

SCHOOL FUNDS ARE SHORT

THE DISPENSARY'S AID IS SMALL

So Far This Calendar Year South Carolina's School Fund Has Received Only \$25,000 From the State Dispensary. Theoretically, the Average Amount is \$300,000 Annually—Anxious Inquiries From School Authorities Over State Set Officially to Figuring—Columbia Public Opinion on the Subject. Vagrancy Laws, It Being Said, There Are Five Thousand Idle Negroes in the Town.

Observer Bureau, 1109 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Sept. 26. Anxious inquiries are coming in to the State superintendent of education from school authorities in all parts of the State to know what assistance they are to receive from the State dispensary school funds and when. Now that the schools are opening the shoe is beginning to pinch and, from what information could be gathered to-day, there is no relief in prospect. Not a cent has been placed to the credit of the State school dispensary fund for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, and this fund usually amounts to over \$250,000. The only money turned over to the credit of the schools by the State dispensary this calendar year was \$25,000 paid over in March when the crowd on the grid-iron. The latter part of last year \$100,000 was placed to the credit of the schools, but this was all paid out early in the spring. E. C. Sept. 26. Profits of the last fiscal year. Of the \$25,000 paid out in March \$9,373.70 went out in April from what is known as the dispensary deficiency school fund. Another \$6,000 went to the State Summer School. The balance, less than \$10,000, remains on hand, and this is all there is any immediate prospect of getting in the time last year the dispensary people figured out that the school fund was due \$114,000 on the last fiscal year's profits, but only the color of the \$55,000 has been seen. After doing some more figuring they discovered that the \$114,000 was a large mistake.

A few days ago State Superintendent of Education Martin, under pressure of inquiries to him about the dispensary school money, addressed a letter to Commissioner Tatum, telling him of the anxious inquiries that were coming in and asking him to shed some light on the subject. The commissioner replied that, according to the books, the schools had a credit for the quarter ended May 31 last of \$40,000, but that the school fund had not yet been fully posted for the quarter ended September 1st, that as soon as the legislative checking committee went over them in October he would let him know the amount due for that quarter. But the State Treasurer has not been informed of the \$40,000.

FLUCTUATES VIOLENTLY.

The cash balance of the State dispensary has fluctuated violently from day to day. To-day there was a balance in round figures of \$50,000, but at one time this week the balance went as low as \$30,000. Two drafts aggregating \$13,721 were paid through one bank in one day this week by the State treasurer. One of these drafts was for \$11,455 in favor of the Big Four Distilling Company, but the other for \$2,266 was in favor of "sundry drafts." So whether the State board is continuing to favor certain old accounts which the dispensary is inclined to oppose, the committee's evidence showed should at least be scaled down for fraud, if not repudiated altogether, to the injury of the schools, cannot be said.

There is a reason the streets to-day on account of the straight-laced and rather freakish nature of Alderman Stiglitz's new ordinance, designed to "purify" the stage, which he introduced last night. It is a measure prohibiting the use of vulgar language, and the introduction of suggestive features of indecency upon any stage or platform within the limits of the city of Columbia. It is intended to introduce any suggestive features of indecency, such as coarse jokes, indecent exposure or the exhibition of anything that tends to shock the morals of a decent community. It is required that the ordinance when passed be posted in all the theatrical dressing rooms, side shows, etc.

5,000 IDLE NEGROES.

A resolution was adopted directing the police to more vigorously enforce the vagrant laws. Alderman Collins said he wanted to see no Atlanta affair here, and he estimated that there are 5,000 idle negroes in Columbia. He is in the driving business.

A SUIT FOR HEAVY DAMAGES.

Case Against the Atlantic Coast Line—Officers of Southern Life Insurance Company—Big Real Estate Deal Proposed—Bound Over for Whiskey Selling—Fayetteville News Items.

Special to The Observer, Sept. 26.—James Marsh, a citizen of Gray's Creek township, has entered suit through the law firm of Sinclair & Dye of this city against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, for \$20,000 damages for serious and perhaps permanent injuries sustained while at work on a building for the company at Nocatee, Fla., in 1904. Mr. Marsh was a man of position and education, was a prominent candidate for the Legislature, and was present at the convention on that subject without which he is unable to move.

The directors of the Fayetteville Southern Life Insurance Company have elected the following officers: E. H. Williamson, president; D. Caldwell, W. J. Johnson, A. L. James, vice presidents; C. J. Cooper, general manager and treasurer; A. W. Peace, assistant manager; J. A. Oates, secretary; Dr. J. V. McGrogan, medical director; C. R. Brooks, actuary. The stockholders have increased the capital from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

A deal is in progress by real estate men in this city by which nearly all of a street newly laid off in the Southern suburbs will be brought up, and 25 or 30 good dwelling houses will be built at once.

Fayetteville Presbyterian meets in this city this afternoon. The chief business will be to transfer Rev. L. A. McLaughlin from Hartford to Sardis.

Ira Black and Dick Heyward were arraigned in the mayor's court for forging whiskey and were bound over to Superior Court.

George Armet, white, while working on a telegraph pole on Person street was struck by lightning and badly stunned. He is in bed from his injuries.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Dillingham, of the Baptist church of Richmond, Va., will deliver a public address in the auditorium of the grand school on Wednesday evening. He is said to be a speaker of great power.

The city graded schools opened Monday with the largest attendance in their history.

Carlos in the upper part of the county, has been made a station on the Raleigh & Southport Railroad. The corresponding repairs to learn that the public is complaining of the slow time made on this road, and of its irregular schedule.

INCREASE IN MANUFACTURES

Exports of American Farm Products, Such as Cotton, Tobacco and Rice Showing Rapid Rate—Figures for Year 1905.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Although manufacturing industries throughout the United States have made strides during the last few years, the showing of the export trade in farm products during the same time is even more marvelous. In 1905 the imports of farm products were larger than in any year since 1890, but the value of exports exceeded that of imports by more than one-half, the balance being in favor of exports, being \$285,000,000.

In 1904 and 1905 cotton had a value more than double that of all packing-house products, while the exports of grain and other products were worth only one-third the value of cotton exports. The year 1905 showed larger cotton exports from this country than ever before, the total number of pounds being placed at 4,339,000,000. The nearest approach to the exports of 1905 was in 1898, when the exports amounted to \$53,100,000 pounds, or 476,000,000 pounds less than the exports in 1905. Although in 1905 there were increased consignments to all countries importing cotton from the United States, the most marked increase was shown in shipments to Japan. In 1905 there were consigned to Japan 74,000,000 pounds of cotton, in 1904 23,000,000 pounds, and in 1905 158,000,000 pounds.

There were two other cotton products which showed large exports in 1905. The shipments of cotton seed oil in 1905 were the largest on record and amounted to 52,000,000 gallons. The exports of cotton-seed oil cake were also the largest on record, with the exception of 1901, in that year 1,255,000,000 pounds were exported, and in 1905, 1,252,000,000 pounds. The total value of the exports of cotton-fiber, cotton-seed oil, and cotton-seed oil cake amounted to \$415,000,000, or nearly one-half of the total value of farm products.

There are two farm products which are exported from the United States in large amounts that from any other countries. These are cotton and tobacco. The United States ships annually 70 per cent. of the world's exports of cotton and about 50 per cent. of the tobacco. Of the total of 234,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco exported in 1905 over 30 per cent. went to the United Kingdom, about 14 per cent. to Germany, 10 per cent. to France. The United States supplied 90 per cent. of all the imports of leaf tobacco into the United Kingdom. The stems and trimmings of the tobacco are sent to Germany and the Netherlands.

Of the total exports of unmanufactured tobacco in 1905 about 40 per cent. was shipped from New York, 12 per cent. from Baltimore and 12 per cent. from New Orleans. The exports of rice in 1905 were the largest since 1890. The most marked increase was in shipments to Cuba, which increased from 850 pounds in 1903 to 498,983 pounds in 1904, and to 379,368 pounds in 1905. The shipments to Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom show almost as marked an increase as the shipments to Cuba. These four countries together took nearly 88 per cent. of the total exports of rice in 1905. The United States shipped in 1905 31,000,000 pounds of rice to Porto Rico and 10,000,000 pounds to Hawaii.

SURFACE WATER RESOURCES.

Hydrographic Branch of United States Survey Publishes Results of Investigations in North Carolina and Virginia.

Special to The Observer, Sept. 26.—The results of investigations of surface water resources in North Carolina and Virginia during 1905 by the hydrographic branch of the United States geological survey have recently been published by the survey as water-supply and irrigation papers Nos. 167 and 168. The hydrographic work of the survey includes the collection of facts concerning the study of the conditions affecting the behavior of water from the time it reaches the earth as rain or snow until it joins the great navigable rivers or the oceans. Gauging stations are maintained on important streams in all sections of the country, at which daily readings of the height of water on the gauge are taken and recorded by local observers and current-meter measurements are made from time to time to determine the amount of water flowing in the river at different stages. From these gauge heights and measurements computed on the basis of the daily and monthly discharge of the stream, and the results are published by the survey in such reports as those above referred to. The data have great value to engineers, by whom they are used in the computation of available horse power, supplies for irrigation, etc., to cities and towns who may use or desire to use the streams as a source of supply for public water systems, and to all communities interested in the industrial development of their natural resources, as reliable information concerning the amount of water available can be obtained from any other source.

Virginia and North Carolina are drained chiefly by the great piedmont streams flowing southeastward to the Atlantic ocean. The above-mentioned reports contain descriptions of the streams and the gauging stations thereon, together with the records of gage heights and discharge measurements and the computations based on them. Persons so desiring may obtain copies by applying to the director of the Survey at Washington, D. C.

A LARGE INCREASE.

Elon College Already Has More Students Than Were Enrolled During Entire Last Session—Dr. Newman Granted Year's Leave of Absence, Elon College, Sept. 26.—The enrollment of Elon College to date is five more than it was for the same session last year, which was the best year in the history of the college up to that time. Every indication for the future now is that the total enrollment for the current year will be from 40 to 50 per cent. higher than the total enrollment for any previous year. This enrollment is due to the wise planning of the new president, Dr. Emmett L. Moffitt; to the thorough canvass of the territory of the Christian Church; and to the numerous improvements in lighting, heating and dormitory equipment.

Rev. J. U. Newman, Ph. D., D. D., professor of Greek and Biblical literature, and for a number of years chairman and dean of the faculty, has been granted a year's leave of absence, which time he will spend at Yale, as a special student in the graduate school of the divinity department. His numerous friends are hoping that his much-needed rest in bodily vigor when he shall have passed a year in rest from the lecture room. Prof. A. Robert Ramey, of the University of Virginia, will supply Dr. Newman's chair in the latter's absence.



Charles E. Hughes.

He was nominated by the Republicans of New York yesterday as their candidate for Governor. Mr. Hughes came into prominence recently by his conduct of the insurance investigation.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

High Point Young People Seal a March on Their Friends—Aged Citizen Injured in Runaway Accident. Special to The Observer.

High Point, Sept. 26.—A surprise marriage took place here last night at 9:30 o'clock when two of High Point's most popular young people became husband and wife. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Ellen English and Mr. Clifford A. Ring. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride on Broad street and was performed by Rev. E. L. Siler, of the First Presbyterian church. The honeymoon will be spent at home, the bridal trip being postponed until a future date. The bride is one of High Point's popular young ladies, well liked by a host of friends. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. English. The groom is a promising young druggist, being in charge of the branch store here of the King Drug Company.

An Archdale citizen, Mr. Steve White, was thrown to the ground in a runaway yesterday and severely bruised. He was standing on Main street near the mayor's office when a horse hitched to a buggy became frightened at an automobile and started down the street, running against Mr. White before he could get out of harm's way. Mr. White is an aged gentleman and, for a while, it was feared he was badly injured. Medical attention was at once given and it was found that he was only shocked and bruised and that no bones were broken.

Polk Miller, the Southern humorist and dialect artist, of Richmond, Va., will appear here October 2d in the auditorium.

The wedding of Mr. Alvin Parker and Miss Deborah Tomlinson will be solemnized this evening in the Friends church.

SNAKES TAKE CHARGE.

When Express Agent Opens the Doors He Finds Fifty Serpents Coiled and Ready to Spring. Hartford Special, 25th, to New York Herald.

William H. Dowling, of Rockville, manager of the local office of the Adams Express Company, has had a battle with burglars in the presence of experience came yesterday. After he had opened the office he moved a crate and beheld in the corner a snake rattlesnake ready to spring. Dowling jumped back, only to land in close proximity to a bunch of serpents in the opposite corner. Then he saw the reptiles crawling everywhere over boxes and bundles, and he was entwined around a leg of his desk.

He called assistance from the street, and the reptiles were driven into barrels and bags. Finally the arrival of a traveling showman explained the presence of the snakes. The box of 50 snakes had been consigned to the showman for exhibition at the Rockville fair. Cardboard around the box having been softened by rain, the captives had made their way through. There were several deadly poison snakes in the lot.

OPPOSES MRS. ALICE'S HUSBAND.

Lawyer-Miner Nominated Against Representative Longworth. Cincinnati Special, 25th, to Washington Post.

In selecting candidates for Congress from the first and second Ohio districts, the Democrats of Cincinnati recognized organized labor, and put upon their tickets the names of men they believe will poll the full labor vote. The district congressional conventions were held in connection with the county convention at the Auditorium this afternoon.

Nicholas Longworth, the President's son-in-law, will be opposed by Thomas Bentham, an attorney, who was a coal miner in earlier life and held a membership card in the miners' union. Longworth and Bentham were rivals for the seat in Congress the first time the former was elected.

In the second district the Democrats put forward John H. Meyer to defeat Herman F. Goebel, who was renominated for a third term by the Republicans. Meyer is a carpenter and the treasurer of Local Union No. 3 of the Carpenters' Brotherhood.

Scared Both of them.

Law Notes. When Mr. Justice Maule was on the bench a bawling counsel was one day browbeating an elderly female witness in a case before him. Moving badgered her into a state of utter speechlessness the lawyer appealed to the judge to make her answer his questions. "Why do you not answer, madam?" asked the judge. "Because, my lord, he scares me so," replied the trembling woman. "He does he not, madam?" said the judge.

In these days of rush and hurry courted to often forgotten, in the mad, mad rush of our life little things are done to offend that we rather remain unknown, a hastily eaten meal and its resultant headache may cause us social or financial loss. The old man of woman in the cap who relieves little life of a few minutes' time, a little dose of Kaidol for the headache, it gives what you eat sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

A SHREWD POLITICAL MOVE.

President's Designation of Secretary Taft to Negotiate With Cubans Believed to Be Move on Part of Chief Executive to Strengthen That Official's Chances for Presidential Nominations. Special to The Observer.

Washington, Sept. 26.—American politics of the highest importance appears to be entering into the consideration of the Cuban situation. The tone of President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Quesada, the Cuban minister indicated Mr. Roosevelt's desire to eliminate domestic political questions from consideration in connection with the Cuban matter, but his designation of Secretary Taft to conduct the negotiations with the Cubans is believed by astute politicians here to mean that he desires to press Secretary Taft forward to the political firing line. The belief has been strengthened by the fact that Secretary of State Root is not to go to Cuba at all, but is to come direct to Washington from Cartagena.

It is conceded by observers of all political affiliations that, if Secretary Taft should succeed in bringing about an adjustment of the tumultuous situation in Cuba, it will make him very much stronger before the American people than he ever has been and will add materially to his chance of making a successful campaign in the event of his conclusion to enter the contest. That President Roosevelt desires Taft to be regarded as reasonably certain by close friends of Mr. Roosevelt. The personal and political relations of the two men are very close. It is certain that Taft could have anything in the gift of the President, but just now the only thing in sight is that of re-appointing legates of the administration for the presidency. It has been known for some time that Secretary Taft declined the President's proffer of a seat on the United States Supreme Court, in place of Mr. Justice Brewer. Taft is pretty conclusively that Taft had concluded to await the jumping of the cat in the presidential contest and that, at the psychological moment, he would permit the use of his name as a candidate for the nomination.

It is pretty certain that, had Secretary Root been in this country at the time the Cuban question became acute, he would have been selected by the President for the special mission instead of Secretary Taft. Mr. Root is thoroughly informed on all phases of the situation, and probably is better equipped than any other American to handle such a situation as has developed. He is to have nothing to do with it, however. In his absence, Secretary Taft was advanced into the branch and has taken the important part in the negotiation. It is reported as certain that credit will attach to the American government for its efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the trouble and that whatever be the result, Secretary Taft will share with President Roosevelt the credit of the situation. It is sure, will be backed by the President if necessary with full power of the army and navy.

Dr. McKenna Cures Wilmington Incubates.

Special to The Observer, Sept. 26.—Dr. J. J. McKenna, president of the McKenna Three-Day Liquor Cure Company, of Raleigh, has discharged a class of five inebriates, who were turned over to him by Mayor Waddell and the police force for treatment Monday night. All of them declare that they are cured, which fact has created considerable interest among the people here. Several of the local ministers have been persuaded by Dr. McKenna to remain over to cure ten others, who will be gotten together Thursday morning.

Valuable Household Hints.

St. Joseph News-Press. Never allow the cook to wear her diamond ring while kneading bread. The stone will spoil the flavor of the most carefully prepared bread. A little Portland cement added to ordinary white it is boiling will give it body. Cut glass should always be polished with sand paper. Do not fail to clean the inside of the incandescent lamp bulb. The odor of cabbage, onions and many other vegetables, while being cooked, is offensive to most persons, but it can be destroyed by coating the stove with rubber.

Crushing.

Chicago Daily News. "I have come," thundered the judge shrilly with the subpoena, "to serve the papers." The multimillionaire looked up from his favorite dish of cheese and wafers. "We don't need any papers," he said, blankly; "we already have a newboy."

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DEAF HEAR IN THREE MINUTES.

Cooper Gives Sample of Work in St. Louis Which Aroused Eastern Citizens During the Past Year—Says He Will Do Still More.

St. Louis, Sept. 24. On Wednesday afternoon some remarkable demonstrations were given in public by T. L. Cooper, or the "Great Cooper," as he is called, who is introducing for the first time in St. Louis the preparations which created a sensation in Eastern cities. The demonstrations took place at Mr. Cooper's headquarters and were witnessed by several hundred people. As nearly as could be learned, the facts were these:

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the young man agreed to show what one of his remedies would do for deafness and agreed to make any one present who was afflicted with deafness hear again in less than three minutes.

There were many deaf people present and agreed to make any one present who was afflicted with deafness hear again in less than three minutes. The hearing of these people was then tested after an interval of between two and three minutes. The test consisted of questions put to them in an ordinary conversational tone, at distances varying from five to thirty feet.

The results were remarkable in the extreme. Some of these people who were treated had been deaf for a number of years. When the first question was asked a look of amazement would spread over their faces and they would forget to answer the question. As the questions were repeated the surprised look would give way to one of delight. Many were so affected that they burst into tears and were scarcely able to answer the question.

In no single instance, so far as could be learned, would an individual fail to hear. Many were able to hear a finger snap at a distance of thirty feet. At the request of Mr. Cooper, questions were put to them by their friends or by various spectators in an ordinary tone of voice and the questions were readily answered.

In giving an account of these demonstrations, Mr. Cooper said: "The preparation used is not the one with which I accomplish most, as my New Discovery, as it is called, and to which I owe my success, is for the treatment of all forms of stomach trouble and the general breaking down of the system that follows from the use of stimulants of this character."

"The stomach is the seat of a great many troubles. For instance, my remedy will relieve thousands of people of rheumatism in this city, simply by getting the stomach in working order."

Many people seen who were present at this demonstration assert positively that Cooper undoubtedly made these deaf people hear again.

LABOR'S WAR ON CANNON.

Samuel Gompers in Chicago Assails the Speaker in Interview. Chicago Special, 25th, to Washington Post.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, came to Chicago declaring political war on Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and intimating that he looks with favor on the progressive alliance movement. As the local political kite for organized labor forces would not express himself on the local situation, he kept close to J. P. Pierce, organizer for the Federation, who is a moving spirit in the alliance propaganda.

The labor chief did not hesitate to attack Speaker Cannon in a caustic interview. Mr. Gompers said he had not decided whether he would personally invade the Cannon district and take the stump, but left no doubt that organized labor would turn its batteries loose in an effort to defeat the Speaker for re-election.

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