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EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH.

Facts for Statesmen, Teachers, Preachers and Others.

In 1899-1900, the last year for which statistics are available in condensed form, the number of children of school age in the ten States south of the Potomac and the Ohio and east of the Mississippi, including Louisiana, was 5,645,164; the total population, 16,662,257. The total amount expended for public schools on these States was \$14,358,201; the total value of public school property, \$22,097,216.

The average amount expended for each child of school age in these ten States was \$2.72. The average value of school property for each child, including houses, grounds and equipments, was \$3.93, varying from \$1.66 in North Carolina to \$7.80 in Kentucky. This is an accumulation of school property equal only to 57 cents per capita of the entire population of North Carolina, and \$2.86 in Kentucky. The average value of school property per capita for the ten States was \$1.33. The total per capita expenditure for schools varies from 50 cents in Alabama to \$1.45 in Florida, the average for the ten States being 85 cents. The average length of school term varied from 71 days in North Carolina to 120 days in Louisiana—about 100 days for the ten States. The number of days of schooling actually given each child of school age varied from 22 in North Carolina to 52 in Kentucky. The average for the ten States was 48 days, only three days more than two months of 20 days each. The average salary paid to teachers in these States varied from \$36 for males and \$78 for females in North Carolina to \$253 for males and \$213 for females in Kentucky, the average for the ten States being about \$175 for males and \$150 for females. These figures include both city and county schools.

At this rate, how long will it take to educate the masses of the people of these States?—Southern Educational Notes.

Fruit Not Killed.

Mr. John A Young, the nurseryman, said today that the fruit had escaped the cold snap without damage. There will be little danger, he says, unless it frosts tonight, which is quite unlikely.—Greensboro special of 9th to Charlotte Observer.

While in Atlanta recently Mr. C C Sikes bought a pretty white and Shetland pony. The pretty little animal was much admired and as gentle as a cat. It followed Mr. Sikes to Concord last week and on the way back suddenly took sick and died quickly.—Monroe Journal.

SMOCK OF WIFE'S DEATH KILLED.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Poteat, of Mooresboro, Die the Same Night.

Mrs. Mary Poteat, of Mooresboro, had a stroke of paralysis and fell in her yard last Wednesday afternoon and died at 8 o'clock that night from the effects of the stroke. At 4 o'clock next morning her husband, Mr. Francis M Poteat, died from an attack of heart failure, brought on by his intense grief over the death of his wife. The funeral services of both husband and wife were conducted from the Sandy Run Baptist church, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, by Rev. A P Hollifield, and both bodies were placed in the same grave.

The death of these two old people within such a short space of each other is a rather remarkable occurrence. They were both nearly eighty years old—Mr. Poteat 75 and Mrs. Poteat 76 years old—and lived these useful years together and their love and affection was centered in each other. Both had been consist church members for the past 44 years, and they were true disciples of Christ, and have simply changed their residence from earth to heaven. There are 11 living children and three dead, 76 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. The bereaved ones have our sincere sympathy.—Cleveland Star, 9th.

Augusta Mills Closed Down Sure Enough

Augusta, Ga., April 9.—The lockout of the mill operatives of the Augusta district in retaliation for the strike Monday of the employes of the King Mills went into effect this forenoon. Every mill in Augusta and the House Creek district is closed. They include the plants at Aiken, Vaucluse, Graniteville, Warrenville, Bath, Langley and Clear Water, which employ in the aggregate 10,000 men.

Transvaalers May Surrender.

London, April 9.—The Associated Press understands that the peace negotiations are progressing satisfactorily so far as the Transvaalers are concerned, but the latest advices indicate that there is small probability of the Free Staters surrendering in a body. The negotiations thus far have been mainly explanations of British intention. It has been plain to the leaders that their surrender will not entail banishment and this has been a potent influence. The leading Transvaalers urge their allies to arrange peace terms. The inner circles of the War Office believe that if the Transvaalers agree to surrender, the backbone of Boer resistance will be broken and that the Free States' opposition will soon be overcome.

COTTON MILL TO BE ENLARGED.

The Kesler Manufacturing Company Increases Its Capital 50 Per Cent.—Mr. Barringer and Mrs. Roseman Wed.

Salisbury, April 9.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Kesler Manufacturing Company held yesterday afternoon it was decided to increase the stock from \$125,00 to \$187,500, or 50 per cent., with a view to the erection of an additional mill building and its equipment with looms for converting the product of the mill's 11,000 spindles into cloth. This much was definitely determined upon, the questions of making an exact number of looms and character of product being left to the president. Mr. J W Cannon, of Concord, and the manager, Mr. F L Robbins. Under the latter's management the mill has continued running on full time and profitably, despite the prevailing depression in Southern cotton milling.

At the home of the bride on Fulton street, Mr. J H Barringer, of Cleveland, and Mrs. T D Roseman were married this evening at 8 o'clock, leaving later for the Charleston Exposition. The bride is a daughter of ex Sheriff J M Monroe.—Charlotte Observer.

Eight Negroes, Three With Smallpox Taken to Pest House.

Mr. J A Mahaley went to China Grove yesterday morning and returned yesterday afternoon with a family of eight negroes, three of whom had smallpox. The whole family had been previously quarantined and were taken by Mr. Mahaley to the pest house yesterday afternoon. The family lived about 1 1/2 miles from China Grove.—Salisbury Sun of 9th.

"Ain't The Flesh."

At Davie Court Judge Shaw asked the grand jury, in telling them to investigate the condition of the county home, "not to take dinner with the keeper or superintendent" upon the occasion of their visit; adding that he had "known superintendents of county homes to find out the exact day the grand jury were to visit the home and have a great dinner spread for them and after partaking they would never fail to render a very favorable report."

Judge Shaw is right. It is a sore trial to ask dinner-loving men to report anything against a superintendent who has given them a good dinner. It is "again" the flesh.—Raleigh News and Observer.

"That man is a good bit of a philosopher who never attempts to argue with his wife."

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