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TEXT-BOOKS ARE AT LAST ADOPTED

MANY CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM LIST PREVIOUS-LY USED IN STATE.

MR. JOYNER READ REPORT

The Text-Book Commission Which Began on Eighth of June Made Its Report Except as to United States Histories and Arithmetics.

Raleigh.-It was an anxious and expectant crowd of book men that ac- mittees: cepted the invitation to enter the Hall of this House to hear the awards in the adoption of books for use in the ford, M. W. Tyree. public schools of North Carolina for half hour of waiting after a notice A. Cooper. that the award would soon be made the book men, some forty or more man; J. C. Little, W. G. Womble, being present, had left the cool shade in Capitol Square and in the rotunda of the Capitol let off the nervous Johnson, W. A. Simpkins. strain by singing a number of songs.

There had been a revival of the talk as to the proposition made by H. Sawyer. W. C. Warfield, representative of the World Book Company, as to getting the influence of some friend to secure the adoption of certain books. A number of the book men were called in by the Commission and tesimony was given by some of these that Mr. Warfield had said he had stock in, or was a member of the World Book

The report of the books adopted was read by state superintendent of public instruction J. Y. Joyner, who prefaced his remarks by saying that he extended sympathy to the men who had not won, but that there had been a close study of the books and Brown, chairman; Joseph E. Pogue, the decision was made after much deliberation. The list of books many changes from the books now in Hunter. use, these being replaced by new ones. The outside report is that in the main the vote of the Sub-Commis- Sprague. sion on the books was four for and two against some of the books secured.

The list of the books adopted does not include United States histories, which are to be recommended by a sub-committee and later adopted by the full committee. The present United States histories are White's Beginners and Chambers Higher History, published by the American Book Company. Neither does the list include arithmetics, though the talk is that a question as to price, this to be later arranged, was the only Should Drain Beaver Dam Swamp. thing that kept back the announcement that the award would go to the American Book Company, for Milne's Arithmetic. The books now in use live Godwin from the drainage engi are Colaw and Ellwood's Primary neers of the Department of Agriculand Advanced, and Colaw & Duke's Intermediate, published by the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company.

Matters Should be Given Attention. Raleigh chamber of commerce has system of ditches should be cut from presented to the business men of the midst of the swamp to the river Raleigh a striking list of things that at intervals of one mile, and that the the members of the chamber and present ditches should be enlarged and citizens generally should give their deepened. He suggests also the most special attention and effort to the practical plan to guide the local engiaccomplishment of in the immediate neers in locating the proper and natfuture. They include: Co-operation ural location for the ditches. Land between the aldermen nad county in the section affected by the swamp commissioners; widening Hillsboro is now worth from \$15 to \$20 an acre. street, fine roadway to the state fair and it is estimated that the same land grounds; belt line of railway, great would be worth \$50 to \$75 an acre boulevard; improvement of sanitary when the Beaver Dam swamp is drainconditions, including at least two ed. places of public comfort; lower city and county tax rates; sale of the pres- Farmers' Institute Meeting Closed. ent market; stoppage of any movement on the part of the Seaboard Air Line to cut Raleigh from the syth county has ended, the sessions main line; induce Atlantic Coast Line being held in the court house. A to build here from Rocky Mount and particularly interesting and instruc-Spring Hope: aid the city bond issue and farm-life school for Wake; aid Sherman, of the state department of Wake Water Company in securing agriculture, on the best methods of ample supply of water

Carthage.-The cost to the county of Moore for the listing of taxes and county made a fine talk stressing the assessment of property for this year importance of improving fram lands amounts to about \$20,000.

Must Answer to Murder Charge. Zack Marks, who is under arrest in Florida, is to be brought back to Harnett county, this state, where he formerly lived, to answer the charge of murder. He is charged with kill- dealers' sales 20,808 and the resales ing Charles Ellen in Black River township. The killing was October 22, 1902. Governor Kitchin has issued the requisition on the Governor of Florida for the prisoner and the Florida authorities are willing to red turn the prisoner to this state to ; swer to the graver charge which been placed against him-

FOR THE GOOD OF RALEIGH

A Meeting of Committees of Chamber of Commerce-A Particular Subject is Assigned to Each.

Raleigh.—The committee of the Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting. Directly after the reorganization of the chamber, President Henry E. Litchford named the directors and called on each of these to name two associates, the three constitute a committee. Then each director is the chairman of a committee, to which a particular subject is assigned. The committee appointments are all complete except as to the one on transportation, and the two names on this will be announced in a few days. The chairman of one important committee, Dr. Wade R. Brown, is in Kansas, but will return in a few days. The following is the list of the com-

1. Adevrtising and Publicity: George C. Hall, chairman; J. L. Mof-

2. Streets and Highways: J. H. the next five years. In the previous Sears, chairman; John C. Drewry, W.

- 3. Industries: John A. Mills, chair-4. Cotton and Produce Markets: Clarence Poe, chairman; Charles E.

5. Membership: Virgil J. Lee, chairman; Charles B. Park, William

6. Improvement of Relations Between County and City: Herman Helder, chairman; George Little, J. P. Wray.

7. Meetings and Hospitality: C. T. McClenaghan, chairman; Josephus Daniels, C. W. Gold.

8. Conventions: W. B. Drake. chairman; Dr. W. S. Rankin, B. H. Griffin.

9. Legal Matters: W. H. Pace, chairman; James H. Pou, R. N. Simms. 10. Freight Rates: N. B. Broughton, chairman; N. A. Dunn, E. L. Harris.

Entertainments: Wade R. 11. W. H. Bagley.

12. School Questions: B. F. Monwhich he read showed that there were tague, chairman; J. Y. Joyner, A. B.

13. Trade Extension: W. G. Briggs, chairman; F. B. Arendell, John 14. Transportation: Maj. J. J. Ber-

nard, chairman. 15. Civic Betterment: Dr. H. A. Royster, chairman; H. P. S. Keller,

N. L. Walker. 16. Public Health: Thomas M. Jordan, chairman; George W. Lay,

Charles J. Parker. At the meeting President Litchford was in the chair and Fred A. Olds at the secretary's desk. President Litchford called on the various committeemen for suggestions.

Suggestions for draining Beaver Dam swamp in Harnett county, N. C., which were requested by Representature, were submitted in a report received by him. C. W. Mengal, the department engineer, after a survey of the tract of 7,000 acres lying across the Cape Fear river from Dunn, reresident H. E. Litchford of the ports that to secure good drainage a

> The most successful and largely attended institute of farmers of Fortive address was made by Mr. F. growing tobacco; a topic peculiarly attractive to farmers in this great tobacco belt. Mr. I. C. Ross of Stokes by rotation of crops.

> Sale of Tobacco For Month of July. The sales of tobacco from the five North Carolina markets reporting for July amounted to 163,929 pounds. The first-hand sales were 116,440; the

Towns.		
airmont	. 52,545	65,842
nir Bluff	53,243	68,932
ekisville	5.722	6,543
ston?Salem	3,714	20,496
am	2,216	2,216
1	710,440	163,929

PENNSYLVANIA MOB CREMATES NEGRO

VICTIM OF NORTHERN LYNCHERS HAD KILLED A SPECIAL POLICEMAN.

WAS TAKEN FROM HOSPITAL

Wounded Black, Srtapped to a Hospital Cot, Was Placed on a

Coatesville, Pa.-Zachariah Walker, a negro desperado, was carried on a cut from the hospital here and burned to a crisp by a frenzied mob of men and boys, on a fire which they

ignited about a half mile from town. The negro, who had shot and killed Edgar Rice, a special policeman of the Worth Iron Mills, was first dragged to the scene of the shooting begging piteously for mercy. He had been arrested by a posse after a search, which had stirred the countryside.

When the posse finally located him, he was found hiding in a cherry tree, and, with the last bullet in his revolver, shot himself in the mouth, falling from the tree. He was removed to the hospital and placed under police

A crowd, numbering almost a thousand persons, appeared at the hospital. The leaders were unable to gain admission, but quickly smashed the window frames and crawled through the corridor.

When Walker was taken to the hospital he was strapped down in order to prevent his escape. The mob, seeing this, gathered up the bed, and, placing it on the shoulders of four men, started for the country. They left the town by way of the Towerville road, and, when half a mile from the hospital, stopped at a farm house.

Here they entered a field, and, quickly gathering up a pile of dry grass, and weeds, placed the bed containing their victim upon it. The negro was begging piteously to be released but his pleadings fell upon deaf ears. A match was placed to the pile of grass, and the flames shot up quickly, entirely enshrouding the screaming victim. That not a vestige of the murderer be left, the mob tore down the fence along the road and piled the rails upon the burning negro. After waiting for half an hour, the mob dispersed as quickly as it had come.

A curious feature of the burning was the fact that there were almost as many women in the crowd as

BIG STRIKE CAUSES RIOTING

Troops Called Out to Assist the Police in Liverpool.

Liverpool, England.—Serious rioting growing out of the strike in progress has occurred. One policeman was kille dby being struck on the head

An altercation between a policeman and a striker during a transport workers' demonstration at St .George's hall started the trouble, which culmi-

nated in a general melee. One hundred thousand men were gathered in groups about St. George's kle, adjutant general and chief of per cent. higher and hay 29.9 per cent. hall listening to speeches by labor agitators and the scenes of violence fololwing the attack upon the policemen necessitated the calling out of police reserves. When they arrived one party of fifteen policemen were 93 Lives Lost When French Steamer surrounded and disarmed, the rioters attacking them with their own batons. In the fight the commanding officer of the police was dangerously wounded.

So great was the disorder that the riot act was read and troops were called out to assist the police.

Oklahoma Mob Lynches a Negro.

Durant, Oklahoma.-A mob of 500 for Turanto, Italy. whites captured and shot to death an unidentified negro who attacked and of the Emir's crew and passengers. shot Mrs. Redden Campbell, near here, and afterward burned the negro's body. The negro was killed after a fore peak full of water. running fight in which he exhausted his ammunition. When he fell, volley after volley of bullets were poured 24 of the erew went down with the into his body by the mob. It was then ship. Twelve of the crew and 15 pastaken to the home of his victim and sengers were saved. All the passen-

New York-Chicago Limited Wrecked.

Fort Wayne, Ind.-Four persons were killed and 30 injured when the ley, who prides himself in the title and for the first time in history in-Penusylvania 18-hour train en route the city while going fifty 'miles an before some one in a spirit of mishour. In leaving the rails the two chief had nailed an American flag ference to compremise their difference engines pulling the passenger train above the door of his shop. When es. Finally they effected a complete three piled up in a mass of bent and neighbors around him and walking to eration of the free list bill. President in the ditch.

HAY FEVER SEASON



GENERAL GORDON IS DEAD

Heat Hastened End of Chief Officer of the United Confederate Veteran.

Memphis, Tenn.-George W. Gordon, soldier, lawyer and statesman, it is Said the President Will Allow

Worn by an illness dating from his last political campaign, when he was re-elected to the national house of representatives, the last general of the Confederacy to serve in that body, answered the summons to join the invisible majority here.

born in Giles county, Tennessee, Oc- 53 to 18-after rejection of the Nelson tober 5, 1836. In his early boyhood, his parents removed to Texas, and later to Mississippi, but as a youth, he returned to Tennessee and entered the Western Military academy, from first activity was as a civil engineer.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, General Gordon enlisted as drill master of the Eleventh Tennessee infantengagements, and at one time was out his signature. taken prisoner, but was exchanged in

don studied and practiced law.

He was elected a member of the Sixtieth congress from the Tenth Ten- constitution. New Mexico must vote Sixty-first and Sixty-second congress- which would make the constitution of es. He was the only Confederate gen- the state easier of amendment, eral numbered in the present congress.

General Gordon was chosen commander-in-chief of the United Confed-Little Rock, Ark., last May,

don, Lieut, Gen, C. Irvine Walker as- ures issued by the department of agsteff.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP SINKS

Sinks.

Gibraltar.-The French steamer rifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned. An hour later in a dense fog she collided with the British steamer Silverton bound from Newport, England,

The crew of the latter rescued 27 The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her

The Emir sunk a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers gers were French

Canadian Burns Our Flag.

London, Ontario.-Thomas Midgetered the ashes about the street

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA ARE GRANTED STATEHOOD BY THE SENATE.

the Bill to Become a Law Without His Signature.

Washington. - The bill granting statehood to New Mexico and Arizona, legislation that has been for many years the dream of the people of these George Washington Gordon was territories, was passed by the senateamendment, which proposed striking out of the Arizona constitution its judiciary recall provision.

The bill as passed by the senate difwhich he was graduated in 1859. His fers only slightly from the house measure, and it is said may be unsatisfactory to President Taft. He has ry, C. S. A. Within a few weeks he glad to sign the statehood bill if the was made a captain, and was later Nelson amendment prevailed, but that promoted to a lieutenant-colonel's it was a grave question whether he rank, and in about a year was com- would be willing to sign it if the missioned colonel. In 1864 he was amndment were defeated, as it was, named brigadier general. He particl- by 43 to 26. The indications are pated with distinction in a number of that the bill will become a law with-

The bill as passed compels Arizona as a condition precedent to entry into At the close of the war General Gor- the Union to submit the recall proposition to the voters for final decision as to whether it shall remain in their nessee district, and re-elected to the on a proposition embodied in the bill

Lower Prices Paid Farmers. Washington.-The problem of the erate Veterans at the reunion of 1910, high cost of living apparently is beat Mobile, Ala. He was re-elected to ing solved, at least so far as farm with a brick and many persons were that position at the 1911 reunion at products are concerned, for the farmers are getting lower prices for their New Orleans.-As the next senior products this year than they received officer of the late Gen. George W. Gor- a year ago. According to official figsumes command of the United Confed- riculture. Potatoes were the notable erate Veterans in orders issued exception, their price having more through the office of William E. Mic- than doubled. Potatoes averaged 109.6

higher. Washington to Mississippi Road.

Bristol, Tenn.-With a view to constructing a national highway between Washington, D. C., and the Mississippi, there was organized here the Bristol-to-Washington Highway association Emir foundered five miles east of Ta- in a meeting attended by many prominent Virginians. The purpose of this organization is to take up here on the Tennessee-Virginia border the matter of extending the Memphis-to-Bristol automobile and tourist stone highway to the national capital.

Earthquakes in California.

San Bernardino, Cal.-The most sebere earthquake shock felt in this vicinity in years shook the business buildings with such severity that the occupants fled into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock

quake shock was felt here.

Agree on Wool Revision. Washington.-Doffing their coats

"Yankee hater," publicly burned the viting the press to be present, the contwisted from The baggage car, smok the middle of the street lighted a fire Taff is expected to voto the bill as through the National Catholic er, buffet and two sleepers turned over and burned the flag. Then he scat it now stands, he committee will has been a call for a converted to the bill as through the national Catholic er, buffet and two sleepers turned over and burned the flag. now take up the free list bill.

SPIES NUMEROUS IN UNITED STATES

DENCE OF ACTIVITY OF FOREIGN SPIES.

ARMY SECURES STARTLING EVI-

STEPS TAKEN TO PUNISH

Many Foreigners Are Carefully Studying Fortifications of United States.

Washington.-Startling evidence of the pernicious activity of foreign spies is in the possession of the army general staff, which accounts for the serious consideration that is now being given to the most trifling report at attempts to discover the military secrets of the country. Some of these incidents are of comparatively recent date, and it was upon the submission of such information to a secret session of the judicial committee of the house that legislation was secured at the last session of congress providing for the severe punishment of spies in time of peace.

An Englishman in Calcutta picked up in the streets a small package of blue-prints showing every detail 'of the defenses of Corregidor island, the main stronghold of the United States in the Philippines. The prints were not copies of any drawing or charts prepared for use of the United States, but were evidently the result of a careful and deliberate investigation of the official and confidential records of the United States, hTe existence of the blueprints made it evident that there were other copies in existence. The Englishman sent the papers to war department here, but the most careful investigation failed to discover the means by which the informationhad been obtained.

A waiter in a Seattle hotel was found to be a foreign officer in disguise, possessing many drawings and notes he had made of the Pacific coast

defenses.

An American ambassador notified contended all along that he would be the state department that a certain captain belonging to the army of the country where he was stationed had been detailed to spend three years secretly investigating the American countries and studying their military conditions.

Even the Panama canal has not escaped; one of the engineers found a foreign officer, an attache to one of the American countries, secretly studying the canal from a stretegic standpoint, and he understood that there were six or seven other officers of the same nationality in the United States gathering military information.

A New York policeman arrested an American for a trivial offense and found in his trunk military maps and information in which convinced the officials that he was in the employ of a foreign government, but the incldent that convinced the judiciary committee of the necessity for the protective law occurred less than a year ago in the Philippines.

An enlisted man in the engineers was offered \$25,000 by two foreign officers for the plans of the defenses of the Corregidor Island. Being the official photographer, he had ample opportunity to get all the necessary pictures, having first informed his superior officer of the attempt. A tran was laid and the two foreign spies were captured. But habeas corpus proceedings were obtained and they were released, as there was then no law in the Philippines or United States under which they could be prosecuted.

Washington.-For the first time in many years the war department is perturbed over the case of an alleged

spy in the army. Capt, James Wilson, the army recuriting officer at Indianapolis, has advised the department that he holds affidavits accusing Private George Peters of being an Austrian secret agent, and the department is working on the charges to determine a course of

action. It is not believed the charges, if well founded, indicate that the Austrian government, even remotely, contemplates future hostilities with America. The probable object of the alleged spy was to discover for his gov-Los Angeles, Cal.-A slight earth- ernment the composition of the remarkable high explosive "dunnite,"

Political War Divides Mexico.

Mexico City,-Dr: Francisco Gomez annuounces his willingness to become a candidate for the presidency of the from Chicago to New York, jumped Stars and Stripes in the streets of ferces on the wool tariff revision and republic. It became known that the the track on the western outskirts of the town of Woodstock. A few hours farmers free list bills sat down in con- old fight between church and state would be resumed in Mexico Notwithstanding the separation effected sideswiped a freihgt engine and the Midgeley saw the flag he called his agreement on wood and began consid- by Renito Juarez, almost liall a cantury ago; the Catholic church, acting