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## BROGDEN'S REPORT

**As Superintendent to the Graded School Trustees. Parents Should Read and Keep Posted on The Work.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of Kinston Public Schools.

GENTLEMEN:—We beg to submit the following report of the Kinston public schools for 1899-1900:

| WHITES.  |     |
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| Number of teachers employed.....               | 9   |
| Resigned.....                                  | 1   |
| Number of male teachers.....                   | 1   |
| Number of female teachers.....                 | 7   |
| Number of teachers in service during year..... | 15  |
| Total enrollment of pupils.....                | 539 |
| Monthly enrollment.....                        | 401 |
| Average daily attendance.....                  | 333 |
| Percentage of attendance.....                  | 86  |
| COLORED.                                       |     |
| Number of teachers employed.....               | 5   |
| Number of male teachers.....                   | 1   |
| Number of female teachers.....                 | 4   |
| Total enrollment of colored pupils.....        | 333 |
| Monthly enrollment colored pupils.....         | 269 |
| Daily attendance.....                          | 191 |
| Per cent. of attendance.....                   | 86  |

Grand total enrollment of white and colored.....872

The number of pupils for each grade next year as sent up from the lower grades is as follows:

Grade 1, 80; 2, 64; 3, 35; 4, 55; 5, 40; 6, 51; 7, 23; 8, 19; 9, 23.

TUITION COLLECTED DURING YEAR.

Amount for white school.....\$ 98.42.

Amount for colored school..... 8.00.

Amount for both schools..... 106.42.

LIBRARY FUND.

As a result of the action of the board at their January meeting, the tuition fees of non-resident pupils, amounting to \$106.42, have been set apart as a library fund. In addition to this amount, the monthly contributions of the pupils have amounted to about \$35 which have been expended for books and small book cases suitable for the different grades.

The magnanimous spirit which prompted that donation of \$21.85 to this cause by the pupils of the first graduating class, I am sure that we all most gratefully acknowledge.

The entire amount that has been realized for the graded school library this year is \$161.27.

We now have on hand for the purchase of new books, \$72.24.

We are encouraged to feel that the library cause is growing and that its prospects are brighter than ever before. It is true that it will require some time for the entire community to realize that a library for a public school is not a mere sentiment but that it is an important essential to the welfare of this town life. But we believe that the people will eventually appreciate its value and that when they do realize this that they will esteem it a privilege and a pleasure to contribute to this movement.

### ADDITIONAL TEACHER RECOMMENDED.

This year the sixth and seventh grades combined have had on the roll only 43 pupils and these have been under the instruction of one teacher. Next year the sixth grade alone will have on its roll 56 pupils while the seventh grade will have 23 pupils. Nor do these numbers include any new pupils who may come to us from other sources. In view of this fact that the sixth grade alone will have 56 pupils and believing this to be as many as any one teacher can instruct successfully, we believe it is advisable and necessary to the success of your schools that an additional teacher be elected and that she be elected to the seventh grade. Since this grade is the beginning of the high school work, it requires a teacher of a broad and thorough scholarship. Since this grade is conceded in all schools to mark the transition stage from reckless and thoughtless boyhood to that of the more serious and thoughtful youth, it requires a teacher who is especially strong in disciplinary powers.

In view of these two absolutely essential qualifications for this position, we feel sure that the board will see to it that we shall have a teacher of high scholarly attainments combined with strong powers of discipline.

### ADDITIONAL ROOM NECESSARY.

In the event of the election of this additional teacher we would like to recommend that an additional room be fitted up on the second floor of the building for the accommodation of the seventh grade. This may be done without very great expense to the board.

### PRESENT FACILITY ENDORSED.

In behalf of those white teachers whom you elected last year, we humbly but candidly endorse that good judgment manifested in their selection. This year has been a crucial test for them. No teacher can hope to reap the best results during the first year. It takes time for adjustment. The teacher must have time to become familiar with her daily work. She must have time to organize out of a chaotic mass of new and raw material, a comely, a governable and a co-operative body and she must have time to adjust herself harmoniously to her commu-

nity life. The faithfulness and cheerfulness with which these teachers, as a whole, have performed every duty imposed upon them, the unceasing, the persistent and harmonious endeavor exerted by them to adjust themselves to their work and the success which has attended their efforts, I believe this board fully recognizes. I sincerely believe that they have made out a successful diagnosis and are now prepared to make out a prescription the effect of which will be clearly realized in their next year's work.

Recognizing, as I do, their capabilities, believing, as I do, that they have done good work even during this preparatory stage, feeling confident that now the period of preparation being over that they are able to render your schools more efficient service than ever before and realizing as we must, that they have incalculable advantages over new and untried teachers, even over teachers of experience, but who lack knowledge of graded school work, I trust that I am not going beyond the pale of propriety in requesting in their behalf that they, if such is not inconsistent with the wishes and judgment of the board, without a single exception, be returned to serve you and this community for another year.

In view of the fact that the board may not feel able to increase the salary of all the female teachers for the next year, we do beg to recommend that the board make a beginning and increase the salary of such of its teachers as it may deem wise and proper.

These teachers cannot come before you and endorse their own work; it would be beyond the bounds of propriety for them to undertake, by words, to convince you of their worth to your schools; modesty forbids their telling you that oftentimes from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12 and 1 o'clock at night, that the whole bent of their life is given unreservedly to the service of this community. Neither can they tell you that they would like to attend summer schools, that it is their one ambition to prepare themselves for the most competent service, but that these things must be abandoned for want of money. These things must be told by us, if they are told, whose opportunity it is to come into daily contact with them and to observe their conscientious and meritorious striving.

Did I not know their qualifications for good work and did I not believe that an increase in the salary of some of them would stimulate and encourage them and enable them to prepare themselves for more useful work, then I would not enter into this recommendation as heartily as I do.

I have been convinced that this board is not only willing but anxious to give its teachers every opportunity possible to make them more efficient and successful teachers and I have simply attempted to bring to your consideration the conditions which confront us in order that you might have a more definite basis on which to act.

In concluding this report, we again desire to thank this board for their leniency and patience with us in the performance of our duties, for the confidence you have seen fit to repose in us in our first year's struggle to place your schools on a steady footing and for your unanimous support in all measures pertaining to the best interests of these schools.

L. C. BROGDEN, Supt.

## TO INVESTIGATE NORTH CAROLINA?

### A Senate Committee Favors An Inquiry Into Race Conditions.

Washington, June 1.—The senate committee on privileges and elections today had under consideration Senator Pritchard's resolution declaring exclusion from the privilege of the franchise, because of race, to be unconstitutional.

The committee decided to recommend the adoption of a substitute directing the committee to investigate whether such exclusion is antagonistic to the constitution.

The substitute passed the committee by a party vote, and if it is agreed to by the senate, the investigation will be undertaken by the committee. The resolution is predicated upon the conditions in North Carolina, but considerable interest is manifested in it by the senators from all the southern states.

### Taylor is Dodging.

Frankfort, June 2.—The application for a requisition on Gov. Mount, of Indiana, for former Gov. Taylor's return here for trial is expected to be filed Monday.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Taylor has not communicated with his political friends here directly in the last day or two, but the report that he has abandoned his intention of attending the national Republican convention at Philadelphia for fear of being arrested after he leaves Indiana, is credited by many who are close to him. While a majority of the Republican leaders stand by Taylor in his course, others do not, and he has received letters from a number of them urging him to return to Kentucky. Ex-Gov. Bradley is credited with being among those who are opposed to Taylor remaining out of the state.

Call at J. E. Hood's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are an elegant physic. They also improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion and regulate the liver and bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items In Condensed Form.

Mr. George Watts, of Durham, last week gave \$30,000 to Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, Va.

At Kings Mountain, Friday, Mr. John Smith was killed by a man named Davis. Smith had been charged with undue intimacy with Davis' wife.

Since the 1st of January there have been 156 charters granted by the secretary of State. This shows the great activity in business circles in the State.

The safe of the agent of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad company at Seaboard was blown open Saturday night about 2 o'clock. The job looks like the work of professionals. Amount of money secured not stated.

At Durham Sunday morning about 12:30 o'clock Will Scott, a negro, was shot and instantly killed by Henry Jenkins, his brother-in-law. The Herald says from reports it appears to have been a cold-blooded murder.

Health officer Isariah West at Wilmington on Friday shot J. P. Flynn three times, seriously wounding him. West gave himself up and says he shot in self-defense, while Flynn was beating him over the head with a stick.

The Waynesville telephone company, a corporation whose headquarters is at Waynesville, has been incorporated for thirty years, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are: R. D. Gilmer, J. P. Swift, W. H. Cole, J. C. Wright, S. C. Satterwhite and D. H. Baker.

The seventeenth annual session of Teachers' Assembly will take place Morehead City June 12-17, inclusive. An elaborate program has been arranged, and State Superintendent Mebane says that the prospects are most encouraging for the largest attendance in the history of the assembly. Distinguished educators, of this and other states, and friends of education, will be present.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: A gentleman tells us that he was driving through the county, in Lileville township, a few nights ago, and noticing a light moving near the road in a mysterious manner, left his buggy to investigate the matter. Pretty soon a negro boy came up carrying a lantern, and just behind the boy was a farmer engaged in plowing his cotton by the feeble rays of light emitted by the lantern.

### HANNA DEFENDS TRUSTS.

#### The Executive Head of the Republican Party Argues in Favor of Paying the Plate Makers Their Own Prices.

Washington, June 1.—Probably the most sensational discussion held on the floor of the senate during the present session took place today when the fourth conference report on the naval appropriation bill was presented and again disagreed to. The report brought up the armor plate question, and when the armor plate makers were savagely attacked by several senators, Mr. Hanna, in the longest speech in his career as a senator, defended the plate manufacturers. He was the central figure in the three-hour debate and resented all attacks made on the administration. In the course of the discussion Mr. Tillman inferred that Mr. Hanna was "a liar and a thief," in line with all millionaires who had made money by fraud. Mr. Allen charged that Mr. Hanna was the agent of the armor trusts.

Mr. Teller assailed the administration and railed at "the chief representative of the Republican party," who dared to get up and defend trusts that he might the more easily levy contributions in the coming campaign. He also stated that if the people knew the truth about the doings of the present administration they would overturn it in an hour.

Mr. Pettigrew stated that Mr. Hanna was trying to pay back the \$100,000 collected from the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the last campaign by means of contracts made at robber prices.

When the conference report was presented Mr. Hale moved that the amendments be disagreed to and that the bill go back into conference. He spoke of his sorrow at the delay, but assured the senate that he would never surrender to a proposition which would place the power of regulating the price of armor plate in the hands of the secretary of the navy, and which would be a complete surrender to the armor trust.

### Tarred and Feathered.

Bridgeport, N. J., June 2.—Smith Alford was taken from his home last night by a score of masked men unknown, but believed to be men of standing. He was found on the river bank this morning trying to clean tar and feathers from himself.

He was beaten, tarred and feathered by white caps, who were incensed at his having caused the death of his wife by cruelty and brutality, and was suspected of poisoning her. Alford was dragged, shrieking and struggling, past the coffin of his wife outside, where the leader told him they intended to hang him. They lashed him fearfully, but finally let him go.

## WILSON VS. KINSTON

Wednesday and Thursday, June 6th and 7th.

There will be two games of baseball this week between the teams of Wilson and Kinston at Kinston. Both have strong teams and good games are promised all who attend.

Prices—General admission, 25c; boys under 16, 15c. Ladies free, except all have to pay 10c to enter grand stand.

### Greene County Murder.

Joe Morgan shot and killed Odie Stocks, both colored, Saturday night, on Mr. Frank McLawhorn's plantation, in Ormondville township, near Ridge Spring, Greene county.

Stocks was at Morgan's house, when Morgan shot him with a pistol. Stocks was buried Sunday afternoon. Morgan has not yet been captured.

The inquest was held by Dr. G. C. Edwards, the coroner.

### CONFLICTING REPORTS.

#### Reported That Boers Will Fight at Pretoria, Also That Pretoria Will Surrender. Unless French Crushes Both's Flank a Bloody Battle Is Expected at Six-Mile Spruit.

London, June 2.—It is practically certain that the peace party which recently controlled Pretoria, and which was ready to surrender the city to Lord Roberts, has been overthrown, and that the Boers are determined to fight to the last ditch.

Roberts, loathing bloodshed, allowed all the armed burghers who were at Johannesburg to retreat northward before he took possession of the town.

They went to Pretoria, and now it seems that, rallying with forces from the north and east, they have halted at Six-Mile Spruit, south of Pretoria, for a last and desperate battle.

It was reported that the forces in the forts around Pretoria had been dismissed, but now it appears that an army of 10,000 men is holding the hills around the town, and it has been long dinned in Englishmen's ears that if these hills are well defended Pretoria is as impregnable as Gibraltar.

England hourly expects a battle at Six Mile Spruit, unless Gen. French, who is believed to be at Hartbeestfontein, 25 miles west of Pretoria, shall sweep down upon the Boer right flank and crush it. Roberts, in a report dated Thursday, says French, after driving the enemy from strong positions, "is now holding the position I directed him to do," and this is believed to refer to Hartbeestfontein.

### NO FIGHT AT PRETORIA.

#### Boers Expected to Make Last Stand at Machadodorp.

Cape Town, June 2.—A dispatch to the Argus of this city from Delagoa Bay says: "Pretoria will surrender. Kruger, according to this correspondent is said to be at Middleburg, and he adds, it is expected that the last stand of the Boers will be made at Machadodorp."

### Colville at Hellbron.

London, June 2.—It is officially announced that Gen. Colville has arrived at Hellbron, northeast of Kroonstadt, at the Orange River colony, after meeting with great opposition.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Johannesburg, June 1—(9:25 p. m.)—Sir Henry Colville, in reporting the arrival of the Highland Brigade at Hellbron, May 29th, says that he was opposed more or less the whole way from Ventersburg. Eight men were killed and four officers and thirty-two men were wounded."

"Rundle telegraphs that his casualties are 23 killed and 150 men wounded."

### Brabant Surrounds the Boers.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 31.—(Thursday.)—Gen. Brabant has practically surrounded the Boers five miles outside of Ficksburg. The only side open for the Boers retreat is the Basutoland border where thousands of Basutos under Chief Johnathan are awaiting events.

### Kruger at the Machadodorp.

Lorenzo, Marquet, June 2.—President Kruger yesterday was still at Machadodorp, about half way between Pretoria and the Portuguese frontier, on the railroad between the Transvaal capital and Delagoa Bay. Boer commands totalling about 10,000 men held Thursday all the positions and hills around Pretoria. Another large command was at Bronkhorst's Spruit about 40 miles from Pretoria, on the railroad leading to Delagoa Bay.

Telegraphic communications with Transvaal is closed to the public. Fervish excitement here owing to the almost total absence of news from either side.

### A Sprained Ankle Cured Quickly.

"At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, editor of The Guide, Washington, Va. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed." Sold by J. E. Hood.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

Boer forces have re-entered the Orange Free State and are now near Harrismith.

President McKinley has appointed Cols. Hare and Smith, of the volunteer army, to be brigadier generals.

O. H. P. Belmont, the millionaire New York supporter of Wm. J. Bryan, believes that Bryan will carry New York state, and will be elected.

Another outrage is reported to have been perpetrated by the Boxers in China. They attacked a party of 30 foreigners, killing four and wounding others.

The total amount of the cotton crop brought into sight during the nine months ending May 31st, is 8,750,661 bales, against 10,827,770 last year and 10,851,817 year before last.

The wholesale tobacco firm of Max L. Harris, New York, has sent notice to its creditors that it is unable to meet its obligations, amounting to about \$60,000; assets are about \$15,000.

A heavy explosion of chemicals at the Eastman Kodak Works, just outside of Rochester, N. Y., wrecked a portion of that building. Foreman Tracey was instantly killed, and several others were injured.

The U. S. circuit court of appeals has decided against the Southern Express company in the ruling of the Georgia railroad commission requiring the express company to affix revenue stamps on its receipts.

Kid McCoy added another to his long list of victories at the Broadway Athletic club in New York Friday night by defeating Jack Bonner, of Smith, Pa., in the 13th of what was to have been a 25-round bout at 158 pounds.

A warrant was issued at Havana Friday for the arrest of former deputy auditor W. H. Reeves, who was lodged in jail, his bail being fixed at \$1,500. It is now believed that Reeves in his so-called "concession" only gave half the truth.

The Sherman act of 1890, to amend the house Saturday by a vote of 273 to 1. It is intended to make more effective the prosecution of trusts, combinations, their agents, officers or attorneys. An amendment was adopted declaring that it shall not apply to the trades unions or labor organizations. An amendment offered by the Democrats, authorizing the president to place on the free list articles in which there is a combination in restraint of trade, was defeated by a vote of 183 to 122.

The detachment of blue-jackets, over 300, has reached Pekin. Their presence has improved the situation in that city. It is hinted in diplomatic circles that the Boxers is part of the scheme of a certain European power to give it an excuse to gain a foothold near the Chinese capital, which has been frustrated by the concerted action of the other powers. There are 23 warships at Taku and Russia has 11,000 land troops on her vessels here. The European nations are much exercised at the great show of military strength that Russia makes at Taku.

### Ray Couldn't Answer.

While speaking in the house a few days ago, defending the Republican party on the charge that it is the friend of trusts, Mr. Ray, of New York, said the Republican platform, state and national, had condemned trusts, "when illegal or oppressive."

Mr. Kitchin floored the New Yorker, as this dialogue shows:

Mr. Kitchin—"Let me ask you one more question about the platform. If your people are opposed to trusts, why is it that they put a plank in the platform of 1888 against trusts, and a plank in the platform of 1892 against trusts, but in the platform of 1896 your people deliberately left out all reference to trusts?"

Mr. Ray, of New York—"Well, I do not know why they left it out. I was not there. Perhaps they forgot it and perhaps—"

Mr. Kitchin—"No, they did not forget it."

Mr. Ray, of New York—"I do not know why that was, if it was so, in that particular year, but in almost every year the Republican platform has contained a declaration against oppressive trusts and monopolies."

### Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boecher's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.