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GREAT DAY IN THE STATE CONFERENCE

North Carolina.

DISCUSSIONS FRUITFUL

Mention of a Mild Compulsory School Law Meets ing. With Spontaneous Applause---W. C. T. U. Representative Addresses

Conference.

Yesterday, the second day of the State Conference of County Superintendents, was marked by a very interesting talk by Dr. Wallace Buttrick, the secretary of the General Education Board, in the morning; in the afternoon a very interesting paper by Miss Eula Dixon, representing the W. C. T. U., practical illustrations of the possibility of teaching agriculture in the rural schools by Profs. Burkett and Stevens, of the A. and M. College; and at the night session some unusually interesting and animated discussions, which brought out many splendid suggestions.

The mention by Superintendent Massey, of Durham, of the need in that county of a mild compulsory school law elicited hearty, spontaneous applause all over the

A feature last night was the presence of the band from the Institute for the Blind, which rendered very delightfu! music during several intervals.

At 9:30 yesterday morning, immediately after State Superintendent Joyner had called the body to order, Dr. Buttrick proceeded to explain the origin, purpose and aims of the General and Southern Education Boards.

This he did very clearly. It was at Capon Springs, Va., that the idea was started. There Dr. J. L. McCurry met several gentlemen who were traveling through the South for the purpose of studying educational conditions. Mr. Ogden became the leading spirit and organized the movement in Winston-Salem two years ago.

The purpose is to conduct a series of to ascertain the real condition and primary needs in the section.

Dr. Buttrick, in the course of his remarks, paid a glowing tribute to the patriotism, determination.

terms of magnificent eulogy. In order to obtain definite information,

blanks containing 116 questions had been provided and were given to the superintendents to fill out, each for his own county. The idea is to make the office of the General Education Board a bureau of information which could not be obtained from any other source whatever. The filling out of these blanks took up a good part of the morning session.

When this was concluded, the chairman called on Mr. W. H. Heck, of the Southern Education Board, to talk on the work of that board. After this, a discussion on consolidation would be in or-

Mr. Heck explained the publication work of the Southern Education Board. The work, he said, was divided into the investigation work, in charge of Prof. P. P. Claxton, the campaign work, in charge of President McIver, and the publication work, of which he himself had charge. He urged that every one who was in

need of any information or printed matter in his work, should let the board know his wants promptly. Specimens of the publications of the

board were shown, all touching upon educational work in the South. The most important, he said, was

Southern Educational Notes, published every other week, and sent to a large number of newspapers. Superintendent Joyner than introduced

in a very happy manner Prof. P. P. Claxton, of Knoxville, Tenn.

He quoted Governor Montague, of Virginia, as saying that he would rather have for his children a good school five miles away than a poor one at his very

Guilford county, he said, was a very good illustration of the matter of consolidation. Originally the county was divided into 36 districts. Then these were consolidated into 18 townhips, and these subdivided into 96 school districts, at distances of 4 to 4 2-3 miles apart, with one pany east of Pittsburg and Erie and teacher each.

"If you had millions of money, you schools of North Carolina or Tennesthem," said Prof. Claxton.

He showed by telling some of his own about 59,000 employes. experiences and observations how imrossible it was for one teacher to properly conduct recitations in a school of average wage rate per month at \$60 a 40 or more pupils, giving only about 8 man, the additional expense to the comminutes to each recitation.

On the question of children walking to \$4,250,000 a year, school as a result of consolidation. There are not in North Carolina, he said, five days in the year that are too cold and stormy for children to walk three miles to school.

Anyone who had ever watched children had noticed that they were not exhausted after a walk of two or three miles to but if there were any time left over they would run and play fox and hounds.

"Let us get back," he exclaimed, "to interest. Then when the districts are shooting was in self-defense.

less, the children will say to their parents: There are not many going to school now; can't I stop?' And they stop."

Prof. Claxton said that he considered that consolidation was the vital question at this time. The transportation of children, said he, would more than dou-ble the possibilities of consolidation. His own father, as a school committeeman, Dr. Buttrick Pays Tribute to had insisted upon the consolidation idea in his county in Tennessee and he had walked three miles to an excellent school and had been there prepared for college, free of tuition.

Prof. Claxton was heartily applauded. On motion of Superintendent A. S. Harrison, of Halifax, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Buttrick for his helpful words and work of the morn

The chair announced the following committees:

Resolutions: J. A. Butler, J. M. Way. C. W. Massey, J. A. McAlister. To this, on motion of Superintendent Ragsdale, the name of the State Superintendent was added.

District Associations: S. F. Venable, J. W. Hayes, W. H. Ragsdale, L. D. Andrews, W. G. Clements.

Among those present yesterday as visitors were President R. T. Vann, of the Baptist Female University; Dr. T. D. Bratton, rector St. Mary's School; Dr. James D. Dinwiddie, president of Peace Institute; Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College; Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor News and Observer; President Chas. F. Meserve, of Shaw University, and many others. An invitation to visit the Baptist Fe-

(Centinued on Second Page.)

A Negro Murderer Given Short Shrift by a Tennessee Mob.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lewisburg, Tenn., Nov. 13 .- John Davis, negro, was hanged in the court house yard today by a mob of 500 men for the murder of Robert Adair, a farmer living near this city.

Adair's body was found in a terribly mutilated condition in a field near his home here at an early hour today. He had started out in pursuit of a thief who was stealing his corn, and when his body was discovered the stock and barrel of a small rifle and a knife covered with meetings throughout the South in order blood were found near him. The knife was identified as the property of John Davis, colored.

The sheriff organized a posse and went to the house of Davis and found a pile of people of North Carolina, their courage, bloody clothes, but the murderer had fled. He was caught, however, about Of Dr. Chas. D. McIver, who is in half a mile from town, but not until he charge of the campaign work of the had been twice wounded. He was Southern Education Board, he spoke in brought back and the sheriff and Rev. John Royal Harris made an appeal to the people to allow the law to take its course.

WILL IT PROVE HANNA'S GAIN?

A Buncombe Republican Thinks This Will Follow Flouting of Pritchard.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Nov. 13 .- The breach between the President and Pritchard is causing much discussion among Republicans in this part of the State. Though many of his party seem to have been waiting for an opportunity to "get even" with Pritchard, general feeling among the Republicans is that the President was too hard on him. Two weeks ago Linney made a speech from Pritchard's law office porch, in which he placed Hanna in nomination for the Presidency Since that time the movement has been growing among Republicans here.

In the light of present circumstances many Republicans think there is one road for them to follow, and that leads in the direction of Hanna or whoever may oppose Roosevelt in the national convention. A prominent Republican today said: "It would be the most natural thing in the world for Senator Pritchard himself to get on Hanna's band wagon. From all indications the differences between Pritchard and the administration are desirable, and one must take into consideration a man's antecedents and past environment when figuring on his probable future actions. Hanna has always stood by Pritchard."

The Pennsylvania Raises Wages.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 13.-The Pennsylvania Railroad Company today announced an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all employes of the comnow earning less than \$200 per month. The advance became operative November could never get good teaching in the 1st. This increase, which was decided upon at yesterday's meeting of the disee unless you put more teachers in rectors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, will, it is estimated, affect

The cost of the increase to the combe heavy. Estimating the pany will be \$354,000 a month, of about

Fatal Quarrel About Telephone Toll

(By the Associated Press.) Rogersville Junction, Tern Nov. 13.-John Southern was shot and killed by Thomas H. McCullough, a deputy sheriff. McCullough is in charge of the long distance telephone at Rogersville Junction, and Southern went to McCullough's store to use the telephone. The men became the days of our fathers; let us have involved in a dispute as to the toll due fewer and better schools. Moreover, con- for the telephone service and the shootsolidation creates greater community of ing followed. McCullough claims the

THE FINANCIERS

Joseph G. Brown Member of The Federation of Labor is in Executive Council.

A TELEGRAM FROM SHAW ADDRESS BY ROBERT E. LEE

to Accomplish May be Consummated Through Commerce---The

Bankers Adjourn.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Nov. 13.-The American fornia invited the convention to meet

submitted the following nominations:

Norfolk, Va.

Bank, Milwaukee, Wis. For the Executive Council-John Skeland Safe Deposit Company, Richmond, Va.; W. T. Fenton, cashier of the First National Bank of the Republic, Chicago; D. Sloan, president of the Lonaconing Savings Bank, Lonaconing, Md.; Arthur Reynolds, president Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, and James T. Hayden, president of the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans.

Vice-presidents representing each State in the convention also were nominated. A committee composed of delegates representing the various State associations also presented nominees for the executive council as follows: A. H. Wiggins, vice-president National Park Bank, New York; Charles L. Farrell, assistant cashier of the Capital National Bank, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. V. Lane, cashier National Exchange Bank, Dallas, tials, Texas; Luther Drake, cashier Merchants the address of President Gompers, which National Bank, Omaha, Neb.; A. A. occupied him for two hours and twenty the best shots in the State. Mr. Par- of them, it is believed, cannot live Crane, cashier National Bank of Com- minutes of rapid reading. The reports Minneapolis, Minn.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw:

"Please convey my greetings and best be entered upon. sharer in the nation's prosperity."

land, Ohio, delivered an address on James Leonard, the Federation organiza-"Financial Crises."

The new officers were installed and ful silver punch bowl. The convention adjourned at 1 p. m.,

sine die.

the adjournment of the convention and called educated people regarding the aims elected the following: Chairman-E. F. Swinney, of Kansas

City.

Treasurer-George F. Orde, of Chicago. Secretary-James R. Branch. Assistant Secretary-W. G. Fitzwilson. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, N. C., was elected to fill the vacancy on the

Kenilworth sukar estate.

FROM THE BRINK OF THE FALLS.

term of office is three years.

Woman Who Attempted Suicide Rescued by a Daring Man.

(By the Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 13 .- Mrs. Helen Costello, of Buffalo, was rescued from rushing waters. He succeeded in reach- floor of the convention, was adopted. ing the woman's side and placed a rope slowly hauled to the stone abutment of President Kidd to the chair and read his the bridge. A ladder was lowered and report. the woman was landed safely.

woman to seek death.

To Grow Cotton in Jamaica.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 13.-The efforts of the ers' Association to emancipate themselves from the American raw supply, have been extended to Jamaica. The association has voted a large sum of money to be devoted to cotton-growing in that island on an extensive scale.

ELECT OFFICERS A STORM OF CHEERS

Convention.

He Hopes That Which Statesmanship has Failed Gompers Declares That Beside a Leading Educator Posing as a Strike Breaker Arnold is a Martyr and Iscariot

a Saint.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Nov. 13.-President Bankers' Association was slow in as- Samuel Gompers, at the opening of the sembling today. After prayer by Rev. American Federation of Labor today, McF. Alexander, the call of States for delivered an impassioned warning to the five minute talks was resumed. Call- members of the organization that the immediate future of trade and labor in San Francisco, and Washington in- assemblies was seriously endangered vited the convention to meet in Seattle. by the conflicting claim of jurisdiction The nominating committee, composed made by different bodies. Unless such of the delegates from different States, things were approached in calmness and handled with moderation, he declared, For President-Caldwell Hardy, Presi- the labor organizations of the country dent of the Norfolk National Bank, of soon would be involved in a conflict which would, by comparison, dwarf all First Vice-President-Frank G. Bige- the struggles in which labor organizalow, president of the First National tions have so far been engaged. The matter would, unless checked, he asserted, come to a point where laborton Williams, president Richmond Trust ing men would fight with laboring men from behind barricades, in the manner in which the men deal with their mortal foes. His warning of the danger and his counsels of peace and moderation met with a hearty response from the assemblied delegates and wild applause greeted the speaker as he closed that portion of his annual address in which he had pointed out the perils which in his opinion will surely come unless

methods are altered, and altered soon. The first day of the convention, aside from the address of President Gompers was not of great interest to outsiders and many delegates found it fatiguing. The morning session was occupied with addresses of welcome and responses and the report of the committee on creden-The afternoon was consumed by of other office

the actual work of the convention will ments. The camp is located fifteen miles | It is feared the list of dead will be wishes to your association and my regret | The 22nd annual convention of the Amerat not being able to be present. I cer- ican Federation of Labor met here to- unbroken wilderness. There are no set- explored. The exploded boiler was tainly hope that which statesmanship has day with about four hundred delegates failed to accomplish may be consum- present. The visiting delegates were es- oak, ash, and cypress forest is choked the offices, burying itself in the south mated through commerce, and that por- corted from the St. Charles Mansion, tion of our common country most fa- the official headquarters, by the memvored by nature may become at last equal bers of the local trades and labor assembly, headed by Robert E. Lee, presi-

tion for the State of Louisiana. When the convention had been cailed George H. Russell, of Detroit, Mich., on to order, Mr. Lee delivered an address behalf of the association, presented re- on behalf of the laboring men of New tiring President Herrick with a beauti- Orleans to which Mr. Gompers responded. After touching upon the scope and The new executive council met after amazing to note the ignorance among soand objects of the organization.

"No man who as an educator," said l'resident Gompers, "poses as a strikebreaker is fit for the position he holds. Compared to such a man Benedict Arnold was a martyr and Judas Iscariot a saint. Although no name was mentioned, it was understood by the delegates that mous election is a high compliment. The, forth when it was declared that the man This afternoon the visitors enjoyed a was looking backward toward barbarism of the Committee on Credentials declared that sixty-nine national organizations, nine State organizations, fifty-five central bodies, fifty-four local and Federal bodies and were entitled to representation. The total voting strength of the bodies repthousand.

A protest against the seating of the the brink of the American Falls today delegates of the Amalgamated Associaby employes of the State reservation. tion of Carpenters was made by the Uni This afternoon word was received at the ted Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joinreservation office that a woman had ers. Upon motion, the contest was reattempted to commit suicide and was ferred back to the committee for further floating down stream toward the falls. action, and its other recommendations Superintendent Perry secured a quantity Were adopted. James Duncan moved that of rope and hurried to the bridge, which a special committee be appointed to connects Green Island with Goat Island, which all disputes between the branches The woman was seen clinging to a submerged log at a point a few feet below this committee to report direct to the the bridge. A noose was fitted about convention. This motion, which removed the body of John Marshall, a reservation much of the work incidental to the disemploye, and he was lowered into the pute between the carpenters from the

At the opening of the afternoon sesaround her waist. The two were then sion, President Gompers called Vice-

The words of praise accorded by the The hospital physicians say she will speaker to President Mitchell, of the recover. Domestic troubles caused the Mine Workers, were greeted with great applause, as was also the warning of the dangers that lie ahead of the unions in unrestrained claims of jurisdiction over other bodies. The applause deepened when the declaration was made that members of the Lancashire Cotton Grow- rule where another union already exists. Treasurer Lennon were then read. At the conclusion of the reading of

A Block Wiped out by Flames. (By the Associated Press.) Scranton, Pa., Nov. 13.-The town of

Toledo, Ohio, who made a short speech

The report of the executive committee was then read by Vice-President Dun-

At the conclusion of the report of the

executive comittee an adjournment was

The evening was spent largely in the

that pleased the delegates greatly.

aken until tomorrow.

was swept by flames today and an entire block was in ruins at 1 p. m., when the fire was gotten under control after two hours' destructive progress. The blaze was caused by an explosion of a gas tank in the cellar of a Atherton's appeared as if the entire town would be wiped out. Building after building went loss is estimated between \$175,000 and

Work on Million Dollar Mill.

(By the Associated Press.)

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 13 .- The Meerrimac Manufacturing Company will begin work directly on its new \$1,165,000 cloth mill, to be erected in this city. The present plant of the company represents an expenditure of half a million dollars.

The President and His Party

Plunge in Search of Bruin. (By the Associated Press.) Clarksdale, Miss., Nov. 13 .- President

Roosevelt was joined at Memphis by the members of the hunting party, President Stuyvesant Fish, of the Illinois Central; General Counsel Dickenson, of the same road; John M. Parker, of New Orleans: John McElhenny, formerly lieutenant in to the place. Into this temporary hosthe Rough Riders; Major G. M. Helm, W. pital the maimed and scalded workmen W. Mangum, and H. L. Foote.

for the hunt and the President appears thronged the entrance to the work cry The following telegram was read from hours. Tomorrow it is expected that to be greatly pleased with the arrange ing and begging to be allowed inside the camp and horses have been provided hundred yards away. No information for the members of the party. The camp, itself, consists of three sleeping Congressman T. E. Burton, of Cleve-dent of the local organization, and by tents and one cook tent. Hoke Collier, a negro who was a scout in the Confederate army during the Civil War and who afterward acted as guide for General Wade Hampton, has charge of the pack of

to Mr. Foote, Mr. Parker said, was credibearing of the labor union movement, ted with having been in at the death of President Gompers declared that it was 1,600 bears. He is said to have killed nearly 150 in a single season. "It will be rough work," said Mr. Par-

"That is exactly what I want," replied

President Roosevelt. Mr. Mangum and Hoke Collier are to wooded ridge beyond the Little Sunflower where there is a chance for panther as sessions will be held each day. well as bear, is to be tried first. Later council, caused by the promotion of Mr. reference was made to the head of one the hounds will be loosed in the cane-Bigelow to first vice-president. Mr. of the leading educational institutions brakes in the swamps on this side of the Brown's term as a member of the council of the country and they applauded with river. Mr. Parker seems absolutely cer- and it is expected that at least two expired only last year, and his unani- vehenience. Cheers were again called tain that the President will bet a bear. An expedient has been adopted to keep who acted the role of a strike-breaker the curious away from the camp. The ell, representing the miners, probably country for miles around its location is will open the proceedings with a format ride on the river and a visit to the and not toward the future. The report owned by the Illinois Central road, but, statement in which he will present the of course, there would be no legal way of case of the miners to the commission. preventing the invasion by onlookers. It It is said Mr. Mitchell will call witnesses would be, however, practically impossible who will be examined by his attorneys, for anyone to reach camp on foot and by those representing the coal companies, and four fraternal delegates had reported arrangements have been made to prevent and also by the commissioners. Most of anyone from obtaining a horse or a mule the witnesses will be practical miners. at Smedes without a permit. In this way, About twenty-five or thirty will take the resented by the delegates was about ten the managers of the hunt believe that witness stand. privacy has been assured.

ing outfit used by him for many years in dresses on behalf of the miners later in his hunting trips after big game in the the proceeding, after which the operators neighborhood of his ranch on the Little will make their defense. Missouri in Dakota, and in the mountains It is the intention of the commission of Idaho, Montana and Colorado. It in- to adhere as closely to ordinary court cludes a fringed buckskin, such as was procedure in pursuing its investigation as worn by the old wilderness hunter, and it possibly can. In the evidence to be his favorite Winchester 40-90. With this given will be great masses of statistics weapon he has killed many of his hunt- which are being prepared by hundreds ing trophies. It bears the interesting of clerks of the companies. The miners scars of one of his battle with a cougar. or mountain lion, in Colorado. In closing to them by the companies, which show with a wounded cat the President thrust accurately the money paid to the men. the stock into his mouth. It shows the teeth marks of the enraged animal, and the place where a small piece was literally bitten away.

Death of Editor Beall.

(By the Associated Press.)

D. Beall, 65 years old, for twenty-eight which the widowed bride of a week will years a well known and able member of inherit \$1,000,000. It has developed that the Baltimore Sun editorial staff, died another will or a copy is in the hands today, as the result of a stroke of paraly- of a lawyer of Cincinnati, and that it sis sustained two weeks ago. Colonel will be produced when the proper time no trade should attempt to extend its | Beall was a native of Virginia, and dur- comes to establish it in court. ing the Civil War was a member of the The reports of Secretary Morrison and Twelfth Virginia cavalry. Before the the treasurer's report, President Gompers broke into the routine proceedings go, subsequently coming to this city to per cent., the same as charged in the to introduce Mayor Samuel M. Jones, of accept a position on the Sun.

WITH DEATH.

organization of the various comittees. And Hummed With Rush of Iron Projectiles.

Olyphant, six miles north of Scranton, Four Men are Killed and Forty Injured by the Explosion of a Large

(By the Associated Press.) Lebanon, Pa., Nov. 13.-The explosion department store, and in a short time it of a large boiler in Scrap Puddle Furnace, No. 3, at the West Works of the down in ashes in a remarkably short American Iron and Steel Manufacturtime. The city hall and jail were ing Company's plant late this afternoon, among the buildings destroyed. The caused the death of four workman and caused the death of four workmen and

about forty others were more or less

seriously injured. The dead are: JACOB BRICKER, aged 67 years, of Sunny Side, a laborer; leaves a wife and

six children. WALTER TURNER, of this city, a puddler; leaves a wife and one child.

JAMES HISSINGER, of this city, a puddler; leaves a wife and four children. JACOB NINE, died on the way to the hospital.

The calamity is the worst that ever occurred in Lebanon. The boiler exploded without warning, and in an instand the entire place was black with death-dealing debris. The wreck and ruin of the nine puddle furnaces was complete. Many were attracted to the scene and weeping women and children crowded about the place making frantic efforts to obtain tidings of their loved ones. The excitement was so intense, however, that considerable time elapsed before any information could be given them. Pysicians were called from every quarter of the city and the hospital ambulances and other vehicles were hurried into service. The offices of the works were at once converted into a hospital and a corps of nurses from the Good Samaritan Hospital were brought were carried and given attention. Some The three latter are Mississippi plant- have their eyes burned out, others their ers and well-known bear hunters in this hands blown off. It is impossible to country. Mr. Foote is conidered one or learn the names of the injured. Many ker has had charge of the preparation through the night. Women and children

east of Smedes, on the banks of the materially increased when the ruins of Little Sunflower river, in a practically the nine wrecked puddle furnaces are tlers for miles in any direction. The hurled high into the air and passed over with undergrowth. A trail has been cut, bank of Quittapahilla creek, several could be secured at the temporayr hospital at the works. The plant has been closed, as the workmen are reoving the

HEARINGS BEGIN TO-DAY.

Collier, one of the hounds belonging First Session of Arbitration Board Opens at Ten O'clock This Morning.

(By the Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 13.-All the members of the anthracite strike commission are now here, and in readiness to begin the hearing of the differences existing between the miners and their employers. The sessions of the commission will beact as the President's guides. A heavily gin tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in the Lackawanna county court house. Two

> Most of the representatives of the contending parties are also on the ground. Each side will have an array of attorneys weeks will be taken up in hearing the witnesses on each side. President Mitch-

Attorney C. S. Darrow and Henry D. The President has with him the hunt- Lloyd, both of Chicago, will made ad-

will hand up bundles of due bills, issued

To Contest Gibson's Will.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 13.-Information received from Cincinnati is to the effect that the relatives of the late John Gibson, who died here last week will cer-Baltimore, Md., Nov. 13 .- Col. Henry tainly contest the will by provision of

The Chinese government has notified war he was engaged in newspaper work the foreign ministers that hereafter in New Orleans, and shortly after the textiles imported into the interior by war, was similarly employed in Chica- foreigners must pay a likin duty of 61/2 case of Chinese importers.