

41st Year.

\$500,000 FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

It Will Work a Great Hardship On the Deserving Poor of South Carolina.

The change in the school books made by the State Board of Education this year will, it is estimated, cost the people at least a half million of dollars.

The greater proportion of those who have this expense to bear are, generally speaking, poor people who can ill afford it.

Under the present law in this state the State Education Board has the right to designate what text books shall be studied in the public schools, and are authorized to adopt them every five years.

That was done this year, with very few exceptions. Many of the books used in the schools last year and for the previous five years were discarded and another kind adopted in their stead by the State Board.

It is said by some of the leading educators of the state that the books adopted, or at least some of them, are inferior to the ones heretofore used, and with many errors in them.

In this connection the letter of Prof. Brockman, Supt. of the State Board of Education, is of interest.

Higher Education—Throughout the history of the state attention has been paid to the subject of education.

It seems from the above that our beloved Clemson College is a normal for colored students.

In naming the list of colleges in the state the book does not mention Chicora College and Greenville Female College.

Effect of Elevation—The temperature of the mountains "increases" about one degree for every 300 feet of perpendicular ascent.

My teachers have found other errors of minor importance as they have advanced with their classes in the book.

most flagrant errors and should be corrected immediately. We can't afford to teach our children out of books that are so careless.

It seems to me that the publishers should redeem all such books wherever found in the state and replace them at their own expense with new ones.

I would like for the State Board of Education to look into this matter and see if the errors cannot be corrected and new books given in exchange for the ones with errors.

Realizing the inconvenience and enormous tax to the people by reason of the unlimited powers of the State Education Board, steps are being taken to limit these powers so as to avoid a repetition of the action of the Board this year.

The following, taken from the Greenville News, shows how the County Superintendent of Education of Greenville county regards the matter:

County Superintendent of Education Davis has figured out what the recent changing of the school books by the State Board of Education has cost Greenville county.

"I have been told by members of the State Board that the recent change in the text books cost the state at large \$500,000.

"I figured the matter out this way: If the change in text books cost the state at large \$500,000, then the cost per capita for Greenville county is 33 cents.

"This amount which Greenville county loses by the change in text books amounts to more than half of the 3-mill school tax for this year.

"The citizens of Greenville county have entered such vigorous protests against the methods of the State Board of Education that the petition now being circulated throughout the county became absolutely necessary."

County Superintendent of Education Davis has caused to be placed with each board of trustees of the 105 school districts in Greenville county copies of the petition.

With the petition being circulated throughout the entire county simultaneously, it is believed that better results will follow than if the county were canvassed piecemeal.

It is not intended that the movement designed to curb the power of the State Board of Education shall be confined to Greenville county alone.

Within a few days after he had mailed these letters, Mr. Davis received replies from a majority of the county superintendents of the state, commending him upon the movement launched in Greenville county.

The full text of the petition being circulated throughout the county is as follows:

"To the Senator and Members of the House of Representatives of Greenville County—We, the undersigned patrons of the common and high schools for white children in Greenville county, feeling that a great hardship has been worked upon the citizens by the unprecedented and useless change in the books which was required by the State Board of Education during the past school year; and that the people should be shielded and protected from a repetition of the unnecessary expenditure incident to such a wholesale change, and that the people who bear the burden of buying the new books selected by the State Board of Education should

have a voice in the said change proposed, do hereby most respectfully petition you, our representatives in the legislature, to use your influence and most persistent efforts to have the law, which gives the State Board of Education such unlimited powers, amended so as to relieve us from a repetition of the trouble and expense caused by said change of books."

Similar petitions should be circulated in this county, and our law-makers should feel enough interest in this matter to see that the people are given relief and are not imposed upon in this respect again.

The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed its annual session at Bennettsville Monday night of last week; the following appointments were announced by the Bishop for the Greenville and Anderson Districts:

GREENVILLE DISTRICT. P. F. Kilgo, presiding elder; Clinton, J. E. Mahaffey; Easley, P. B. Ingraham; Fountain Inn, S. T. Blackman; Gray Court, J. P. Attaway; Greenville, Buncombe Street, M. L. Carlisle; Greenville, St. Pauls, E. S. Jones; Greenville, Hampton Ave., J. M. Rogers; Greenville, West Greenville, L. L. Inabinet; Greenville, South Greenville, J. T. McFarlane; Greenville, Bethel and Poe, D. W. Keller; Greenville Circuit, J. G. Huggins; Greers, E. T. Hodges; Laurens, First Church, L. P. McGhee; Laurens Circuit, J. C. Davis; Liberty, J. D. R. Huff; North Pickens, E. L. Thomson; Pickens, G. F. Kirby; Piedmont, W. L. Wait; South Greers, W. M. Owings; Travelers Rest, Joe D. Bell; West Easley, A. A. Merritt.

ANDERSON DISTRICT. C. B. Smith, presiding elder; Anderson, St. Johns, S. A. Donahoe; Orrville and Toxaway, J. W. Neely; Autreville; R. K. Rhoad; Calhoun, Seneca, P. A. Murray; Honea Path, G. W. Davis; Lowndesville, J. C. Chandler; McCormick, N. C. Ballenger; Pelzer, W. S. Myers; Pendleton, A. V. Harbin; Starr, J. L. Singleton; Townville, J. E. Cook; Walhalla Circuit—W. D. Patrick; Westminster, M. G. Latham; Williamston and Belton, J. L. Stokes and G. G. Harmon, supply; Williamston Circuit, M. M. Brooks.

In addition to these appointments, (and while we cannot publish a full list of all the appointments in the state), we give for the benefit of our readers the names and location of several of the Methodist preachers who are known to many of the people in this county.

Presiding Elder Duncan has been transferred to the Columbia District; Rev. J. P. Inabinet to Cypress; Rev. O. M. Abney, Hendersonville; Rev. E. A. Driggers, Leesville; Rev. R. F. Bryant, Little River; Rev. H. L. Singleton, Loris; Rev. W. M. Hardin, Waccamaw; Rev. A. S. Lesley, Harleyville; Rev. W. B. Justus, Hickory Grove; Rev. J. F. Anderson, Yorkville; Rev. A. H. Best, Kelton; Rev. B. D. Jones, Green street, Spartanburg.

Rev. Leo D. Gillespie who has not entirely recovered from his attack of fever while on a visit to his father Mr. J. M. Gillespie, of this county, last summer, was put on the superannuated list. He is now located at Early Branch, S. C., where he is trying to recuperate.

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Heart to Heart Talks. By EDWIN A. NYE.

A WOMAN BEHIND HIM. A correspondent asks me, "What was the greatest force in the life of George Washington?"

I am glad to answer in a word: His mother. George Washington was in a peculiar sense a "mother's boy."

At the age of sixteen George wanted to "run away" and seek adventures, but his mother kept a tight grip on the boy's affections, and he stayed. Shortly came a great test.

The thunder clouds of black war burst with a startling crash over the devoted heads of the American colonists. The Washingtons were wealthy landowners. Which side would they take?

The son of Mary Washington, nobly backed by his patriot mother, cast his lot with the "ragged Continentals."

When the Continental congress turned toward him, he was constantly beset with spies and jealous generals. It was the spirit of his self-sacrificing mother, joined to his own indomitable patience, that kept him on the field of honor.

When the long red years of war were ended it was the mother spirit within him that asked no greater reward than peacefully retiring to his quiet farm. He was no conquering Napoleon.

It is gratifying to know that Mary Washington lived to see the boy of her pride made the first president of the republic.

Where got he that self-allegation, that high courage and faith? There was a woman behind him. Do you remember that old rule of physics about finding the striking force of a moving body? You multiply the velocity of the moving body—if I correctly remember—by the weight of the body, and that gives the striking force. So of a man.

Multiply his best endeavors by his heredity (his ancestors), and you get the impact, the striking force of that man upon the society of his day.

Therefore to get the striking force of George Washington you must multiply the man by his mother.

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FEAR OF THE MOB. Fear of ridicule has ruined many mortals. Captain John Frisbie, a "bird man," on the day he had been advertised to make a demonstration discovered that his airplane was not working properly.

Because of the defects of the machine he decided he would not go up in it. Whereat the crowd, which had paid to see the flight, jeered Frisbie.

They called him coward and faker. Personal vanity and dread of unpopularity made the man change his mind—against his better judgment.

Dread of ridicule moved him to risk his life. Frisbie went up. He came down—dead! Had he been possessed of the courage of his convictions he calmly would have faced the crowd with his announcement and turned his back upon it.

But with a physical courage that did not fear to risk his life he lacked the moral courage to disregard the taunts of a mob.

He feared ridicule more than death. Like another, he lacked a proper conception of real courage.

He is not the brave man who does things because somebody calls him a coward. On the contrary, he is the coward who is moved against his sense of right doing by dread of ridicule.

Recklessness is not bravery. Foolhardiness is not courage. The brave man is the man who cannot be driven to desperation or the coward of a wrong by the derision of one man or of 10,000 men.

The crowd does not care. If the Frisbies can be taunted into recklessness and incidentally get killed in giving the crowd its "thrill"—why, that is the lookout of the Frisbies.

Later indeed the crowd may indulge a cheap remorse at the funeral. But that is rather late to help the dead Frisbies.

Statement of the Condition of The Farmers Bank of Central, Located at Central, S. C., at the close of business Dec. 5th, 1911.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Capital Stock Paid In, and various deposits.

Statement of the Condition of the KEOWEE BANK, Located at Pickens, S. C., at the close of business Dec. 5th 1911.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Capital Stock Paid In, and various deposits.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE LIBERTY BANK, Located at Liberty, S. C., at the close of business Dec. 5, 1911.

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Statement of the Condition of The Farmers and Merchants Bank, located at Liberty, S. C., at the close of business Dec. 5 1911.

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Contract to Let. The undersigned trustees of Wolf Creek school district No. 29 will let to the lowest responsible bidder the recovering of said school house on the 16th day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Plans, and specifications, etc., made known that day. J. M. BRAZEALE, A. A. MANN, WADDY STEPHENS, Trustees.

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I have farms in all sections of the county. I know your wants in the real estate line. H. M. HESTER THE REAL ESTATE MAN. Box 264, Pickens, S. C. Pickens Bank Building. Let me write your fire insurance; I'll place you in good reliable companies.

I Want Your Christmas Trade. And to get it I will give you the biggest bargains you have ever bought. I have the goods and need the money. Everything Marked Down for This Week. A good brown home spun for 4¢ cents. NOT THE BEST, but a good Gingham for 5¢ cents. Blankets at 50 cents the pair. Good heavy Underwear for women at 25 cents. Canton Flannel, good quality, 8-13 to 15c. Wool Flannels and Dress Goods at low prices. Don't forget me on Shoes. They are what we tell you they are, or your money back. A few short Jackets at half price. See mee. A. K. PARK, West End Greenville.

The question of the most profitable fertilizer for potatoes has been the subject of very extended investigations. The conclusion is that 1000 lbs. per acre of 5% ammonia, 8% phosphoric acid and 10% POTASH. For early potatoes and 800 lbs. of 3-4-3 for most profitable under average conditions. Many growers use double these amounts. Such brands can be had if you insist upon so-called potato fertilizers of low grade. Write us for Potash prices and for directions. GERMAN KALI.