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Charlotte, N. C., Friday Morning, June 18, 1909.

FRANKLIN NEWS OF A DAY.

MISS CURTICE IDENTIFIES HER ASSAILANT AND THE FIRST SUSPECT IS RELEASED

Board of Agriculture Hears Exceptions to Its Ruling in Oil Involvement Case. Referee Hearing in Lumber Case.

Observer Bureau, The Holloman Building, Raleigh, June 17. This morning Dan Lucas, the negro jailed last night as the assailant of Miss Marie Curtice with intent to outrage, was released and Conley Jeffers, locked instead as the bend who attacked the Curtice, Officers have heard of the Miss Curtice. Officers have heard of the Jeffers negro being in the locality of the place where Miss Curtice was attacked about the time of the outrage. This led to his arrest when it seemed that the girl was in doubt about the Lucas negro being the one. Last night morning Miss Curtice went to the jail and pointed out the Jeffers negro in a crowd of other prisoners as the one who made the attack on her. Dr. Curtice, father of the girl, has not returned yet from Alabama where he went on professional business.

INSANITY ONLY PLEA.

Defense concentrated its evidence on a claim of insanity. The jury returned a verdict of insanity only. The case was heard in the afternoon. The defendant was found guilty of the crime. The jury was instructed to find the defendant guilty if they believed the evidence. The case was heard in the afternoon. The defendant was found guilty of the crime. The jury was instructed to find the defendant guilty if they believed the evidence.

COURT ROOM CONGESTED.

The Judge W. B. Council convened at 10 o'clock, the room was so congested and interested spectators filed the aisles and stands.

FIRED ON BRITISH STEAMER.

Bulkhead and Boiler of the Woodburn Penetrated by Two Shells From a Russian Torpedo Boat, Which Was Guarding Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William—Engineer on British Ship Injured.

Viborg, Finland, June 17.—A Russian torpedo boat was fired upon by a British steamer. The torpedo boat was fired upon by a British steamer. The torpedo boat was fired upon by a British steamer. The torpedo boat was fired upon by a British steamer.

ENGINEER WOUNDED IN LEG.

Stockholm, June 17.—Despatches received here from Helsinki confirm the news that the British steamer Woodburn was fired upon by a Russian torpedo boat. The engine room was hit and the engineer was wounded in the leg.

NO STATEMENT AT LONDON.

London, June 17.—Neither the foreign office nor the Russian embassy here has issued any statement regarding the firing upon the British steamer Woodburn by a Russian torpedo boat in the vicinity of Viborg.

TWO EMPERORS MEET.

Helsinki, June 17.—The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William on board, joined the Russian yacht on the morning of the 17th. The two emperors met and had a friendly conversation.

KILLED SELF AND MULE.

Columbia, S. C., June 17.—Because a creditor threatened to seize the mule of a white man, the man shot himself and the mule. The man was found dead and the mule was also dead.

DOCTORS ELECT OFFICERS

MEET NEXT AT WRIGHTSVILLE.

Dr. J. A. Burroughs, of Asheville, Elected President of the State Medical Society—Dr. D. A. Stanton, of High Point, Re-Elected Secretary—Dr. C. C. Julian, of Thomasville, Elected Assistant Secretary.

The closing sessions of the convention were interesting and well filled with work. The annual meeting was held at Wrightsville. The convention was held at Wrightsville. The convention was held at Wrightsville.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

President, Dr. J. A. Burroughs, Asheville; first vice president, Dr. E. J. Wood, Wilmington; second vice president, Dr. John Q. Myers, North Wilkesboro; third vice president, Dr. D. H. Wharton, Smithfield; Secretary, Dr. D. A. Stanton, High Point; Elected orator, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Jacksonville; essayist, Dr. R. V. Braxley, Salisbury; leader of debate, Dr. D. A. Garrison, Gastonia; treasurer, Dr. H. D. Walker, Elizabeth City; delegate to the American Medical Association, Dr. T. W. Brown, Asheville; alternate, Dr. J. R. McGoughan, Fayetteville; Dr. George G. Thomas, of Wilmington, was chosen as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the meeting next year.

FINANCE—Dr. G. T. Sykes, Greenville; Dr. William Jones, High Point; Dr. Obittary—Dr. C. A. Julian, Thomasville; Dr. R. P. McFadden, Randleman; Dr. J. W. McGee, Raleigh.

DELEGATES TO THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION—Dr. C. J. O. Laughlinhouse, Greenville; Dr. S. J. Rhodes, Wilmington; Dr. C. S. Jordan, Asheville; Dr. J. R. McFadden, Wakefield; Dr. W. H. Cobb, Jr., Goldsboro.

DELEGATES TO THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION—Dr. M. Bolton, Rich Square; Dr. F. R. Harris, Henderson; Dr. R. E. Lee, Goldsboro; Dr. S. M. Mann, Moyock; Dr. R. O. Dees, Greensboro.

DELEGATES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION—Dr. J. Patterson, Mitchell; Dr. W. H. Ward, Plymouth; Dr. E. Ashcraft, Monroe; Dr. J. D. Waldrop, Hendersonville.

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH THIS AFTERNOON ELECTED TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF AGENCIES OF THE DISTRICT.

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INTERESTING PAPERS.

In the department of science in schools a paper prepared by W. A. Graham, of Warrenton, was read and was interestingly discussed by Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

In the department of superintendents, institutes were discussed by J. A. Bivens and M. C. S. Noble in good papers, followed by a discussion in which Messrs. Sheep, Coon, Howell, Highsmith, Swift, Harrison and Jones took part. Dr. Harrison of the A. and M. College, changed the line of discussion when he contended that it should not be necessary to teach fundamentals to teachers for if they did not know these they had no business in the school room.

FOUGHT PISTOL DUEL.

Superintendent Had Been Trying to Break Up Gambling About Mill and Employee Resented His Interference.

Lakeland, Fla., June 17.—A duel took place at noon today at Carters, a small station on the board of the Florida Gulf coast. The superintendent of the Carters Manufacturing Company mill, and Clyde Carter, a sawyer, Carter is in a dying condition, one shot passing through his head and another through his body. Jones is seriously wounded, but may recover, a ball having struck him in the collar bone, passing through his neck.

IRON COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY.

Birmingham, Ala., June 17.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court this afternoon against the Woodstock Iron Company, with headquarters and plants at Anniston, Ala., the capital stock of which is nearly \$1,000,000. J. M. Barr is president of the company, which is eighteen months old. A receiver will be named immediately.

FLURRY IN THE ASSEMBLY

MR. COON ROASTS STATE SCHOOL

With Gloves Off Well-Known State Educator Goes For Educational Institution Which Asserts That Home is No Place for a Boy and That the Public Schools Are Simply Machines—The Teachers Approve His Remarks and Applaud the Sensation—Committee of Teachers' Salaries Recommends the Pensioning of Teachers After Twenty-Five Years of Service and Suggests a Plan of Action—Many Interesting Papers Read—The Concluding Sessions To-Day.

SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER.

Morehead City, June 17.—A sensation was created in the Teachers' Assembly this morning by C. L. Coon, who in leading the discussion of the report of the committee on professional ethics read the first page from a catalogue of what he termed one of the leading schools of the State. In this catalogue it was stated that home is no place to send a boy to school after he is 12 or 13 years of age and that the graded schools are simple machines through which the boys are run. Coon went for the school with gloves off and his remarks met with the hearty endorsement of the teachers. It was time, he said, to air such rot and stuff and put a stop to it. It is nonsense to say that home and home schools were not the place for boys. A free logue said virtually, Mr. Coon contended, that parents were not capable of caring for and training their boys. While Mr. Coon did not mention the name of the school, yet the school men knew to what school he was referring and therefore the more pronounced the sensation.

THE TEACHERS APPROVE.

The teachers approved Mr. Coon's remarks and went into a protest against commercialism that would help private schools and injure public schools. Superintendent Joyner moved that Mr. Coon be placed on the committee on professional ethics, but when it was suggested that he could do more good as a free lance the motion was withdrawn. Mr. Coon said he would help the committee and he hoped it would have backbones enough to give facts.

THE SALARY QUESTION.

Another paper of the morning was the report of the committee on teachers' salaries, read by Mr. R. J. Tighe, of Asheville. The report, of course, stated that salaries ought to be raised, and drew contrasts showing the poor pay of teachers and suggested remedies. The most notable part of the report was the suggestion that the report be submitted to the Legislature providing for a pension to teachers after 25 years' service. This act provides that teachers pay 2 per cent of their salary to the pension fund, that the State appropriate \$15,000 to the fund and that the salary be paid one-fourth of the salary received at the time of retirement. The report also contained statistics obtained from fifty teachers showing actual money received and actual expenses for a year. This report showed teachers to have been a remarkably healthy lot, the average yearly amount to physicians being 59 cents and for drugs 40 cents. Owing to the importance of this matter of salary and also because of suggested legislation, discussion of the report was left over by unanimous consent until tomorrow.

TILT BETWEEN COUNSEL.

In endeavoring to get several letters in evidence which Mr. Shearn contended would impeach the credibility of the witness, Chapman, and which Justice Dowling would not admit, a tilt occurred between opposing counsel which called forth a severe rebuke of Mr. Nicoll by Justice Dowling, who requested Mr. Nicoll to apologize.

RELATIONS WITH FARNUM.

Counsel for Mr. Gould read into the records the deposition of a bell-boy, James Clark, employed at Hotel Carroll, in Lynchburg, Va., where Dustin Farnum, the actor, was stopping in November, 1906, when Mrs. Gould arrived and stayed two or three days at the hotel on her way to Blue Gap farm, according to the deposition. The bellboy said he saw Mrs. Gould sitting in the reception room waiting for Mr. Farnum on November 19, and after Mr. Farnum came, they went up to Mrs. Gould's room. On two occasions that day he was called to Mrs. Gould's room, the bellboy said, and each time he saw Mrs. Gould and Mr. Farnum alone in the room. They were in the outside room, which was really a bedroom with a bed in it, but which Mrs. Gould used as a reception room, according to the witness. Mrs. Gould talked with him each time with the door partly closed, he said. He did not see them together in the public dining room or about the hotel at any time, the witness deposed. Farnum changed his room and obtained one on the floor above, directly over Mrs. Gould's room, according to the witness.

FIRE BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED.

Key West, Fla., June 17.—Fire broke out in Pollaco's restaurant here at 6 o'clock this morning and in one hour five business houses had been destroyed. John Trevor's dye establishment, P. Weinberg's jewelry store, Pollaco's restaurant, Charles Johnson's drug store and the Victoria Hotel were laid to ashes. The firemen did heroic work and saved the business section of the city, after Hotel Jefferson had been slightly scorched.

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SENATOR BROWN MAKES PLEA.

Nebraska Stands in Midst of Opposing Forces in the Senate and Delivers Telling Speech in Behalf of the Cause He Espouses—Hale to Place Wood Pulp and Print Paper on Free List is Begun—Mr. Brown Quotes From Various Authorities to Sustain His Contention That Pulp and Paper Are Both Produced in United States Cheaper Than in Canada—Tillman Says Protective Tariff Papers Are "Humbbugs."

WASHINGTON, JUNE 17.—The battle to place wood pulp and print paper upon the free list was opened up in the Senate to-day under the leadership of Senator Brown, of Nebraska. Going over to the portion of the chamber in which Senators Aldrich, Hale, Frye, Lodge, Gallinger, Sabin and other leaders have their seats, the Nebraska senator stood in the midst of the opposing force, and with good nature banded thrusts that came to him from all quarters as he delivered a telling speech in behalf of the cause he had espoused.

SALE OF THE POMONA MILLS.

Plant Brings \$285,000, and is Bid in by Mr. E. P. Wharton, Who, With His Associates, Will Organize a Corporation and Start Up the Mill—The Mill Built About Three Years Ago and One of the Best in This Section.

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