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MATHESON IS MADE PRESIDENT

Teachers' Assembly Elects Officers

DR. BIGELOW'S ADDRESS

Editor of St. Nicholas Charms Teachers With Discourse On Nature Study in the Schools—Supt. Joyner Calls for Progress—Dr. Sikes Speaks—Tonight's Program.

At the conclusion of the morning program in the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly today the annual election of officers was held and the following were elected: President—Supt. J. A. Matheson of the Durham schools. First Vice President—County Superintendent Thomas R. Foust of Guilford. Secretary and Treasurer—R. D. W. Connors of Raleigh. Vice Presidents: W. J. Martin of Davidson, J. A. McLeod of McRae Institute, W. S. Snelgas of Winston-Salem, F. P. Hall of Gastonia, Miss Annie Wetmore of Greensboro and Mrs. W. C. Brooks of Elizabeth City. The morning session was devoted to three addresses by Dr. Edward F. Bigelow of Stanford, Conn., editor of St. Nicholas magazine, on "Nature Study," State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, on "Educational Progress of the Year in North Carolina," and Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest, who took the place of President W. L. Poteat of that college. The feature this morning was the address by Dr. Bigelow. His illustrations, all of them experiences with children in and out of the school room, amused and delighted the hearers. Dr. Bigelow said frankly that nature study could not be defined but nature was the one place where the child and the man can be at home together. The one thing he strove to emphasize was to enter into the child's life, to be interested with the child in his observations and amusements and to let the child tell what he sees and knows. Dr. Bigelow said that he was talking simply as a lover of children, not as a teacher, to lovers of children. He specially criticized the system in many schools of having head and foot in a class for while the child at the head would be pleased and the parents delighted, yet great harm was done to the child at the foot. There is no for the child at the head but there are tears and discouragement for the child at the foot. Such a system is not democratic but aristocratic. Supt. Joyner's address today was a strong presentation of facts summarized in The Times yesterday from his report. The declarations of Superintendent Joyner in favor of rural high schools and "that North Carolina will be compelled to adopt compulsory attendance laws to rid itself of illiteracy" were received with marked approbation. The morning hour had expired when Dr. E. W. Sikes was introduced, so he spoke very briefly but he forcibly emphasized the necessity of maintaining a high ethical standard in training the young. This afternoon Dr. F. C. Woodward of Richmond College addressed the assembly. The section of city school superintendents was also in session with President J. T. Alderman presiding. Among those on the program at this meeting are B. C. Gregory of Chelsea City Schools, W. V. Boyle of Rocky Mount, Bruce Craven of Morganton, H. B. Craven of New Bern, and J. A. Matheson. The nature study section is also in session this afternoon and papers were presented on talks made by I. C. Griffin of Salisbury, Miss Leah Jones of Greensboro, J. A. Byrnes of Trinity Park, Miss Elizabeth Bernard of Asheville and Dr. F. L. Stevens of the A. and M. College. This evening at 8:30 promptly the assembly will meet in Pullen Hall and hear addresses by Dr. E. F. Bigelow, editor of St. Nicholas, and Dr. F. C. Woodward of Richmond College.

NEGRO EDUCATION A NATIONAL PROBLEM

The annual address of President W. T. Whitsett before the Teachers' Assembly was delivered last night in Pullen hall at 8:30. In the course of this speech, after depicting the trials and struggles on the south in educating her children, President Whitsett said: "For forty years the southern states have been left to wrestle alone with a problem that belonged to all the states. Fourteen states have been left alone to solve a problem for which the wisdom of forty-five states had no solution to offer. Twenty million people have been left to do a work which was the right concern of eighty million people. Do you wonder then that the

way has been a long and hard one? Broken homes and overturned governments are poor foundations upon which to build vast and costly educational systems. With patient hands the sons of Dixie have quarried the stones in the mountains of difficulty. They have lived to see a day when something of national appreciation has come to pay tribute to the great work that they have done, and are still doing. "They have looked to distant communities growing rich under favorable laws and uninterrupted prosperity, without envy. They have listened with silent dignity and conscious rectitude of purpose, to those who have taunted and misunderstood them. They have endured with righteous contempt and pride those who have slandered and vilified them. They have looked calmly and sadly at the wreckage of a mighty upheaval in civilization, and set themselves the almost superhuman task of bringing order out of chaos; and of sowing the seeds of prosperity, intelligence, and good government, amid the smouldering ashes of a ruined empire.

"The honorable record in national affairs made by our sons of earlier days gives us confidence that again our voice shall be heard in the seats of the mighty; even now an occasional note compels national attention. Tolerance increases; fraternal ideas grow; skill comes to nimble fingers; confidence in our possibilities deepens, and destiny decrees a mighty future for the southland. Verily, we believe a day hath dawned that shall have no close; but profiting by past mistake, or misfortune, or misery, shall brighten until here we shall have a people revealing the noble spectacle of prosperity controlled by culture, and material growth ministering to the fine art of lofty living.

The following interesting table recently compiled by a North Carolina educator shows in a very striking way the progress made by North

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MILES ON THE RACES

Address at University of Nebraska

The Red Man, Black Man and Brown Man Have Had a Hard Time Under Our Civilization—The Only Hope Is Universal Education and Patriotism.

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—The annual commencement exercises of the University of Nebraska were held here today, the senior class and the graduates of the several colleges numbering about three hundred being addressed by General Nelson A. Miles, this morning. General Miles referred to the race problems this country has to solve, said: "There are some matters concerning our past history, our present condition and the probabilities of the future that it may be well for us to consider. The natives of this country, who were dwelling in peace, contentment and happiness when our ancestors landed upon our eastern shores have been driven from every valley and mountain crest until their race has been nearly annihilated. The Ethiopians whose ancestors were kidnapped on the coast of Africa and sold into slavery along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, were subjected to unrequited toil for more than two hundred years, and have now increased to between eight and ten millions of souls. More than eight millions of Malays are now held by the arbitrary power of our government with no immediate prospect of relief or independence. "The red man, the black man and the brown man have had a hard time under our civilization. Whether this will have an effect of changing our form of government from a pure democracy to a more restricted liberty and centralized power, the future alone can determine. In fact, whether these different elements of our great population will continue as homogeneous in the future as in the past, is a serious problem. "The only hope and salvation for this nation is universal education and deep-seated, strong patriotism that shall permeate and control every community and influence the destiny of the entire nation."

TWO CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

West Branch, Mich., June 14.—Two children, a boy aged 6 years and a girl aged 3, were burned to death last night when Asa Wiltsie's farm house near Lupton was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Wiltsie was also so badly burned that she will lose her eyesight.

EXTEND INQUIRY TO ALL ROADS

Commission Wants Much Specific Information

CIRCULARS ARE ISSUED

Statements Showing Coal Mines and Oil Land Owned or Operated, Ratings for Car Distribution, Lists of Stockholders and Persons Receiving Dividends Not Stockholders, and So Forth.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.—It is learned that in addition to inviting the presidents of eastern soft coal roads to appear before the interstate commerce commission, positive steps have been taken by the commission to extend the scope of the coal and oil investigation. In this connection circular letters calling for important information and requiring that this shall be furnished by July 15 have been sent to the 815 railroad companies which operate the 23,310 miles of line comprised in the railroad systems of the country.

The circular letters request the following information: Statements showing coal mines and oil land owned or operated and the ratings for car distribution; lists of stockholders of railroads and of names of persons not stockholders who are receiving dividends; lists of stockholders who voted in person and by proxy at the last annual meeting; maps of railroads owned in person and operated and showing the location of coal and oil lands; statements showing stocks and bonds owned; statement giving corporate name of all companies in which the railroad is interested; statements showing all coal deposits, coal properties and oil lands owned or controlled by railroads; names and official positions of all officers of railroads and statements showing their respective duties in the distribution of cars for transportation of coal or oil; statements showing the kind and amount of lubricating oil purchased in 1905, with the price paid and the names of those concerned as agents in the purchase.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 14.—At today's session of the interstate commerce commission the Pennsylvania Railroad Company produced two witnesses for the purpose of refuting the testimony given yesterday by W. A. Guthrie, a mine operator of Indiana, Pa., that a commission of 3 cents a ton had been demanded by Frank C. Hoff, a clerk in General Manager Atterbury's office for an order of company coal. They were J. C. Stauffer, secretary and treasurer of the Majestic Coal Company of which Mr. Guthrie is vice president, and his father, J. P. Stauffer, clerk in the office of the superintendent of freight transportation.

The younger Stauffer said that when the Majestic Company was organized he questioned his father as to the possibility of the company securing an order for fuel coal from the railroad. His father saw Mr. Hoff, who informed him that there was no possibility of securing the order. J. B. Stauffer corroborated his son. He testified that he went to Mr. Hoff for information.

BLACK GORILLA STILL IN JAIL

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., June 14.—The negro William Lee, confessed assailant of Mrs. Robert Barnes and Miss Frances Powell of Kingston, Somerset county, Maryland, brought to Norfolk yesterday under military guard to prevent his being lynched at Eastville, Va., is still in the local jail awaiting the arrival of the sheriff of Somerset county with proper rendition papers for his return to the state of Maryland. As yet it is unknown to what part of Maryland the sheriff of Somerset will carry Lee from Norfolk.

A special term of the county court of Somerset has been called for Wednesday, June 20, to try the prisoner. This means that Lee must be carried back to Somerset next week, but what disposition will be made of him in the mean time after he shall have been delivered into the custody of the sheriff of Somerset by Sheriff Lawler of Norfolk is unknown. It is thought by some that he may be carried to Baltimore and from there to Somerset next week.

CANDLE FACTORY BURNED TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 14.—A Gross & Company's candle factory at Provost and First streets, Jersey City, was burned today. The fire extended to the Pierce-Well Machine Factory on Bay street. The damage to the building and stock of the Gross Company is estimated at \$125,000, while that of the Pierce-Well Company will reach about \$25,000.

AIRSHIP VISITS CAPITAL

Floated About the City Under Perfect Control

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—An airship, under complete control, flying over Washington, was the spectacle witnessed here today. Thousands turned out to see the novel sight and cheered the navigator as he skillfully directed the craft.

The ship started from a point three miles from Washington on the Virginia side, and was steered directly for the Washington monument. A slight mishap to the machinery caused the navigator to descend, the ship being safely landed close to the monument. In a half hour the ship again was in flight, and the navigator, after twice circling the monument at a distance of four hundred feet, steered for the white house. He landed about fifty yards from the south porch. Mrs. Roosevelt was at the window when the descent was made and exhibited great interest in the strange looking structure.

After remaining in the ground a short time the navigator made another ascent, carrying his ship over the three newspaper offices and then took a straight course down Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol, where it was received by thousands of people who had gathered about the building and also by senators and representatives and the employes about the building. The quorum in both houses disappeared and all manifested great interest in the machine. The navigator passed over the capitol south of the great dome, and then circled around and around the plaza on the east front, finally bringing his ship to the earth directly in front of the middle steps of the capitol. The large crowd cheered as he descended, showing absolute control of the machine.

R. B. ROOSEVELT DEAD

Uncle of President, Prominent Democrat

Member of Congress 1873-75—Minister to Netherlands 1888-90—Treasurer Democratic National Committee at Cleveland's Second Election. (By the Associated Press.) Sayville, L. I., June 14.—Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of the president, died here early today. He had been ill for several months. Mr. Roosevelt was 76 years old. He was a lifelong democrat.

Educated for the law, he practiced his profession in New York City for more than twenty years, retiring in 1871 to devote himself to literature and statecraft. He was editor of the New York Citizen for several years; an alderman of the city of New York; member of congress, 1873-75; chairman of the executive committee of the committee of seventy in the fight against the Tweed ring, United States minister to the Netherlands 1888-90 and was treasurer of the democratic national committee at the time of Cleveland's second election.

From early life Mr. Roosevelt was deeply interested in field sports and active in promotion of societies and clubs for the protection of game. He was president of New York International Association for the Protection of Game, for twenty years was chairman of the New York state fisheries commission. He was chairman of the commission for the protection of soldiers during the war with Spain; was at one time president of the Sons of the American Revolution; and was a member of all the committees to aid the Boers in their war with England. Among his best known works in the field of literature were Game Fish of North America; Game Birds; Superior Fishing; Fish Hatching and Fish Catching; Florida and the Game Water Birds; Five Acres Too Much; Progressive Petticoats, and Love and Luck.

BRYAN GUEST OF THE DOUMA

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, June 14.—William J. Bryan was an interested spectator of the proceedings in the lower house of parliament today. During the agrarian debate, which was continued throughout the morning session, he occupied a seat in the diplomatic box as the guest of Ambassador Meyer, and during the recess Mr. Bryan discussed the situation with some of the

CHEERS RING IN OLD KENTUCKY

No Sun Shines Bright in the Old Home, Far Away

TRIBUTE TO SONG MAN

Home-Coming Celebration at Louisville Turns Into Joyful Celebration for Stephen Foster, the Composer. Thousands Sing in the Street and Melodists Rise Above the Beating of the Rain. (By the Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., June 14.—It would tax the ability of the most accomplished mathematician to estimate how many times this week the music of "My Old Kentucky Home" has been heard in Louisville. Delegation after delegation from abroad has trooped through the streets behind bands that have informed everybody within hearing "the sun shines bright in My Old Kentucky Home." The orchestras in hotels and cafes impart the same intelligence every few minutes—people singing and humming it in the streets. But in plain fact the sun has not shone, brightly or otherwise, since the "home coming week" was formerly opened and shows no intention of doing so. Yesterday a heavy drizzle prevailed and today dawned with skies dark and lowering giving promise of more rain. But the bands, optimistic and undisturbed still tooted to the world "the sun shines bright in My Old Kentucky Home."

Despite the tremendous downpour of bad weather the home coming week has so far been an unqualified success. Today was given over to a program in memory of Stephen C. Foster, whose song "The Old Kentucky Home" has made Kentucky's name a household word throughout the world. It is doubtful if any composer ever received a more flattering tribute than that accorded to Foster today when 1,000 of the school children of Louisville, who by their contributions have made possible a Foster monument of bronze, which is to stand in the new capitol at Frankfort, sang his beautiful music in chorus, cheered every mention of his name.

Shortly after noon the children gathered at Third avenue and Broadway and escorted by the Louisville Light Infantry, marched to the armory on Walnut street. After an invocation by the Rev. E. L. Powell and address by Jerry South of Arkansas and R. W. Miller of Richmond, Ky., the model of the Foster statue was unveiled by Mrs. Marston Foster Welsh of Allegheny, Pa., daughter of Mr. Foster. Standing by the side of Mrs. Welsh were Mrs. Jesse Welsh Rose, granddaughter of the composer, and his two great grand-children, Dorothy Jane Rose and Stephen Collins Foster Rose. The chorus of children, accompanied by an orchestra then sang in a manner that evoked enthusiastic cheers "The Old Kentucky Home," "Old Folks at Home," "Old Black Joe," and other of Foster's melodies. The songs were finally sung and the feeling they evoked was happily expressed by an aged home comer, who remarked "If you just draw them Foster songs a mile, when you sing 'em they'll make the richest man in the world feel mighty poor."

Solos were charmingly sung by Mrs. Jesse Bowman Webb of Louisville and J. Victor Foster of Fulton, Neb. York.

NO LIQUOR ON U. S. PREMISES

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—The house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic today authorized a favorable report on the Tirrell bill prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors in buildings or on premises owned or leased by the United States government. Besides applying to all government soldiers' homes this bill will prohibit the sale of liquors in the hotels on the government reservations at Old Point Comfort, Va., and Hot Springs, Ark., and in several hotels in Yellowstone Park.

JUDGE HARGIS GRANTED BAIL

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson, Ky., June 14.—Judge Jas. E. Hargis, who is under arrest here charged with the murder of Dr. B. D. Cox, was today granted bail in the sum of \$15,000. Bond was furnished.

ROOSEVELT AT GEORGETOWN TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—President Roosevelt today attended the 89th annual commencement of Georgetown College, conferred the degrees and prizes awarded, and delivered a brief address to the students who were graduated.

EXPLOSION IN STEAMER'S HOLD

Nine Men Were Blown to Their Death

SOME FORTY INJURED

Strange Accident On British Steamer Haverford at Liverpool Dock—Sailed From Philadelphia June 2. Stevedores Were Loosening Hatches To Unload—Cause of Disaster Not Ascertained. (By the Associated Press.) Liverpool, June 14.—Five men were instantly killed and about forty were wounded as the result of a terrific explosion today on the British steamer Haverford of the International Navigation Company. The vessel, which is commanded by Captain Nielsen, arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia June 2, landed her passengers and proceeded to Humberston dock early today in order to unload. The stevedores were in the act of loosening the steamer's hatches when suddenly a most violent explosion occurred. It blew off the hatches, rent the docks and hurled dead and wounded men in all directions. Several bodies were dismembered, and the deck resembled the floor of a charnel house.

VIRGINIA BANKERS AT OLD POINT

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., June 14.—The Virginia Bankers Association convened at the Chamberlain hotel, Old Point Comfort, today with a large attendance of bank officials from various parts of the state. The session will continue through Saturday and tomorrow. Charles H. Trest, treasurer of the United States, is scheduled to make an address on "Uncle Sam as a Banker."

At the annual banquet Saturday night Governor Swanson of Virginia, Treasurer Trest, Congressman Flood of Virginia, President Tucker of the Jamestown Exposition and others will speak.

BERNHARDT SAILS

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 14.—Sarah Bernhardt sailed today for Paris on the steamship La Touraine.

IN FILIPINO POLITICS

Preparing for the Assembly Next Year

Aguinaldo Looms Up to Say That the Present Depressed Condition of the Islands Is the Result of the Universal Vice of Cock Fighting and Other Gambling. (By the Associated Press.) Manila, June 14.—Filipino political parties are starting an active campaign of organization in preparation for the election of delegates to the Filipino assembly next year. Old party lines are becoming more or less indistinct, and the progressive natives are endeavoring to effect stronger organizations.

The nationalists are disorganized by factional fights and the federal party has been split up. Many of the conservative members have resigned from the federalists and that organization is in a chaotic state. Aguinaldo and Apacible are identified with a new organization calling themselves moderates which contains business and professional men.

Aguinaldo has come out of retirement to give a long interview to a local paper on the evils of gambling among the people. Natives of all political parties are taking up the question of gambling and are working with the Americans to secure government prohibition of cock pits. Aguinaldo says that present depressed condition of the islands is the result, to a great extent, of this universal vice, and has promised to attend a public meeting called to secure the suppression of this evil.

SEVERAL OF THE VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER ARE UNRECOGNIZABLE

One body was found headless and armless, and in another case the head was picked up, but the body had disappeared.

The party of young ladies who recently left here for Europe sailed from Philadelphia on the Haverford on which the explosion occurred today. Cablegrams reached here yesterday announcing the safe arrival of the party and as indicated in the dispatches all passengers had landed before the accident occurred. Those who went from North Carolina on the Haverford were Misses Sadie Root, Isabelle Busbee, Jane Ward, Eliza Pool and Raleigh; Mrs. Pixley, Miss Hill and Mrs. Erwin of St. Mary's College and Mrs. Leak of Durham. It will be gratifying, of course, to their friends to know that they were not aboard ship at the time of the disaster.