

Would Seriously Cripple State's Public Schools

Supt. Joyner Interviewed on Non-Admissibility of the Second Hundred Thousand Dollars for the School Fund

Since the statement issued a short time ago by Superintendent Joyner, that the money was not available to pay the second hundred thousand dollars to the school fund, there has been much uneasiness and anxiety throughout the state in regard to the matter. Upon learning that such was the case, a Post man asked Superintendent Joyner yesterday in regard to the situation, which he explained as follows:

"In answer to your inquiry about the second hundred thousand dollars I desire to say that it is my earnest hope and belief that the Legislature will make provision for its payment. It will be nothing less than a calamity to the school interest of the state if the General Assembly should fail to do this. The reports that I have been receiving from the county superintendents in regard to their schools this winter indicate that the public schools are in better condition than ever before, that the people are taking more interest in them, and that the attendance is better than at any previous time in their history. I have not, of course, received reports from all counties, but this is the testimony of a number of the superintendents and teachers in many counties from whom I have heard from time to time through personal and official letters.

"After all the promises made to the people during the last campaign, that they should have a four months school, I do not think that the Legislature can afford at their first meeting after the election to permit these promises to be broken. The people have acted upon the faith of the promises of the party that has established in North Carolina a reputation as a pledge-keeping party. In many counties all the arrangements for conducting their schools for months have been made and in some counties the teachers in many of the weak districts have already sought out more than the county appointment under the advice of the county superintendent and county board of education; that the second hundred thousand dollars from the

state would probably be available and that it was better to have a continuous term of the school than to close the schools and allow them to become disorganized, and begin later in case they should get their part of the state appropriation.

"If this money should fail to be provided now it would complicate greatly school affairs in many counties, would cause a number of county deficits instead of one state deficit, and would have a tendency to retard educational progress and dampen educational enthusiasm. It would weaken the faith of the people in the promises of the state and of the party. It would, as is usually the case in all school troubles, strike the poor, innocent teacher hardest and probably result in the loss of a part of their hard earnings to many of these poorly paid teachers. The failure to provide this money now would work a hardship to more people than the failure to provide for appropriation made by the last Legislature.

"This second hundred thousand dollars was appropriated by the Legislature of 1901 for this purpose. It is as binding as any other appropriation made by that Legislature. It affects more vitally the education interest of the great masses of the people of North Carolina than any other appropriation made by that Legislature. If the other appropriations made by that Legislature have been paid in full to date already, then this appropriation made for the benefit of the little children of North Carolina must be provided for. If there should not be enough money to pay all the appropriations made by the last Legislature, then as state superintendent of public instruction and the legal representative of the education interest of the children of the state, I shall insist that all appropriations shall be paid upon the same footing with all others and that the same percent of this shall be paid; in other words, if we have not money enough to pay all, then I shall insist that all appropriations made by the preceding Legislature shall be prorated. It would not be fair or just to allow all the deficit, or the largest part thereof, to fall upon the appropriation for the public schools and the little children. I am confident, however, that this General Assembly, composed of many of the state's able, patriotic and just representatives, will see the wisdom and the justice in providing the means to keep the state's pledge to its little children.

and also to publish any letters from farmers which they think will aid and help the agricultural classes of North Carolina.

The following call for meetings to perfect county organizations of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association was issued last night: To the Farmers of North Carolina. The farmers in the various sections of North Carolina are asked to meet at the following times and places for the purpose of forming branch associations of the North Carolina Farmers' Association:

Thursday, Feb. 19th, Nashville.
Friday, Feb. 20th, Rocky Mount.
Saturday, Feb. 21st, Tarboro.
Tuesday, Feb. 24th, Elm City.
Wednesday, Feb. 25th, Smithfield.
Thursday, Feb. 26th, Southfield.
Friday, Feb. 27th, Williamston.
Saturday, Feb. 28th, Enfield.
Monday, March 2d, Kinston.
Tuesday, March 3d, Wilson.
Thursday, March 5th, Fremont.
Friday, March 6th, Spring Hope.
Saturday, March 7th, Lenoir.
Tuesday, March 10th, Dunn.
Wednesday, March 11th, Clinton.
Thursday, March 12th, New Bern.
Saturday, March 14th, Colerain.
Monday, March 16th, Aulander.
Tuesday, March 17th, Halifax.
Wednesday, March 18th, Warrenton.
Thursday, March 19th, Henderson.
Friday, March 20th, Oxford.
Saturday, March 21st, Roxboro.
Tuesday, March 24th, Durham.
Wednesday, March 25th, Pittsboro.
Thursday, March 26th, Hillsboro.
Friday, March 27th, Burlington.
Saturday, March 28th, Greensboro.
Monday, March 30th, Reidsville.
Tuesday, March 31st, Asheville.

Farmers interested in this movement are asked to write to W. B. Batchelor, Secretary, Raleigh, N. C. For literature, etc., John S. Cunningham, President, North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association.

Colonel Cunningham said last night that as soon as twenty-five county branch associations are organized a movement will be made to perfect an interstate association, embracing portions of Virginia, East Tennessee and South Carolina.

Coras Rheumatism and Catarrh—Medicine Sent Free

These two diseases are the result of an awful poisoned condition of the blood. If you have aching joints and back, shoulder blades, bone pains, crippled hands, legs or feet, swollen muscles, shifting, sharp biting pains, and that tired, discouraged feeling of rheumatism, or the hawking, spitting, blurred eyesight, deafness, sick stomach, headache, noises in the head, mucous throat discharges, decaying teeth, bad breath, belching gas of catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). It kills the poison in the blood which causes these awful symptoms, giving a pure, healthy blood supply to the joints and mucous membranes, and makes a perfect cure of the worst rheumatism or fulest catarrh. Cures where all else fails. Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is composed of pure Botanic ingredients, good for weak kidneys. Improves digestion, cures dyspepsia. A perfect tonic for old folks by giving them new, rich, pure blood. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Drug-gists, \$1 per large bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter.

WHIRL OF BUSINESS IN PLACE OF ORATORY

(Continued from First Page.)

ills was postponed until the expiration of the morning hour Tuesday.

Passed Final Reading

A resolution in respect to the memory of Dr. J. L. M. Curry.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Mecklenburg to change the site of the county home.

An act to prohibit the sale of liquor in the town of Statesville and provide for an election on the question.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Hobgood.

An act to incorporate the city of Washington.

An act to provide for working the public roads of Halifax county.

An act to provide for the better working of the public roads and highways of Columbus county.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Concord.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Concord to contract for lights for the town.

An act to incorporate the town of Hassell in Martin county.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Hamilton in Martin county.

An act to incorporate the Southern Life Insurance Company.

An act to incorporate the Goldsboro Hospital.

An act for the better management of the Terrell school fund in Person county.

An act to provide for an additional term of court for Person county.

An act to appoint a local board of managers for the colored normal school at Fayetteville.

Revenue Bill Introduced

Gov. Doughton introduced the revenue bill prepared by the joint committee on finance. It is not an entirely new measure, but includes many of the identical provisions of the 1901 act, some sections are amended and some are new. The bill was made a special order for next Wednesday at 12 o'clock, and 500 copies ordered printed.

Mr. Hunter of Wake obtained unanimous consent to introduce a bill to establish Olive Chapel graded school in Wake and Chatham counties.

Railroad War Claim

A resolution to pay a claim to the Delaware, Lenoir and Western Railroad was adopted. This was a claim for the transportation of the Second Regiment band during the Spanish-American war. Payment of

the claim had been refused by the national government.

Other bills passed third and final readings were as follows:

An act to amend the stock law in Little Pine Creek township in Madison county.

An act to provide for a stock law election in certain townships in Alleghany county.

An act to amend chapter 173 laws of 1887 relating to the public schools in Catawba county.

An act to prevent the obstruction of Juniper Creek in Brunswick and Columbus counties.

An act for the relief of Miss Mamie Little, a public school teacher of Anson county.

An act to promote and protect the oyster industry in Brunswick county.

An act to allow the clerk of the superior court of Wayne county to absent himself from his office on certain days.

An act to allow E. R. Redford to peddle without license.

An act to regulate the killing of game in Northampton county.

An act to prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of Seavern and Pine Forest Baptist churches in Northampton county.

At 1:40 the House adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday.

Better Than Gold

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

Cleveland or Olney?

(Harper's Weekly.)

On the question of availability Mr. Olney would not have the faintest chance of carrying his native State. He might possibly win Rhode Island, but we could have no assurance that he would gain Connecticut, whereas we know that Mr. Cleveland has repeatedly carried the last named State. He would be much less likely than Mr. Cleveland to capture New Jersey, because local pride would greatly assist his former chief. There is no reason to suppose that he would run better in New York than would Mr. Cleveland, because the latter has twice carried that State against the wishes of Tammany Hall; and in 1901 he could count upon the cordial support of that organization. Either of the two candidates named would no doubt sweep all of the Southern States, with the possible exceptions of Maryland and West Virginia.

As regards the pivotal States of the Middle and far West, however, it must be owned that Mr. Cleveland would have the immense advantage of being well known to the voters. Indeed, he is probably better known to the mass of the electorate than is any other citizen of the United States. Mr. Olney is, by comparison, a stranger. In tens of thousands of constituencies it would be needful for stump speakers to explain who he is. That is a handicap which the Democratic party in a desperate crisis of its fortunes can hardly afford to undergo.

The same objection may, of course, be made to the candidacy of Judge Parker, who had scarcely been heard of outside of his own State until last autumn, when his name was mentioned for the Governorship of New York. We may say for Judge Parker, however, that he is generally believed to be capable of carrying his native State. The crucial question is, however, whether Democrat is able not only to carry New York, but also Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana, and Illinois, inasmuch as the electoral votes of at least all of those States will probably be indispensable. Now there is only one Democrat alive who has ever carried those five States, and that man is Grover Cleveland.

Vermont Quashes Threat

(Washington Times.)

An analysis of the vote by which Vermont last week decided to quench her thirst of nearly fifty years shows that, generally speaking, the cities favored the repeal of the prohibition law, while the rural communities sought to have it remain upon the statute books. The submission of the question to the people was the result of agitation which has been going on in the Green Mountain state for many years, and which was brought to an issue in the gubernatorial campaign of last year, when the Republican party divided upon the proposition of local option or prohibition and each faction nominated a candidate.

While the regular nominee, the Hon. John McCullough, was successful upon a pro-prohibition platform, the State convention which nominated him declared in favor of allowing the people to vote upon the question as to whether they favored a continuance of the anti-liquor law, or communities which wished licenses to have that privilege, and those which preferred to remain "dry" to likewise have their wishes respected.

That the people were interested in the subject and aroused is shown by the fact that the total vote on the proposition aggregated more than 60,000, of which the local optionists had but little more than 1,000 majority.

Of the fourteen counties of the State, eight voted to continue the prohibition law and six for local option. The latter contain the large cities of the State, including Montpelier, Burlington, Barre, Rutland, and St. Albans, all of which favored license. It has been in those municipalities that the prohibition law has been violated most, and from which has arisen the demand for a repeal of the statute.

The rural communities, the small towns, and isolated parts voted to con-

tinue prohibition. Now, under a local option, both will be appeased. The cities which wanted license will be enabled to obtain it, and the counties which desire to go "dry" will be able to prohibit the sale of intoxicants. The overthrow of prohibition in Vermont leaves but four states—Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, and North Dakota—where licenses to sell liquor are not issued. Twenty-four States have local option laws, and one—South Carolina—has the dispensary system.

Fought Two Duels

Paris, Feb. 14.—Max Regis, the notorious former anti-Semite mayor of Algiers, fought two duels today. In the first one his opponent was M. Laberdesque, a famous duellist, who has already killed three men. He wounded Regis in the forearm, whereupon the Jew-baiting ex-mayor broke out into violent abuse of his opponent. Afterwards he offered an apology, to which M. Laberdesque replied that he would send his seconds to him again, and at the next meeting would run him through.

Regis then fought a duel with pistols with a journalist of the name of Landau. Two shots were exchanged without result.

General Moral Slump

Paris, Feb. 14.—The Temps, in discussing the adverse vote of the Senate committee on the nomination of Dr. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, says this anti-negro vote is an evidence that the United States is participating in the general moral slump which is noticeable among the great powers.

Kissing the Bible

(Washington Post.)

The North Carolina Legislature has just enacted a law doing away with the practice of kissing the Bible in courts and other places where an oath is to be administered. A rather amusing debate attended the ceremony, but with that we need not concern ourselves. Enough that the occasion is now prohibited in North Carolina—a consummation much to be commended. The custom originated in a time of superstition, when it was an article in everybody's faith that if the murderer could be made to touch his dead victim the wounds would break out afresh and blood proclaim the miscreant's guilt; when "witchcraft" was seriously regarded as a mortal sin, and ghosts, astrologers, and magicians figured in every creed. In those days they believed that if a person kissed the Bible and then told a lie he would drop dead—stricken by an angry and offended Jehovah. Modern enlightenment, however, has shown us that the perjurer kisses and survives. The liar prospers. He kisses the Bible as readily as he would a table or a chair, and then reels off his falsehoods with an untroubled brow. It is no longer possible for any intelligent man to believe that the kissing of the Bible adds the smallest value to the testimony of the witness. Honest men will tell the truth without any prompting of superstition. Dishonest men will lie as fluently in the presence of the Bible as in that of the dictionary or the atlas.

The practice in question, therefore, is as futile as it is unclean. North Carolina has done well to relegate it to the limbo of credulity and ignorance.

(New York Mail and Express.)

The big guns of the Old World are now mostly made by a girl of 16. Miss Bertha Krupp's 100-toners certainly throw far into the shade the helmet, spear, and shield of poor old effects Minerva.

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