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## Welcome! Teachers Of The Palmetto Association



MRS. CELIA DIAL SAXON, A. M.,  
Columbia, S. C. Treasurer of The Palmetto State Teachers Association.

Mrs. Celia D. Saxon is the best master of exchequer in our state. For years she has handled the funds of the Fairwold School, the Y. W. C. A., the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Money in her hands is as safe as a "New York Exchange" placed in a vault.

Mrs. Saxon is one of the former students of the South Carolina College and is a hard student up to this day. She has made her mark in the school room to be rewarded in the great characters she has moulded among the graduates in different parts of the country.

### Million Dollars Awaits Missing Colored Woman

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., March.—So far, Emma Johnson, 37, has not made her appearance to claim a fortune of \$750,000 in Oklahoma oil lands. A white attorney of Oklahoma was in the city this week seeking only to hand Emma three-quarters of a million dollars. The woman is said to have married an Indian in Oklahoma and later to have left him. When he died some years ago, half of his 160 acres went to the tribe and half was held in trust for his wife. Oil has since been found and Emma is now nearly a millionaire—if she only knew it.



DR. R. S. WILKINSON, Ph. D.,  
President of the State A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C.

Dr. Wilkinson is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association. He is helping to shape educational policies and develop the organization.

### WAS ONCE POSTMASTER; DIES.

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

Southport, N. C., March.—Frank Davis, the first and only Negro ever to have held office of postmaster here, is dead. He was appointed to the position in 1892, through the influence of John C. Dancy, at that time one of the most prominent politicians in the state. Dancy went Davis' bond. The latter served in the office more than a year and was a cause of much pride among the colored people of the state.

## STATE TEACHERS IN ANNUAL SESSION Unofficial Count Gives More Than 2000 Enrolled

EVERYTHING UNDER WAY FOR MEETING.

Prominent Speakers on Program. Dr. Antisdel  
Makes Welcome Address—While Dr.  
Pearson Responds.

With the largest enrollment in the history of the annual gathering, the South Carolina Palmetto Teachers Convention opened its annual meeting this afternoon in the auditorium of Benedict College with Prof. Charles A. Lawson, the president presiding. From every corner of the State came men and women, who sponsor the educational program in the name of the State of South Carolina.

Following the invocation by the Rev. E. A. Adams, D. D., the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, of this city, the President introduced Dr. Clarence B. Antisdel, president of Benedict College who spoke on behalf of the citizens, the teachers and students of the Columbia schools welcoming the big happy family of teachers to the city. The response was made by Dr. Henry Pearson, Dean of Claflin University at Orangeburg. The main address of the first session was made by Prof. J. B. Felton, State Agent of Negro Schools of South Carolina, who told of the progress that has been made in equipment, appropriation from the State and new buildings during the past year.

At the end of the first session this afternoon, President Lawson announced several of the standing committees.

### TO-NIGHT'S SESSION.

The session tonight will be held at Allen University when addresses will be delivered by Dr. D. H. Sims, President of Allen University and Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Dean of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

### THE REMAINING PROGRAM.

The Convention will continue in session thru Saturday morning, with the final sessions. Friday morning addresses by Dr. James H. Dillard, president of the Jeanes Fund, Charlottesville, Va., and Dr. E. T. Franks, of the Federal Board of Vocational Education, of Washington.

Friday afternoon, Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson College and Miss Mabel Carney, professor of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York will be the principal speakers. At night addresses will be delivered by Prof. J. H. Hope, State Supt. of Education of South Carolina and Mr. F. W. Shepherdson, Secretary of the Rosendal School Building Fund.

Saturday morning the session will end with addresses by Miss Will Lou Gray, State Agent of High Schools of the Dept. of Education and Mr. Seymour Carroll, Field Secretary of the American Humane Education Society, of Greenville, S. C.



PROFESSOR CHAS. A. LAWSON,  
President, Palmetto State Teachers Association.  
Now in Session.

Prof. Chas. A. Lawson, of Sumter, S. C., is presiding for the first time this week over the annual convention of the Palmetto State Teachers Association, an organization that has grown wonderfully in the past six years.

The work of the Association is efficiently handled by President Lawson of Sumter and our fellow Columbian—Mr. I. M. A. Myers. Mr. Myers is the executive secretary and knows that line well. Other leading officials of the Association are Mrs. C. D. Saxon and Mr. C. A. Johnson, of Columbia; Dr. A. A. Sims of Union; Mr. G. W. Howard, of Georgetown; Mr. W. D. Drake, of Graniteville; Mr. Asa Thompson, of Spartanburg; Mrs. Rena J. Clark, of Pendleton; Mrs. Alice M. LaSaine and Mr. Jos. Berry, of Charleston.

Mr. Lawson has already impressed the convention that he is a splendid presiding officer. Fair to all and never radical.

## BEAUFORT LAWYER POINTS TO RECORD

Charles E. Washington Raps Cheap Idea To Get  
Funds for Education. Actions are Expected  
On Sea Coast Schools Says Writer.

Charles E. Washington, Attorney-at-Law, and a member of the bar at Beaufort, S. C., sent the following communication to The Leader with the request that it be published. Startling information that he supports with facts are related concerning the unjust practice of the handling of the school funds in the city among our group for education. The following is a full story of the account as related by Attorney Washington: The writer is directly informed that the colored citizens and taxpayers of Beaufort, are called upon by the white Trustee Board to furnish and equip the colored school building, which is now under construction, with seats and other "necessities."

The unreasonableness, the injustice and even the absurdity of such a request is evident and compels the writer to register his protest, on behalf of the colored people, as a whole of Beaufort.

For more than fifty years the colored citizens here have given to this County the use of its building for school purposes, without requesting one cent as compensation, except in recent years when the building became so dilapidated that repairs were badly needed, and we asked then for a small rental for our building, and although, we asked, we got nothing. And now, this same Board which refused us rental, has the effrontery to ask us to equip the new building, which as a matter of legal right, we should have had many years ago, completely equipped. I presume if asked the reason for such a request, the answer would be an allegation of lack of funds—upon that presumption, what disposition has been made of the more than \$100,000, which was published as having been appropriated for two school buildings? Any

one who has a fair idea of the cost of building, can readily see that the maximum figure for the whole concern, including the site, cannot possibly be more than \$20,000. Take a look, if you please, at the beautiful brick structure which is being built for the whites, and it can readily be seen that it could not possibly cost less than eighty or ninety thousand dollars! And yet, we are asked to equip their new building or will it be equipped from funds appropriated for any idea that it would be granted.

We are wondering whether the white citizenry of Beaufort intend to equip their new building or will it be equipped from funds appropriated for that purpose. Even tho' the white people equip and furnish their building, which we are almost certain will not be the case, is that any argument that the colored should equip their building? If all things were equal, we might answer "yes," but all things are not equal, so far as financial conditions are concerned. The cost of equipping the colored school building will be approximately \$1,600. If the colored people attempt to raise that amount of money, from whom will it come? It will come from the average colored man, who toils every day to pay his taxes, in which taxes are included school taxes. Would the white Trustee Board contend that we should pay a double taxation for school purposes, especially when we get in return an expenditure, per capita which cannot be compared with the expenditure per capita for the white children? Tell us where does the consistency lie?

It is rumored that a series of entertainments are being had, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the cost of equipping the new building. The writer does not know the

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### ROW OVER "SOLOMON'S" TEMPLE.

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March.—The "Solomon's Temple" project cropped out again Monday night at a secret session of the Executive Committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Association in the Mayor's office. This project has been brought to the attention of the Sesqui officials from time to time almost from the early days of the movement, but it was not until Monday night that an intimation was given that it was regarded seriously by those in charge of the exposition. At the session Monday night, it was learned that the members of the Executive Committee regarded it as worthy of further consideration.

From what could be gathered "Solomon's Temple" would be a reproduction of the edifice reared by the famous king and would cost several million dollars. It would enter the exposition plans as a concession, the financing of which would be arranged by promoters, one of whom is said to be a New York architect. To finance the "Temple," it was reported, would require about \$2,500,000. This would be a matter entirely apart and distinct from the financing of the Sesqui-Centennial celebration, which will be held in this city the year of 1926.

### NEGRO WEALTH INCREASES

(By the Associated Negro Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Mar.—The present estimated wealth of colored people in the United States is \$2,000,000,000, according to a recent survey made for the Research Section of the American Sociological Society by Professor Monroe N. Work, of Tuskegee.



DR. DAVID H. SIMS

President, Allen University, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee Palmetto State Teachers Association. Dr. D. H. Sims, President of Allen University, is chairman of the Local Committee in charge of the entertainment of the annual convention of teachers. He is assisted in this feature of the convention by many local teachers of Benedict, Allen and the City Public Schools. Teachers in Columbia for the meeting will enjoy a luncheon in the spacious dining hall at Allen as a result of the efforts of the Local Committee.



DR. C. B. ANTISDEL  
President of Benedict College who delivered the Welcome Address before the State Teachers' Convention this afternoon on behalf of the citizens of Columbia. President Antisdel is one of the foremost educators of America. For several years he was in educational work in the East. He became President of Benedict three years ago.