

Commissions on School Funds to Co. Treasurers

Excessive Commissions Allowed in Some Counties. Attorney General Gilmer Renders an Opinion

Some trouble is developing in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction with a number of county treasurers over compensation commissions allowed as treasurers of school funds. A few of the county treasurers have charged one-half of one per cent on school fund receipts. In one instance the county treasurer charged two per cent on State warrants sent to him. It appeared that he had not been taking any commission on receipts until last year. Then, acting on the advice of his county attorney, he charged one-half of one per cent on his receipts for the two previous years. The amount he charged was the commissions on \$30,178. The State Superintendent thought that under section 88 of the school law the treasurer was not entitled to any commission on receipts or State warrants, and so informed the treasurer in that county. The treasurer expressed a willingness to abide by the law, but stated that he had been allowed these commissions by the Board of Education on the advice of the county attorney. The board therefore refused to require the treasurer to refund the excessive commissions.

The State Superintendent therefore referred the whole matter to the Attorney General. The county attorney rested his opinion that the treasurer was entitled to commissions on receipts on section 770 of The Code. The Attorney General, on the other hand, says: "The purpose of the second paragraph of section 770 of The Code as declared therein was to provide compensation for the treasurer in his capacity as treasurer of the County Board of Education. Section 18, chapter 109, Laws 1889, deals with the same subject and says: 'He shall be allowed for compensation as treasurer of the school fund such sum as the Board of Education may allow him not to exceed two per cent of his vouchers paid on orders of school committees.' It would seem that inasmuch as this section deals with the question of the compensation of the treasurer in its entirety and provides that such sum may be allowed him, not to exceed two per cent of his vouchers paid on orders of school committees, that any preceding statute allowing a greater sum would be repealed. 'You will observe that that portion of section 88 of the school law (chapter 4, Laws of 1901) relating to the compensation of the treasurer is identical with section 18, chapter 109, Laws of 1889. I am clearly of the opinion that under the law as it now stands the treasurer of the school fund cannot receive more than two per cent on his vouchers paid on orders of school committees, and that the commissions of one-half per cent on receipts appearing in the report of the county treasurer in question are erroneous."

"Maniacs" Acknowledge "Method in Their Madness"

Casgrove and Pearce Tell Why They Raised Such Disturbance in Wake Jail - Executive Committee Meets

The executive committee of the Central Hospital for the Insane, consisting of Dr. R. H. Stancu of Cornsupton, Mr. S. O. Middleton of Duplin and Mr. W. B. Fort of Pikeville, met in regular monthly session yesterday and in connection with their routine work made an investigation into the conditions as to the number and character of inmates of the institution with a view especially to examining into the grounds for certain charges made by some newspaper correspondents that urgent cases of insanity are crowded out while inebriate patients are being taken at any and all times. All these charges were found to be entirely groundless, there being only one inebriate patient in the hospital and he is one who was discharged some time ago on probation and was returned because he refused to drink and being out on probation the superintendent was obliged to take him back. There are now 185 beds in the hospital and there are just 183 patients, every one of them apparently proper patients. During the afternoon members of the committee had occasion to meet up with two "raving maniacs," Mike Casgrove and Ambrose Pearce, who created so much disturbance in Wake jail Monday and Tuesday. It will be remembered that they tore their clothes in shreds, pounded the bars of their cells and were

veritable demons in general. The hospital was full and so their admission was finally secured by the county, taking back from the institution two inebriate patients who were carried to the county house. However, when members of the committee met up with the two yesterday at the State Hospital both were walking around perfectly quiet and out any evidences of insanity. They were asked what in the world it all meant; how it was that they were only a few hours before raving in cells of the county jail and now they were behaving so sanely. Both replied to the effect that they had to do something to get out of the jail and they decided the surest way to get in the State Hospital was to raise hell and they proceeded to do it. Casgrove said he was determined to make a sure thing of it and he wiped up the floor of his cell with his clothes. He is the one who tore his clothes and hair most fiercely in the jail. It was found that the man Pearce was at the State hospital only a little more than a week ago applying for a job as nurse. It seems that while the two men are sufficiently insane to be fit subjects possibly for the asylum still they certainly have sense enough and along with it meanness enough to concoct an agreement to coerce the county and state authorities into giving them the accommodations they wanted. What they might well have been given in the light of their present confessions was straight jackets and dark cells with gas thrown in to protect fellow prisoners from the annoyance of their unearthly howls in the jail. The committee reports that there is no ground whatever for the complaints that have been made recently in certain quarters against the hospital.

DR. WINSTON TO WAKE CO. TEACHERS

Able Address on "Nature Study in Rural Schools" and "Industrial Education in Public Schools"

"Nature Study in the Rural Schools" and "Industrial Education in the Public Schools" was the subject of a two-hour address yesterday before the Wake County Teachers' Institute by Dr. George T. Winston, president of the A. & M. College. He treated the subject both historically and philosophically, and illuminated his points with abundant illustrations drawn from every-day life as well as from science and history. "We have a greater variety and a larger supply of natural resources," said he, "than almost any State in the Union, but we have the smallest amount per capita of accumulated wealth. We started in the year 1776 with a population of 100,000 and we have grown to the bottom of the column. Other States with less resources and poorer soils have held their own in competition with the fertile States of the Mississippi Valley and the great Northwest. They have done so by diversifying their industries, using improved tools and machinery, dignifying and elevating labor, encouraging nature study in schools and households, and introducing manual training and industrial education into their public schools. "The children of North Carolina have received no education that looks to wealth production. Our educational system looks away from manual labor. The average bright boy aspires to enter some literary profession and to escape physical labor. The result is lack of tools, machinery, skill and improved methods in all lines of wealth production. "The basis of all mechanical industries is drawing; and so every Massachusetts school teaches drawing and designing. The result is beautiful patterns in furniture, in dress goods, in hats, shoes, toys, ornaments and all things else that command good prices in the world's markets for beauty and tastefulness as well as utility. Drawing is an essential study in the public schools of all civilized and progressive States of the world excepting the Southern States of America. "Agriculture is based upon accurate knowledge and proper culture of soil, plants, animals and machinery; and yet our farm boys are educated at the public expense in absolute ignorance of each and all these subjects and carefully succeeded Nebuchadnezzar, the capital of Afghanistan, or the extreme northern cape of Siberia. How few farm boys know what the tassel is for, and what

the silk? How few can properly put together a harvester or a shredder? How few can set up, manage and keep in perfect order a cream separator? How few know which birds, insects and reptiles are the farmer's friends and which are enemies? How few know, or even think about the improvement of grains, fruits, vegetables, cattle, sheep, horses, etc., by careful selection and breeding? "No wonder that our bright boys run away from the farms. Their ambition, interest, curiosity, pride, knowledge, training, so far as our educational system is concerned, are all fashioned and guided not towards nature and farm life, but towards the artificial life of cities and towards political, literary and social pleasures and achievements. "This should all be changed. Nature study should be introduced into the rural schools. Country boys and country girls should be taught to love country things, to know, to realize and to love the boundless mysteries of nature, to dwell with her, to utilize her wealth of soil, plant and animal, to love to study her, and to know that the healthiest, the strongest, the noblest and the most perfect life is the life that dwells closest to nature." The speech was listened to with marked interest, and thanks were given at its close. The institute will visit the A. & M. College Friday afternoon and inspect its nature-study department. Yesterday's session of the institute was an especially profitable one. During the forenoon Professor Crittenden lectured on the study of geography and maintaining discipline, and at the afternoon session Dr. Winston's splendid address was delivered. Rev. W. G. Clements, superintendent of the county schools, is detained at home by the illness of his two daughters with fever. The Teachers' Institute adopted the following resolutions: "We, the teachers now in session in the Wake County Institute, desire to express our profound sympathy for Rev. W. G. Clements, our superintendent, in the providential visitation under which he is now placed, and while we miss him very much and believe that his presence would add greatly to our profit and pleasure, we desire him to feel perfectly at ease to remain at home so long as the conditions demand him. At the same time we hope for the full restoration to health of all his family."

PRESIDENT WINSTON IN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

President Winston of the A. & M. College leaves today to be gone two weeks attending and addressing educational rallies in central and western North Carolina. He will visit Lexington, Taylorsville, Hickory, Waynesville, Hayesville and Peachtree, and will address the people and the public school teachers at each place. He will return about a week before the opening of the

session, when he hopes to have everything ready for the largest freshman class ever seen in North Carolina, and for a more than overflowing college.

Tot Causes Night Alarm

"One night my brother's baby was taken with Croup," writes Mrs. J. C. Snider, of Crittenden, Ky. "It seemed it would strangle before we could get a doctor, so we gave it Dr. King's New Discovery, which gave quick relief and permanently cured it. We always keep it in the house to protect our children from Croup and Whooping Cough. It cured me of a chronic bronchial trouble that no other remedy would relieve." Infallible for Coughs, Colds, Throat and Lung troubles. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles 10c, at all druggists.

GOVERNOR'S TOUR WESTERN COUNTIES

Leaves Next Week for Extended Trip - Went to Caswell Yesterday

Governor Aycock left yesterday afternoon for Seven Springs, Caswell county, where he will today deliver an address at a Masonic picnic and barbecue for the orphanage. Then on Friday he will deliver a speech on education at Salisbury returning to Raleigh on Saturday. The governor has arranged for an extended trip during next week and the week following. He will go into the western part of the state having engagements to speak on educational and other subjects at several central points. He will be accompanied by Col. P. M. Pearsall, private secretary. They will leave Raleigh next Thursday, going to Hickory, where the governor will speak at a conference of county superintendents of schools to be held there. The governor's address there will be on August 14. After leaving Hickory Governor Aycock will spend a week as the guest of Attorney General and Mrs. R. D. Gilmer in Waynesville, and August 23d he will speak to the people of Haywood county in that town. From Waynesville the governor will go over the mountains, stopping in Murphy, Webster and several other places. However, he will start back in time to be in Columbus, Polk county, on August 28th, and make a speech there. Saturday, August 30, he expects to make an educational speech in Rutherfordton and this will close his educational canvass for this year. He will come from Rutherfordton straight to Raleigh. He says his official duties and the approaching session of the Legislature will hardly permit of his accepting any further invitation to speak this year.

CECIL RHODES' OXFORD SCHOLARSHIPS

Governor Aycock has received a circular letter giving the provisions of the will of the late Cecil Rhodes relating to the scholarships he has established at Oxford, North Carolina. There will be entitled to two scholarships, but not more than one shall be filled in any year. The scholarship carries with it 300 pounds a year and lasts for three years. The appointee will be expected at Oxford in 1903. No method has yet been prescribed for choosing him. In regard to qualifications Mr. Rhodes said in his will: "My desire being that the students who shall be elected to the scholarships shall not be merely book worms, I direct that in the election of a student to a scholarship regard shall be had: "1. His literary and scholastic attainments. "2. His fondness of and success in manly outdoor sports. "3. His qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for the protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship. "4. His exhibition during school days of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates, for those latter attributes will be likely in after life to guide him to esteem the performance of public duties his highest aim."

RALEIGH TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE

A Tobacco Board of Trade has been organized on the Raleigh tobacco market, having for its prime object the promotion of the best interests of the market. Its members are among the best business men of the city and they will work with united energy for the establishment of the market on a firm basis. The organization was perfected at a meeting held Tuesday night in the office of Messrs. Farber & Barbee. The following officers were elected: President - C. P. Sellars. Vice-President - R. F. Knott. Secretary and Treasurer - R. T. Gowan. The following committee was appointed to draft by-laws for the board: Joseph E. Pogue, C. P. Sellars, R. H. Knott, R. F. Knott and Cheatham. As soon as the committee prepares these by-laws a meeting of the board will be called for their adoption. At this meeting the president will appoint the various standing committees and other important business will be transacted.

GOVERNOR PARDONS A CONVICT FROM GATES

Governor Aycock on yesterday issued a pardon for Minford Green, a young white man of Gates county, who was convicted of larceny and sentenced to twelve months in the penitentiary. He has served four months of the term. The pardon was asked by eleven of the jury by whom he was convicted, by the solicitor and by several hundred citizens of the county.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF FIVE

Appointed by Chairman F. M. Simmons Yesterday

Among the acts of the Democratic State Executive Committee at the meeting Tuesday afternoon was a resolution authorizing the chairman to appoint an advisory committee of five Democrats in addition to the state and central committees.

In pursuance of that authority Chairman Simmons yesterday appointed the five following gentlemen to compose the advisory committee for the coming campaign: Capt. S. A. Ashe of Raleigh, Mr. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, Hon. Jas. H. P. of Raleigh, Hon. John E. Woodard of Wilson, and Mr. Robert M. Furman of Raleigh.

YEARLY MEETING

Exercises at the Opening of the Session

High Point, N. C., Aug. 6.—Special.—The yearly meeting of Friends was opened this morning at 10 o'clock. A number of Friends had arrived since the close of yesterday's service, among whom may be mentioned Revs. Seth Stafford, accompanied by Mrs. Stafford, and Rev. Mr. Harvey, all from the state of Indiana. Two Friends also from Canada yearly meeting were in attendance this morning—Mr. Haight and Mr. Pollard. Credentials were read for all the Friends in attendance from other yearly meetings and a very cordial welcome was extended to them, in response to which Rev. Allen Jay, of Earlham College, Indiana, made some very appropriate and impressive remarks, stating that he had many years ago spent nine years within the limits of North Carolina in the work of education and evangelization, and that he had regarded those years as among the most fruitful of his life. The yearly meeting was then opened for business and most of the morning session was given to reading epistles addressed to North Carolina from London and Dublin yearly meetings. The general epistle, issued by London yearly meeting every year and addressed to all the yearly meetings in the world, is considered to be a most valuable document as containing much of the best religious thought and doctrine in the Society of Friends. A committee was appointed to confer with the trustees of Guilford College in filling vacancies in that body. In the afternoon a meeting for worship was held and several preachers engaged in a gospel service which was conducted for about an hour and a half.

Methodist Orphanage

The executive committee of the Methodist orphanage has awarded the excavation contract for the main building to Mr. Will Robbins. The contract for brick was given to the state penitentiary. It will take over half a million brick. The excavation will be begun at once. Sand and lumber are already on the ground and there will be no delay in getting the brick. The contracts mentioned were awarded at a meeting held yesterday at noon.

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