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SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES.

County Teachers' Meeting Saturday, December 22nd, in Honor of Prof. I. T. Turlington, Former County Superintendent—Hon. J. Y. Joyner to Speak.

In accordance with the wishes of the teachers, the present County Superintendent, and many friends, a day has been agreed upon (Saturday, December 22nd) for a county Teachers' Association meeting at Smithfield. The special honor of this occasion is to be in recognition of the faithful services of Professor Ira T. Turlington, who for a quarter of a century has been the acknowledged educational leader of our people and for twenty-two years was County Superintendent of Schools.

It will be interesting and inspiring to renew the past quarter of a century of educational progress of the State, and especially to note that during this time under good leadership our county has kept well to the front. By him no false lights have been held up to our people. A great scholar, a man of the highest ideals, an humble, devout Christian, a born leader, a teacher of teachers as we believe Divinely called to his work, with a continuous, firm and fixed purpose to elevate the educational life of Johnston County, he has held the unshaken confidence of all classes of our people through all these years.

At the climax of success by the assistance of an able County Board of Education, he saw many magnificent school buildings in hitherto backward localities, and in the villages and towns as a result of his labors; still with united educational forces, with longer terms and better regulated schools the future prospects were brighter. Yet for reasons of his own on October 1st he resigned as County Superintendent of Schools.

For reasons stated above and manifold others, the teachers do not think it a premature step to hold a meeting in his honor. For this action they offer no apology to any one except to the modest Professor Turlington himself. We believe in placing flowers upon the graves of those we love, and also in well merited cases we think flowers presented in life-time by their sweet fragrance and brilliant colors will sweeten present life, and brighten the way of dark old age.

STATE SUPT. JOYNER'S ADDRESS.

Your present County Superintendent keenly feels his inability to direct the great school work of the County properly, and is delighted to announce that State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner will address us at our County meeting. The man who has moved North Carolina certainly can help us. Being invited to our meeting he wrote that he was hard pressed with official duties—getting out reports, etc., and had no moment to spare, but that he had such high regard for our former County Superintendent he could not refuse and therefore would come.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In order to have a nice program for the occasion the following executive committee are appointed:

T. J. Lassiter, chairman; Elder J. A. T. Jones, Prof. J. R. Williams, B. W. Allen, Will Upchurch, Ben. E. Washburn, J. E. B. Davis, Messrs. Joseph W. Wood, J. R. Woodard, and S. R. Brady; Misses Flossie Abell, Eula Hood, Ellen Edridge, Florence Hudson, Rena Edgerton, Lou Young, Minnie Strachan, Kate Edmundson, Nellie Lunceford and Nellie Johnson.

The executive committee constitute an advisory board, the object of which is to suggest and aid in carrying out a suitable program for the occasion. Address communications to Mr. T. J. Lassiter, chairman.

RETROSPECTIVE.

Thanks are hereby extended for the prompt attendance of the teachers upon the meetings ap-

pointed, there being only a very few whose names are not on the attendance roll. It is hoped that good will result in the course of study, classing, grading, recitation schedule, school government, and increased attendance. Associations were organized in several of the townships to meet monthly.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY.

Last week I wrote at some length urging every teacher to carry out the Memorial Exercises on the day appointed and to send all contributions to Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Raleigh, N. C. The work of Dr. Melver for the women and children of our State will stand forever. Especially as Mr. Joyner is to visit our county I would be glad that we could send up a liberal contribution to the fund.

GET A STEEL ENGRAVING OF DR. McIVER.

State Superintendent Joyner writes as follows: "Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen, publisher of the Biographical History of North Carolina, has kindly donated to the Memorial Fund one thousand excellent steel engravings of Dr. McIver. I will send one copy of this engraving free to each ten public schools in each county making the largest contribution on North Carolina Day to the fund: Provided, that the picture will not be sent to any school contributing less than \$2.00."

THE NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.

Many of our teachers are not yet taking the above paper. All should take it. It has behind it the educational forces of the State, Academy, High School, College, the country public school, and the city graded school. It comes twice a month, it is the best educational journal ever published in our State, yet it costs only \$1 per year. If you have not seen a copy write Mr. H. E. Seeman, Durham, N. C.

J. P. CANADAY.

Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in regular session with the following present:

C. M. Wilson, chairman, W. T. Bailey, N. W. Smith, Josephus Johnson and W. G. Wrenn. The reports of the various county officers were read and approved and ordered recorded. After allowing the usual monthly accounts, the old Board adjourned.

After dinner the new Board met and organized by electing W. T. Bailey chairman. The other members of the Board are W. G. Wrenn, N. W. Smith, Allen K. Smith and Eli S. Turlington.

G. M. Hinton was re-elected keeper of the County Home for the next two years.

Allen K. Smith, C. M. Wilson and T. R. Hood were appointed finance committee.

The bonds of the county officers were accepted and approved as follows:

R. M. Nowell, sheriff, bond for \$76,000.

George A. Hood, treasurer, bond for \$52,000.

W. S. Stevens, Clerk of Superior Court, bond for \$10,000.

Sam T. Honeycutt, register of deeds, bond for \$5,000.

Z. L. LeMay, coroner, bond for \$2,000.

T. R. Fulghum, surveyor, bond for \$1,000.

All the bonds were made with personal sureties except R. M. Nowell's, which was given in a Bonding Company.

The following constables took the oath of office and had their bonds approved:

Pleasant Grove, Lynn B. King.

Oneals, W. H. Godwin.

Boon Hill, John H. Game.

Beulah, Alvin Rains.

Ingrams, Darry Allen.

Smithfield, J. T. Barham.

Wilson's Mills, C. B. Parrish.

Banner, J. H. Wheeler.

Elevation, J. G. Dixon.

Cleveland, J. C. Holt.

Meadow, W. J. Hudson.

APPALLING RAILROAD WRECK.

President Samuel Spencer and Others Killed Thanksgiving Morning On the Southern.

The most appalling railroad wreck recorded in recent history occurred Thursday morning of last week—Thanksgiving Day—in ten miles of Lynchburg, Va., and a mile north of Lawyer's depot, when Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern Railway, and recognized as one of the foremost railroad men in the development of the Southern States, was killed in a rear end collision in which two fast Southbound trains were involved. In the same wreck three of his guests were killed. Mr. Spencer's private secretary, E. A. Merrill, of New York City, and one of the three porters, survived the accident. The dead are: President Samuel Spencer, New York City; Charles D. Fisher, of Baltimore; Phillip Schuyler, of New York; Frank T. Redwood, of Baltimore; D. W. Davis, of Alexandria, Va., private dispatcher to President Spencer; William Pollard, colored porter on President Spencer's car.

The accident resulted from a collision between train No. 37, the Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited, which ran into the rear end of the train No. 33, known as the Jacksonville limited.

President Spencer and his party occupied the rear car on the forward train, and as far as known were sleeping when the collision happened and the probabilities are that all of them excepting Dispatcher Davis were killed instantly. It is certain that life was extinct before the flames touched them. President Spencer's body was burned almost beyond recognition, as was that of Mr. Fisher.

President Spencer was lying directly under the big locomotive of the rear train. So great was the force of the impact that the forward train was sent at least 150 feet ahead, the locomotive, going over and upon the body of Mr. Spencer.—Mount Olive Tribune.

Neuse German Club Dance.

The Neuse German Club gave a dance at Sanders Hall last Friday evening. The german was led by Capt. and Mrs. H. L. Skinner. The music was furnished by the Wilmington Italian Band.

The following couples participated: Capt. and Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Dr. A. H. Rose with Miss Lessie Graves, of Carthage; D. M. Campbell (Raleigh) with Miss Lena Hicks; R. R. Holt with Miss Edith Pou, of Raleigh; W. N. Holt with Miss Mary B. Williams, of Oxford; Hugh Adams with Miss Annie Noble, of Selma; Dr. Holloway with Miss Marie Abell; W. C. Sanders with Miss Ruth Sanders; J. A. Campbell with Miss Annie McGuire; S. W. Myatt with Miss Katie Woodall; T. W. Daniel with Miss Annie Ibrie Pou; W. M. Grant with Miss Josephine Shue; R. M. Myatt with Miss Mildred Young; R. M. Sanders with Miss Mildred Sanders; Jesse B. Adams with Miss May Moore; Hiram Grant with Miss Minnie Lunceford; A. M. Noble with Miss Ruffin, of Whitakers; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Lawrence.

Stags: Messrs. Will Tomlinson, J. W. Moore, Dr. G. J. Robinson, J.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Mrs. E. J. Holt, Mrs. I. T. Turlington, Mrs. Ed. S. Abell and Mrs. S. S. Coley.

New Cure For Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

A JAIL TERM FOR MANGUM.

Whiskey Selling Gets a Durham Man in Trouble—Government License Prima Facie Evidence.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 4.—Judge Fred Moore and Solicitor A. L. Brooks are throwing sensations into the ranks of those who have been selling whiskey illegally in this county. The position has been taken that the genuine blind tiger, the man who runs a whiskey dive for profit, shall suffer by imprisonment. A recent law of the United States government gives the solicitors the right to know all who have government license in the county, and the Watts and Ward State laws makes it prima facie evidence of guilt of illegal sale of whiskey when a person has a government license to sell, and is not a legal handler of whiskey in the State.

Acting under this law the solicitor has ascertained that there are thirty-one whiskey licenses, government permits, in this county. As the police make an arrest the records are referred to, and if the illicit whiskey seller has government license to sell he is sure to suffer severely. As a lawyer remarked to me to-day it put the defendant in the position of either pleading guilty of selling whiskey or else committing perjury and get sentenced for both.

Jordan T. Mangum, who comes from a good family and whose people are old citizens here and himself a merchant, was placed in this position and he entered pleas of guilty in two cases for selling whiskey, and one plea of guilty for whipping a man who had given information against him. Judge Moore gave him six months in jail, and to pay all costs in one case; he was fined \$200 and all costs in another case, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs in the third case, it being understood and so ordered by the judge that in the third case the defendant shall deposit a sufficient amount of money with the clerk of the court to pay for his board while he is in the county jail. This sentence, severe as compared to the usual sentence of the courts, has had the effect to throw consternation into the ranks of those who stand indicted before this court on the charge of selling whiskey.

Late News Notes.

Severe earthquake shocks occurred in the British West Indies Tuesday night.

Senator Lodge Wednesday introduced a bill to prohibit the employment of children in factories.

The trial of Mrs. Birdsong, a prominent young woman who killed Dr. Butler, a nephew of Governor Longino, began Wednesday at Hazelhurst, Miss.

At Washington Wednesday the officials of the Southern Railway began an inquiry into the wreck in which President Spencer lost his life on Thanksgiving Day.

An appeal will be taken in the case of Chester E. Gillett, convicted of drowning Grace Brown in Moose Lake, New York, and his mother and father have telegraphed him that they will be by his side at his next trial.

In Chicago Wednesday, pending an investigation into the mysterious death of Martin Virgal and his four children, who are supposed to have been poisoned to get insurance, Mrs. Virgal committed suicide.

In the Senate Wednesday Foraker called up his resolution making inquiry into the discharge of three companies of negro troops and Senator Warren offered a substitute for it, the matter going over for another day.

Thirty soaking rains have flooded southern Arizona and as a consequence a mountain reservoir broke and swept down upon the town of Clifton, drowning 18 people, sweeping away scores of houses and doing immense damage.

State News Notes.

During the month of November the American Cigar factory at Greensboro made and shipped 1,300,000 salable cigars.

The British steamer Hampton, Capt. Courtney, has cleared from Wilmington for Bremen, Germany, with 14,153 bales of cotton valued at \$795,000.

A two manual organ, costing \$25,000 and built by Hilgrene, Lane & Co., of Alliance, Ohio, has just been placed at the Baptist church at High Point.

The people of High Point are taking active steps to secure the creation of a new county by the Legislature soon to meet, with High Point as the county seat.

J. W. Davis died a few days ago at Denton, Davidson County, from the effect of swallowing a bone two years ago. The bone lodged in his throat and caused an abscess.

R. J. Reynolds, the great tobacco manufacturer of Winston, subscribed \$5,000 for a Young Men's Christian Association in that city. Half of the \$40,000 required has been raised.

A plant for the manufacture of ladies' garments—full suits and skirts—is to be established at Gastonia. The clothes will be made of the best materials and offered to the best class of trade.

The mother of Col. Julian S. Carr died early Saturday morning at the old home in Trinity at the advanced age of 94 years. Col. Carr and other members of the family were with her when the end came.

J. L. Stafford, of Cabarrus County, sold twenty-one turkeys on the Charlotte market for \$37.50, an average of \$1.78 apiece. Mr. Stafford says he has that many more to sell for the Christmas trade.

The Greensboro press correspondent says that 30 solid car loads of dressed turkeys passed through that town Monday of last week—being shipped from the South to the North for Thanksgiving.

The State Board of Canvassers at Raleigh has completed its work. The State vote is found to be: McNeill, corporation commissioner, 123,272; Douglas, Republican, 77,017. Democratic majority, 46,055.

Forty farmers from the Northwest have purchased land and will locate at Artesia, Columbus County. That county has secured a number of good citizens from that section and will be glad to have many more.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Less than one month ago Winston-Salem started to raise \$40,000 for a Y. M. C. A. About the same time Raleigh held a meeting to set the ball in motion. Winston-Salem has raised \$40,000 and over. Raleigh hasn't started the ball moving yet. O, for some of the Winston-Salem spirit of giving among the rich men and women of Raleigh.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Saves Adams and Sawyer.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The President has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed upon Arthur Adams and Robert Sawyer, negro members of the crew of the schooner Henry A. Berwind, who were convicted of mutiny and murder aboard the vessel about a year ago, who were tried at Wilmington, N. C., and are now in jail at that place.

Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

FIERCE FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT.

Mrs. Myatt's Boarding House Burned—Loss Over \$2,000—No Insurance. Citizens Generously Contribute.

Last Sunday night Mrs. Mary Myatt's boarding house, on the corner of Second and Bridge streets, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the kitchen and was not discovered until the flames had gained good headway. The fire alarm was given, and in a short while, a large crowd of citizens had gathered on the scene. The fire company with their engine was on the grounds in an incredibly short time, but the fire had such a start that the building could not be saved. All furniture on the first floor of the building was saved; that on the second floor, together with the belongings of some of her boarders, was consumed in the flames. Through the efforts of the fire company the fire was kept from spreading to other buildings.

The alarm was given just about the time the services at the different churches were closing, and almost every body at once rushed to the scene of the fire. On account of this much more of the furniture was saved than perhaps might otherwise have been, had all the people been at their homes.

The loss, which amounts to more than \$2,000, falls very heavy on Mrs. Myatt as she had no insurance. The sympathy of the community was enlisted in her behalf and the citizens of the town contributed about \$600 for her benefit Monday. This will be a great help to her at this time.

Mrs. Myatt at once rented the S. R. Morgan residence and began keeping boarding house there next day after the fire.

The building burned, was put up many years ago, and was one of the landmarks of Smithfield. For many years it was occupied as a general store by Seth Woodall & Company, but for the past ten or twelve years it had been used as a boarding house, first by Mrs. Grice and later by Mrs. Myatt.

The Movement a Christian One.

We believe that movement for the establishment of a reformatory is a broad Christian one. It is based on true Christianity as well as a sound principle of political economy. What is best for the body politic is best for Christianity and what advances Christianity elevates and purifies the body politic. While church and state are separate and distinct in this country, yet to accomplish the greatest amount of good and to make each serve to the highest degree the purpose for which it was instituted the two must go hand in hand and work together for the attainment of the desired end, the suppression of crime and vice and the lifting up of the human race to a perception and a practice of a higher and a nobler life.—Wilmington Messenger.

New President of Southern.

New York, Dec. 5.—W. W. Finley was to-day elected president of the Southern Railway Company, succeeding the late Samuel Spencer. Mr. Finley has been second vice-president of the company.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.