

## EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS

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The teachers of North Carolina will have a rare opportunity to combine pleasure with business by attending the meeting in Charlotte, June 16th to 19th, and it is earnestly desired that a goodly number of the Richmond county teachers will take advantage of the opportunity that offers them so much.

We sometimes ask ourselves if we can afford the cost of things that we desire, but sometimes we ask ourselves if we can afford to do without them. We cannot afford to do without clothes and houses and many other things too numerous to mention. The teacher who expects to keep up with the advancing procession of progress cannot afford to stay away from this meeting. Provision has been made for a special rate on the railroads and for an extremely low rate for board in Charlotte, so that the entire cost of the trip need not exceed ten dollars.

No one who has a good education who does not come in contact with other neighborhoods than those in which most of his life has to be spent and other people than those whom he usually meets. Those who go to Charlotte will be able to meet and to confer with people of the highest educational advantages and of the greatest intellectual endowments. Contact with such people tends to widen our mental horizon and to elevate our ideals. We become greater by communion with the great. If half of the teachers of Richmond would avail themselves of the advantages herein referred to, it would be worth thousands of dollars to the county. It would be a good investment of part of the school funds to pay the necessary expenses of every teacher who will go, but there is no legal way in which it could be done. But the teacher who goes will prepare for better work and will be able to command in future a better salary, and thus be reimbursed several fold the amount of the expense of the trip. Beside the enjoyment of the trip will fully compensate for the outlay.

It helps one in any line of work to see what others in that same line are doing and how they are doing it. The teacher is no exception. Mr. R. D. W. Connor, who has done so much to advance the educational interests of our state, says, "A teacher at work out in the country isolated from other teachers, often feels that she is alone. She becomes discouraged and low-spirited. What she needs is to come in contact with others engaged in the same work. It gives a feeling of strength to be thrown with seven or eight hundred teachers, all of them engaged in solving the same problems." This hits the nail on the head.

Not only will those who go get a great deal of enjoyment out of the trip while in Charlotte, but it will make their work more enjoyable when they get into the school room, and whatever makes the work more enjoyable is likely to make it more productive of good results. It will just as surely make the work of the pupils more enjoyable and will be as helpful to them as to the teacher.

Educators, not only of state

but of national reputation, have been secured for the occasion, and everything will be done to make this the greatest meeting of the Teachers' Assembly ever held.

We want to keep this subject prominently before the people till after the meeting is held and we shall refer to it again.

## RELIGIOUS

The meeting of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church now in session in Greensboro, N. C., was preceded by a meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood. An excellent program was arranged by Rev. Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and was carried out in a way very creditable to all the speakers. The speeches were nearly all made by laymen and showed both earnestness and ability. Missions bible study, Sunday school work, benevolence, prayer and other practical subjects were discussed in a way that were helpful to all whose privilege it was to be present. The meeting proved that the laymen can do a great deal more to advance Christ's Kingdom than they have been doing in the past. AND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT. The church in all denominations is awaking to greater activity. Let every christian try to have a share in the movement.

### Freed From Jail by Advertising

The efficacy of want "ads" has again been demonstrated by John L. Silber, a young man of Utica, N. Y., who has recently been making a tour of the west. According to reports received by friends of Silber, he was arrested in Newkirk, Okla., and sent to jail. Friendless and almost penniless, the young man conceived the idea of appealing to the public through a want "ad." He spent his last quarter for the insertion in an Oklahoma City paper of the following advertisement:

WANTED—Young man in jail wants to get out. Suggestions solicited that might lead to his release.

The response was immediate. Several prominent attorneys interested themselves in Silber's case, and Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, was induced to issue a pardon.

### Guard Against "Thumps"

If your pigs are getting nice and sleek and stick to the nest pretty close, only getting out to suck, and then lying down again to sleep, look out for thumps, for you have the right kind of a subject. All the preventative necessary is exercise. Get into the pen when the dam is out, two or three times daily, and with a whip make them scamper about until quite tired out. Mr. Piggy will not thump. Given a chance, they generally take exercise enough of their own accord, but will bear close watching. A thumpy pig never does any good, even though he should continue to live.—Rural World.

### Chronic Constipation Cured.

One who suffers from chronic constipation is in danger of many serious ailments. Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation as it aids digestion and stimulates the liver and bowels, restoring the natural action of these organs. Commence taking it today and you will feel better at once. Foley's Orino Laxative does not nauseate or gripe and is pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes.—L. G. Fox.

The cynic says there are two kinds of people in the world—bad ones and those who have not been found out.

## CARRIED OFF INTO DESERT TO STARVE

Alleged Punishment of Women  
Real Estate Agent by  
Sheep Range Men

From the New York American.

One of the most hideous and revolting acts of cruelty ever committed in the United States is charged against the wealthy sheep range men of Wyoming.

They carried a young and pretty woman far out into the sagebrush desert and left her where she would be sure to die, if not rescued, of thirst and madness and horrible torture resulting from the peculiar character of the vegetation.

The worst has happened, according to a report brought in from the desert. The victim of the sheepmen, Miss Alice Dawson, has been seen—but not rescued—a raving maniac, subsisting entirely upon sagebrush, deprived of water, tortured almost beyond human semblance, looking more like a rabid and starving wolf than a once pretty young woman.

This amazing outrage, which should make the blood of every man with a shred of chivalry boil in his veins, was perpetrated simply because Miss Dawson persisted in pursuing a perfectly legitimate and useful occupation, which interfered with the business interests of the sheepmen.

Miss Dawson was one of the cleverest real estate agents in the middle west. She began to make a reasonable success in selling lots to farmers on the sheep ranges of Wyoming, and for this reason alone the sheepmen condemned her to her terrible fate.

Millions of acres of fine, rich soil are open to public occupation in Wyoming at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$1.25 an acre. The land is splendidly fitted for farming purposes, but the men who now use without cost to themselves as sheep ranges seem determined to keep the farmers away by crime and violence.

They employ cowboys to meet incoming trains and dissuade farmers from settling in the country by various arguments, including elaborate eloquence, plain profanity, making the visitors drunk and occasionally shooting them. They bribe many colonization agents to pass by the free range districts. When farmers insist on coming into the country to settle the sheepmen employ forcible means to drive them away. The pull down their fences, maim their cattle, burn their houses and farms, and if all this does not send them to a milder climate, they murder them.

Many scenes of cruelty and violence have occurred in this enormous, wild and scarcely inhabited region. Many forgotten victims have died out in the desert, and probably no one will ever know how they met their fate.

Miss Dawson was a real estate agent, engaged in what is called "the colonization business," with offices in Chicago and Kansas City. She was persuasive in her methods and always treated her customers honestly and fairly. Consequently she was able to lead large numbers of farmers into Texas and New Mexico.

Miss Dawson was not only a clever business woman, but she was handsome as well, and more than one farmer who was persuaded by her to go west found

himself offering her more than the money for the land she sold. Often he supplemented it by offering her his and his heart and the rest of his property.

But Miss Dawson always refused these offers politely but firmly. The life of a farmer's wife in a new country is a hard one, and she had dreams of a brilliant social career.

Her first trip to Wyoming was made in March—the first home-seekers' excursion being March 5. She had fifteen farmers with her, most of them being from Central Illinois. At Riverton she was met by a number of sheep herders representing the cattle and sheep interests and told to turn back. She laughed at them, and as she was in a town where she was well known, they were afraid to interfere with her, and she went bravely on into the desert. That was the last seen of her by her friends at Riverton.

She proceeded with her party colonists to an irrigation system some fifty miles into the desert. Two days later the wretched farmers who went with her into the desert came back almost scared to death. They told how Miss Dawson had been taken away from the hotel of the irrigation site. A band of sheep rangers, armed and wearing black masks, came in and seized her, ordered the farmers to put up their hands and promised immediate death to any man who moved a hand to help her.

"Anybody, man or woman, who tries to cut up our sheep ranges will come to an unpleasant end," remarked the leader of the sheepmen. "Just make a note of that."

Then they tied Miss Dawson upon the leader's horse, and rode away with her into the desert. From subsequent reports it appears that they carried her 200 miles into the desert and left her in the remotest spot from human habitation they could find. Runners who pass through this desert carrying the mail report that they have seen a wild demented woman, clad only in tatters, living in the sage bush. There is no doubt that this is Miss Dawson, driven mad by her sufferings.

It is supposed that she has been eating the sage bush which is about the only form of vegetation in the region where she is marooned. This sage bush contains the principal ingredient of absinthe. It is capable of sustaining life for a considerable time, but if taken without other food it surely drives the eater mad.

Thus this unhappy young woman has been condemned to a fate worse than death by a body of American citizens, purely for the sake of keeping their grasp on property which does not belong to them.

Tired nerves, with that "no ambition" feeling that is commonly felt in spring or early summer, can be easily and quickly altered by taking what is known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. One will absolutely note a changed feeling within 48 hours after beginning to take the Restorative. The bowels get sluggish in the winter time, the circulation often slows up, the kidneys are inactive, and even the heart in many cases grows decidedly weaker. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is recognized everywhere as a genuine tonic to these vital organs. It builds up and strengthens the worn-out weakened nerves; it sharpens the failing appetite, and universally aids digestion. It always quick, lively and ambitious. Try it and be convinced. Sold by L. G. Fox.

Yes, Lulya dear, this is a dry state,

## BILLION DOLLAR COUNTRY THIS

Congress Passed Measures Carrying \$880,000,000 Appropriations

"This is truly a billion-dollar country."

Representative James Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, thus paraphrased the statement of former Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster. Many years ago Secretary Foster, while discussing the appropriations made by congress for the support of the government, remarked, when his attention was called to the fact that the appropriations of the congress would aggregate about \$1,000,000,000, that the United States was "a billion-dollar country."

The comment of Secretary Foster was significant of the growth of America and the extension of its governmental work. No excuses were made by Secretary Foster for the increase of the appropriations, except that they were needed to carry on the great system of government established by the American nation.

That was many years ago. Since that the appropriations have been increasing constantly, until now they exceed anything dreamed of a quarter of a century ago. The business of the government has grown to such proportions that mere figures convey a very inadequate idea of it. At the time Secretary Foster made his epigrammatic remark the total appropriations for an entire congress (two sessions) aggregated approximately \$1,000,000,000. Today they are twice as great. While no absolutely definite figures have been made on the appropriations of the present session of congress, they will amount approximately to \$1,080,000,000. The next session of congress probably will extend that amount to two billions of dollars for the two sessions.

This year the congress has passed measures carry appropriations aggregating \$880,000,000. Certain continuing appropriations, in addition, amount to more than \$150,000,000 annually, so that the total expenditures which will have to be met by the treasury department for the year beginning July 1 next will amount to considerably over a billion dollars.

Some members of congress, in both house and the senate, foresaw what was likely to be the situation early in the present congress. They sounded warnings and urged economy, but the business of the country had grown beyond them. They could not, if they would, prevent the appropriations necessary to do the business of the government, yet it is a fact that there is strong likelihood that the treasury may be confronted at the end of the present fiscal year on June 30 next with a deficit. It is reasonably certain that the revenues of the coming fiscal year will not equal the expenditures that have been authorized and the government's available cash balance is certain to be seriously depleted.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee of the senate and Chairman Tawney, chairman of the house appropriations committee, both have warned congress that unless appropriations are held down serious consequences may result. Senator Aldrich declared a day or two

ago that if lavish expenditures were continued it would be necessary to devise new methods of taxation. And he was not talking for mere effect. The situation is regarded as serious and it will be a notable problem, to be solved by the next congress.—Wash. Cor. Richmond News Leader.

### Rural Carriers Must Brush Up.

Rural mail carriers will be required to give some attention in the future to their personal appearance, and keep themselves and equipment in harmony with "Uncle Sam." Post Master General Meyer recently issued the following order:

Postmasters of rural delivery offices will inform all carriers under their supervision that they are required to present a neat personal appearance, that the vehicles used must be suited to the service, kept in good order and presentable, and that the animals used by the carriers in serving their route must be fit to work and such as do not cast discredit on the service. Laxity in these matters by the rural carriers will be immediately reported to this office by postmasters.

### Letter from a Little Girl

Mr. Editor: As I am a little school girl only 9 years old, will you please allow me a little space in your valuable paper to write a few lines. I have been going to the graded school and I am glad to say we had a good school. As for myself I can say I learned my lessons and learned to love my teacher, Miss Sue Thomas. Miss Sue is so good and kind to her students that no one can help but love her as a lady and teacher.

In conclusion, I will say when the school opens again I hope to be there and meet Miss Sue as my teacher again, for it certainly would fill my heart with joy and gladness to know that she would be my teacher for next term. After meeting Miss Sue I hope to meet all my little playmates again. With best wishes, I am your little friend,

JENNIE LINKER.

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson, M. D., of Soda Springs, Ida., says that Bees Laxative Cough Syrup has relieved coughs and colds where all other remedies failed. Its gentle laxative effects especially recommend it for children. It is pleasant to take. For coughs, colds, hoarseness, whooping cough. Money refunded if not satisfied. Sold by L. G. Fox.

"Yes," said Tom, "I wrote a letter proposing marriage to that Boston girl."

"And did she reject you?" asked Dick.

"Yes, I made the mistake of spelling 'honor' without the 'u.'"

### Colds That Hang On

Colds that hang on in the spring deplete the system, exhaust the nerves, and open the way for serious illness. Take Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly stops the cough and expels the cold. It is safe and certain in results.—L. G. Fox.

Miss Yerner—I'm quite positive that he loves deeply.

Miss Wise—How can you know?

Miss Yerner—O! I can tell by the way he sighs when—

Miss Wise—My dear girl, you can't gauge the depth of a man's heart by his sighs.

Don't cough your head off when you can get a guaranteed remedy in Bees Laxative Cough Syrup. It is especially recommended for children as its pleasant taste is a gentle laxative thus expelling the phlegm from the system. For coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, hoarseness and all bronchial trouble. Guaranteed. Sold by Ludolph G. Fox.