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## TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

Prof. Whitsett, Jones and Lentz Present and 52 teachers are in attendance—The Work of the Week Laid out and Entered Upon.

The Teachers Institute opened today in the court house.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. B. Fry. The enrolment was then made and it was found that 52 teachers were present.

Superintendent Boger then introduced the instructors for the week who in turn announced the branches they would treat and gave an outline of the scope of their treatment and a forecast of the methods by which they would proceed.

Prof. W. T. Whitsett, of Whitsett, N. C., touched upon pedagogy and history. He dwelled with force on the methods of teaching the latter by which to clothe the dry dates and facts in text books with life and zest by surrounding these with that which preceded and parallels facts as ordinarily recorded.

Prof. J. A. Jones being introduced portrayed his work on higher mathematics.

Prof. Jay D. Lentz will have the subject of physiology and hygiene.

The forenoon was thus taken up and work began in practical way and systematic order at the afternoon session.

At 2 o'clock Prof. Jones took up grammar which he handled to the edification and the delight of his teacher pupils. He was followed by Prof. Whitsett, who treated geography and reading and literature.

Prof. Jones then went to the colored graded school where he spent the remaining hour for instruction.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Prof. Whitsett will lecture on general school matters, attendance, interest, consolidation of districts, etc.

## MEETING OF CAPITALISTS.

Mr. M. H. Caldwell Goes to New York—Railroad Practically a Certainty.

Mr. M. H. Caldwell left for New York last night to meet capitalists who are interested in the building of the North Carolina Central Railroad. When the announcement was made that a railroad was to be built between Concord and Fayetteville there stood several draw backs in the way to its immediate construction, but these have been practically removed and the work of construction will begin by October 1st, and pushed until the line is completed.

The meeting to be held in New York will be the first time the stockholders have gotten together and at this meeting officers will be elected and all plans concerning the road made clear.

## Good Roads.

The following interesting information is taken from the recent article entitled "Road building with Convict Labor in the Southern States," by Prof. J. A. Holmes, and will be of interest to those interested in the Good Roads movement in North Carolina:

Portable prisons on wheels are novelties which are now in use in several localities. These movable jails appear to solve the problem of preventing the escape of convicts employed at great distances from their prison proper. In exterior appearances they are freight car bodies provided with barred windows and mounted upon wagon trucks. As the road improvement progresses they are drawn forward by horses and collected in some convenient grove or open field, selected as the temporary prison camp. Morning and evening the convicts are marched along the road from and to their quarters. To facilitate their being safely guarded during the night without too great risk and expense, each prisoner, when he goes to bed, has either one foot or one hand menaced loosely to a chain or rod from which he can be easily released the following morning.

Tiers of bunks inside comprise the sleeping quarters. These are easily and cheaply made comfortable. Ample ventilation is afforded in summer and during the cold months there is a stove in each car.

One of these portable prisons, which can be disjoined and transported in sections, is in use on the public roads of North Carolina. One of these movable jails can be lengthened to accommodate fifty convicts. Its sides and ends are of boards bolted together in sections. The roof, of corrugated iron, is also in sections. Large tents are used in some States.

Women prisoners do the cooking and washing of some of migratory prison camps. This work is usually done, however, by trusty male convicts, and in some cases it is performed by hired labor. The younger prisoners are usually assigned to such tasks as the carrying of water or the running of errands.

A ball and chain are attached to convicts who show a desire to escape. While these encumbrances make it impossible for a prisoner to run rapidly, they do not seriously hamper his movements during the regular road work.

Critics of the convict system of road building say that it offers too many opportunities for the escape of prisoners; as a matter of fact, however, the annual

escapes amount to less than two men out of each hundred. All most 300 counties, representing ten States, employ convict labor upon their roads. This furnishes an army of 5,377 road builders, each of whom costs his State 33½ cents a day. Were he left in the county jail he would cost 1½ cents more a day. Hence he is a cheaper article toiling upon the roads than languishing in a cell or jail yard. All told, the cost of convict labor in these States ranges from one-third to one-half that of hired labor employed in the same work.

The Southern States employing convict road builders are Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. In the two Carolinas and Georgia such a perfection of systems is reached that large camps are operated at cost of only 20 to 30 cents per convict per day. Provisions are purchased for the prison camps at wholesale at competitive rates; the convicts do their own cooking and washing. Owing to the usually good sanitation of the camps and the benefits of exercise to the prisoners the cost of medical attention is almost nothing.

Another virtue of the system is that the prisoners, after injuring their communities by the commission of their crimes, and after adding to its financial burdens by incurring expense for their capture, conviction and punishment, are put in a position to benefit that community. Having served an apprenticeship in the handling of road building machinery the convict leaves prison with a training which enables him to earn a better living than he probably made before.

Only prisoners convicted of misdemeanors can be assigned to work on the public roads of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Florida and Georgia. The terms of such convicts do not usually exceed one year. In Alabama all able-bodied male prisoners whose terms do not exceed two years, may be sent to the roads. In South Carolina the limit is five years and North Carolina ten.

(Continued Tuesday.)

## Story-Lyles.

Mr. J. M. Story, of Forest Hill, and Miss Bessie Lyles, were united in marriage on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. by the Rev. L. C. Nash at his home on Kerr street. We wish much happiness to these lovers now made one in aim and destiny.

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## THE LAST WEEK OF THE RED LETTER SALE

and Saturday the last day. Many new features are prominent that make the interest greater. This is like finding money.

### Shirts and Neckwear

A man is usually right particular about his shirts and ties. They must be the correct colorings and his shirts must fit.

We are proud of our 50c, 1.00 and 1.50 shirts for men because they are perfect fitting, the latest style in colors and each one good value for the money.

We have just put on sale a special lot of 25c neckwear that is very desirable.

### Men's Trousers

It's the talk of the town about our extreme values in pants. Never in our mercantile history have we been able to make such offerings. Last week our sales were large and this week we expect to clear up the remaining sizes.

Pants worth 5.00, fine worsteds, perfect fitting, well tailored, sale price	2.50
Pants that are bargains at 2.00, sale price	1.50
1.50 and 1.75 pants, sale price	98c
75c and 98c pants, sale price	50c

### White Goods

35c satin damask, embroidered dot, for shirt waists	19c
One piece of satin stripe dimity, the 25c quality, reduced to	15c
All 12½, 15 and 25c white goods in short pieces, special price	10c
Satin stripe linen grenadine, former price 39c, to make it move quickly	15c

### Special Embroidery Sale.

Now is the time to lay in a supply of Embroideries.

All 5 and 6c insertions and edgings, special red letter price	3c
7½ and 8½ to go quickly at	5c
10 and 12½ quality only	7½c
The 15 and 19c embroideries at the extremely low price of	10c
The 25c line	15c
Real wide pieces at 38 & 40c only	25c

### Fans Fans

We are going to close out our lot of fans and to do so we have used the mark down red pencil very freely.

All 25c fans	15c
15c fans	10c
10c fans	5c
5c fans	3c

Black unfinished serge, 40 inches, good value at 50c, red letter price	39c
Two pieces black melrose, 75c kind, 40 inches wide, reduced to	59c
A good heavy sicilian, 42 inches wide, former price 95c, for a quick seller	65c
One piece of black storm serge, 42 in. wide, reduced from 50c to	35c
Mystral cloth, just the thing for tucked skirts, cut from 50c to	35c
Melrose, 98c quality, reduced to	69c

A good piece of Mohair reduced to	22c
A piece of heavy blue serge, 45 inches wide, 75c quality, to be closed out at	39c

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