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THE INSTITUTE'S WORK.

Many Teachers Present.—Many Practical Suggestions Offered. The Importance of Reading.

The County Institute for white teachers was organized in the court house here Monday morning.

The Institute was opened with prayer led by Prof. B. W. Young. Mr. George B. Strickland was made Secretary and Miss Sarah Whitley and Mr. D. O. Uzzle Assistant Secretaries.

As Professor Foust was not present, Prof. Turlington read his report, which contained some interesting matter. (This report is the subject of an article elsewhere in this issue.)

Just before noon Prof. V. O. Parker made an interesting and helpful talk on the methods of teaching geography.

As Prof. Foust had not arrived when the Institute met for the afternoon session Mr. H. B. Hardy of the News and Observer being present was called on and made a short but interesting talk.

Prof. Turlington then took up the new school law and explained some parts of it.

Prof. Foust arrived Tuesday morning and at once took charge of the Institute. He is a great teacher whose heart is in the work and those who have heard his daily talks will go away feeling that they can do better work for having heard him.

He lays stress on the teaching of the child to read, and this is well, for once a child can read the great world of literature of all ages and all countries opens up before him and he can become acquainted with the great masters of every realm of thought.

Prof. Foust urges upon the teachers the great importance of teaching the phonic method. The teachers have been slow to adopt this method, but we are glad a few have tried it and with remarkable success.

In order that those attending the Institute might see what has been done and what can be done by this method, Miss Lily Benton, teacher of the Primary Department in Turlington Institute, gave a practical demonstration of its workings Wednesday afternoon. She had a class of small girls and boys, six or seven years of age, come before the body of teachers, and show the results of a few months' instruction in this method. The fact that a boy or girl who had attended school only a few months could read a fourth or fifth reader with ease and facility, when by the old method it would take as many years, was more convincing than dozens of talks. All were pleased with the result, and all should be pleased with the superiority of the phonic method over the a b c method.

The entire work of the Institute has been carried on on practical lines and we trust much good will result from the teachers coming together.

Below is given a list of those attending, with their post-offices: Wm. H. Austin, D. M. Bizzell, L. H. Champion, R. H. Higgins, J. B. Mozingo, V. O. Parker, John W. Parker, W. H. Pittman, George B. Strickland, Misses Lily Benton, Ellen Eldridge, Lillian Holt, Mollie Howell, Myrtle Harper, Fannie Harper, Mollie Helm, Nellie Johnson, Dora Johnson, Althea Jones, Laura Lee, Sarah Lee, Jessie Lee, Maude Powell, Lillian Rose, Lena Rose, Zilla Stevens, Dora Woodall, Sara Whitley, Mamie Ellis, Mrs. Ira T. Turlington, Mrs. V. O. Parker, Smithfield.

George R. Braswell, C. A. Corbett, W. R. Corbett, J. P. Eason, A. C. Stencil, J. H. Broadwell, Misses Robena Atkinson, Deobie Bailey, Annie Hood, Mary Hatcher, Marion Preston, Rosa Richardson, Nannie Richardson, Marietta Stencil, Selma.

W. D. Allen, J. P. Canaday, Edgar Jernigan, J. C. Johnson, W. R. Royal, W. C. Woodall, F. L. Woodall, J. F. Woodall, Misses Leacy Allen, M. Ella Parker, Benson.

C. A. Biggs, E. Liles, Misses

Louisa Carroll, Eula Whitley, Archer.

O. A. Barbour, James R. Barbour, J. S. Johnson, J. R. Johnson, Alonzo Barbour, Misses Lillian Johnson, Vivian Johnson, Ezra.

George E. Braswell, A. J. Fitzgerald, J. R. Oliver, E. V. Peedin, Misses Ida Fitzgerald, Flora Godwin, Etta Peedin, Edna Peedin, Effie Starling, Pine Level. Miss Mattie Beasley, Beasley. Misses Ethel Barbour and Annie Lassiter, Harper.

Misses Onie Britt and Isabel Thornton, Bentonville.

L. B. Boyett, N. R. Pike and Miss Emma Matthews, Bagley. Miss Mamie Caudill, Caudills. T. G. Creech and Miss Lillie Fitzgerald, Micro.

A. T. Lassiter and Miss Vessie Coats, Spilona.

George G. Pipkin, J. N. Wiggs, W. T. Woodard, Misses Delia Edwards, Mary Pipkin, Hettie Rayford, Minnie Strachan, Ophelia Woodard, Princeton.

James Eldridge, Timothy Eldridge, R. H. Hudson and Miss Evelyn Royal, Glenwood.

Miss Daisy Hardee, Itiner. Parlia Hudson, Timothy. Mrs. Zora Hobbs, Atfa.

Miss Nellie Lee, Honeycutt. Miss Donia Hales, Earpsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Columbia.

J. A. T. Jones, Gully's Mills.

E. F. Lee and Miss Minnie Lee, Newton Grove.

C. C. Lee, Gift.

Ira Rose, Overshot.

Miss Alice Rose, Bizzell.

N. B. Strickland and C. S. Upchurch, Glenmore.

Misses Loma Hollowell and Ora Stevens, Goldsboro.

Tyrus Thornton and Miss Mary Thornton, Mingo.

W. H. Pool, Jr., D. O. Uzzle, W. C. Wilson and Miss Lillian Horne, Wilson's Mills.

Miss Eugenia Coor, Walter.

J. R. Hood and Miss Julia Richardson, Wendell.

Robert Barefoot, Jr., Mix.

B. W. Young and Misses Lou Young and Kate Edmundson, Leachboro.

W. A. Harper, D. H. Rose, J. W. Woodard and Miss Cherrie Price, Kenly.

Joseph W. Wood and Miss Effie Smith, Rome.

Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Preston.

M. L. Barefoot, P. A. Lee, and Miss Aldonia Morgan, McKoy.

W. H. Jones, Jr., D. H. Jones, Miss Maggie Stallings, Clayton.

M. E. Oliver, Four Oaks.

Miss Annie Lee, Smithfield.

Miss Ida Williams, Blackman's Mills.

Miss Loamie Gilbert, McKoy.

Miss Sarah Allen, Mr. John W. Holmes, Benson.

Miss Neva Austin, Atfa.

Miss Annie L. Stancil, Selma.

The True Mission of Luxury.

No luxury is justifiable that ends in simple enjoyment. It must be turned to good account by adding to our powers of usefulness. If we enjoy reading, are we enthusiastic for the public library? If we enjoy outdoor life, are we anxious for parks and pleasure grounds for the people? If we revel in art or music, do we long that picture galleries be thrown open or good music be attainable by all? Do we strive whenever possible to share our luxuries whatever they may be, with those less favored than ourselves, or are we satisfied with our own enjoyment as an end instead of using it as a means to bettering the lives of others also? Truthful answers to these questions will speedily tell us also whether our own special luxuries are building up character and life or whether they are the means of lowering the one and narrowing the other. — Philadelphia Ledger.

Leaf tobacco was shipped from the port of Baltimore last week as follows: To Bremen and Hamburg, 429 hogsheads; Rotterdam, 317; England, 10; total, 656 hogsheads. The shipments already from that point this year have been 35,250 hogsheads, against 33,255 hogsheads for the same period last year.

THRILL OF ENERGY AT SMITHFIELD.

New Cotton Mill and Its Thirty-Five Cottages.—A Pretty Modern Hotel.

H. B. Hardy in News and Observer.

Smithfield, N. C., July 9.—In conversation with one of Smithfield's prominent citizens to-day about Johnston county, he said he had traveled considerably over the State, and all things considered has come to the conclusion that they have the best county in the State. "We have," said he, "as diversified a soil as any county in the State, and can raise any kind of crop and in some sections as much to the acre as any other county. Our people are in a better financial condition than most counties. No county in the State has less recorded mortgages than we. We have as many churches, and as good private schools, to say nothing of our splendid public school system."

Thus, Smithfield, the county seat of Johnston county, continues to grow and prosper as the years go by.

The number of new houses built here in the last few months was a revelation to me as I drove down from the Coast Line depot. And others are going up on all sides.

The new cotton mill, one mile south of the town on the left hand side of the Coast Line track, is about completed, and it will be started up within about sixty days. This is a large two-story brick structure fitted up with the latest improved machinery, with a capacity of 5,000 spindles on the upper floor. The company will put looms on the lower floor in the near future. The company have about 50 acres of land upon which they have built about 35 new cottages for their employees. Excellent water is furnished in abundance by a number of wells. Mr. W. M. Sanders is President of the company; Mr. S. S. Holt, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. F. A. Cumcock, superintendent of the mill.

The new hotel now being built will fill a long-felt want in Smithfield. It is a three-story brick building, 60x100 feet, located on the corner of Railroad and Second streets. There will be two stores and the bank on the ground floor, and besides the dining room, office, ladies' parlor, sample rooms, about 26 bed rooms. The building will be provided with electric bells, bath rooms and other up-to-date improvements.

Dr. Dickinson and Mr. Jordan have just about completed their handsome two-story brick building on Railroad street. On the lower floor will be Dr. Dickinson's office, reception room and operating office, and a jewelry store. The upper floor will be offices and rooms to rent.

The question of water works and electric lights is being very much agitated, and when these Smithfield people begin to talk about doing any thing for the good of the town they mean business. The electric lights and water will come quickly.

The County Teachers' Institute is being conducted here this week. There were 137 teachers and applicants for certificates in the court room yesterday. County Superintendent, Prof. Ira T. Turlington, told me that about five years ago there were only five or six lady teachers of the public schools in the county, and there are now 42. It is as fine a body of intelligent looking young women and men as I ever saw assembled together in the State. Prof. J. I. Foust, principal of the Goldsboro Graded school, is here conducting the institute.

Their Busy Day.

"Who," shouted the impassioned orator, "who among us has any cause to be happier than his neighbor on this glorious day of the Nation's birth?"

A man with his head bandaged and both arms in a sling, arose in the rear of the hall and exclaimed:

"The doctors!"—Baltimore American.

WEEKLY BROP REPORT.

Cotton Improving—Early Corn is Tasseling Low, But the Late Crop is Better, Cutting of Tobacco Just Beginning.

The Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, July 8th, says the conditions which prevailed during the past week appears to have been decidedly favorable for farm work and for growth of crops in nearly all counties of the State, except where drought is now beginning to be felt. The temperature averaged 6 degrees daily above the normal; the maximum varied from 90 degrees to 100 degrees every day of the week, and the nights have been quite warm. The amount of sunshine was abundant.

Some very beneficial showers occurred in the central-north-east section on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and a heavy rain on the 2nd in Halifax and Northampton counties with slight damage to crops. In general, however, the week has been very dry, and gave farmers a favorable opportunity to kill grass and place their crops in a better state of cultivation. In sections where the rainfall was not excessive during June, especially in the eastern district, drought is now beginning to injure some crops, especially corn and gardens, and the ground is becoming dry and hard over many counties, which hinders plowing and planting field peas in stubble land.

Farmers have made very good use of their time this week, in spite of the scarcity of hands, and grass has generally been brought under control; many fields are now well cultivated, and crops thereon have improved very materially; lowland crops are still in bad condition and many have been abandoned.

Cotton has improved considerably where properly cultivated; plants are small, but healthy and vigorous and blooms are more abundant; poorly cultivated fields still show a yellow color.

Corn is being generally laid by, the crop has a rich green color and has grown rapidly during the week; uplands need rain and bottomland corn is very poor; early corn is tasseling low, but the late crop is better.

Cutting tobacco has just commenced in a few eastern counties, and some cures have been made; laying by the crop has begun in the central district; there is some complaint of the lack of sufficient moisture in the east.

Except some spring oats yet to be cut, harvesting the small grain crops is about over; most of the wheat, rye, and oats have been housed, and threshing is underway.

Sweet-potato vines have all been transplanted and are growing nicely. Some peanuts have been laid by. Field peas look well, and stubble land is being seeded to cow-peas where not too hard to plow.

Fruit is still falling considerably, and the outlook for grapes is not very good. Mowing has begun in several counties, with promise of a fine yield of hay.

The Monroe Journal tells a story equal to that of the lamb and the lion lying down together. It says: "Mr. J. D. Medlin comes up with a story which he says is certainly true, but which he is afraid to tell, because folks may think it fishy. While in his barn the other day getting out roughness, he lifted a pile of straw and found under it a sight which gave him no little surprise. It was a nest of rats and cats together. An old cat had put her kittens, which were about three weeks old, there. There were four of them. In the bed with them were three rats about a third grown. Why or how the rats got in there, and how they managed to stay without attracting the attention of the old cat, and meeting consequent destruction, is the mystery."

Battle Axe shoes at Grantham, Austin & Co.'s.

NO ROOM AT THE ASYLUM.

Pitiful Case of Insanity Turned from Hospital Doors by Superintendent.

The following letter written by Mr. W. S. Stevens, Clerk of the Court of Johnston county, appeared in Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer:

What is to become of our insane, are they to be smothered in the county jails? If the accommodations at the asylums are wholly inadequate to care for these unfortunates upon whom the Master's hand has been heavily laid, I think our people would cheerfully consent to be taxed for an appropriation to increase their capacity to an extent commensurate with the present needs. About a week ago a young married lady (taken from her little 30-day old babe,) the wife of Mr. E. T. Smith, a country blacksmith dependent on his daily labor for a living, was adjudged insane and under the advice of Dr. Wharton, the county physician, was sent to the hospital at Raleigh with the papers as an emergency case. Dr. McKee declined to receive her for want of room. She had to be brought back and placed in the crazy cell in jail. Dr. Wharton thinks that with proper treatment for a month or two she would be fully restored to health and sanity.

Her moans are piteous to hear. At times she is conscious of her condition and begs piteously to be taken to the asylum for treatment. The county physician has requested the jailer, Mr. Williams to get some woman to accompany Mrs. Smith and let her walk about under the shade during this hot weather and he would see that she was paid; and last night during the thunder storm Mrs. Smith was very much excited and afraid to be alone and the jailer very generously sat up all night that she might be quiet. He is a poor man and his family is dependent upon his daily labor. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Miss Lucy Lloyd, an orphan girl, educated at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and unless something can be done for her she will doubtless become a raving maniac. The county physician, sheriff and jailer are doing everything in their power to help her.

There is also another young lady by the name of Holmes living in Benson in this county whose application for admittance into the asylum at Raleigh has been on file for four or five weeks now confined at her home behind barred doors and windows. Her parents are poor people living in a two-room house and unable to take care of her and may be driven to the necessity of confining her in jail also. These cases are sent you that the people may know how the unfortunates of their State are suffering for want of room in the asylums. I have no doubt but that the same state of affairs exists in many other counties in the State and I feel certain that when the people realize the true condition of things they will willingly and quickly come to the relief of these unfortunates.

W. S. STEVENS.

Smithfield, N. C., July 3rd.

The facts set forth above shows the inadequacy of the State to provide for those unfortunates whom the hand of God has been laid on so heavily. It is a sad state of affairs and the State's lawmakers should provide for such cases, even though our taxes have to be increased.

As is stated above our Sheriff and Jailer have been doing all they can for the unfortunate woman, but, of course, she cannot be treated as her case demands. It is a shame that such cases have to be turned away from our State hospitals for lack of room. And it is to be hoped that the next legislature will make ample provisions for the unfortunate, though some of our other institutions lose.

James Kilbourne was nominated for Governor by the Ohio Democratic State Convention at Columbus, Wednesday.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

Ex-Judge Spier Whitaker died at his home in Raleigh Wednesday, aged 60 years. He was Judge of the Fourth district from 1889 to 1894.

The State has chartered the Harnett Lumber company, of Manchester, capital \$100,000. A charter has also been granted the Carolina Marble and Granite Co., of Statesville, capital \$25,000.

The State charters the Nathalia company, of Highlands, Macon county, capital \$100,000. H. Ravenel and others stockholders. The charter gives extensive privileges of milling, manufacturing and mining.

H. O. Davidson, now in charge of designing and weaving at Hope Mills, Cumberland county, is elected instructor of designing and weaving at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at a salary of \$1,200.

The saw mill and fixtures of Mr. T. B. Farmer on the Slocumb lands, near Dunn, were destroyed by fire, July 4th, about 2 o'clock p. m. Loss, \$3,000; no insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from the slab pit.

Rev. G. W. Newell, who was senator from Franklin county in 1893, fell dead Monday while in his buggy his son on the way to Louisburg from his home, seven miles distant. His age was 60 years, and heart disease caused his death.

The Reidsville correspondent of the Raleigh Post says that "Asa Flynn, the man who killed his brother in Rockingham county several months ago and who was recently released from the penitentiary, has a hallucination that the devil is following him, and he has left his home and gone to the mountains."

Major W. Augustus Blount, who died Monday at his home in Beaufort county at the age of 77 years, was the president of the first Ex-Confederate association organized in North Carolina. This was the association of Ex-Confederates of Beaufort county, organized in 1883 and incorporated in 1885. Major Blount lived in Raleigh many years. During the war he was on the staff of Gen. Bryan Grimes.

At the Guilford battle Ground celebration on the 4th Gov. Aycock and Mr. R. F. Beasley, of Monroe, spoke. After the speaking the beautiful colonial column and the monument to Col. James Morehead were unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. The colonial column is the first monument erected to the memory of the men who fought at Alamance and who made memorable the few years just preceding that battle.

A Sad Loss.

Thursday night, July 4th, at 9:30 o'clock our esteemed and valuable postmaster, Mr. A. R. Duncan, Sr., left this world of sorrow and trials to cross the dark river of death from which we see naught but darkness, yet feel assured that there is an unsurpassed light beyond that terrible gloom.

Mr. Duncan was nearing his 60th year. He joined the M. E. church about two years ago and since then has lived an up-right christian life. He had been sick for about one year and has borne his sufferings with almost superhuman endurance, never murmuring at his fate. He leaves four sons, three daughters and innumerable friends to mourn his loss.

Our heartfelt sympathies are enlisted for the bereaved ones.

He sleeps, but not forever. There'll be a glorious dawn. Let us shape our lives to meet him. On the resurrection morn.

A FRIEND.

In the three years the War Revenue Act was operative \$310,053,363 was paid into the Treasury.