a double life, had abandoned one wife and three daughters and had wrecked the lives of other young women.

One evening this week I went to a fruit stand and a short distance from there saw the streets full of people. I went around and found that a young man had shot his bride of three months and then shot himself. The policemen had been notified of the shooting so they broke in the apartment, got the bodies and put them in an ambulance. The man died the next day and the woman is improving - will doubtless recover.

Perhaps the most exciting and dangerous occurrence in years was that of the placing of a bomb in a Catholic church early one morning by some anarchist, one of the policemen in the city had gained favor with these men, who let him into their place, he passed the word and the detectives were in the church disguised as waiters, scrub women and worshippers. The men went in lighting cigars just before entering and one placed the bomb, just as he started to light it from his cigar, he was captured; their excuse was to kill the wealthy people there, cause a riot in the city, and then secure money from banks. The men were committed to prison.

While passing a Catholic church I saw a hearse and several carriages, went in to witness the funeral services. The corpse had been in for some time as mass had already been held. A Catholic funeral differs from a Protestant in that relatives have to pay for the body being taken into the church, pay for the priest to pray the soul out of purgatory, pay for the funeral services. None but the rich can afford a church funeral. Theasket was carried on the shoulders of six men as it was taken to the hearse. To intersperse a little brightness, the theatre was taken in; first to see Polygamy, a play portraying Mormon life and character. The women particularly are much interested in this, as women play a prominent part in the Mormon religion, and are the principal sufferers; and this was brought out most vividly in the production of the play, and is calculated to expose the polygamous practice of Mormonism.

Keith's Vaudeville was the next and there was every thing from music up and down. Mrs. Leslie Carter, who has been on the stage for forty years, played in her famous play, "Zaza." There were several Chinese who did athletic feats most wonderfully. The next place was the Hippodrome where everybody goes. It is the one place of amusement that is known all over the world. It is open forty weeks in the season, giving two performances a day, and playing to an audience, averaging 12,000 people every twenty-four hours. The stage is tremendous, being 110 feet from the foot lights to rear and 200 feet in width. More than 1,000 people are employed behind the curtain and in the front part of the theater during the regular Hippodrome seasons. It costs \$5,000 a day to run the Hippodrome, this seemed a fabulous amount before seeing the parade on the stage the first thing on the program. There were forty beautiful horses, elephants, big and little bears and different animals down to the dog and pig. A first-class circus with the three rings something interesting in each at the same time is the famous Hippodrome. The trapeze performers were there and numerous; most wonderful were their feats, too exciting for a country person. The animals were splendidly trained; elephants doing many human stunts, among them the horrible tango dance. Bears were as proud in their tricks as the house cat and other animals equally as smart in different performances.

I have been impressed with the large church attendance here. The Broadway Tabernacle which I have preferred, is a splendid edifice, beautiful inside and out side. The pastor, Dr. Jefferson, is a most pleasing speaker, fine thinker and most earnest man. He chooses simple practical subjects and makes illustrations so plain that they are applicable to every one. He has been preaching a series of sermons on personality. Last Sunday he preached on "How to Read the Bible." In the beginning he said that it was a great mistake for youthful readers to begin with Genesis for them, but with New Testament which prepared them for the old Testament; again he said it was not well to read with regard to verses and chapters, saying that originally, the Bible was not so divided. He urged regular reading; by all means not hurriedly.

Another interesting sermon was on "How to Work and Worship." He entertained different work in secular

MR. A. P. LEACH DEAD

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY DIED LAST SUNDAY AT AN ADVANCED AGE.

Mr. A. P. Leach, commonly known as "Sandy," died at his home in Montgomery county, four miles west of Star, last Sunday, and was buried Monday afternoon at three o'clock, in the family burying ground one mile from his home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Davis at Shady Grove.

His wife, who was Miss Mary McLeod before marriage, died in May, 1913. He left surviving eleven children, who are as follows: D. A. Leach, Denton; W. A. Leach, Martins Mills; Mrs. D. C. Cochran, Star; Mrs. D. W. Cochran, Allred; Mrs. S. P. Maness, Biscoe, Route 1; Mrs. J. A. Maness, Biscoe, Route 1; Mrs. N. T. Maness, Biscoe, Route 1; Mrs. C. McNeill, Steeds Route 1; Mrs. L. A. Wright, Star; Mrs. W. E. Boroughs, Allred; Mrs. Delph Graves, Seagrave.

There are also 85 living grandchildren and 11 dead, an equal number of boys and girls; and 50 great-grandchildren living and three dead. Mr. A. Leach, of Star, is a surviving brother.

Mr. Leach would have been 85 years of age in May. He was born 5 miles east of Star in 1830, lived his long life in Montgomery county, of which he was a well known and highly respected citizen, being an upright christian gentleman.

SMALL NEGRO MAKES CONFESSION

Will Hollowell, a negro boy of twelve or fourteen years of age, was arrested in Rocky Mount last week because he had an unusual amount of money that was thought to have been stolen. After his arrest, the little negro made a sensational "confession," claiming that he had assisted three other negroes, grown men, in the robbery of the West Durham post-office a few days before. On his evidence, Nat Thornton, Arthur Baywood and James Rouse were arrested and taken to Durham for trial; but later the case went to pieces on the evidence of a Mrs. Clark, of Rocky Mount, who testified that the boy was working for her at the time of the West Durham robbery, and so could not have been present as he claimed to have been. The officers are puzzled to know how the little negro was able to describe so accurately the blowing open of a safe and robbery of an office unless the three negroes are really guilty and had told him the story, a supposition that is not very reasonable.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER DEAD

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the multi-millionaire oil magnate, died at Tarrytown, New York, last Friday. Mrs. Rockefeller had been in failing health for some months, but her death was unexpected. Her husband and son, who were at Ormond, Florida, were informed of her condition when it took a critical turn; and engaging a special train, left immediately for New York. The only immediate relative present when she died was her daughter, Mrs. Parades Prentice.

Mrs. Rockefeller was a little past 75 years of age, being just two months younger than her husband. Before marriage, she was a Miss Spelman, born in Wadsworth, Ohio, later living in Cleveland, where she met the future oil king at fifteen years of age. At this time, Rockefeller was an awkward country youth, while Miss Spelman was the daughter of a handsome city home and accustomed to luxury. Nevertheless, the two had much in common including a love of study and simple tastes.

"To be a good wife and mother is the highest and hardest privilege of a woman," was one of the sayings accredited to the wife of the world's richest man.

affairs but laying special stress on work for Christ. The first thing was working for human beings, praying for them, encouraging them, in church and social affairs. He pictured most vividly the work of the meek and lowly Jesus as he went about doing good; nearest to them first, before aspiring to great things at a distance. He brought home the many things that he urged christians to do, the work was possible for each and every one to do.

Everybody is interested in the things that are happening on the water. The White Star liner Arabia, flying the British flag, reached New York Saturday from Liverpool with 257 passengers and 8,254 sacks of mail, said to be the largest consignment ever sent from England to America.

Passengers said torpedo boat destroyers accompanied the vessel from the mouth of the Nersey for out to sea to protect them from attack by German submarines.

The department stores are busy places for in them one sees people satisfying their needs in every line. In all of them there are restaurants where the inner man can be refreshed. There are rest places with easy chairs, bookcases, etc. The old time stairways have been replaced by up-to-date elevators and morning stairs. Every article can be found from the smallest pin to the most elaborate furnishings. New York is really and truly a great city.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Albemarle is to have a Chautauqua next summer.

The Holt-Morgan cotton mills, a large Fayetteville concern, have been forced to close down owing to inability to secure dyestuffs from Germany.

Jamestown will hold a bond election for \$15,000 to build a modern brick school building in place of the building burned a few weeks ago.

The Southern Development Co., of Wilmington, is establishing a colony of Belgians in Pender county. Twenty-seven have already arrived.

Miss Margaret Wright, of Troy, has resigned her position as teacher in the Albemarle graded school on account of ill health.

The eighth annual session of the Davie county Bar Association will meet in Cooleman, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4.

An effort is being made to establish a farm life school on Drowning Creek, near Jackson Springs, in Moore county.

The peninsula of Yucatan has seceded from Mexico and will ask the United States to establish a protectorate over the country. The new nation has an army of forty thousand.

Dr. J. C. Walton, a native of Caswell county, and formerly one of the best known physicians in North Carolina, died at his home in Richfield, New Jersey, recently.

The Lutheran parsonage at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, who destroyed by fire last Sunday, origin unknown as the family were not at home when the flames broke out.

A deed for land was recently recorded in the office of Registrar of Deeds at Greensboro, bearing the date of 1839. Another deed recorded about the same time in the Guilford office bore a war stamp of 1869.

Mrs. Lon Hart, of Rowan county, has never had the toothache although she is 82 years of age. She thinks this good fortune is due to the fact that she never ate anything too hot nor too cold.

The citizens of Bitters township, Moore county, are getting together to build a road from McConnell to the old Plank road. Every citizen living on those roads will contribute of his time, labor, and means.

Lincoln Beachey, a well known aviator, who gave exhibition flights in Greensboro and Raleigh four or five years ago, fell three thousand feet into San Francisco Bay and was killed, probably by drowning, while attempting a spiral descent in a monoplane, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the first of this week.

Representative Leonard, of Davidson county, secured the passage by the recent General Assembly of a law, authorizing the issuance and sale of \$300,000 of bonds for the improvement of Davidson roads. A road commission for the county has been organized and the work on the highways will be pushed.

The building, formerly occupied by the Gainsbury Military School, has been secured by Rev. George H. Atkinson, to be occupied by the Albemarle Normal and Collegiate Institute, which is to be moved to Salisbury. This is the same building owned the State for the school for the blind.

Lucey Pegues, a negro boy of 12 or 14, was arrested, in Greensboro, last Saturday, for stealing diamond rings worth \$800 from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brawley. The boy was delivering groceries, and took the rings from the kitchen, where Mrs. Brawley had laid them down to avoid soiling when engaged in household duties.

The postoffice at Edgemont, a station at the terminus of the Carolina and North-Western Railway, 22 miles from Lenoir, was broken into and robbed one night last week by unknown persons. Several hundred dollars worth of money, stamps, and other valuables were secured. This is the second time the office at Edgemont has been robbed within the last eight months.

Through the influence of Rev. Sidney Love, secretary of the North Carolina Prisoners' Aid Society, every county and city jail in the State is to have a large Bible. The Bibles are the gift of a Mrs. Nelson, of Pittsburgh, who left a provision in her will that part of her fortune should be spent in providing Bibles for the poor and the prisoners in this county and city jails. The books will be distributed about April 1.

The Piedmont Commercial Club and other citizens of Albemarle, are making arrangements for the establishment of rest rooms for the ladies of Stanly county when in town sleeping. A building 123 probably be erected at a cost of about \$800, half the amount to be pledged by the county and the other half subscribed by citizens. The main features of the building will be a large rest room furnished with comfortable chairs, and a smaller toilet room.

LATE WAR NEWS

GERMANY TO BE BLOCKADED - MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS IS FEARED.

The King of England has signed the "blockade" measure, which forbids ships of all nations to enter or leave any port of Germany with cargoes of any kind, and also forbids neutral nations to allow cargoes intended for Germany to enter their ports. The captured cargoes however will probably be sold and the money eventually returned to the owners, instead of being confiscated.

The German cruiser Dresden, a sister ship to the renowned Emden, was sunk by three British ships about four hundred miles off the coast of Chile, last Sunday. The crew were saved, fifteen of them badly wounded. There were no losses by the victors. The Dresden is the ship that carried "President" Huerta, of Mexico, to safety last year.

The fighting in and near Poland, after a lull, has again become severe with the Allies claiming gains.

There are grave fears of a massacre of Christians at Constantinople if the Turks lose.

MEXICANS KILL AMERICAN

John C. McKinous, formerly of Chicago, and a prominent resident of Mexico City, was killed at his home in the Mexican capital, last Thursday, when Zapata troops entered the city. After the killing, the house was looted and robbed. The United States flag was flying over the house and the doors had been sealed by the Brazilian minister, according to reports to the State Department.

The United States Government has made a formal demand on General Salazar, the post commander in Mexico City, insisting that the Zapata troops guilty of the murder, be punished and adequate relief guaranteed the family of the murdered man.

NOTICE TO COLORED WOMEN

Mrs. M. H. Quinerly, of Greensville, chairman Health Committee of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, wishes to call the attention of colored women throughout the State to the National Negro Health Week planned March 21-27.

It is requested that club women all over the State join in giving the matter publicity, and in distributing health literature and pamphlets containing health notices, among colored employes.

It is further suggested that the ministers of all colored churches set aside the third Sunday in March as a day of prayer for better health conditions, and preach special health sermons on this day. Any other appropriate exercises may be arranged by the ministers, and the colored schools are asked to co-operate.

DR. CLARENCE POE COMING

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and one of the State's most prominent citizens, will be the principal speaker at County Commencement in Asheboro, April 2. The exercises will be in the auditorium of the graded school building, and hundreds of school children are expected to be present and take part.

FIRE AT RANDLEMAN

The store of J. A. Clapp & Son, at Randleman, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, early last Friday morning.

The building, valued at \$2,500, was owned by J. B. Ward, of Asheboro. The stock of goods, owned by the Clapp company, was worth about \$5,000. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Last Monday was the 134th anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Dr. Charles W. Bain, head of the department of Greek in the University of North Carolina, died last Sunday from heart trouble.

Mrs. J. H. Henley has been appointed to take charge of the Tomato Club work in Lee county. The Government is to pay her \$100 for her services, and the Board of County Commissioners \$75, and the Board of Education \$75.

Two American boys, twins, fifteen years of age, were recently discharged from the British army, which they had joined as grown men when visiting an aunt in England. Their release was secured by Ambassador Page at the request of their parents.

Glenn and Dewey Yount, Jodie Bass Vance Lawrence and Ezra Rink, all young white men, were placed in jail at Newton, last Monday, pending a hearing of the coroner's jury. Investigating the death of Pink Gooden, a negro who was killed near town, last Saturday night, when a mob attacked his home with rifles and pistols.

Mr. D. L. Clark, a well known citizen of High Point and an artist of considerable talent, died at his home a few days ago, and was laid to rest Monday, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Gilbert Rowe, and interment with Masonic honors. Mr. Clark was ninety-one years of age. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Alston, of Virginia, before her marriage in 1855.