

For the Improvement of Public Schools

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

Reports being received daily from every section of the State give the strongest proof that there is a growing sentiment in every county toward the improvement of the public schools...

Consolidation of Districts. Alameda has so arranged six townships that it is now possible to establish graded schools. So well did the superintendent perfect his work that consolidation followed as a necessity...

Improvement of the School Houses. In Randolph county the citizens of Franklinville have raised \$1,000 by private subscription for the erection of a school building, and four other new up-to-date buildings have been erected...

from \$200 to \$500. A great deal of money has already been subscribed. Harnet county built last year 15 new school houses, and will build eight during the next year.

Local Taxation. Randolph county has one rural district ready for local taxation, others are ripe and will vote next year.

make with the government in exchange for the concession of cable landings at San Francisco, and on the islands of the 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 contract subject to the approval of congress.

WITHOUT WIRES

Telegraph Signals Exchanged Between Washington and Annapolis

Washington, Aug. 8.—Communication by wireless telegraphy between Washington and Annapolis over an all land route was established today. A French system, the Rochefort, was used and the operators were James B. Bell and William C. Bram, chief electricians in the navy.

This morning's experiment was preliminary to the competitive tests of wireless systems which will probably begin Monday with the object of ascertaining the best system for installation on ships of the United States navy.

GEN. FUNSTON ILL

He Had a Sudden Attack at Army Headquarters

Denver, Aug. 8.—Brigadier General Funston, commander of the department of the Colorado, is ill at his home in this city. The attack came upon him suddenly at his office at army headquarters, and Major Bushnell of Fort Logan, who happened to be near by, was called and attended the general.

PERNICIOUS PRACTICE

A Negro Lawyer Called Down in Charlotte Recorder's Court

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 8.—Special—J. S. Leary, a well known colored lawyer, was severely rebuked by the recorder in the city court today. Recorder Shannonhouse said that he had reason to believe that Leary had been soliciting business among the colored prisoners, and this the recorder regarded as degrading to the legal profession.

ACTIVITY IN S. A. L. STOCKS

Baltimore Financiers Suggest Various Theories to Explain the Advance

Baltimore, Aug. 8.—Financial circles were busy today discussing the activity in the stocks of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at the Baltimore stock exchange.

Over 10,000 shares of both the preferred and common were traded in and the prices advanced quickly to 20 3/4 for the common stock and 50 3/4 for the preferred stock, compared with the last sales yesterday 20 3/4 for the common and 49 3/4 for the preferred.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitaker returned last night from Morehead City, where they have been enjoying sea breezes and the pleasures of that delightful resort for the past two weeks.

Mr. J. B. Judd of Henderson is at the Yarrowburgh.

PROF. E. C. BROOKS COMPLETES HIS WORK

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 education that met in Raleigh last February, consisting of the state superintendent, governor, and President Charles D. McEver, has completed his work and leaves for his home in Monroe today.

OUTLINE OF POLICY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Meeting of the State Executive Committee Last Night

Mr. Jno. A. Oates of Fayetteville 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.

J. J. WILSON AND WIFE RETAIN GOWER FARM

About 6:30 o'clock last night the jury in the case of Tudor vs. Wilson pending in Wake Superior Court the past three days, brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant. This means that the deed given to J. J. Wilson by the late A. L. Gower in consideration of an obligation on the part of Wilson and wife to care for him the remainder of his life, will hold good against the contest of heirs of law.

Peacock-Fountain

Goldboro, N. C., Aug. 8.—Special.—Mr. A. L. Peacock, a traveling salesman for the Norfolk Pants and Manufacturing Company, and Miss Alice B. Fountain of Tarboro were married this afternoon at 7 o'clock in the Presbyterian church, Rev. F. W. Faries officiating.

Royal Relief for Famine

Pekin, Aug. 8.—The throne has given 300,000 taels from the privy purse to assist in relieving the famine in the province of Szechuan and to arrest discontent there arising from the scarcity of

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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.

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Preparations Complete for the Coronation Today

London, Aug. 9.—The last act in the long drawn out preparations at Westminster is now attested by the presence of a strong force of yeomen of the guard on the scene where a few hours hence Edward and Alexandra will be enthroned amid a most brilliant assemblage. These yeomen are attired in the quaint, well known Tudor costumes. They have watched through the night over the crown and jewels of state which are now laid in the central theatre where the king and queen will receive them.

PACIFIC CABLE

The Commercial Company to Be Authorized to Go Ahead

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-Honolulu-Guam-China-Manila cable. This practically insures the laying of a Pacific cable by the Commercial Cable Company within a short time.

descend to make the procession afoot to the throne. The cavalcade quickly disappeared under the cloister archway and a cordon of police, stretched across, suddenly shut out the public. An announcement that must arouse comment is that under medical advice ex-Prime Minister Salisbury has obtained the king's permission to be absent from the coronation. He is slightly indisposed and will go to the south of France at an early date.

tract without the authority of congress, but the president's direction to the attorney general today will at least warrant the company in making preparations to put down the cable. While congress was considering the question of a Pacific cable last session it took occasion to lift Mr. Corlies' proposition for a government cable very high in the air and drop it into a very deep hole soon after the late John W. Mackay went to the white house and said he wanted very much to see the cable put through.

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