

ELLISON CAPERS MAKES REPORT

On Public Institutions in Oconee—Chain Gang, Poor House, Jail.

The following reports to the State Board of Public Welfare have been received by The Courier, being duplicates of the reports filed by the assistant secretary with the State authorities in welfare work:

The Oconee County Chain Gang is now being discontinued for lack of funds. (The examination was made about the time this step was being considered in the face of no funds, but this has since been rendered unnecessary by supplying funds to enable continuance of operations until the first of the year 1923.)

The camp shows some improvement over last year, the preparation of the food and the attitude of the foreman being commendable. The kitchen needs screening. The camp should be located nearer the water supply.

Chain Gang Score Card. Table with columns: Possible, Actual. Rows include: Guards' quarters, Convicts' quarters, Kitchen, Storeroom, etc.

Oconee County Almshouse. Under the supervision of W. R. Cobb the Oconee county almshouse inmates and property are well cared for. A good winter garden and a good herd of milk cows insures a ration for the inmates, varied and sufficient.

Almshouse Score Card. Table with columns: Possible, Actual. Rows include: Suitable location, Adeq. Supt.'s quarters, Fire hazard, etc.

Oconee County Jail. Practically the same unsatisfactory conditions are found at Oconee county jail this year as were last year. This jail is far from what it should be. The Sheriff (W. M. Alexander) says he has asked for repairs and equipment, but is not given any assistance, and he doesn't know what to do.

Oconee Jail Score Card. Table with columns: Possible, Actual. Rows include: Separate and adequate jailers' quarters, Security of jail, Fire hazard, etc.

COMMENTS ON THE SCHOOL DAY.

Supt. Hand Makes Comparisons Between City and Rural Schools.

(Columbia State.)

Superintendent W. H. Hand, of the Columbia city schools, in a discussion of "The Longer School Day," has the following to say:

One, Aesop, tells us of a certain fox that gravely advised all of his friends in convention to have their tails cut off because of the alleged inconvenience and danger which said tails entailed upon their possessors.

They know much from studying books and they know much from the studying of things around them, and one of the agencies which have contributed to their advancement has been their school day of sensible length—not from sun to sun, but from 8.30 in the morning to 3.30 in the afternoon.

Does Its Work Deliberately. After all, is it not possible for our highly organized city schools to learn something from the better rural schools? The rural school opens its daily session early, runs through its schedule deliberately, intersperses recitations with study and relaxation, provides a time for a needed lunch, does its school work chiefly at school and is thorough.

How is it with her pupils? At the close of the school day they snatch up a few books, rush home as hungry as young bears to goby down their food, rush out to play or to the movies or for a joy ride, stay out until dark or later, rush in to eat again, sit down in the noise and confusion of the family fireside to go through the form of studying for a period, then fall asleep with lessons unlearned.

Advantages of Long School Day. The advantages of a longer school day with a lunch period at school would be: The teachers without neglecting the recitations would have more time to teach the children and to direct the children in how to study.

The teacher would be able to relieve herself and her pupils of some of the drudgery of written exercises. Hundreds of these exercises are called for simply because the teacher has no other way to reach all her pupils in the course of the short school day.

STOMACH MISERY, GAS, INDIGESTION. "Pape's Diapepsin" Corrects Sour, Upset Stomachs at Once. Advertisement for Pape's Diapepsin medicine.

least in a measure, of having to keep school every afternoon or night to do the work which the teacher was employed to do.

Home study would not be done away with in the middle and higher grades of the school, but the necessity for home study would be materially lessened.

Study, recitation, relaxation and play would be better distributed. The health of both teacher and children would be improved by having a midday lunch. Lunches should be served at school in a sanitary lunch room.

Finally, thousands of homes in our land ought to hall with delight a longer school day to aid them in keeping their children off the streets and out of lanes and alleys as many hours as possible.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY. Founders' Day Jan. 11th, Will Be a Great Day at the University.

The main address on Founders' Day, which will be celebrated Jan. 11th, 1923, in Columbia, will be delivered by Hon. J. J. McSwain, Representative in Congress from the 4th Congressional District, who has accepted the invitation to return for the occasion to his alma mater.

Ellison M. Smith, of the class of 1923, has been elected by the student body as its speaker for Founders' Day. Mr. Smith, who is from Wallula, is a member of the Y.M.C.A. Council Cabinet, a successful debater in inter-collegiate contests.

Rainfall and Temperature. Below is a record of meteorological observations taken by H. W. Brandt, co-operative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, during the week ending December 17, 1922, at 7 p. m.

Table with columns: Character of Day, Date, Rainfall, Highest, Lowest, Temperature. Rows for Dec 11-17 and Total rainfall.

ASHEVILLE LANDMARK TO GO. The Battery Park Hotel to be Replaced by a Modern Structure.

A dispatch from Asheville, N. C., says: Asheville's hotel facilities will be enhanced by the erection of the million-dollar George Vanderbilt and the opening of the Kenilworth Inn next February. The Battery Park, which has been an Asheville landmark for nearly half a century, will be replaced by a \$600,000 structure by E. W. Grove, St. Louis capitalist and the owner of the Grove Park Inn and the Manor.

The Wonderful Tree. By Christopher G. Hazard. (©. 1922, Western Newspaper Union.)

IT STOOD in the corner of a rather needy room. It was festooned with strings of popcorn and cables of cranberries. Wisps of tissue paper and tinsel ornaments were out upon the branches, and small candles stood ready to illuminate the occasion.

Yes, the tree was one of the family. It had been the tree of last year's Christmas and the tree of the year before that. It was a tree that kept its evergreen habit and that did not seem to grow old.



hear their cries of surprise and cheer. Silly Sam, more needy of amusement than the others, would look in vain for his expected go-cart; Sue would miss the two dress patterns for her big doll, her new hat and high chair for her little doll; Bill Tanner would not get his skates; Dick would still need a sled.

But it was a wonderful tree. It had a power of making itself felt all over a neighborhood. It could summon Santa Claus by a kind of wireless message that went through walls and everything.

As the children had left directions for Santa on the table it was easy to find out what the tree was expected to do, so, presently, it did it. There was more, too, than orders for the wanted things; the merry-makers had brought with them enough to satisfy any reasonable tree; there were picture books,



picture puzzles, games, a scissors grinder that could make the sparks fly, a train of cars that could go, a doll that could say "mama," and candy enough to go round.

So the wonderful tree spent the rest of the night in trembling joy. It could not sleep for thinking of the friendly love that had provided such a happy morning to come.

As for the servants of Santa Claus, they had never had such a merry Christmas before. Their hearts were so warm that they did not mind the frost. They sang over the pleasure of giving pleasure and relief.

THE MAGIC MAN. There is a man who lives up north All clad in robes and furs, And every year he sallies forth As love his going spurs.

Ask Anyone. Ask anyone you know which is the highest quality baking powder and almost invariably they will tell you ROYAL. ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Royal Contains No Alum Leaves No Bitter Taste.

"COME AN' GONE!" IN THE days before prohibition, an old, southern arkly was wont to celebrate Christmas with a quiet and solitary bottle of liquor.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ICELAND. Natives Still Cling to Old Customs and Songs; Day Is One of Great Happiness.

SUCH a strong-winged thing is Christmas Cheer that it has taken itself even to that isolated island of the far north, where the shortest day is four hours long, and where at Christmas time the sun does not rise above the horizon for a week.

One of their favorite old songs is filled with simplicity that is touching and yet gives a glimpse of a philosophy of life that is pretty fine: When I go good and think right, At peace with man, resigned to God, Then lookst on me with eyes of light, Tasting new joys in joy's abode.

A HEARD JOB. For little children in a flat, Drawbacks are growing greater. For how can Santa with his pack Crawl through a radiator?

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No Argument There. (Boston Transcript.) Five-year-old Elsie was exceptionally trying one afternoon and had been reproved time after time. At last her mother exclaimed, "I should think you'd get tired hearing me talk to you so much!"

In most decided tones the child replied, "Well, mother, I do."

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JENNINGS' VIEWS ON THE BONDS. Favors Fifty Million Dollar Issue of Bonds for State Highways.

The Charleston News and Courier's report of the State Good Roads Conference contained the following summary of L. D. Jennings' statement of his views on the proposition: L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, thought that it would not be wise to start with a bond issue of less than fifty million dollars, and that the State plan should be such that every county seat in South Carolina would be connected with a hard surfaced system of roads.

Mr. Jennings said that a hard-surfaced system of roads would save the people untold millions of dollars in each year, and the issue could soon be paid for. He said that the automobiles of the State consume \$17,000,000 worth of gasoline each year; that approximately \$5,000,000 is paid every two years for new tires, and that the wear and tear on each year aggregates \$10,000,000.

Estimating that the gasoline consumption would be reduced to one-half and that the life of a car would be increased from two years to six years, and that its wear and tear would be decreased two-thirds by a system of hard-surfaced roads, Mr. Jennings claimed that approximately \$10,000,000 annually would be saved to the 100,000 automobile owners in the State, estimating each car to be worth an average of \$1,000 and the repair bill on it to be \$100 annually. Assuming, however, that hard-surfaced roads connected only the county seats, he said, and that the automobile owner traveled on them only one-third of his mileage, then the saving would be at least \$10,000,000 a year—enough to take up the \$50,000,000 bond issue in six years, and pay the interest.

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Heard the Kitten Boil. (Everybody's Magazine.) Bobby, aged four, was playing with his kitten before the fireplace when it began to purr contentedly. The boy's mother was surprised presently to see her son grab his pet by the tail and drag it across the carpet to the accompaniment of agonized protests from the unfortunate animal.

"Bobby!" she cried reproachfully, "you must not hurt your kitty." "I've got to get him away from this fire," replied Bobby, excitedly. He was beginning to boil!"

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