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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Adapted at Knoxville, July 1, 1892, by the Summer School of the South With an Enrollment of 1,700 Teachers.

We, the 1,700 teachers attending the Summer School of the South, representing every Southern State, do, on this the day of our national independence, unanimsly adopt the following declaration of educational policy:

1. We bear grateful testimony to the great sacrifices made in behalf of education by the people of the South, who in their desolation and poverty have taxed themselves hundreds of millions of dollars to educate two races.

2. Notwithstanding these efforts, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the large majority of the 3,500,000 white children and 2,500,000 black children of the South are not provided with good schools. In 1900 ten Southern States having twenty-five per cent of the school population in the country owned only four per cent of the public school property and expended only six and a half per cent of the public school moneys. We must recognize these conditions and frankly face them. We therefore declare ourselves in favor of a public school system, State supported and State directed, in which every child may have the open door of opportunity.

3. Conscious of our dependence upon the God of our fathers, and believing that the highest and truest civilization can be attained only by following the precepts of the great teacher, Jesus Christ, we favor the recognition of the Bible in our public schools.

4. We regard local taxation as the foundation upon which a public school system should be built, and therefore favor an agitation in behalf of such taxation in every community.

5. If an increased expenditure of money is to be of lasting value, a more intelligent public interest must be brought to bear upon our schools. But even greater than the need of money and interest is the need of intelligent direction.

6. A mere extension of the present school term with the present course of study will not meet the needs of the children. The lines of development in the South must be both agricultural and mechanical. Our people must bring a trained brain and a trained hand to the daily labor. Education should be a means not of escaping labor, but of making it more effective. The school should be the social center of the community, and should actively and sympathetically touch all the social and economic

interests of the people. In addition to the usual academic studies, therefore, our courses should include manual training, nature study and agriculture.

7. To secure more efficient supervision, to encourage grading and to broaden the social life of the children, we favor the consolidation of weak schools into strong central schools. It is better in every way to carry the child to the school than to carry the school to the child. We indorse the movements recently made by the women of the South for model schools, built with due regard to sanitation, ventilation and beauty.

8. Teaching should be a profession, and not a stepping-stone to something else. We therefore stand for the highest training of teachers and urge the school authorities of every State to encourage those who wish to make the educating of children a life profession. We call upon the people to banish forever politics and nepotism from the public schools, and to establish a system in which, from the humblest teacher to the office of state superintendent, merit shall be the touchstone.

9. We express our hearty appreciation of the noble work of the Southern and General Education Boards, which by their earnest sympathy and generous means have made possible this great Summer School of the South and in numerous other ways are strengthening the patriotic efforts of the Southern people to improve their educational conditions.

10. With gratitude to our fathers for the heritage of a noble past, with thankfulness to God for the many blessings bestowed upon our people, with due recognition of our present problems and their deep importance, we face the future with a faith which we shall endeavor to make good by our works, to the lasting glory of our Republic.

(Signed) Alabama, Edgar Gardner Murphy; Arkansas, A. H. Abbott; Florida, Arthur Williams; Georgia, Joseph D. Smith; Kentucky, J. T. Gaines; Louisiana, Edwin A. Alderman; Mississippi, D. H. Hill; North Carolina, Collier Cobb; South Carolina, Ernest Wiggins; Tennessee, Wickliffe Rose; Texas, A. L. Malone; Virginia, B. R. Smith.

CHAS. W. DABNEY, Chm.
CHAS. D. McIVER, Sec'y.

Real Estate Changes in No. 4.

Mr. C O Gillon has purchased the land and homestead of Thomas Vanelt near Trinity church in No. 4.

Mr. James Fisher has sold his place to Mr. Daniel Isenhour. This farm is also near Trinity church. Col. Long is doing the surveying.

MINERS RIOT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Shenandoah the Scene of Bloodshed and Death—One Killed and Many Injured.

As portended by recent occurrences the striking miners broke loose in acts of violence on the 30th in Shenandoah, Pa.

A deputy attempted to conduct two non-union men through the line of strikers to let them go to work. The miners attacked the non union men. The officer fired on the mob to protect the men. From this the fury raged and the sheriff and posse fired and received shots in return. There were probably 1000 shots fired. One man was killed and several others will probably die. There were about 40 miners wounded.

The rioting is repudiated by the organization as indicated by the following public statement.

"In view of the disturbances that have occurred in Shenandoah with the past 24 hours in utter disregard to the teachings and principles of the United Mine Workers as an organization and contrary to the explicit instructions of the leaders, we call upon all members of the United Mine Workers to do all in their power to suppress lawlessness and to aid the officers in every way to maintain peace and good order.

"JOHN FAHY, Pres. District 9.
Governor Stone has ordered out troops to control the situation.

Some Fine Tomatoes.

The Standard was the appreciative recipient of two specimens of fine tomato culture today, the 31st.

Mr. William Weddington brought us a stem all clustered with fruit embracing nine good sized tomatoes. The whole cluster seems but your two hands full. They are all ripe for plucking at one time.

Mr. G T Crowell presented us with a very fine large specimen of the Giant Logan variety. It has a meaty and luscious appearance but unlike its prototype in picture it is exceedingly irregular. It is a sort of refutation of the doctrine that like produces like.

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