

A DAVIS MEMORIAL

New Orleans Entertaining Influential Gathering of DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Many Reports Made at the Second Day's Session—\$6,000 for the Winnie Davis Memorial.

New Orleans, Special.—The second day's session of the ninth annual convention of the Daughters of the United Confederacy opened Thursday morning. Greetings were received from junior organizations of Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky. A number of reports were read showing the progress made by the society in the different States. Mrs. Cooley, of Florida, said that although the State had a population more than half of which was Northern, it contained one of the largest chapters of the general body and had lately raised a \$35,000 shaft over the Florida soldiers killed in battle and buried in Winchester, Va.

Mrs. J. M. Arnold, of Kentucky, said that through the division in that State the play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," had been prohibited and "Marching Georgia" silenced in the city schools. Mrs. John P. Hickman, of Evansville, Ind., said the chapter there was engaged in the work of building a monument to the Confederate dead.

Miss Mary M. Minoe, of Maryland, said the chapter in that State helped to support a Soldiers' Home and helped to erect a monument shortly to be unveiled in honor of the veterans.

Mrs. Helen D. Bell said the special work of the chapters in Mississippi were to establish a Confederate home at Beauvoir, the old home of Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. James Henry Parker, of New York, said her chapter was composed of Southern women, living in that State and was engaged in memorial work.

The announcement from Georgia that \$6,000 for the Winnie Davis memorial had been raised through the Daughters, was greeted with applause. Mrs. Robert Meade reported for the grand division of Virginia, Mrs. M. T. Sherry for West Virginia, and Mrs. Connor for South Carolina. A very cordial greeting was given Miss Laura Dugan, who bore greetings from the chapter in Los Angeles, Cal.

Shooting at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—A tragic shooting affair occurred here Thursday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, as a result of which E. Sherlock Oglesby is dead and P. Norman Willis is desperately wounded. The shooting occurred on Federal street, near Seventh, and there were no witnesses to it except the two young men involved.

It is known that they had a quarrel, but what it was about could not be learned. The shots were heard, and persons whose attention was attracted saw a man lying on the sidewalk and another walking away. The man on the sidewalk was Oglesby, dead, a pistol with three chambers empty lying near by. Willis walked several squares to his home on Fifth street. Doctors were hastily summoned, and it was ascertained that he had been shot through the abdomen near the naval. His condition is precarious. He stated that Oglesby had first shot him and then shot himself. Both the young men are connected with well-known and respected families.

Veteran Editor Dead.

Baltimore, Special.—Colonel Harry D. Beall, 65 years old, for 28 years a well-known and able member of the Baltimore Sun editorial staff, died Thursday as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained two weeks ago. He had been in failing health for some time and since the paralytic stroke his death had not been unexpected. Colonel Beall was a native of Virginia and during the civil war was a member of the First Virginia Cavalry. Before the war he was engaged in newspaper work in New Orleans, and shortly after the war was similarly engaged in Chicago, subsequently coming to this city to accept a position on the Sun.

Dewey to Sail December 1.

Washington, Special.—Admiral Dewey, who will have supreme command of the combined fleets engaged in the Caribbean Sea manoeuvres next month, will hoist his four-starred flag on the President's yacht, Mayflower, at the Washington navy yard, December 1, and will sail the same day with his large personal staff direct for the naval base at Culebra Island.

THE STATE DISTRICTED

Meeting of School Superintendents Plans Educational Campaign.

Raleigh, Special.—Friday was the final one of the conference of county superintendents. This meeting is the one of the most important meetings of educators ever held in the State. In fact, it may be said it is the best.

The opening work of the session Friday was a discussion of teachers' institutes and summer schools for teachers. Superintendent Ragsdale, of Pitt, led a discussion on rural libraries, their use, benefits and extension. Superintendent Clements, of Wake, led a discussion on the school law and suggested changes. State Superintendent Joyner led a discussion on county and State supervision. Superintendent Turlington, of Johnston, led a discussion on the examination and grading of teachers. The committee on resolutions made its report this afternoon. This was followed by a report by the committee on the division of the State into district associations, the committee recommending as to the number of associations.

In the evening there was an educational rally, at which brief talks were made by Governor Aycock, Robert D. Douglas, of Greensboro; Charles D. McIver, H. L. Smith, F. P. Venable, Editor Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. Plato Durham, Editor Daniels, of the News and Observer, and others. At this rally there was a notably large gathering of educators. Among those present were President Hobgood, of Oxford Female Seminary; Principal E. McK. Goodwin, of the State School for Deaf Mutes; J. F. Foust, of Greensboro; R. L. Flowers, and W. P. Few, of Trinity College.

The following districts were created: Northeast district—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Halifax, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Dare, Tyrrel, Washington, Martin, Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt, Beaufort, Hyde, Pamlico.

Southern district—Craven, Carteret, Lenoir, Jones, Green, Wilson, Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Bladen, Cumberland, Robeson, Scotland, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover.

East Central district—Warren, Vance, Granville, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Orange, Durham, Franklin, Wake, Chatham, Randolph, Davidson, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond.

West Central district—Surry, Cleveland, Wilkes, Rutherford, Yadkin, Davie, Iredell, Alexander, Caldwell, Catawba, Rowan, Stanly, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Gaston, Union, Anson.

Western district—Mitchell, Burke, McDowell, Yancey, Madison, Haywood, Buncombe, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, Cherokee.

Three delegates represent each district at a conference called by the Superintendent other than the State conference. Permanent state organization of the State association was affected with J. Y. Joyner president and W. G. Gaither secretary.

A resolution was adopted which recognizes the following as the greatest needs of the public schools of the State and favors the legislation necessary to supply them: (1) Reasonable consolidation of small districts into larger ones. (2) Adequate and comfortable school houses with enlarged and improved grounds. (3) Supplementing by local taxation the school fund raised by the State and county taxation. (4) To lengthen the terms of county institutes and make them more efficient. (5) To increase the salaries of good teachers. (6) To increase the salaries of county superintendents who devote all their time to educational work. (7) An increased appropriation for rural school libraries. Thanks were offered to the woman's association for the betterment of public school houses, which pledges the co-operation of over 2,000 women who have volunteered to make school houses more comfortable and attractive. The great value of the work done by the Southern educational board and the generosity of the general education board were recognized. The resolution favors most heartily the continuance of the present special appropriation for the public schools of the State.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we endorse and most heartily commend the able and efficient administration of our worthy State Superintendent, James Y. Joyner, and we pledge him our individual support in carrying forward the great educational campaign in which he is now engaged. Jas. A. Butler, J. M. Way, C. W. Massey, J. A. McAlister, Committee."

MINE OWNERS' SIDE.

Statement Filed With Coal Strike Commission

STATEMENT OF LEHIGH COMPANY.

Report Says Miners Have the Best of Homes, Planos and Organs, and All the Comforts of Life.

Philadelphia, Special.—The statement of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, submitted to the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission now in session at Scranton, Pa., in answer to the demands of the miners, was made public here Sunday. The answer recites the developments of the company from the date of its charter in 1822, refers to the expense of operation and to the comparatively small profits, and declares the demand of the employees for an increase of 2 per cent. is unjustifiable, the reason given in support of the demand not being founded on fact. Accompanying the statement came two exhibits. One shows the earnings of the employees of the company for one year based on the time worked during 1901, the number of the several classes of workmen, and the rates paid according to the pay roll for the first half of 1902. The other is a catalogue of overt acts charged to the striking employees of the company during the recent contest, the riots, assaults and disturbances of various kinds, benighted by upwards of 60. The answer says:

"The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company is the oldest corporation engaged in the mining of coal in the anthracite region. It was chartered in 1822, and was the successor of the Lehigh Coal Mine Company, which was organized in 1793. It also acquired certain rights on the Lehigh river which were granted in 1818.

"It owns and controls about 14,000 acres of coal land in Carbon and Schuylkill counties, which are estimated to contain over 500,000,000 tons of available unmined coal. Its employees numbered about 6,000 and its capacity of production is over 200,000 tons a month. Its capital stock and funded debt amounted to upward of \$32,000,000. All of its capital stock and bonds were issued for full value, but although its more important coal lands were purchased at a time when the country was a wilderness, and all its lands have been acquired at moderate prices, the dividends upon its capital stock to date only averaged 4.02 per cent. The profit on coal mined by the company during the 10 years ending December 31, 1901, has averaged 11.09 cents per ton, after charging off taxes on coal lands and depreciation, but not including any charge for royalty, which represents the value of the coal in the ground. Nor were the rates of freight upon the railroad exorbitant, as is shown by the fact that the company operated its own canal, but found it advantageous to send the coal to market over the railroad, rather than by the canal."

Referring to the claim of the miners that better wages are paid in the bituminous fields for substantially similar work, the answer states:

"This company does not know what rate of wages is paid in the bituminous coal fields throughout the country, but there is nowhere in any fields, substantially similar work to that which is done under contract in the mines of this company. It is a fact, however, that miners of ordinary skill and experience have always been able to go from the mines of this company to any other mining region throughout the country and obtain employment.

"In 1901, for a day of 10 hours, contract miners earned an average of \$3.14 per day; skilled laborers \$2.31; unskilled laborers \$1.93; boys \$1 for work underground. The rates for outside labor averaged as follows: Skilled labor \$1.96; unskilled labor \$1.23; boys 77 cents. The average annual earnings of adults were \$475.25." Denial is made of the claim of the miners that their earnings are insufficient to maintain the American standard of living.

"Out of 3,043 families, 870 own their own houses. Planos will be found in 146 and house organs in 337. The company owns and rents to its employees 671 houses at an average rental of \$4.75 a month. The character of these homes is fully above the average in any part of the country occupied by any other class of workmen. It has been the policy of the company to sell surface with the dwellings is now owned and occupied by employees of the company. The families of the employees have ample school accommodations, with capable teachers and over 3,000 children in attendance, while over 76

per cent. of the whole fund expended in the region is derived from taxes paid by this company on its coal estate.

"Some of the foreigners prefer to live in a very niggardly and squalid manner so that they may accumulate the larger part of their earnings and return to Europe to live in idleness, but those who have their permanent home in the region have at least \$1,000,000 on deposit in banks and saving funds in the vicinity, saved from the wages earning in the employment of this company. The annual remittances to their families and friends abroad, through agencies in the region and vicinity, amounted to \$150,000 or more. In 1884 the company established a beneficial fund, to which it has contributed the sum of \$196,889 and the employees \$154,768."

Stromboli in Eruption.

Rome, By Cable.—The volcano on Stromboli Island (off the north coast of Sicily) has commenced a terrible eruption. A colossal column of fire is rising, and incandescent stones are being emitted from the craters. Many houses on the islands have been destroyed.

Six Craters at Work.

Auckland, New Zealand, By Cable.—According to advices received here from Apia, Samoa, via Tongoa, an eruption has broken out in Savaii, the western and largest island of the Samoan group. Six craters are reported to be emitting smoke and flames. In one village in the vicinity the earth is covered two inches deep with ashes.

More Boodlers to Be Tried.

St. Louis, Special.—Circuit Attorney Folk, who has returned from Columbia, Mo., where he prosecuted the case against Col. Ed Butler, who was convicted of attempting bribery, is preparing for the trial of other alleged boodlers next week. The cases against Chas. A. Guttke, T. E. Albright, Adolph Madeira, Chas. J. Denny, Emil Hartmann, John A. Sheridan and Julius Lehman, former delegates, on the charge of bribery in connection with the suburban street railway franchise deal, are docketed for trial.

Attempt Failed.

Frankfort, Ind., Special.—Four men attempted to hold up the south-bound Monon Express, at Cyclone, early Thursday. The train slackened speed on striking torpedoes on the rails, but when the engineer faced four revolvers he threw open the throttle. The four men fired rapidly, but all escaped injury. Sheriff Corns and deputies afterward caught the men, who gave the names of Chas. Johnson, James Mack, Frank Smith and Henry Gray, all claiming to live in Cincinnati.

Coal Situation Critical.

Knoxville, Special.—The local coal situation is growing desperate and although this city is within 30 miles of large coal mines, many manufacturers may be forced to close on account of inability to secure coal because of the Southern Railway's car shortage. The Proctor Furniture Company has already shut down its plant. The chamber of commerce has decided to send a committee to Washington to see if the Southern's management cannot give this section some relief.

Mackay's Body Reaches Home.

New York, Special.—Resting in a mortuary chapel, a large room between decks, having been fitted for that temporary use, the body of John Mackay arrived on the White Star liner Oceanic from Liverpool. Mrs. Mackay and her daughter, the Princess Colonna, were passengers on the same steamer. The body of Mr. Mackay was taken from the steamer and immediately conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, where it was placed in a vault beside the remains of J. W. Mackay, Jr.

Davidson Wins.

Atlanta, Special.—Davidson won from the Georgia Techs here Thursday afternoon, by a score of 7 to 6. The Techs made a touch-down in the first half on a double pass and a 40-yard run by Brinson. In the second half, Davidson made two points. McLeod, Davidson's full back, was the star of the game.

The New York Supreme Court decided that an express company's liability is not limited, even if so stated on its receipts.

Removing Beer Bullets.

Lord Methuen has undergone a successful operation in London, several spent bullets being removed from his injured leg. There is every prospect of a speedy recovery, although it is expected that the limb will be slightly contracted.

THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Gathering of Prominent Educators in City of Raleigh.

Raleigh, Special.—Wednesday the State Association of Public School Superintendents met here. State Superintendent Joyner is presiding. It may be said that all the counties are represented. The address made by Mr. Joyner was forceful. He pleaded for consolidation of school districts, saying that of the districts 50 per cent. have less than 65 children of school age. There are 5,653 white and 2,421 colored districts. He said that last year \$1,369,714 was raised for public schools, exclusive of \$161,363 raised by cities and towns by local taxation. The school tax has increased in 27 years from 12½ cents on the \$100 to 18 cents. Then the school fund was only \$324,000. The school term has been lengthened three weeks, but there has not been a cent of increase in the salary of teachers.

The speech was of half-hour's length and was admirable, in Mr. Joyner's best style. He spoke of the view of school consolidation, saying it was easy to see that with larger schools the larger the amount for each district and school and vice versa.

There were present at the opening of this convention of superintendents those from 61 counties. Dr. Wallace Buttrick, of the general education board, was there. His presence is an inspiration. Dr. C. D. McIver was also present. Superintendent W. G. Gaither of Perquimans, was made temporary secretary. There was a bright discussion of the consolidation of school districts. Superintendent Boger, of Cabarrus, led it and those followed him were Cooper, of Onslow; Hudson, of Caswell; Dr. Buttrick and Venable, of Asheville. The latter was heartily applauded. He told of the big graded school in the middle of each district and the primary schools around it, easy of access for the little scholars.

At the evening's session of the county superintendents' convention Superintendent Venable, of Buncombe, spoke on the location and plans of schoolhouses, and two architects explained plans of the same, while suggestions were made by several superintendents, and Superintendent Way, of Randolph, spoke on the observed benefits of better houses and equipments. State Superintendent Joyner discussed ways and means of raising money for better houses, grounds and equipment. Superintendent Ledford, of Davidson, read an able paper on the necessity for a county school map and how to get it. State Superintendent Joyner made a report on local taxation for public schools and Superintendent J. R. Wharton, of Guilford, spoke on the benefits of local taxation and ways and means of securing it. C. D. McIver and ex-State Superintendent Scarborough followed on this subject. State Superintendent Joyner is deeply gratified at the success and interest of the meeting. He says 80 superintendents are now here.

Death By Faith Cure.

Marion, Special.—Thomas Odom, about 21 years of age, from South Carolina, died at Elhanon Institute of typhoid fever, making the second death at that institute within about a week. A Miss Hunstall, from Craven county, died there last week with fever. Young Odom died without having a physician at all, and Miss Hunstall's sister called a doctor after reaching here from her home, but it was too late. These young people were followers of Miss Mattie Perry, and believers in divine healing or faith cure.

Mr. Jordan Robbed.

Mr. R. H. Jordan, of Charlotte, was robbed of \$400 on a Pullman car while en route to New York Wednesday night. As he was retiring Mrs. Jordan asked him about some money she had given him to keep. "I put it," he said, "with mine in my book and put the book in the inside pocket of my coat." He laid the coat on the back of the berth. When he awoke, he found that his money was gone. He thinks some one overheard his conversation with Mrs. Jordan about the money.

Bolivia in State of Siege.

Lima, Peru, Special.—Dispatches received here from LaPaz, Bolivia confirm the report that the government of that republic on Saturday declared Bolivia to be in a state of siege. It is rumored this step was due to the Bolivians having been defeated by the revolutionists in Acre and owing to the presence of Peruvian forces on the frontier.