For the Improvement

Prof. E. C. Brooks Issues ·From State Superintendent's Office Letter Showing What is Being Done

ery section of the State give the strong- buildings, arranging to build three more est proof that there is a growing senti- this year. Cherokee built four the past ment in every county toward the im-provement of the public schools, the ed-scription one large central high school by wireless telegraphy between Washprovement of the public schools, the educational associations and assemblies on every occasion have emphasized three principles and have worked toward these three ends, believing that the accomplishment of these will lead to other erected four new buildings at a cost the navy. Beyond the fact that the comcomplishment of these will lead to other erected four new buildings at a cost the navy. Beyond the fact that the comneeded reforms, writes Prof. E. C. of \$400 each, one other enlarged at a munication was positively established the office of the State Superintendent proved. Brunswick has built three the the tests decline to car anything about of Public Instruction yesterday.

Consolidation of Districts. Continuing the report says:

Alamance has so arranged six towngraded schools. So well did the superintendent perfect his work that consolidation followed as a necessity. Anson dation followed as a necessity. Anson, ter building at Hillsboro. Mitchell built napolis. The distance between them as two last year. Ashe reduced eight dis- four new houses. Wilkes is arranging the crow flies is about 25 miles. At tricks into four. Caldwell consolidated to build twenty-five this year. Ruther- 6:30 o'clock the first attempt was made Brunswick reduced her number from seventy-nine to seventy-one; Davidson has built four well equipped houses, bas consolidated five districts and is costing in all \$2.100. has consolidated five districts and is costing in all \$2,100. now considering several others. Edgecombe has consolidated nine into five. Gaston has consolidated eight into one ready for local taxation, others are ripe ford has consolidated a number of disty has one township that has petitioned tricts and a number of others have the county commissioners for an elecand others will be changed soon. Guil- and will vote next year. Forsyth counthe matter under consideration. Har- tion. The county superintendent of gestion of Rear Admiral R. B. Bradford nett has consolidated ten into five and Mecklenburg county says about one- chief of the bureau, to inspect and purdiscontinued two. Hertford has consol-idated two. Iredell has reduced the number in three townships from twentytwo to seventeen. Lenoir consolidated ty has one rural graded school and will four the past year. The work of con- have two others next year supported solidation in Liucoln will begin imme- by private subscription, free though to diately after the educational rallies, all in the district. Guilford county has There are three townships now ready five districts that will ask for a vote for the change. Mecklenburg has con- on local taxation. Pitt county will solidated eight into four and is making hold an election in Bethel township He Had a Sudden Attack at arrangements to reduce the number and in Farmville township on Septem very materially within the next year, ber 4th. The schools in New Hanover In Pitt the districts have been rear- all run seven months. The county tax ranged in two townships. Polk has con- for the present is sufficient. Davidson solidated four white districts into two county will support one graded school and five colored into three. The super- for nine months by private subscription intendent of Randolph county says: free to all the children in the district. this city. The attack came upon him one township and next year we will for local taxation; and Stokes has one, ters, and Major Bushnell of Fort Logan, begin a systematic rearrangement and where an election will be ordered. The consolidation." Rockingham has consolidated two and arranged to reduce the number to three less still. Vance this fall. Waren county has one high the fever from which General Funston has reduced three districts to one: Tyrrell has consolidated two; Warren two; and Watanga three. Stokes county has reduced the number to ten less, and more consolidations will follow soon. Mitchell consolidated two and is preparing others for the change. Wilkes has reduced the number ten less. Rutherford county has consolidated two and Cleveland six district

Improvement of the School Houses. Franklinville have raised \$1,000 by private subscription for the erection of for more this year. In Mecklenburg county one building is now being erected at a cost of \$3,500, and about \$7,000 on September 6th. in all will be spent by next January. in buildings. One building in Union for school improvements. Iredell erected five new buildings, the citizens sub-In Alamance the citizens have agreed of the assistance of this organization. in six townships to erect new school buildings. The cost of each will range or the smaller towns.

money has already been subscribed, gress. Harnet; county built last year 15 new school houses, and will build eight during the next year. Bertle has made great improvement in school buildings and equipments. Caldwell built four new buildings. Gaston county erected three large buildings. At Lowell's subscription was raised for a \$1,500 build-Reports being received daily and er. ing. Gates county built two modern cost of \$250. Others to be greatly im- and signals exchanged, the officers of the past year. Curirtuck is making arrangements to equip the schools with better whether any message had been successcided to build a \$450 school house. At tion between several foreign wireless ford has given contract for three mod- to establish communication and it was

Local Taxation. Randolph county has one rural district We have consolidated the districts in Wilkes county has two townships ready suddenly at his office at army headquarsuperintendent of Alamance county has arranged for six rural graded schools is thought to be the lingering effects of school free to all the children in the district for nine months, supported by private subscription. Caldwell county his health. Fears are also entertained has two districts that will vote on the question of local taxation this fall, Gaston has two district, and possibly two others, that will vote on the question of local taxation this fall. Hyde county has one rural graded school. Columbus has six districts that will vote on local taxation; Rowan county In Randolph county the citizens of has two districts that will vote on the same question; Vance county has one Currituck has one school supported for a school building, and four other new ten months by a sporting association up-to-date buildings have been erected near Poplar Branch. In Rutherford the past year and plans are perfected county several local tax districts are in contemplation. Cleveland county will vote on local taxation in two districts

Add to this the work done in Wate, Six hundred patent desks were bought Durham, Buncombe and other counties list year and about the same number to that have not yet reported, and the be purchased this year. Edgecombe great improvements in buildings, equipcounty has built five new buildings, one ments, and length of term, are remarkat Conceto at a cost of \$1.200. All will able when compared with the stagnabe repainted this year. Lenoir county tion that appeared only a few years built four houses last year. Lincoln ago. One other force should be mencounty spent \$1,550 in the past year tioned here—the work of the "Woman's Chib for building better school county was built last year at a cost houses." 'This club has extended its of \$1,500. \$8,000 is to be spent in usefulness in a number of counties, and Sullford county during the next year almost daily the report come that a Woman's Club has been organized in this thing. another county, and that the citizens scribing a large per cent of the money. are making plans to avail themselves All this work is in the rural districts

Preparations Complete for the Coronation Today

London, Aug. 9 .- The last act in the | descend to make the procession afoot song drawn out preparations at West- to the throne. The cavalcade quickly disappeared under the cloister archway minster is now attested by the presence and a cordon of police, stretched across, of a strong force of yoemen of the suddenly shut out the public. guard on the ecene where a few hours hence Edward and Alexandra will be ex-Prime Minister Salisbury has obenthroned amid a most brilliant assem- tained the king's permission to be abblage. These yoemen are attired in the quaint, well known Tudor costumes. Indisposed and will go to the south of France at an early date. Until this morning it was understood that Lord over the crown and jewels of state Salisbury was in his usual health, as he which are now laid in the central theatre where the king and queen will re- eign visitors at Hartfield the other day. ceive them. A strong escort of the roy- It is probable, however, that the unal household cavalry with drawn swords seasonable weather will cause the abguarded the removal of the historic jeweled crowns from the tower of London, which is their regular resting place, to

A gorgeous state coach, with royal but are pretty.

The king walked in the grounds of footmen in state livery, standing up be-hind and closely hedged with prancing Buckingham palace yesterday and it was

An announcement that must arouse sent from the coronation. He is slightly personally entertained a number of for-

along the route was carried on throughout the night. The decorations are less

troopers, swung up last evening to the announced last evening that he had not annex to the abbey, where the king will suffered from fatigue.

PACIFIC CABLE

Be Authorized to Go Ahead

tract without the authority of congress, but the president's direction to the at- properties there had attracted attention The Commercial Company to

The Commercial Compan torney general today will at least war- to the Seaboard as an independent sys-Oyster Bay, Aug. 8.—The president today authorized Attorney General Knox
to go ahead and close with the Pacific
Commercial Cable Company a contract
to lay down a San Francisco-Honoluluto lay down a San Franciscoto lay down a San Franciscoto lay down a San Franciscoto lay down a San Franc eroment cable very high in the air and of the executive to complete the con- mecial Cable interests were ready to Yarborough.

make with the government in exchange for the concession of cable landings at San Francisco, and on the islands of the

of Public Schools

Sea.

Mr Knox came to Oyster Bay today to explain this schedule to the president, to clear up the legal aspects of such a contract. He told the president that it was fully in his authority to close the it was fully in his authority to close the from \$200 to \$500. A great deal of contract subject to the approval of con-

WITHOUT WIRES

Telegraph Signals Exchanged Between Washington and Annapolis

supplies. In Orange county the people fully transmitted between the two points, or Andrews' School House have de- on the ground that the formal competi-

> nary to the competitive tests of wireless systems which will probably be begun Monday with the object of ascertaining the best system for installation on ships

Army Headquarters

Denver, Aug. S.-Brigadier General Funston, commander of the department of the Colorado, is ill at his home in who happened to be near by, was called and attended the general. The trouble that an abscess has formed around the unheled portion of the wound made by the operation for appendicitis, which the general underwent in the east before coming to Colorado, and that another operation will be necessary.

A Negro Lawyer Called Down in Charlotte Recorder's Court

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 8.-Special.-. S. Leary, a well known colored lawyer, was severely rebuked by the recorder in the city court today. Re- cannot be done without additional help. corder Shannonhouse said that he had reason to believe that Leary had been soliciting business among the colored OUTLINE OF POLICY prisoners, and this the recorder regarded degrading to the legal profession. When a witness was called upon to corroborate the recorder's statement Leary rose to his feet. Recorder Shannonhouse said: "I am going to try to stop

"I have a right here and I am not going to overstep that right," replied

"If you say anythin more I will have you put out," answered the recorder. And Leary took his seat,

Baltimore Financiers Suggest Various Theories to Explain the Advance

were busy today discussing the activity in the stocks of the Scuboard Air Line ing by the 1:30 Scaboard train for Nor-Railway at the Baltimore stock exchange. Brokers' officer of the stock of the Scuboard train for Norchange. Brokers' offices, which have been comparatively empty during the midsummer dullness, were thronged with groups swapping theories on the ad-

Over 10,000 shares of both the preferred and common were traded in and the prices advanced quickly to 301 for the common stock and 503 for the preing absorbed the bulk of the sales and the curb market prices in that city were general impression was that the talked to the jury about 5:30 o'clock. The clos-of deals in the south to combine various ing argument was made by Mr. S. G. properties there had attracted attention Ryan of counsel for the plaintiff.

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PROF. E. C. BROOKS COMPLETES HIS WORK

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Accomplished Much for Educational Campaign-More Help Needed in Superintendent's Office

Prof. E. C. Brooks, secretary of the educational executive committee, appointed by the conference of educators that met in Raleigh last February, consisting of the state superintendent, governor, and President Charles D. McIver, suffered in Cuba and the Philippines, and has completed his work and leaves for which has at different times impaired his home in Monroe today. For nearly two months he has done efficient and valuable work in the office of the state superintendent and has had charge of planning the educational campaign. He has collected much interesting and valuable information about the progress of the work in the various counties and iven wide circulation to it through the newspapers of the state. The work has, of course, been in co-operation with the state superintendent as a part of the work of the department of education. The truth is that under the present progressive educational administration the work in the office of the state superintendent has increased so greatly that the services of some such efficient school man as Mr. Brooks are needed in the office all the while in addition to the efficient force now employed. There is much work that ought to be done that

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Meeting of the State Executive Committee Last Night

Mr. Jno. A. Oates of Fayettville and Rev. A. J. McKelway of Charlotte, were in the city last night attending a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League. The meeting was held in the office of the Raleigh Christian Advocate and was attended by Messrs. Oates, McKelway, N. B. Broughton, J. W. Bailey and Rev. T. N. Ivey, representing the committee of one hundred appointed from over the State.

At the meeting last night the committee adopted the following outline of policy to be advocated, viz.: The securing of a general state law abolishing the saloon system and providing that any county or

system and providing that any county or incorporate town or city desiring the dispensary shall be able to secure it by a

J. J. WILSON AND WIFE RETAIN GOWER FARM

About 6:30 o'clock last night the jury ing in Wake Superior Court the past The work of finishing the decorations along the route was carried on throughout the night. The decorations are less elaborate than those put up in June, but are pretty.

ferred stock, compared with the last three days, brought in a verdict in favor of the defendent. This means that the dealer of the defendent. This means that the last deed given to J. J. Wilson by the late of the preferred. New York buying absorbed the bulk of the sales and A. L. Gower in consideration of an obligation on the part of Wilson and wife fractionally higher than the quotations on the local market There was a dearth. on the local market. There was a dearth of heirs of law.

of news to explain the demand and the Judge Winston concluded his charge

general consolidation that eventually a Company, and Miss Alice B. Fountain price would be offered that would in of Tarboro were married this afternoon at 7 o'clock in the Presbyterian church, Rev. F. W. Farries officiating.

Royal Relief for Famine

Pekin, Ang. 8.—The throne has given 300,000 taels from the privy purse to as-Mr. J. B. Judd of Henderson is at the vince of Szechuan and to arrest disconsist in relieving the famine in the protent there arising from the scarcity of

food. Probably not more than half of the money will reach the sufferers, the remainder being appropriated by officials through whose hands it will pass.

Shooting Contest Closed

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 8.—Special.—The clay pigeon contest closed here today. It has been a highly successful affair. Scores were high and the weather ideal. Crosby, the champion American shot. broke the world's record by killing 97 out of a possible 100 biads.

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