

RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There is no one thing that has developed in the county in such a continuous degree as characterizes the progress and development of the rural public schools of Cabarrus county.

The two things were: First, the reduction of the number of districts to a reasonable number, eliminating so many small ones, in which the small amount of money was expended in a few weeks; and second, the improvement of the houses—it was deemed by the Board at that time that the rural child deserved and needed just as comfortable quarters as did the town child.

This movement was inaugurated, as a starter nearly twenty years ago by the consolidation of two districts just below Concord—one district had 14 children and the adjoining one about twenty, and the size of the combined territory approximated an area less than 15 square miles.

During these ten years our efficient and faithful county superintendent, Mr. Boger, unswerving by the ruffian elements, pressed, and the improved things attempted and advocated, unobscured by multitudinous theories and visions by those who yet do not know the real lessons of the rural schools, and quietly and philosophically side-stepping the insurmountable harassments of a too rapidly growing educational centralization, has been of good and constant cheer, and all the time enjoying the full and hearty support of the Board, itself deeply concerned with the problems confronting the public schools.

Handicapped, as he was, by the political disturbances in the State and madness prevailing everywhere, it is but truth to say that the Hon. Chas. H. Mcbane, then State superintendent, aroused a new and vital interest in the cause of rural public education. He was enabled to do it because he was one of the people, he suffered and struggled with them, and he set himself strenuously to the affairs of the true foundation of public education and the child, leaving trials of the more fortunate to be cared for by their own.

On January 1, 1912, the Board met and appointed the school fund to the several districts in the county. It is a fact that planning that every district will have at least five months school, and where local tax prevails the term will reach eight months.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Wall, a man who has actually been President, has not the same power as a man who has not. Colonel Roosevelt may not be able to prevent his name going on the ballot, but he will prevent it from going on.

There is a lot of money and power in the hands of a few men, and it is not surprising that they should use it to their own advantage. It is not surprising that they should use it to their own advantage.

TIERED OF WAITING

Citizens of Concord Growing Impatient Waiting for New Passenger Station.

Never before has the need of a new and commodious passenger depot been more forcibly impressed upon the traveling public of Concord than by the present cold wave.

Now a rumor is current that the railroad contemplates changing the location of the depot from its present site, where the new one was also to be erected, to a site near the Southern Power Station.

The Board of Aldermen will meet tonight but it is not known whether they will take any further steps toward securing the station. It is likely, however, that they will.

Western Cold Records Go. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—The records for cold weather over Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for several years were broken today, 6 to 22 degrees below being reported.

South Carolina Legislature. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9.—The general assembly of South Carolina began its annual session today. An interesting session is forecasted.

Price of Shoes Goes Up. New York, Jan. 9.—The family shoes will cost more this year than they did in 1911. According to the statements made by members of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association, who began their annual meeting in this city today, an advance is absolutely necessary because of the increase in the cost of raw material.

Government May Take Action. Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Officials of the Department of Justice intend to keep a close watch on the price of shoes this year in consequence of the report that the price to consumers will be materially increased.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Tentative Programme of Great Convention to Be Held in Salisbury February 1-4.

Responsibility of the Lutheran Church for World Evangelization—Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., L. I. D. The Pastor the Plotted Man—Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.

Why Should Business Men Be Interested in Missions—Mr. C. W. Palvo. Serving on Two Continents. A Reasonable Standard—Mr. J. E. Cooper.

Medicine and Missions—J. C. King, M. D. The Embezzlement of a Priceless Heritage—Mr. J. A. Alexander. College Trained Men for the Mission Field—Prof. G. F. McAllister.

Absolute Integrity in Handling Benevolent Funds. A Motive Strong Enough to Hold Us to the Work—Rev. W. H. Greener. Thursday Night. Present Day Condition of the World Field a Challenge to the Church—Prof. B. B. Copenhaver.

Friday Forenoon. The Church the Force; the World the Field—Rev. Chas. F. MacLaughlin. America for the World's Sake—Rev. H. I. Patterson, D. D.

Friday Night. The On-Coming Kingdom and Its Challenge to Man—Mr. J. Campbell White. Our resources: (1) Men, (2) Money, (3) Power—Mr. Robt. E. Spoor.

Back Hill Citizens Don't Know. Mr. W. B. Harris, an aged citizen of Back Hill, N. C., died here yesterday morning at the home of his son, Mr. W. H. Harris, near the Cannon road, the news had been here for some time.

GENERAL NEWS

Little Items of News From Here, There and Everywhere. Cotton seed oil manufacturers are gathering evidence and statistics to refute a theory that cotton seed oil might be one of the many suspected contributing causes to pellagra.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock reports that the experiment of sending magazine mail by fast freight, a saving rate of \$1,400,000 a year, had been effected. He thinks a further extension of the method will result in a saving of \$3,000,000 a year.

As she was bending over the stove, ready with her preparations for breakfast, and with her husband standing by to put a scuttle of coal into the fire, the kitchen range in the home of Roy Powell, at Richmond, exploded scattering broken pieces in every direction, and seriously wounding both Mr. Powell and his wife.

A pet terrier dog went mad and bit fifteen people at Bound Brook, N. J., Saturday, and that little village is now in a state of terror. People are examining their legs and arms for canine teeth marks and the authorities are searching the vicinity for other animals that were bitten.

Washington, Jan. 8.—No party discussion, no sectional prejudice as to where the coming convention should be held, no partiality as to the nominee for President marked the Jackson Day banquet at the Raleigh hotel attended by nearly 1,000 leading Democrats from all sections of the country.

The following Tar Heels attended the Jackson Day banquet: Chief Justice Walter Clark and Justice George H. Brown, Platt D. Walker and W. A. Hoke, Senators Simmons and Overman; Representatives Small, Kitchin, Faison, Poy, Stedman, Page, Godwin, Webb and Doughton.

Former Senator DuBois, of Idaho, and former Senator Pettigrew, of North Dakota, are reported to be seeing delegates in the Northwest who will favor the nomination of Speaker Clark for President by the Democratic national convention.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go. Mrs. D. B. Coltrane went to Charlotte this afternoon.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe is visiting friends in Lancaster. Miss Nan Cannon is visiting friends in Lancaster, S. C.

Mr. J. P. Cook has gone to Raleigh on a short business trip. Mr. J. E. Farrar, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city.

Miss Beulah-Carner, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Blanche Boyd. Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin spent yesterday in Charlotte with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis have returned from a visit to relatives in East Bend. Mrs. R. P. Benson has returned from a visit to her father, Mr. Geo. W. Best, at La Grange.

Mr. Charles A. Cook left this morning for Spartanburg, where he has accepted a position as clerk at the Finch Hotel.

Misses Carrie and Novella Laughlin returned last night to Greensboro, after spending the holidays here at the home of their father, Mr. J. F. Laughlin.

Former Governor Ashton C. Shalpenbarger of Nebraska, has filed application as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

STORM STOPS THE TROLLEY CAR

The Storage Battery Car for the Only One That Was Stopping Before the Snow.

Not only did the snow and sleet prove an insurmountable obstacle against the progress of the storage battery street car here, but reports from Durham, Greensboro and other cities show that the trolley car was equally as helpless under the strange hold of the storm.

The most serious handicap against the storage battery car as compared with the older make in a situation like the present is its weight, the trolley car being much heavier.

J. P. Cook to Canvass for Memorial Fund. Greensboro News, 9th. J. P. Cook, a pioneer in the movement for the establishment of the Stonewall Jackson Training School, and editor of The Uplift, a school publication, was in Greensboro last night, being en route to Raleigh and Durham in the interest of the school at Concord.

Call for Help From the Poor. The call for help has been rung in at the police headquarters. It comes from the unfortunates who are feeling the sting of the cold and pang of hunger.

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