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SOUTHERN EDUCATION BOARD.

Its Object the Education of the White Child First—In Session in Richmond, Va.

The State
Richmond, Va., April 23.—In order once for all and forever to set at rest the intimations and suspicions set afloat concerning the Southern Education board, the representative of the State today sought an authoritative statement from one of the prime movers in the board.

The gentleman selected is a native of North Carolina, who has attained conspicuous success in the North, Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work. Mr. Page was asked several direct, unequivocal questions concerning the board's purposes as they relate to the negro and negro education. Mr. Page answered directly and positively every question.

The State's correspondent told Mr. Page plainly that he had come here to see if there is a nigger in the wood pile. To this Mr. Page, after answering the queries put to him, replied: "You will find when the wood pile is turned over not a negro, but an uneducated white boy. That is what we are after."

"Mr. Page," I asked, "does the Southern Education Board propose now or ultimately to encourage or to approve the coeducation of the races or social equality?"

"No," emphatically replied Mr. Page, "nobody ever for one moment dreamed of any such plan."

"Does the Southern Education Board propose now or ultimately to foster negro education before the education of the white children: that is to say, is negro education the primary and white education the secondary object of the board?"

"No," said Mr. Page, with equal emphasis.

"Are these two purposes, or is either of them, negro education first and negro equality, cherished by the northern gentlemen, Mr. Ogden for instance, who are officially prominent in the Southern Education Board?"

"Certainly not," said Mr. Page.

"Are these purposes, or is either of them, cherished by the General Education Board or by any of its promoters?"

"No."
These questions were answered all in the negative by Mr. Page with great earnestness, but in the same friendly spirit in which they were asked. He declared his entire and complete confidence in the northern gentlemen who are associated with him in this work and declared that they have no desire or remote purpose to push negro education ahead of white education, but are honestly, earnestly desirous of assisting the white people who need education as well as the negro, the white child coming first because, as Mr. Page expressed it, "There is a man, and it is the man we want to reach."

During the latter part of the conversation with Mr. Page there was present Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Tennessee, who is one of the field agents of the board. Dr. Dabney, a southern man of southern men, gave hearty assent to all that Mr. Page had said, as did Dr. Charles D. Melvor, of North Carolina, another director and field agent.

These assurances ought to be sufficient to convince all who are inclined to be suspicious and resentful of the "movement" of the larger purposes of the board. The State will speak later.

The feature of today's session of the Southern Education Conference was the magnificent address of Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, and the feature of that address was a glorious tribute to Robert E. Lee, which brought prolonged applause and patriotic tears from a great audience of northern and southern men and women. Dr. McKelway's address was in his brilliant style. His sympathetic understanding of southern conditions and problems won the confidence of his southern hearers, whose approval reached its climax when he said: "The greatness and the grandeur, the magnanimity and the modesty, the consecration and the courage, the

example and the incentive which Robert E. Lee personified on the field of war and in the still air of delightful studies in collegiate shades will be not only forever a benediction, but forever a transforming influence, not only within Virginia, not only within the South, not only throughout the republic, but across the seas and around the world wherever is known the name of Robert E. Lee."

Preceding Dr. McKelway's address were the reports of the field secretaries of the board.

Dr. McIver related the work being done in South Carolina and complimented liberal provisions for school taxation. Among the South Carolinians here are State Superintendent of Education Martin, President Sloan and Prof. Bain of the South Carolina College, President Johnson of Winthrop, President Snyder and Prof. Gamewell of Wofford College, President Pell of Converse, County Superintendents Wallace of Richland, Brooks of Laurens, Stevenson of Fairfield and Berry of Marion, City Superintendent Edmunds of Sumter, Col. J. J. Dargan of Darlington, and Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier.

Jas. A. Hoyt, Jr.
LAST DAY'S SESSION.

The last day's session of the board on Friday had a large and enthusiastic attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Robert C. Ogden, New York.

Vice President—Edgar G. Murphy, Montgomery, Ala.

Secretary—B. J. Baldwin, Montgomery, Ala.

President H. N. Snyder, of Wofford College, was made a member of the executive committee.

Addresses were made by Dr. Lyman Hall, Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and J. H. Kirkland, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and a number of prominent northerners.

A DRUGGIST'S FATAL ERROR.

Georgia May Parker Poisoned by Corrosive Sublimite Given by Mistake for Calomel.

News and Courier.

Bamberg, April 23.—The saddest story which has been heard in this town for many years is now being told. It is about as follows: A little girl, whose mother was dead, was living with her aunt and was sick. Her father went to a drug store on last Sunday for some calomel. The package was delivered to him, the child's aunt gave it a dose. They immediately discovered that the child was in a dying condition. They took the little one and carried it through Main street in great distress to another drug store in the hopes of securing relief for it, but there was none. The little spark of life departed while they were on the street. Corrosive sublimite had been given and not calomel. Acting Coroner Lightsey summoned a jury and the verdict was: "Georgia May Parker came to her death by a drug administered to her by Josie England." This probably is the end of the sad story.

Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department at Washington, Jas. N. Tyne, has been summarily discharged by the Postmaster General because Mrs. Tyne secretly abstracted from a safe in the department all of Tyne's papers and records. Tyne was sick and in bed, and it was with his knowledge that Mrs. Tyne acted. The whole matter has been referred to the Attorney General of the United States. The affair, which comes on the wake of the recent postoffice scandals, has created an immense sensation in Washington.

Col. Joseph Kyle Rieckey, who is said to be the originator of the famous drink known as "gin Rieckey" died suddenly in New York last week. An autopsy disclosed that he had taken carbolic acid.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The United States, Great Britain, and Japan, will protest against the action of Russia in seeking to acquire Manchuria on the ground that such action is an open breach of faith with the three former countries, Russia having pledged herself to help maintain the "open door" in Manchuria.

The governments of Prussia and the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg have decided to expel the 235 Mormon missionaries in those countries on the ground that their teachings are incompatible with the laws of the country.

Mayor Tom Johnson says he thinks the more talk of nominating him for the presidency is a positive injury to what he is trying to accomplish in his home city, which he says is his present field of usefulness.

Just before leaving for Europe this week, Andrew Carnegie said with regard to his gift of \$500,000 to Tuskegee: "The race problem will be settled by education and in such way as Mr. Washington is now directing that policy."

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thrown overboard while en route Liverpool to New York on March 12, was sighted 1,500 miles from New York on April 17. The body had been floating thirty-six days.

The New York Board of School Superintendents has excluded "Uncle Tom's Cabin" from public school libraries because "it is not of great historical value" and "has served its purpose."

The Manufacturers' Record says that significant developments in the South and of changing conditions here is the fact that over 1,000 miles of interurban railways have been recently projected, two of the most important of these in this State.

Ten persons were killed in an explosion at the plant of the Northwestern Star Oil Company at Minneapolis on Thursday. The plant, valued at \$40,000 was totally destroyed.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$500,000 on the endowment fund for Tuskegee, Booker Washington's negro university. The only limit with the gift is that suitable provision shall always be made for Booker and his family.

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sentenced to three years for attempting to lynch Charles Godfrey, another negro, last February.

A soldier is confined with leprosy in a house near Fort Screven, Ga., built especially for his confinement. The soldier could have been discharged for inability, but the surgeons desired to study his case. This is the first case of leprosy ever in the army.

President Roosevelt, who has been alone in Yellowstone Park studying nature, has rejoined his touring party and will continue his western trip.

A resolution has been introduced in the Florida legislature requesting the Florida delegation in Congress to institute charges of corrupt influence looking to impeachment against Judge Charles Swaine, of the Court of Florida.

Russia has demanded that China sign an agreement ceding to her the sovereignty of Manchuria and excluding other nations from that country. The demand has greatly excited Japan, who is talking war.

The British have suffered a disastrous defeat in Africa. Col. Plunkett and nearly all his command of 160 men were annihilated on April

10. They formed a part of an expedition into Somaliland.

There was a riot in the Illinois legislature Thursday of last week many of the members indulging in free fist fights. The discussion of Chicago street railway franchises caused the muddle.

Senator Latimer has been drawn into the postal department scandal. Postmaster General Payne says that before Mr. Latimer left Washington he presented charges to the President against First Assistant Payne regarding his language concerning women clerks. Mr. Payne, however, says Mr. Latimer's charges were not in connection with the present investigation.

There is indignation among government officials at the action of Puerto Rico in continuing proceedings against United States naval officers at San Juan charged with smuggling.

An unknown negro of about 17 years was lynched near Santa Fe, Ill., Sunday afternoon for attempting to assault the ten-year-old daughter of Farmer Branson Davis. Afterwards the white mob attacks negro workmen, killing many and wounding others.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

The plumbers' strike in Columbia has come to an end. Both sides are on friendly terms and no further trouble is anticipated.

A negro was convicted in the United States Court at Greenville for obstructing the mails. David Sherard, the negro, refused to get out of the road with his wagon to let Mr. Treseot, the mail carrier, pass. A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury in ten minutes.

The supreme court has handed down a decision that bonds voted by Union for putting in sewerage go in charge of the city council and not the commissioners of public works. The commissioners claimed they were the proper ones to take charge of the money and there has been a good deal of litigation.

Union, who some time ago voted to tax herself for the support of the proffered Carnegie library, has appointed committees to take charge of the matter and the library will be placed at an early date.

Ike Edwards, an old deaf negro, while walking on the track near Hodges on Wednesday last, was run down by a train and killed.

The naval reserves were called upon at Beaufort last week to prevent a riot, the occasion being the carrying of two negro prisoners by the sheriff from the jail to the depot. With the assistance of the reserves, peace was kept.

The Williamston College of Greenwood has been chartered by the secretary of state. The institution will be offered to the South Carolina Conference in perpetuity.

It is now almost certain that the government will establish a naval training station at Paris Island, Beaufort.

Crosswell & Co., of Sumter, have bought the right from the coca cola people to bottle and sell coca cola in South Carolina, and have established plants at Sumter and at Columbia.

Miss Florence Jesse Coogler, sister of the late J. Gordon Coogler, was married in Milton, Fla., on the 10th inst., to Mr. J. W. Miller, of El Reno, Oklahoma.

Cesar Roney, a negro, was captured in Charleston transporting liquor through King street on Thursday and was bound over to the circuit court.

A little negro girl of 10 years was burned to death at her father's home in Lancaster last week. She lived long enough to tell that a rat knocked over a lamp, the lamp falling into her lap and setting her attire.

Three barrels of liquor, containing 142 gallons of corn, were found a few nights ago by the constables near a fenced distillery in Pickens county, buried nearly three feet under the ground.

The anniversary at Clinton comes this year on Saturday, the 9th day of May. The orator of the occasion will be Governor Hayward. Newberry and the Presbyterian Colleges will meet on the diamond.

Henry C. Brickman, an engineer at Blacksburg, while attempting to open a clogged valve of the air pipe of his train a few days ago, sustained the painful loss of the end of one of his fingers.

Cherokee has secured good roads machinery and has put it to work on the improvement of her roads. The machinery was purchased from W. A. Neal, Jr.

G. E. Wavra, Jr., of Columbia, who boarded the south bound Southern train at Columbia a little while ago, was found dead in his seat when the train reached Chester Thursday night. Wavra was a native of Germany. It is rumored he was drugged and robbed and the verdict of the inquest is eagerly awaited.

The people about Conway are very successfully engaging in truck farming and have shipped already quantities of strawberries.

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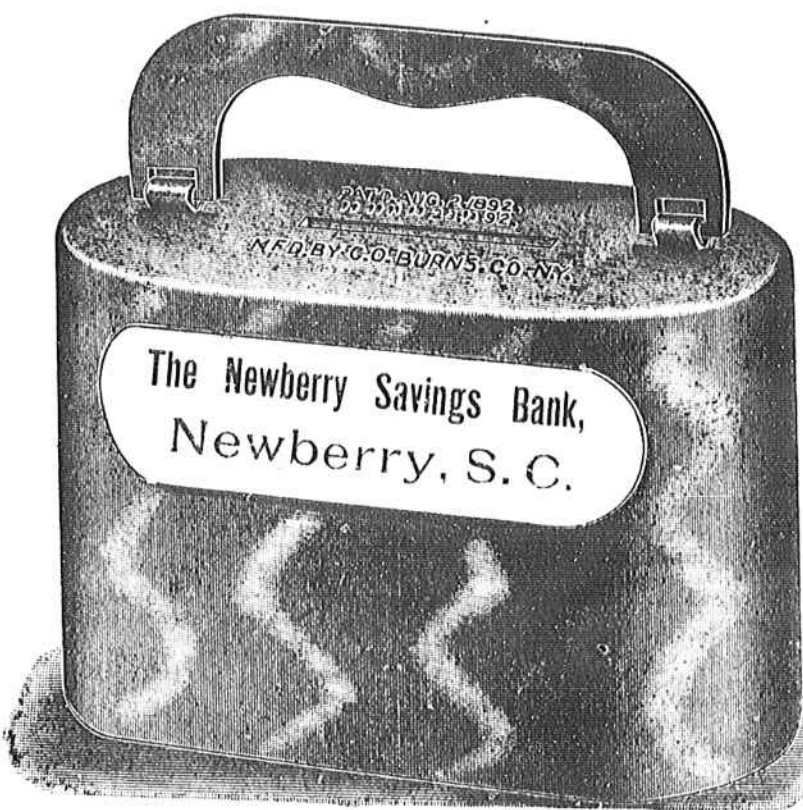
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