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EDUCATIONAL GATHERING.

Southern Educational Association in Session at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—Sixteen States have sent delegations to the annual convention of the Southern Educational Association, which met in this city today for a three days' session. The various State superintendents of public instruction as well as many county and city superintendents are in attendance, and there are also present many noted educators who have been invited to address the gathering. Prominent among the latter are former President Elliott of Harvard University, President Judson of the University of Chicago and President Jordan of Leland Stanford University.

Among the noted Southern educators who are scheduled for addresses are President Hill of the University of Missouri, Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt University, President Mese of the University of Texas, President Denny of Washington and Lee University, President Abernethy of the University of Alabama, President Venable of the University of North Carolina, President Mitchell of the University of South Carolina, President Kincaid of the University of Mississippi, and Prof. Claxton of the University of Tennessee.

In conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Educational Association sessions are being held by the American school peace league, the Southern association for the improvement of public school houses, the religious of public school houses, the Religious Educational association and the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology.

The first session was held at 10:30 in the morning. On behalf of the State Superintendent J. Y. Joiner delivered a welcoming address. Mayor Hawkins also welcomed the visitors and a response was made by Mr. R. J. Tighe, of Asheville. The morning and evening sessions were largely attended. Many distinguished visitors are in attendance.

ROSE HILL VISITED BY SERIOUS FIRE.

Wilmington, Dec. 28.—Rose Hill, a small town between Wilmington and Goldsboro, was visited by a disastrous conflagration this morning.

Private advices received in this city stated the fire raged for five hours before it was suppressed.

The Bank of Rose Hill was destroyed along with thirteen business houses.

Papers, currency and documents in the bank were saved. The building was insured.

Aggregate loss of other structures beyond amount of insurance carried is \$40,000.

It is stated in a letter received that outside communication was interrupted by the fire.

The people of Rose Hill have already started clearing away the debris preparatory to rebuilding the structures destroyed.

DAVIS DRUG COMPANY.

State Issues Charter to the Davis Drug Company of This City.

The Secretary of State on yesterday issued articles of incorporation to the Davis Drug Company of this city, the same being the incorporation of the company buying out the corner store of S. W. Williams, and incorporated by Messrs. L. A. Brown, I. I. Davis and others, with a capital stock authorized at \$10,000. The new company has charge of the store and Mr. Williams is out.

Affected Electric Lights.

La Grange, Dec. 28.—The dimness of the electric lights recently caused the manager of the plant much uneasiness and for some time the trouble could not be located. Finally he examined the box under the water wheel and a great mass of cels was found. These were jammed in so fast that it impeded the turning of the wheel. One hundred and fourteen large cels were removed, weighing 158 pounds. The lights are all right now.

ZELAYA ENTERS DENIAL.

Declares That He is Not a Prisoner in the Hands of the Mexican Officials in Any Sense of the Word—May Go to Belgium to Live.

Cordoba, Mex., Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya denied today that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officials in any sense of the word. He stated emphatically that such was not the case and that he was free to go where he choose.

Zelaya declared that he favored friendly intervention on the part of the Mexican and United States government, to the end that a consolidation of all the Central American republics might be brought about.

He said he believed Secretary Knox was now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him and declared he never understood why the Secretary should have molested him.

He might go to Belgium to live, he said. In any event, he would not return to Nicaragua until peace is restored. It was his opinion that the war would end within two months, but he would not venture an opinion as to which of the combatants would be finally successful.

The report concerning his wealth, Zelaya said, were grossly exaggerated. His fortune is not over \$2,000,000 gold and is invested mostly in Nicaraguan government bonds. He claimed to have advanced the \$50,000 paid on the Emery claim as a personal loan out of his own funds, there having been no money in the government treasury at that time. This amount, he said, had never been refunded to him. He strongly denied that he had wrongly obtained any part of his fortune through concessions of which he had the disposal.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY!

We are now selling Ledgers and Binders for the new year.

With the coming of another year there are many who will want to make changes in their books and nothing should be decided on until The Peoples Print Shop is consulted.

We have been selling these goods during the month of December to those who are anticipating their wants for 1910 and as a consequence our stock has been somewhat reduced. The time to decide on what you will need and want is now at hand, and as we will be constantly making orders during the next few weeks, we trust that those interested, or expect to be later, see us at once. It is a mistake to wait too long and then perhaps experience a delay in getting orders filled. Call and let us talk over the matter with you.—Peoples Print Shop.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Six Die by Accident or Assault at Bluefield Coal Field.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Death by accident and assaults reduced the population of this coal field by at least half a score during the Christmas celebration. All are said to have been drinking. The dead are:

Hergert Gose, shot and killed by Lee Findley, near St. Paul, Va.

William White and Wash Jones, negroes, killed by each other in a pistol duel at St. Paul, Va.

James Hill, shot and fatally wounded by man named Widener, near Virginia City, Va.

J. R. Sawyers, run over by train at Huger, Va.

C. Leverley, found dead on track at Vulean, Va.

John Patrick, fell from moving train at Cedar Bluff will die.

John Willis, throat cut in fight with William Odell at Tom Creek, Va.

Two unknown men, one a negro, killed by train at Landgraff.

Farmers' Meeting.

There will be a regular meeting of the East Cabarrus Farmers' Club Saturday evening, annary 1st, in Mt. Pleasant at 1 o'clock. A full attendance is requested that each member may receive their premium.

W. H. FISHER.

Mr. Locke Erwin returned to the city this morning on No. 11.

THE YOKE OF DOLLAR MARK.

Supreme Curt Justice Howard, of New York Makes Some Very Pertinent Observations.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 28.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind today is not the stars and stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard, in an opinion today reducing the compensation of members of a commission appointed to appraise damages to property resulting from the ages to property resulting from the construction of the Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county, which is to furnish a water supply for New York city.

"While the commissions furnish avenues for the wreckless escape of many dollars, there are other channels of leakage and wastefully as appalling," said Justice Howard.

"It is to be greatly regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft.'" Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money, but it is the unnecessary, wasteful use which characterizes the construction of every public welfare.

"At least forty per cent of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All things could be possible if this frightful leak could be stopped—roads, canals, libraries, asylums and hospitals.

"Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible. They expect graft, and even spoil and booty, to deplete their resources wherever any great undertaking is ventured by them; and they look with complacency and toleration and indifference at ravages upon their property. Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure, as is cement or lumber. It has come to be a matter of course—this rake off—a loss recognized by all who makes the estimates of cost in such cases. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

Justice Howard declares that the "whole project of the condemnation of land in the Ashokan Valley is characterized by waste, disorder and confusion."

THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED.

Wilmington, Dec. 28.—It is announced here today that at a recent meeting of the bondholders of the Rockingham Power Company in New York at which 97 per cent of the bonds were represented, the independent bondholders, plan proposed by the North Carolina interests was substituted for the plan of the re-organization committee, and a committee composed of J. P. Council, Hugh M. Rae of North Carolina and Robert E. McCormick of Chicago was appointed to put the plan in effect.

It is believed now that the obstacles to the successful financing of the development are out of the way and that the property will be speedily completed along the lines contemplated by the original promoters.

PROGRAM OF DEMOCRATS.

To Keep Down Appropriation Bills and to Vote Against Ship Subsidy.

Washington, Dec. 28.—"The program of the Democrats in the House at this session is to keep down the amount of appropriation bills and to vote against ship subsidy," said minority leader, Champ Clark, of Missouri, today. "The House leaders are rushing everything to get the appropriation measures through, and that subject and the ship subsidy proposition seem to be about the only two things that are to be taken up. We are opposed to the ship subsidy bill. We favor a river and harbor bill. I look for adjournment of Congress in April, certainly by May 1."

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Blackwelder, Mr. Lee Foll and Miss Ella Moore, of Mt. Pleasant, left this morning for Charlotte. They will spend the day in the city and see "The Builder of Bridges" there tonight.

OFFICER NABS A BLOOKADE DISTILLERY.

Jefferson, Dec. 28.—Oliver Ham, deputy sheriff of Horse Creek township, Ashe county, came to Jefferson last night with a distillery, complete with cap and worm, and with Sam Miller and John Hall under arrest. The deputy sheriff delivered the prisoners into the justice's court here and upon examination by the justice they were discharged, it appearing to the court that the wrong men had been arrested. The jailer has charge of the still and fixtures.

When the deputy sheriff found the distillery there was about sixty-five gallons of "backings and singlings" and the fire had just been drawn from the furnace. The men who were arrested were at the still when found and were supposed to be the operators, hence their arrest.

Oliver Ham is an efficient deputy sheriff, and if Ashe county had enough of such men in office the traffic in liquor and blockading would most assuredly be stamped out. The "backings and singlings" were destroyed by the deputy sheriff.

THREE ALLEGED SWINDLERS CAPTURED.

Wilmington, Dec. 28.—Sheriff E. W. Summerville and Deputy S. W. Wellum of Onslow county passed through the city today conveying to jail at Jacksonville, C. Arthur Fisher, B. B. Fisher and G. H. Fisher, charged with defrauding the banks at Richlands and Jacksonville, Onslow county, of about \$460, on bogus bills of lading for cotton alleged to have been shipped from Verone in the same county.

They were captured Sunday at Cerro Cordo, Columbus county, by Mr. C. S. Hicks, formerly cashier of the bank of Whiteville, who, is said to have been defrauded by a fourth of the Fisher brothers not yet captured and Deputy Sheriff Ammons of Whiteville. The Fisher brothers are said to be natives of Onslow but have been living in Georgia for some time and are said to be wanted in several States for swindling banks in much the same manner as they operated in Onslow.

ZELAYA DECLARES HE IS STILL PRESIDENT.

Cordoba, Mex., Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still President of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, is only a provisional President and that he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the executive office.

Little Brother Kills Sister.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 28.—Minnie Hurd, the seven-year-old daughter of Charles Hurd, residing eight miles east of this city, was hot and instantly killed by her small brother James, at the home of their father today. The little boy was loading a shotgun when it was accidentally discharged, a load of heavy shot nearly blowing off his sister's head.

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