Distinguished Party From the North Greeted by Prominent Southerners

SOME SPLENDID SPEECHES MADE

Meeting at Columbia Opens With a Cordial Address of Welcome by Governor Heyward, Followed by the Annual Address of Mr. Robert C. Ogden, President of the Conference.

Columbia, S. C., Special.-The Conference for Education in the South opened its eighth annual session here Wednesday, with a large attendance of leading educators from both North and South present.

The Ogden train, containing a party of ladies and gentlemen from New York, Boston, Washington and other Northern cities, arrived at 3:10 p. m., and the visitors are being entertained in various homes in the city to which they have been invited. The party numbers ninety-five, being educators, literary men and women and business men interested in education. They came in on a special of ten Pullman cars, chartered by Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York. The members of the party are his guests for a nineteen day trip to different points in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. During their stay in Columbia, they as well as the many hundreds of other visitors, mainly from the Southern States, are guests of the city of Columbia. A party consisting of the mayor of the city, the State Superintendent of Education, Editor Gonzales, of The Columbia State two professors of the South Carolina College and severa other prominent citizens of Columbia. met the party at Hamlet, N. C., and escorted it into the State. Every train coming into the city brings from all parts of the South visitors to the con-

The conference opened its first session here with an address of welcome by Governor D. C. Heyward. The Governor said in part:

GOVERNOR HEYWARD'S SPEECH. "Today throughout the entire South the schoolhouse bell is ringing. rings from the university on the hill and it rings from the little schoolhouse by the roadside, and to you teachers who are present at this conference from our sister States of the South and from every portion of our own State, I wish to say that in welcoming you I must also congratulate you upon the great work you have done. I believe that you have accomplished more during the past forty years along educational lines than has ever been accomplished by any people in the same length of time. No under the same conditions, and in loyal support by your people. In their days of poverty and in their days of prosperity the tax-payers of the South have shown a willingness and a desire to tax themselves to support the | may be briefly outlined. schools, not only for their own children -the white children of the Southand dependent race. Though often misunderstood, they have never let their hearts fail them; they have never and today we can see in university and in college, in graded school and in longer terms, a happy and prosperous people-aye, in smiling fields and growing cities, the result of their courage and determination.

I welcome you to a State which has always had a deep interest in the cause in which you are enlisted. With us, the modern schoolhouse stands beside | ed by the changed conditions. School | hope that "this fund may do much the college of a century. From the earliest history of our State our people have prized learning and cultivation. Before the Revolution, South to meet the longer term and better yet one of the highest, of all profes-Carolina sent her sons to Oxford and to Cambridge. Shortly after the Revolution we began to build colleges and to establish public schools. The first library in America to be supported in any degree at the public expense was that established in Charleston in 1689.

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION REA-LIZED.

"I am sure, however, it needs no argument to convince you that the importance of education in its highest sense has ever been realized by our people. The facts that I have just cited that before we had colleges of our own we sent our sons abroad, and the further fact that almost within sound of our voices stands South Carolina Collegeover 100 years old-these will show the spirit that animated our ancestors.

"As to what we are doing today for lina. I have but to point you to the al in persistence and thoroughness. number of colleges of our State, and to our growing system of graded and public schools. The State supports Winthrop College for Women, and South Carolina College, the Citadel and Clemson for young men, and also a the South. State college for negroes. In addition to this, each religious denomination supports one or more colleges which are doing excellent work. There are lar. also many private colleges, several of which are well endowed. Contributing to these is our system of graded and common schools. Our State constitution requires that the General Assembly shall provide for a liberal system of free public schools for children between the ages of 6 and 20 years, and the constitution imposes an annual tax exceeding one-half of our entire State tax for general purposes. With us the fight to allow school districts to levy a special tax has already been won; it is incorporated in the organic law of the State, and we are now extending the battle lines to the various districts, 400 of which have already exercised this prerogative. New victories are constantly being gained along this line, and within the next few years we confidently hope to greatly enlarge our army of educational progress.

"During the past year we built 175 school houses, and we improved and equipped many more. These buildings

ranged in cost from \$300 to \$40,000 apiece, and in this equipment are included 500 libraries. Two thousand and five hundred of our teachers last year attended summer schools in order to better equip themselves for their great work. It will require no prophet, my friends, to predict that, should we be again so fortunate within the next few years as to welcome you within the confines of this State, your eyes will behold vast improvement in our educational and industrial affairs.

"Pardon me for this apparent digression, which I hope will prove to you the interest we feel in you and in your work. Let me give you some added welcome to our State and to our capital city. In the name of the great cause which brings you here; in the name of every school and college in the State; in the name of those high nterests which it is your mission to serve; in behalf of the people of our State, and especially in behalf of the people of our capital city, I welcome rou, ladies and gentlemen, to South Carolina."

At the conclusion of the Governor's iddress of welcome, the annual adiress of Mr. Robert C. Ogden, presilent of the conference, was delivered.

PRESIDENT OGDEN'S ADDRESS In the opening Mr. Ogden spoke at ome length of the objects and history of the conference. Although this conerence, he said, has no education body of authority, it yet has a very deep community of interest with the Southern Educational Board, the General Education Board, and in a lesser deree with the board of trustees of the Peabody fund, and the board of trusees of the Slater fund. These several poards are so thoroughly co-ordinated and sympathetic that every facility reated by any is at the command of each and the commonage of aim is so perfect that waste by duplication or competition is impossible. The work of these boards and funds having been oriefly dealt with, the speaker spoke of what had been accomplished. It is the leadership of the child that we folow here, he said, inspiring this great company more than curiosity, possible entertainment or social fellowship—is the interest of the child. And it was just the preparation of this pervasive nfluence that awaited the advent of the new movement for education which was unfolded in the triple alliance of to organize a corporation to receive the conference and the two boards.

This movement came at the psychoogical moment. Throughout this Southland, isolated and lonely, many able, thoughtful, well informed and with which experience has made them painfully familiar. And with the perception of need was associated a contion of mind solely confined to the isolated and obscure? Men of large public affairs, women socially prominent, were both equally anxious and sadly loubtful. Here a voice had been raised, there a little local effort had been started, and beyond this the prophets were beginning both persuasion | which says, in part: and provision. Then followed the awakening of the earnest and anxious the least rewarded of all professions thinkers. A strength of association is that of the teacher in our higher edupeople have ever worked so well or was promptly created. Symptoms of cational institutions. New Lork city tigated as is shown by the following: many sorts indicated the educational your work you have been accorded epiphany that has commanded the ad- retiring pensions for teachers in her miration and respect of educators throughout the land, the encouragement of progressive citizens, the interest of statesmen. Certain facts

PROGRESS OF LOCAL TAXATION. Local taxation for education has but also for the children of another made great progress, notably in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina looked backward, but always forward, amended as to facilitate local taxation race, sex, creed or color;" but, not for schools. The increase of public to institutions supported by State of appropriations both through States common school, in better teachers and | and the local tax, for education, has aggregated many millions of dollars.

> quate schools have been consolidated excluded." and transportation has been supplied

Laws against nepotism in education corrupt and debasing influence upon ington and Lee. education. This is an incident in the divorce of public education from politics-an end most devoutly to be desired. Perhaps the most encouraging | Every Man in the Mine at the Time single element of progress is found in the formation of local and State organizations of citizens and educators tor the promotion of public interest in

No doubtful curiosity of suspicion iurks in the background; no academic seclusion, no intellectual superiority, no cloistered exclusiveness now divides higher from popular education in

Other prominent educators made splendid addresses. The meeting was an eminent success in every particu-

Second Day's Session. The second day's session of the great educational conference was marked by exceptionally strong ad-

dresses by notable speakers. At the Superintendents' Conference the State Superintendents of the following States were present: South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee and Arkansas. Each of these spoke on different phases of the recent progress

of education in the Southern States. Columbia, S. C., Special.—The Conference for Education in the South Locke, of the Federal Court, issued an closed its sessions here Friday, and the order sustaining a demurrer to an conference adjourned subject to the call of the executive committee.

At the morning session of the conference, Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York, was unanimously chosen president; Chas. B. Aycock, former governor of North Carolina, was chosen vice- Locke's order virtually dismisses the committee was elected to serve the en- peonage ever brought in Florida.

S. C. Mitchell, Virginia; Sydney J. SPECIAL IS WRECKED Bowie, Alabama; R. R. Cousins, Texas; Clarence H. Poe, North Carolina; D. C. Caldwell, Louisiana; C. P. Gibson, Georgia; R. H. Jesse, Missouri; Dr. I. A. Jenkins, Kentucky; S. A. Mynders, Tennessee: J. H. Hineman, Arkansas: D. B. Johnson, South Carolina.

The other officers of the conference elected were: Secretary, B. J. Baldwin, Alabama; treasurer, W. A. Blair, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The following resolution adopted by the Association of Southern States Superintendents of Education, at its meeting on April 26, is given out for the first time:

"Resolved that the Association of Southern State Superintendents of Public Instruction, desires to express its appreciation of the valuable work of the Southern Educational Board, in co-operation with the educational authorities of the States, and of the spirit in which the work has been done for the past three years; and also to express gratification at the provision for the continuance of this co-opera-

All the Southern States are represented except Tennessee, Mississippi and Mr. Ogden, in a brief and expressive

speech, then pronounced the conference

tive work."

adjourned.

TO PENSION PROFESSORS.

Munificient Gift of Andrew Carnegie For The Purpose of Assisting Needy Ex-Teachers.

New York, Special.—A gift of \$10,-000,000 by Andrew Carnegie to provide annuities for college professors who are not able to continue in active service, was announced by Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City Bank, of New York. Professors in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland will share in the distribution of the income of the fund. United States Steel Corporation 5 per cent. first mortgage bonds for \$10,000,000 have been transferred to a board of trustees, and steps will be taken at once the donation. Dr. Pritchett, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Mr. Vanderlip have been selected by Mr. Carnegie to obtain data solitary souls were brooding over the on the subject, to be presented at the needy conditions of certain localities first meeting of the board of trustees, which will take place on November 15th. The bonds have a par value of scious helplessness and vague, indef- \$11,000,000 and will produce an annual inite hopefulness, or was this condilincome of \$500,000. The corporation which is being formed will be styled "the Carnegie Foundation."

Mr. Carnegie's secretary has sent a letter to the press, giving the foregoing information and inclosing a letter from Mr. Carnegie, dated April 18th,

"I have reached the conclusion that generously, and very wisely, provides public schools and also for her policemen. Very few, indeed, of our colcannot be retired."

the State of Georgia has been so technical schools "without regard to colonial governments. Another class excluded is sectarian institutions. "Only such as are under control of a sect, New school houses by hundreds, per- or require trustees, or a majority there diately investigate wreck. Coroner's haps thousands, have replaced others of, or officers, faculty or students to inquest will be held by county authorthat were lacking in comfort, space belong to any specified sect, or which ities." "In welcoming you to South Carolina and equipment. Hundreds of inade- impose any theological test, are to be

Mr. Carnegie specifies the duties of to scholars that have been incommod- the trustees, and concludes with the terms have been greatly lengthened, for the cause of higher education and the qualifications of teachers im- to remove a source of deep and conproved, and compensation increased stant anxiety to the poorest paid, and

Among those named as trustees are ave been passed and thus a beginning | Presidents Edwin B. Craighead, of Tuhas been made in the removal of a lane, and George H. Denny, of Wash-

EXPLOSION KILLS SIXTEEN.

Lost His Life Except One, and He

Will Die. Du Bois, Pa., Special.—Sixteen men were killed and one will die as the reeducation. In the cities of Virginia sult-of an explosion at the Eleanora large audiences of the best people | shaft, near Big Run, Friday night. The have been assembled by the commis- mine is owned by the Rochester and sion to wait upon the teachings of Pittsburg Coal and Iron Co. The men whose souls are awake to the night shift was small or there would needs of the children and whose have been more fatalities. Every tongues have been touched with the | man who was in the mine at the time holy fire from the altar of public ser- of the explosion, except one, was killvice. Such meetings have been held ed. Three bodies have been recoverelsewhere with success and power. ed. The men were English speaking the sons and daughters of South Caro- But Virginia's leadership is exception- and resided at Eleanora, a small mining village two miles from the shaft.

> Great College For Tennessee. Columbia, Special.-Wyckliffe Rose, dean of the Peabody college at Nashville, made the announcement here that the \$800,000 required of Tennessee, had been raised to match the \$1,000,000 the Peabody board voted on the 24th of last January for the establishment of a teachers' college at Nashville, on the condition that Tennessee raise \$800.000. Of this amount \$250,000 comes from the State and \$50,000 from Davidson county, the home of the proposed college, school in the South. In addition to from injuries. the \$1,800,000 thus available for the institution, J. P. Morgan has made an offer of \$250,000, provided a similar city. amount is raised.

> > Peonage Case Dismissed.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.-Judge indictment against John W. Bennet and Richard Bennet, of Bradford county, who were indicted on the charge of holding Maggie Williams in peonage July 1, 1903. All parties are white, and the Bennets prominent citizens. Judge

Ogden Party Thoroughly Shaken Up in Fatal Collision

THE LIST OF DEAD AND WOUNDED

Rounding a Curve in the Yard Limits of the Southern Railway at Greenville, S. C., the Train Bearing the President of the Conference for Education and His 100 Guests Crushes Into the Rear of a Freight.

Greesnvile, S. C., Special.-While rounding a curve in the yard limits of the Southern railway at Greenville, and running at an estimated speed of 50 miles an hour, the special Pullman train bearing Robert C. Ogden and 100 members of the Southern Conference for Education, crashed into the rear end of a freight at 7:55 oclock this morning, killing four persons and injuring a score of others. None of Mr. Ogden's guests were killed.

The dead are: Charles M. Cope, white, brakeman of the special, Columbia, S. C.

John Little, W. W. Cummings and J. F. Hayne, negro employes on the dining car St. James.

The injured are:

Prof. Henry W. Farnham, Yale University, arm broken and cut on head, and Mrs. Henry W. Farnham, badly bruised about head and arms.

St. Clair McKelway, editor of The Brooklyn Eagle, bruised on back and shoulder.

Dr. Julius D. Dreher, former president of Roanoke college, cut on the

Robert M. Ogden, secretary to President Ogden, cut on hand and head

Mrs. J. G. Thorpe, Cambridge, Mass. cut and bruised on head.

Bishop W. N. McVickar, of Providence, R. I., bruised. James Hunter, engineer on special,

leg and arm broken. Walter Kershaw, electrician on special, ear and head cut.

Conductor Edward Acker, bruised. John F. McCoy, agent Pennsylvania

railroad, gash on head. R. Shull, negro cook on St. James,

cut on arm. George Williams, waiter on diner Waldorf, bruised.

Ogden Calls For Inquiry.

"Hon. D. C. Heyward, Columbia, S. C.; Would respectfully suggest the extreme use of the executive power leges are able to do so. The conse as may exist by the coroner's jury or quences are grievous. Able men hesi- railroad commission for investigation tate to adopt teaching as a career, and of criminal negligence, local and manmany old professors, whose places agement, that caused wreck of my should be occupied by younger men, train. Four hands killed and others injured, also Prof. and Mrs. Farnham. Mr. Carnegie says that the fund will | My impression is that the case is a and Tennessee. The constitution of apply to universities, colleges and bad one and needs drastic treatment.

"ROBT. C. OGDEN." Governor Heyward replied as fol-

"Robert C. Ogden, Greenville, S. C .: have referred your telegram to the railroad commission, who will imme-

Making Investigation.

Greenville, Special.-Prof. Farnar, of Yale University, and Mrs. Farnar, who were injured in the wreck of the Ogden special, are both resting easily in a sanitarium here. It has not been decided when they will be able to travel, but the attending physicians say Hans P. Anderson, of New York; O. shaw, also injured in the wreck and A. J. Elliott, of Brooklyn; A. L. Phildetained here, is doing well.

H. Baker and Division Superintendent McManus, of the Southern, are here, and an investigation of the cause of the accident is being held behind closed doors.

St. Paul Globe Suspends.

St. Paul, Special.—The St. Paul Globe, after Sunday's edition, will suspend business. The Globe was the only Democratic morning daily in Minnesota, and it was the recognized organ of its party both in State and in municipal affairs. The reason announced by the paper for its suspension was that, in spite of its large circulation, it was not properly patronized by advertisers.

Sixteen Killed in Texas Storm.

Laredo, Tex., May 1.—Later deatils from the tornado, which struck this means exaggerated, either as to the number of lives lost or the financial damage resulting. Scores of people were injured and are being attended by the various physicians.

It will be impossible to state the number of the injured, but At is not

The number killed is sixteen in this

Sentence Commuted.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.-An imperial rescript summons Count Vorontzoff-Dashkoff, viceroy in the Caucasus, to the council of the empire and appoints him a member of the council of ministers, and charges Baron Nolde. Secretary of State, to represent the viceroy in the council's declarations. A rescript commutes the sentences of the officers concerned in the incident president. The following executive case. This is the only case of alleged of the firing during the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Nevo.

KILLED AIS WIFE

White Man in Winston-Salem Commits Deliberate Murder.

Winston-Salem, Special.-J. W. Hammond, a white man, shot and mortally wounded his wife in East Winston Satirday night. She died at 1.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The husband is in jail. For some months Hammond and wife had not lived together, and it is said he approached her Saturday night to effect a reconciliation. Mrs. Hammond was going to the home of Mrs. Zimmerman on Fifth street, when she was accosted by Hammond, who, after few words, threatened to shoot her. Several men, who were standing near. saw a revolver in Hammond's hand, and rushed to the woman's assistance. Before they could overpower him, he and fired at the woman, the ball takng effect just above the right hip. The wounded woman was at once taken to he hospital and given medical atten-

The officers arrested Hammond shortly after the shooting. He offered no resistance. A short time ago Hammond was tried before Magistrate Bessent on two warrants sworn out by his wife, one a peace warrant and the other for an assault with deadly weapon. On the latter charge Hammond was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of \$50, which was furnished by parties in Stokes county. The peace warrant was dismissed. Hammond is employed by J. R. Watson, a. Company, of Apex, Wake county, capijunk dealer in East Winston. He accuses the wife of infidelity, and gives this as his reason for shooting her.

Convicted of Incendiarism.

Greensboro, Special.—At a hearing noon T. B. Farrington, his son Bailie G. V. Wynne; Hot Springs Manufac-Farrington, and Fred Ozment, charged with incendiarism, were bound over to Superior Court, which convenes May 3th. Bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each were required of the defendants for their apeparance.

The barn of Mr. Isaac J. Stanley, who lives in Summer township, was burned ast Sunday night. Bottles that contained kerosene and other evidences of incendiarism were found about the barn and building. Mr. Stanley had only a short time before purchased ed and awoke the sleeping family. The barn and other outbuildings were burned. There were a number of circumstances which pointed to the defend-

ants as being the incendiaries. Mr. Stanley, the owner of the burned barns, and other good citizens hed reported Farrington and other men of that section to the authorities for retail, and on the morning of hrdluuuhr tail, and on the morning before the fire Mr. Stanley had gone with a revenue collector to Farrington's house in search of whiskey, and Farrington told Mr. Stanley he would punish him for The Greenville wreck will be inves- what he had done. There were other circumstances that pointed to the defendants. Three mules of the same description as those owned by Farrington and ridden by three men of about the same size as the defendants were seen to pass rapidly from the direction of the barn in the night, just before the fire was discovered. Ozment, one of the defendants on trial, admitted that a button produced by the State was owned by him. The button was found in a ditch at the rear of the barn, near tracks that led from the

Asheville Gets Conference. It is announced that Asheville has been selected for the annual gathering of the Southern Student Conference, composed of delegates from Young Men's Christian Associations at the colleges and universities of the South. The Young Women's Christian Association will hold its conference at Asheville June 10 to 19. Among the prominent speakers who will be heard at the Y. M. C. A. conference will be John R. Mott, president of the World's Federation of Students; Robert E. Speer, Harlan P. Beach, T. B. Penfield. not before Tuesday. Electrician Ker- E. Brown, of Vanderbilt university; lips, of Richmond, Va.; W. M. Lan-Assistant General Superintendent drum, of Nashville, Tenn.; J. Willis Baer, of New York; and W. B. Pettus, of Columbia university. W. B. Weatherford, student secretary for the South, will direct the work of the confer-

Schwab Has Contract.

ence.

Berlin, By Cable.—Chas. M. Schwab, of New York, who is on his way from St. Petersburg to Luxemburg, to visit the iron works, and who thence will return home, stopped over in Berlin for a day. In an interview. Mr. Schwab said it was quite true that he had made a contract with the Russian government for warships but that he considered it would be improper for him to talk about it.

North State News.

Henrietta, Special.—Delegates from the various churches in the Sandy Run Association will meet at the High Shoals church, near Henrietta, next city Friday evening indicate that first Tuesday and Wednesday, to consider reports in circulation here were by no propositions and locations offered and decide upon the location for the donominational high school, soon to be established by the Baptist Church, somewhere within the bounds of the Sandy Run Association. The canvassing committee, consisting of Rev. Z. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro; R. A. Hedgepeth, of Forest City; P. M. Goode, of Mooresboro; T. C. C. Harris, of Hicksville, which will be the largest teachers' belived that may deaths will result and C. L. Dowell, of Henrietta, who were appointed several weeks ago to canvass the churches in the interest of the school, have finished their work,

> A special meeting of the press associations of North Carolina and Virginia will be held in this city in July, according to information received here. Sometime ago President Varner, of the Carolina association, invited the Virginia editors to come to North Carolina this year, and the invitation was quickly seconded by a number of the leading papers of this State. The suggestion struck a responsive chord in the breasts of the Virginia brethren of the press

NORTH STATE NEWS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

CHARLOTTE COTTON MARKET. These figures represent prices paid to wagons:	i
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GENERAL COTTON MARKET.	

GENERAL COTTON MARKET.
Middling.
Galveston, quiet
New Orleans, firm 7 3-16
Mobile, steady 7 1-8
Savannah, steady 7 1-8
Charleston, quiet 7
Norfolk, steady 7 3-8
Baltimore, nominal 7 1-2
New York quiet 7.55
Philadelphia, steady 7.80
Houston, steady 7 1-4
Augusta, steady 7 5-16
Memphis, steady 7 3-8
St. Louis, quiet 7 7-8
Louisville, firm 7 5-8

NEW CHARTERS.

Two tobacco companies were chartered, one being the Marion Tobacco Manufacturing Company, of Pilot Mountain, capital \$15,000, by Messrs. R. N. Marion and others, and the other the Golden Leaf Tobacco Warehouse tal \$20,000 authorized, and \$500 subscribed, by W. H. Howard, L. S. and P. J. Oliver, J. M. Rogers and others. Other charters were to J. S. Hall Company, undertakers, of Durham, capital efore 'Squire Collins Saturday after- \$7,500, by J. S. Hall, W. A. Wilson, and turing Company, capital \$12,000, by J. Harrison and others, to mine barytes and other minerals and establish electric light plants; the Clymer Machine Company, of Greensboro, \$10,000, to establish machine shops, L. M. Clymer, P. R. Lamb, W. S. Jobe and E. F. Grann

Charged With Barn Burning.

Greensboro, Special.—Early Thurssome dynamite, which he stored in the | day morning three men were arrested barn. This exploded as the barn burn- in Sumner township on the charge of of firing the barn of Mr. Isaac H. Stanley, of that township. The names of the arrested men are: T. B. Farrington, Botie Farrington and Fred Ozment, all of whom are white and are known to have been among those who engaged in retailing in that section. The hearing was set for 3 o'clock Friday before 'Squire Collins, but was continued until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The arrests were made by Sheriff Jordan, assisted by Assistant State Fire Insurance Commissioner Scott and Sergeant Neeley. The officers left here this morning at 2 o'clock. made the arrests and returned to the city at noon. It is charged that the parties became incensed at Mr. Stanley for reporting them for retailing and blockading. All three men were under bond at the time of the arrest for retailing. They are now in jail pending the hearing Saturday. The evidence against them is said to be very strong. They are charged with going to the house Sunday night, setting the large feed barn of Mr. Stanley's, worth several thousand dollars, and two other buildings, on fire. The family were awakened by an explosion of dynamite, which was in the barn.

Lutheran Conference.

Lincolnton, Special.— The North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met with Emmanuel congregation, Lincolnton, Thursday at 11 a. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., of Hickory, from Luke 15:4. The conference was then formally opened, and there was found to be a good attendance of ministers

and laymen. A paper on "Confession and Absolution" was read by Rev. W. A. Deaton, of Dallas, which was freely discussed by the conference. The president appointed the regular committees. It was decided that the next meeting of conference be held with Christ Church, Stanley Creek, Rev. W. A. Deaton, pastor, beginning at 10 a. m. on Thursday before the fifth Sunday in July.

North State News.

The Anti-Saloon League of Durham has started a daily paper called The Voter. Two days' shipments of strawberries

from eastern Carolina amounted to nearly \$200,000.

Judge Moore, in the Superior Court, after hearing T. M. Argo, counsel for the plaintiff, made an order setting the noted Gattis vs. Kilgo damage suit for its third trial Wednesday of next week,

In Wake Superior Court Thursday the trial of Pegram vs. the Seaboard Air Line, for \$25,000 damages for the burning to death of Jno. M. Wilson, bookkeeper in the Hamlet cotton compress, in October, 1904, was commenced, and it is expected will require five days to complete it. The Seaboard has already won suits in which damages were claimed for the burning of the ice plant and for quantities of cotton that were burned at the same time. The contention in all these suits is that the fire started from sparks thrown by a woodburning engine.

The situation in the Balkan states, where nationalities and races other than Turkish are clashing, is causing

some alarm. The new system of financial reform in Macedonia is said to be working satisfactory.

Advices from Venezuela indicate that President Castro has mollified, at least temporarily, all foreign claim-

Premier Rouvier, of France, says he is ready to receive any proposition Germany make care to make on the Moroccan question.