

Prof. Thompson and His Work

FORTUNATE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Boys and Girls Have a Splendid Graded School, With the Best of Instructors and Everything is in Readiness For the Work to Commence on Monday Next.

It is probably true that a very small per cent of the parents of the local school children fully realize what truly splendid educational facilities are offered for the benefit of little ones.

Of course the children are not expected to either realize, or at the time show much appreciation of what is being done for them along these lines. They take things as they come and never stop to think of what is being done for them, of the sacrifices that are made for their welfare. To many of them, the school-day life is a burden, a thing they wish had never existed.

Statesville's public school system has long taken a front rank, when compared with those of other Southern cities, even those of a much greater population. Our schools have been talked about, favorably discussed, and the original ideas of Prof. D. Mott Thompson, the superintendent, which have been put into operation have been eagerly seized upon and are now doing much to promote the efficiency of the graded school systems of many other cities.

Statesville is exceedingly fortunate in having such an aman as Prof. Thompson to guide the destinies of her public schools but that this is fully realized and appreciation is shown by his unanimous selection, year after year, to the position he has held so long and so honorably.

He Gets No Vacation.

If Prof. Thompson ever gets a vacation no one knows of it. When graduation time comes in June, the pupils are as free as the winds until the bell rings again in the early fall summoning them to their books. The teachers are off for their various homes or summer resorts and for the present their work is over.

With Prof. Thompson, however, things are different.

To him the vacation days of the summer are busy ones indeed. Teachers and pupils gone, he at once sets himself to the task of getting things in readiness for the commencement of the next school year.

The present summer has been a particularly busy one for him. Improvements in and out.

When the teachers and pupils arrive next Monday morning to again take up their work they will find everything in readiness for their reception. All of the 14 school rooms have been thoroughly "touched up," disinfected, floors oiled, etc.

There are two large rooms in the part of the building that are not required and consequently have not been fitted up for school work. This can be done, however, on short notice whenever they may be needed. The big auditorium is still incomplete but is sufficiently near finished to admit of its being used for the morning devotional exercises and whenever it may be desired.

During the summer a complete sewerage system has been installed in the new part of the building and drain pipes put up to convey off the rain water that may fall.

Drinking fountains of a new design have been placed on each floor. The child drinks direct from the fountain and its lips touch nothing that has been touched by those of another. From a sanitary standpoint these are nearly perfect. The sewer system works automatically and is a model of its kind. Closets and lavatories for both boys and girls, also sinks have been installed in the new portion of the building and the hallways have been completed.

There is a library in each school room and a general one in the room adjoining the superintendents' office. Here is located the teachers' library and on its shelves are to be found many volumes of great value to the instructors in their work.

Outside the Building.

The grounds about the Statesville graded school building have received most favorable comment from the

press and educators who have seen them.

At the recent State Teachers Convention at Charlotte the State Superintendent of Schools stated in an address that the grounds surrounding the Statesville building were the neatest and best kept grounds of any public school grounds in the state.

Prof. Thompson also has a letter from the state superintendent in which that official expresses himself in similar, although stronger language.

The grounds are looked after as carefully, probably more carefully by Prof. Thompson than they would be if they were his personal property and the building in the center his individual castle. The hedges, grown from the seed under the Professor's supervision, are now handsome affairs and are well trimmed. There is a great variety of trees, the evergreens being planted by the teachers and Prof. Thompson has told them what is likely to happen to their individual tree in case they take a notion to get married. He doesn't take kindly to the idea of his teachers getting married for when the matrimonial fee stings one of his teachers he usually finds himself in the market for another teacher and good ones, at least, as efficient instructors as he now has on his list are difficult to find.

A Vice President's Tree.

One of the attractions of which both pupils and parents are very fond is a tree that was planted by Mr. Stevenson when he was vice-president of the United States.

Grover Cleveland's vice president it is in the ground. The tree has thrived and grown until it is now about nine inches in diameter at the base. It is situated at the left of the main entrance to the old portion of the building as one enters.

This Year's Prospects.

Last year 654 white pupils were enrolled. It is believed that this number will be very materially increased when the list is made up next Monday.

Superintendent Thompson requests all pupils who did not attend the graded schools, white, last year and propose to attend this term to meet at the school building tomorrow promptly at 10 o'clock.

The object is to arrange and classify these new pupils, so as to be ready for the opening, Monday, September, 14th.

The colored children will meet at the school building for the colored, at the same hour and for the same purpose.

COTTON MARKET.

Local Market.

Prices at wagon:
 Strict good middling.....10 1/4
 Good middling.....10 3/8
 Middling.....10
 Stains and Tinges.....7 @ 9

The market was steady.

New York Market.

The New York market showed but little change.

Spots closed at 9:30.

Futures closed as follows:

October.....8.83
 December.....8.68
 January.....8.56
 March.....8.61

Washington, Sept. 9.—The census bureau announced yesterday morning that its reports showed 397,924 bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to September 1, as compared with 200,278 bales of the corresponding date last year. The active ginners reporting number 6,613.

His Sister Very Sick.

Rev. W. A. Lutz received a message this morning conveying the sad intelligence that his sister, Mrs. Sarah A. Carpenter, whose home is at Maiden, N. C., is very ill. Mr. Lutz will probably go to that place this afternoon.

Mr. Heath Takes Position.

Mr. John W. Heath, who has been in the insurance business for some years has accepted a new position.

The Moneyweight Scale Co., of Chicago, has recently put agents in this field. Mr. Heath being one. He left today to take up his work in Rockingham county.

Miss Tina Rice of Wilson, who is spending her vacation in Western North Carolina is visiting at the home of Mrs. B. J. Ross on the Boulevard.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Some Happenings Among Those People You Know and Others You Don't Know.

Miss Nellie Beard is visiting sisters at Salisbury.

Mr. S. W. Stimson and Mr. J. G. Shelton were in Greensboro yesterday.

Mr. J. S. McIntosh of Taylorsville, was registered at Hotel Iredell last night.

Mr. Jacob Wallace of New York arrived last night to visit relatives in this city.

Mr. W. J. Hayner of Dayton, Ohio, was a visitor in the city the first of the week.

Mr. W. Chas. Weatherman and sister, Miss Lula, of Jennings, are visiting in the city.

Miss Frances Nicholson left this morning for Tarboro, where she is a teacher in the public schools.

Mr. J. W. Worthington of Sheffield, Ala., was the guest of his friend Mr. E. M. Purdy on Monday.

Mr. W. C. Wize, who spent yesterday in the city left last night for Charlotte.

Mrs. Lem Patterson and child, went to Salisbury this morning for a two week visit with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Webb.

Mr. Vance Norwood, publisher of The Mascot, returned this morning from Wilmington, his former home, where he has been since Sunday.

Mr. A. H. Gilmore left this morning for his vacation. While gone he will visit New York, Boston and Montreal, Canada.

Col. Geo. R. Watkins of Crossmore, N. C., and Mr. J. D. Grimes of Lexington, are spending the day with Prof. Meacham, at the State Farm.

Mr. Jake Schrameck, of Augusta, Ga., who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Simon for some days, returned to Augusta yesterday.

Mrs. H. Lee Lazenby and daughter Miss Elizabeth, who have been visiting their home folks here are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lazebay at Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. King and child who were visiting at Mr. E. P. Holland's in Bethany township were in the city on Thursday on their way home at Hartsville, S. C.

Mr. Capp, representing the Haas Tailoring Co., of Baltimore, who has been with Sloan Clothing Co., for a few days, leaves this evening.

Mrs. H. L. Steele and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Steele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harbin, and other relatives in Statesville, returned Monday to their home at Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. A. F. Alexander and child, of Walla Walla, Wash., who have been visiting relatives in Statesville and the country, left Saturday for Mecklenburg county to visit at the home of Dr. H. Q. Alexander.

Mrs. D. W. Jones and child, of Oglesby, Tex., have arrived to spend some time at the home of Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Culbreth. This is Mrs. Jones' first visit home since she married and went to Texas to live.

Misses Helen Ardrey and Mary Choate, who attended a house party given last week by Miss Florence Sharpe, at her home at the Dr. J. J. Mott place near town, have returned to their homes at Pineville, Mecklenburg county.

R. F. Weatherman is expected here this week on a visit. Mr. Weatherman has been at Wake-Forest, where he graduated last Spring. He only studied law five months and has stood the examination successfully.

Hotel Being Improved.

The old St. Charles hotel, which has recently been leased to Mr. Misenheimer, is receiving a new coat of paint, which improves its looks wonderfully.

The interior of the building will also be improved, and Mr. A. D. Cooper, and force of men are busily engaged in putting in electric lights.

Mr. Misenheimer says it is his purpose to run a nice place, and expects to cater to the traveling public.

Special at the Gem.

Miss Martha Moore and Miss Mulaly are planning to give a vaudeville sketch at the Gem tomorrow night.

Patrons of the shows in the city know these young ladies talent for this work, and no doubt a large and well pleased audience will be present.

Clement Decides About Early

STATE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Clement Says Early Contracted Disease in Army, and the State is not Responsible.—Mrs. Early and Child May be Sent Home.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Assistant Attorney General Clement, of North Carolina, and President Gillett, of the state board of health, have notified the District of Columbia commissioners that it is the federal government's duty, not North Carolina's to care for John R. Early, the leper, isolated here, whose case has attracted widespread attention.

Mr. Clement says railroads would not knowingly transport the leper, and that the latter could not go through the country to his home in Polk county, because of communication with people. Both officials point out that Early, though a North Carolina citizen, contracted the leprosy in the Philippines service.

Dr. Gillett says Mrs. Early and her child, if they return to the state will be strictly quarantined, unless properly certified to be free from leprosy.

The District commissioners have asked for advice as to forcing North Carolina to take the leper.

The Barber—A Communication.

Statesville, N. C., Sept. 8th.

Dear Editor:

I noticed a communication in the Evening Mascot a few days ago, giving justice as near as the author could, to the poor much talked cussed and abused, but nevertheless, one of the most necessary evils of the day, the tonsorial artist.

That last word is not French, but it means the poor fellow who your hair and amputates your beard. Yet he never says a word, but thinks a think occasionally.

I think the man who wrote that epistle is a gentleman, and scholar in the truest sense of the word. I know that when he shall have thrown this mortal "kink" his soul will be conveyed to the breezes and the immortal part if him will be wafted away up and beyond the "Seven Stars." Here is where all great and good men like him go to spend eternity with the just gone before. I mean barbers.

I would like to get one glorious glimpse of so just a man before he shall have entered upon the duties of a just person made perfect.

We all know that a man gets shaved and has hair cut and all he is heir to without being troubled with anything more than a dull blade and onions sometimes.

Now the ladies won't understand this for they don't talk much any way." But the barber is one animal of much sorrow, and few words, and unaccustomed to anything but scraping chins and the groans of his victims.

Now before we take up the whole paper, we will give this prodigious prodigy a tapering squeeze and good-bay.

From one who is friendly to the barber.

Johnathan Millthrope.

With the Sick.

The condition of Mrs. J. D. Cox, at the Billingly hospital does not improve much.

Gen. J. F. Armfield who has been sick for some time is slightly improved.

Miss Mary Vickery who is very ill with typhoid fever has been taken to the Billingly hospital.

Miss Lucile Devereaux, who is at the Billingly hospital continues very sick.

Mr. Sidney Fleming who has been ill with fever at the Billingly hospital, is improving nicely, and expects to be out soon.

Benbow Hotel Loser.

The Daily Industrial News says: "W. V. Harper, a man representing himself to be a traveling salesman, passed a worthless check for \$200 on the Benbow hotel yesterday morning and left, going in the direction of Charlotte. When it was ascertained that the check was not good the Charlotte police authorities were notified to arrest him."

"The Greensboro policemen were notified last night that Harper has been arrested in Charlotte. He will be brought to Greensboro today."

All Will Vote For Mr. Bryan

NEARLY A MILLION NEGROES.

Dr. Carrothers Thinks it Will be a Good Thing for the Negroes if They Will Exercise Independence in Politics and Not Blindly Vote the Republican Ticket.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Declaring that 800,000 or 900,000 voters of the country will cast their ballot next November "for Bryan as a rebuke to the Roosevelt administration for its treachery in dealing with the negro soldiers, and the lily white propaganda of the south, which means the political death of the American negro," the Rev. Sylvester L. Carrothers spoke at a meeting of colored voters at Galbraith, M. E. church last evening.

Dr. Carrothers, who is president of the national independent, civil and political league of American negroes, spoke in reply to negro leaders who are urging the cause of Taft. He said, in part:

"The fact that in every town in the union negroes are divided on the question of politics is the most encouraging sign. No man now can tell to what political party the negro belongs by the color of his face. In future the negro purposes to vote for men and measures, and not for a party."

"If 1,000,000 negroes will vote for Bryan in November the negroes of this country will receive more respect in the next four years than they have received in the last forty. Independence, industry, self-respect demand that the negro, like all other American citizens, use his ballot to secure his rights and allow no man to buy or sell him."

Statesville, R. F. D. No. 3.

Farmers are very busy breaking wheat land and pulling fodder.

Rev. Mr. Johnson filled his regular appointment at Bethlehem church the first Sunday.

Miss Nanny Norris who is suffering with Bright's disease does not improve.

Mr. G. W. Nash is improving slowly.

Mr. T. P. Morrow who has been sick for the last few days is ready for work again we are glad to note.

Mr. R. F. Bost had the misfortune to lose his saddle in Statesville August 29. After taking it off his mule he put it in a wagon that stood near by him and he would be glad if the finder would notify him.

Everybody subscribe for the good old Mascot. Come on correspondents and give us all the news.

With much success to the Mascot and its many readers I will ring off.

Cleanest Show in the World.

That the public enjoy, and will patronize a show that is thoroughly clean in all its methods will be seen September 11, when the Gentry Bros. are billed to appear here for two performances.

The amusement loving part of the population of this section of the country will support any attraction that has merit, and at the same time is carried out in a legitimate manner, and this is what the Gentry Bros. owe all their success to for the past twenty years, and perhaps there is not a show upon the road today that is more highly thought of, or one that receives a warmer welcome wherever it makes its appearance.

Oil Tank Explodes.

Salisbury, Sept. 8.—A large tank near the Salisbury city limits exploded late last night, causing considerable damage. Ran Ragan, superintendent of the Salisbury electric plant, near the scene of the explosion, was enveloped in the flying oil and had a narrow escape. A bolt of lightning is supposed to have caused the accident and the city was enveloped in darkness for a time.

Editor Sherrill Here.

Mr. John B. Sherrill, editor of the Concord Times and the efficient secretary of the North Carolina Press Association, accompanied by Mrs. Sherrill, was in Statesville yesterday morning on his way to Hiddenite, where he and Mrs. Sherrill will spend a week.

Hotel Burned; Five Are Dead

ALL EXITS CUT OFF BY FLAMES.

Half a Hundred Men and Women Cling to Windows Until Rescued, But Several Jump and are Injured. One Man Suffocated in His Room. Tried to Escape but Was Weak From Intoxication.

Denver, Col., Sept. 9.—Awakened from their sleep by the shouts of fire shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning, guests of the Hotel Belmont, 1737 Stout street, were thrown into a panic which resulted in the death of five.

The dead: George Burtell, conductor; George Bode, Middletown, N. Y., died in hospital from effects of jumping from third-story window; George Ott, Dodge City, Kas., died as result jumping from window. John D. Kane and H. M. Moore, and the serious injury of eight others.

Within a few moments after the shout of fire sounded through the house guests in every room rushed to the exits. All of these were cut off by the flames. There was no way to escape except through the windows and by jumping out.

Half a hundred men, women and children could be seen clinging out of the windows when the fire companies arrived.

Before any assistance could be secured several persons jumped from the burning building to the sidewalk. Of these Moore was one. Kane was suffocated in his room. He entered late in the evening in an intoxicated condition. It is evident that after he heard the warning he rushed to the window to leap to the adjoining roof. The window was locked and being weak from the influence of liquor he was unable to make his escape.

R. H. Moore, of Philadelphia, who was instantly killed by jumping from the third story window, recently came from the east for his health.

To Be Married in Charlotte.

Cards reading as follows have been received here

"Mr. and Mrs. P. Bowden request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their niece, Selma A. Keer, to Mr. Springs R. Alexander, Wednesday evening, the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight, at nine o'clock, at their home, seven hundred and eight, North Davidson street, Charlotte, N. C."

A number from here will attend the wedding.

Miss Kerr is the daughter of Mr. R. L. Kerr and a niece of Misses Thomas and J. S. Kerr. She has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Bowden for some time.

The groom-elect is a railroad man, with headquarters in Charlotte.

Mr. Caldwell Will Speak.

The Democrats of Shiloh township will meet at Gilbert's school houses Saturday night, 12th, to organize a Democratic club.

It is the purpose to elect a president and secretary of the club and a vice president for each school district in the township, and to have the meetings held on Saturday nights, as often as convenient, at the different school houses, thus embracing, by rotation, the whole township.

Lawyer L. C. Caldwell, of this city, will address the first meeting.

Local Items.

Mr. W. C. Weatherman, of Jennings lost his coat between Harmony and Statesville yesterday. He has an ad in this paper, informing the party who finds it, where to leave it.

The work on the new Mills building is progressing nicely. Carpenters began work Monday.

Work is progressing nicely on Mr. Flake Steele's handsome new home on Mulberry street.

There will be an amateur play at the Gem tomorrow night.

Mr. W. R. Sloan is contemplating making some new improvement on his home on East Front street.

Poke Miller and his famous colored quartette will appear in Statesville on the evening of Sept. 22, in Shearer's Music Hall.

Mr. Love to Speak.

Rev. C. Y. Love will speak at the prayermeeting service at the Associated Reform church tonight.