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TRIBUTE WHERE TRIBUTE IS DUE.

Vice President Dawes was one of the speakers at a banquet held on the steamship Leviathan several days ago for Legionnaires going on their second trip to France. In his address the Vice President praised President Wilson and Seccaused no little comment.

It's quite unusual for a Republican to 1919 when they set out to break President usually have superior school systems, Wilson and defeat the Democratic par- the mortality among high-school stuty, but they hadn't the courage to speak dents is high. as he did.

Quoting Mr. Dawes' speech The New York World says:

body is better qualified than this war- 32 last year and 52 this year. time member of the Military Board of Allied Supply to judge the effort and the efficiency of these "two great men." Nobody, that is, with one single exception. The one exception is General Perblamed, "most unjustly, most unfairly." for the difficulties of "a state of unpreparedness which was almost hopeless." Ac-"met the situation with great courage, with great intelligence, and kept us provided at the front with the men and the materials we needed.'

partial history. It is good to note that hurled during the meeting. Mr. Baker, still in the prime of his usepartial arbitrament of time.

The New York Times also recalls Gen-1

thority as the Encyclopedia Britannica at hoods and masks? first dismissed his record as that of a generally as Secretary was widely condemned throughout the United States as lacking in energy, foresight and ability" In a later edition the Encyclopedia modiup the gage of war, has yet to be writ- night.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN STATE.

Cabarrus county ranked 90th in the State in the number of white high school graduates in 1927. The total for the county represents 30 graduates per 10,-000 white population and this is less than the State average. The figures were carried in a recent issue of the University News Letter.

Pamlico ranks first with a rate of 143.0 graduates per ten thousand white population. The actual number of graduates tors: was eighty-three. Pamlico ranked first last year also. Stokes ranks last with 24 graduates, or 12.8 graduates for 10,000 white population. The total number of white public high-school graduates in the state was 10,587, or 63.4 graduates per 10,000 white population. The previous year there were 9,166 graduates, or 47 per 10,000 white population.

It is significant that 6,702 or 63.3 percent. of the graduates of the white public high schools were girls, the proportion of girl graduates being slightly higher than pense. it was a year ago. The number of girls graduating exceeded the number of boys in every county except Avery and Cherokee. In several counties there were enrolled. twice as many girls as boys and in a few instances the disproportion was even this study as outlined in State School more pronounced. This condition is no Facts, New Hanover county ranked first doubt due to the fact that many boys are among the 100 counties with a general obliged to drop out of school to work, or at least do so.

It is rather interesting to note that 32

ties of the west and the combination cot- 25 ton-tobacco counties of the east with high white tenancy ratios.

It is rather surprising that many of the counties which rank high in high-school graduates are rural, and that some of being only slightly lower. the urban counties rank relatively low. The five highest-ranking counties are all change to a better rank from 1924-25 to retary Baker and his utterances have rural counties, though two urban counties appear among the highest ten. Mecklenburg ranks 27th, Buncombe say anything nice about Democrats. 35th, Wake 37th, Guilford 44th, and Gas-What he said other Republicans knew in ton 73rd. Although the urban counties

Some of the counties ranking high last year rank low this year and vice versa indicating that there is a great deal of This fine tribute comes from the sec- fluctuation in the number of graduates ond member, in official rank, of the Re- For instance, Durham had 129 last year publican Party, not all of whose leaders and 305 this year; New Hanover had 77 have been as complimentary. And no- last year, 225 this year; Edgecombe had

WHAT ABOUT THE HOODS?

Several meetings sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan have been held in the State shing, who on the same occasion deplor- this week and the speakers addressing de the fact that Secretary Baker had been the meetings have eloquently pleaded their cause. They have denied that the Klan tolerates tar, feathers and floggings. They insist that members of the order cording to General Pershipg, Mr. Baker are strong believers in law enforcement 11th. and they have taken to task persons and agencies opposed to them.

At Hickory the Klan speaker was bitter toward the Hickory Record as the Mr. Wilson has gone to his last rest-result of an editorial appearing in that ing place, secure of the judgment of im- newspaper and threats of law suits were

The speakers, we reiterate, have made ful career, is thus defended against cal- eloquent appeals but they have not umny by the testimony of two men so touched on the subject the public is esadmirably qualified to anticipate that im- pecially interested in when the Klan is mentioned-hoods and masks.

We do not pretend to understand the tems are not as great as among rural syseral Pershing's recommendation, along rules and regulations of the Klan, and tems measured 12 retained the standing with that of the Vice-President, and for that reason we would admit the ac- they had in 1924-25. curacy of the speakers who denounce the What a just and authoritative rebuke law violations under cover and who into those who have sought to belittle sist that the Klan does not sponsor such them! The slings and arrows of outrag- violations. The Klan may be all that eous partisanship have been aimed often the speakers say it is, but that doesn't at Mr. Baker. Even so responsible an au- answer the important question-why the

Just what feature of the work of the "politician" and "pacifist," whose "career Klan makes it necessary for the members ed production has come the cry of low to cover their faces? Just why is it that prices for the products now and in the the members do not want the public to know who they are?

That's the chief complaint we have of Markets. fied, somewhat grudgingly, that utterly made with the Klan all along. If the one-sided estimate. Senator Wadsworth, Klan doesn't tolerate tar and feathers and poultry production together with a large a partisan Republican but an honest one, floggings, then why don't the members increase can be well taken care of with came to the defense of the man whose appear before the public with their faces proper handling and marketing. work he had been able to watch at close uncovered? Why don't the leaders and to victory, after the country had taken and feathers and who flog persons at

> If the Klan has nothing to do with such things it should clear itself by appearing without hoods and masks. The public will always be uncertain about the work of the organization so long as its members follow the present practice of concealing their identity when appear-

RANK OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

Taking the State as a whole for the year 1925-26, Cabarrus ranked near the bottom in school systems. This county ranked 88th, under the following fac-

Percentage of enrollment in average daily attendance.

Average length of term.

Scholarship of teachers. Percentage of enrollment in high

Percentage of enrollment normal and

Average annual salary of teacher.

Per capita cost of instruction based on ket.

Total per capita cost of current ex-

Total current expense per teacher and

principal. Valuation of school property per child

According to the ten factors used in

efficiency index of 85.4. The index for Cabarrus was 47.5.

New Hanover has held this leading of the 49 counties which graduated more place each of the three years the sys- Lindbergh, the first man to fly from New pupils than the state average are located tems have been measured. Currituck York to Paris, and it will find favor with about flood relief by connecting the two. in the eastern half of the state, known as County system remains at second place those persons who realize aviation must the Coastal Plains area. Two groups of which she took from Pamlico in 1924- be advanced, but that the advancement high-ranking counties are conspicuous, 25. Pamlico remains at third place and must come along sane and practical determined by the amount appropriated namely, the northeast Tidewater group Durham at fourth place. These four lines. and another centering around the Sand named counties were the only counties in We'do not argue that there should be opinion, is the reason the President, Secnamed counties were the only counties in We do not argue that there should be opinion, is the reason the President, Sec1924-25 to be placed in "Efficiency no trans-oceanic flights but we do argue retary Hoover and others are not anxLean has given his allegiance to Mr. McAdoo. Does

of Allghany and Watauga which barely ed for by the fact that this county dur- value . make the higher bracket. In other ing this period voted a county-wide tax words, this group includes most of the to extend the term of eight months. The fecting of automobiles and advancement northern Piedmont counties and most of progress made by Greenville is well along other lines has resulted in heavy getting the votes. the Mountain counties. The low-ranking worth noticing, while Craven made re- loss of life, but the loss was worth-while counties are the excessively rural coun- markable progress from 1923-24 to 1924-

lower in 1925-26 than in 1924-25; Wash- criminal to allow just anybody with ington, Person, Alexander, Randolph, Caldwell, and Brunswick-these indices flight across the ocean. Such flights wil

The counties making the greatest 1925-26 were the following:

Transylvania from 32nd to 20th place. Anson from 46th to 34th place. Perquimans from 53rd to 40th place. Rutherford from 72nd to 49th place. Lee from 73rd to 54th place. Iredell from 70th to 58th place. Johnston from 81st to 65th place. Watauga from 93rd to 78th place. Those counties taking a much lower rank were:

Wake from 31st to 43rd place. Forsyth from 33rd to 48th place. Carteret from 35th to 51st place. Moore from 35th to 52nd place. Person from 54th to 74th place. Alexander from 60th to 77th place. Randolph from 60th to 83rd place. Caldwell from 60th to 86th place.

Ten counties made no change in their relative standing among the other coun-

New Hanover, 1st; Currituck, 2nd Pamlico, 3rd; Durham, 4th; Mecklenburg, 13th; Scotland, 15th; Macon, 89th; Surry, 98th; Yadkin, 99th; Cherokee,

Yet all the rural systems except six made an actual increase in the general index, some even changing from a lower group to a higher group.

Greensboro still retains the lead among the city systems measured, with a general index of 94.6. Salisbury led the city systems in Group 11 for the second successive year, and Hickory making the second highest index for the cities taxes the lead of City Group III. The changes among the relative standing of city sys-

GROWTH OF POULTRY IN STATE

The present poultry crop in North Carolina is worth in round figures 30 million dollars. The increase in this industry has been phenomenal during the past several years but with the increasfuture, state V. W. Lewis, senior marketing specialist for the State Division

According to Mr. Lewis, the present

A few years ago the state had reached quarters from his post as Chairman of the members of the Klan understand that the saturation point in poultry produc-Senate Military Affairs Committee. But the hood and mask are in 99 cases out of tion and farmers were selling good flocks the full story of Mr. Baker's contribution every 100 used by persons who use tar because there was no market at reasonable prices. The system of shipping live poultry in carlots came just in time to keep up interest in production.

"We are again facing the saturation point—this time in egg production," says Mr. Lewis, "and the solution lies in selling only quality eggs and being able to assemble these in order to take care of the quantity."

Mr. Lewis states that the biggest problem is to get the producers to offer only eggs of good quality. To handle eggs in a definite manner, it is necessary to know the quality and then have volume enough to make up a standard pack whether in

The problem of the poultry producer is akin to the problem of other producers. It is not always easy to get a market for the goods. Poultry experts in the State can be of great value to the State by aiding in the distribution of the poultry 154,954,240. The average monthly powand eggs. There is money in the business, as many have learned, but there would be more money for the producer if some way could be devised whereby his produce would always find a ready mar-

LINDBERGH TALKS ABOUT FLIGHTS.

"Hazardous flights should not be prohibited, but they should be attempted only after careful study by experienced personnel with the best of modern flying equipment and for a definite purpose. In the future expeditions should be organized and prizes offered under conditions which promote the development of safer

This is the comment of Col. Charles A.

mostly in two distinct areas, namely, the Vance, Granville, Craven and Northamp- could be no mistake about the fitness of after the election next year. combination cotton and tobacco belt cen- ton. The progress of Vance County is the plane as well as the sfficiency of the tering around Wilson, and the tier of the more noticeable of the four additional pilot. Too, there should be competent are still without adequate living facilicounties along the Virginia and Tenn- counties. At 19th place in 1923-24; at navigators and radio men, for unless ties in the flooded regions. It makes no nessee line, stretching all the way from 12th place in 1924-25; and now at 5th there are such experts along, to note, what difference that they are still faced with nessee line, stretching all the way from place. This progress is largely account is taking place, then the flight is of no the menace of another flood. Next year's happened in this

The building of the railroads, the perin view of the accomplishments. There ury, but that can't be spent for the huwill have to be lives lost in the develop-Only six counties had a general index ment of aviation, but it is little less than plane to start off on some hazardous benefit no one.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

The cost of construction remained unchanged during August, holding the position it reached following declines in May and July, according to statistics compiled by the Associated General Contractors of America.

The average of costs for the first eight months of this year is slightly high er than the average covering the corre sponding period of 1926.

During the last six months, the cost of construction has been virtually twice as great as the 1913 average. No increase has occurred since March. Successive rises were noted in January, February and March.

August was the seventh successive month to pass without witnessing change in the average of wages in the construction industry. This average holds virtually the same position it occupied during the mid-summer months of 1925 and 1926. A scale which places the 1913 average at 100 as its basis shows the index number for the August wage average to be 227.

Only two changes in the wage average have been noted since June, 1926. slight decline occurred in October, 1926, while an off-setting rise took place last February.

The average of prices paid by contractors for the basic construction mater-

ials showed no change during August the index number continuing to be 181 Index numbers covering the cost of materials during other months are: Jan uary, 179; February, 181; March, 183 April 183; May, 182; June 182, and July,

INCREASE IN ELECTRICAL OUT-

generating plants in 1926 amounted to 1,-730,861,570 killowat hours, an increase of there was about as much written about geniuses. 17 per cent. over the previous year, ac- the President's fish, his cowboy outfit cording to figures compiled by the water and other stuff of no importance as about resources division of the Department of the statement. Conservation and Development.

This increase was the greatest in per centage of any Southern State, with the exception of Alabama, says Thorndike Saville, chief hydraulic engineer of the department.

The total output from water power only in 1926, amounting to 1,025,778,570 kilowatt hours, is an increase of 11.7 per cent. than the 918,419,840 of 1925 from the same source, according to the figures of the department, but has not reached the maximum figure of 1,243,798,240 kilowatt hours of 1924.

In 1926, 57.9 per cent. of the total pow er produced in North Carolina was generated by hydro-electric plants, while in 1925, 61.1 per cent. of the total output was from hydro plants. A maximum of water power production, in proportion to total output, was experienced in 1920, when this proportion was 93 per cent. of the total output. Both droughts and the construction of large steam generating plants were instrumental in the decreas ed proportion of water power output of 4,741,739 kilowatt hours as compared with electrical power during the last year was 4,053,588 for 1925. December was the peak month in production of power, 192, 198,070 kilowatt hours being reported for that month; March came second with 165,685,860, followed by November with er output by month for the year amounted to 144,277,900.

March experienced the high tide in production from water power, 128,639, 860 kilowatt hours being reported for that month; February came second with 125, 025,510; and April, third, with 122,567, 180. Heaviest output from fuel generation came in the month of November, Octoger, and December, respectively.

THE SECRET IS OUT.

Congressman R. L. Doughton while in taken up at the next session of Congress. He mentioned as two of the most import- in recent years. ant tax reductions and flood relief legislation, and then, we believe, let out the secret about the President's attitude

In other words, Mr. Doughton thinks the amount of the tax reduction will be for the flood district. And that, in our The counties which fall below the state average of 53.4 white high-school graduates per 10,000 white population lie four more counties came into this group:

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The counties are not any times for a special session of Congress.

They don't want this flood relief business to come up too prominently until great injustice, by the way.

It makes no difference that thousands an election year and the politicians, and especially those who would occupy the charging that the White House, must give first thought to

We have a great surplus in the treasmanitarian work of relieving suffering until it is definitely decided that taxes can be reduced, and especially the taxes of those who make the most money. The flood is gone now and another is not likely to come along until next year at the earliest. Why worry then about making the Mississippi safe? The more important task of pacifying the voters is at

That's the whole thing in a nut-shell If the President called Congress in special session the members would not dare adjourn without making some provision for the safety of the people who live Mr. Coolidge had along the Father of Waters. They know something must be done but they are putting it off as long as possible, hoping thereby that the perplexing question of taxes can be settled first.

MUCH ABOUT NOTHING.

A checkup shows that more than 2, 000,000 words were sent from the Black Hills this summer while the President was there. The total was 2,100,000 to be exact, and in our opinion the vast majority of the stuff was not worth print-

This is not meant as a reflection on the President, for Mr. Coolidge had nothing to do with the vast majority of the stuff. Special writers were there and they felt | nine-year-old child to pick tion of the Spokesman mea that something had to be sent back home and openness of dealing in for the readers, whether it was some important statement by the President or some mere detail about some fish the President caught.

The whole thing shows the exaggerated idea Americans have about things. President Coolidge was the one important personage in the Black Hills insofar as the general public was concerned. and his stories would not make more than a column a day. Yet, we find many columns being sent out daily simply to meet the public's demand for something.

There was only one really important that Daniel Webster was development in the summer white house and that has resulted in so much confus ion that nobody seems to know just what was meant. We refer to the President's statement about his future polit- indicated that he had had put Electrical output from North Carolina ical ambitions. That was important, despite its element of uncertainty, but

MAY LEAD TO SOMETHING.

Friends of Sacco and Vanzetti, who distinguished compo were put to death recently after court delays of more than seven years, are to keep up the fight, we are told, to prove to the world that the two men were not

We do not know what methods are to Charity an be pursued but we hope they will be different from those used before the men were executed. We hope the prolonged to Senator Glass and to Wo investigation will not include any bombings and other law violations.

Friends of radicals would have ac complished more in the beginning if they had been more temperate. They sought inflict injury on some good to secure freedom for the condemned men through violence and threats and such tactics proved worthless and they defeatist, and if he got a half I should have. The investigation, regardless of its findings, will not restore the men nor will it convince the majority of the people that Sacco and Vanzetti were guiltless, but it may prove after all that his German brewers, all of the friends of the convicted murderers were not themselves murderous-

That is all the investigation can hope to accomplish, for certainly in the seven years they fought friends of Sacco and Vanzetti did not overlook anything that would aid the radicals. Every process of law was resorted to and every iota of evidence possible to secure was presnted. But the investigation may lead to something-evidence that all of the radicals' friends did not think criminal measures should have been provoked in their be-

Things might happen sure enough should Tam Bowie move to Charlotte that the and enter the Senatorial race. Such a possibility has been suggested, this being given as one reason for his resignation from the Superior Court bench, and Concord several days ago, was asked if he and former Governor Morrison ofabout important matters expected to be fer from the same county the State may history, and to I have one of the hardest fought primaries

IS McADOO COMING BACK?

Asheville Times Representative Weaver tells Washington news paper men his belief that the nomination of Governor Smith would cause a great political revolt in North Carolina.

In the State it is being suggested that Governor McLean failed to appoint Judge Tam Bowie as

A DRAMATIC RESID

worth talking abou

telegrams and let

Tragedy ensued, an rt of saying only

Salisbury Post, everything. And William is an The mother is talking to

"Parents should hold up n their children but should not to out the individuality of each child