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That was indeed an eloquent and logical speech of Prof. John R. Hawkins to President Coolidge, but it will amount to nothing. Really these kind of appearances before the President are getting tiresome and disgusting. The speeches go in one ear and right out the other, leaving not even a memory.

Now it is said half witted (according to his counsel) Kip Rhinelander's fortune has almost been dissipated as a result of his suit to annul his marriage. But who will believe that his private fortune of \$300,000 has been so spent? If so "half witted" is not quite expression enough.

Those three or four Florida agents that took a helpless prisoner, wounded almost to death from the hospital in Orlando and presumably lynched him, must indeed feel heroic. Valiant workers are they in the cause of civilization. We bet nobody in the world or rather in America can discourse more eloquently on the Volstead Act "Because it is the law of the country."

Last week it was an expose of Georgia's cruel treatment of convicts, this week it is North Carolina, and we have no doubt but that it would be some other states next excepting South Carolina, if some stories that we have heard could be given credence. The cruel treatment of helpless prisoners is about the last thing in degradation and the most tormented place of the nether world is too much like the Garden of Eden for the wardens that tolerate such cruelty.

Senator Park Trainwell of Fla. thinks that although 300,000 republicans have made Florida their homes, the state will continue to remain democratic. He says that northern people heretofore when they come south hastened on account of conditions, to join the democratic party. But why shouldn't they have joined since it was the only way that they could have a part in their own government? But hold your breath until 300,000 republicans join less than 200,000 voting democrats.

#### FINE SPEECHES AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Recently a body of colored men of more or less prominence gathered in Washington to discuss the welfare of the race. As is becoming so common, they proceeded to the White House and saw the President. The spokesman was Prof. John R. Hawkins, and right eloquently and logically did he present the cause of the Race. But after all what do these speeches to the President amount to? Committee after committee has gone to

the White House; speech after speech has been made but what results have been brought forth?

This kind of speech making is becoming tiresome. If the colored citizens of the North and West who have a free and fair ballot would use it at election time as men and not as herds, there would be less reasons for going to the White House. Say it with ballots than eloquent words. One ballot is worth more than a hundred beautiful phrases. But it seems hard for the race to realize just how powerful and eloquent a ballot is. As long as all our race's ballots are regarded with good reasons as belonging to any political party just so long will there be useless pilgrimages to the White House. It would seem that it's about time that the so-called leaders begin getting that bit of political fact under their hats.

#### PUT OUT THE SPARK

If there be no spark there'll be no big fire with the inevitable damage. Little crimes lead to big crimes and tolerated lawlessness towards the Negro is followed by lawlessness unlimited. This country however seems to have the idea that lawlessness can be confined within certain circles or groups. For such an idea of the past it is paying today in unprecedented lawlessness of all kinds and description. Take Chicago; for quite a few days now a lawless gang has been bombing the homes of colored citizens, the best citizens of that city police all that time seemed dead seemed afflicted with the sleeping sickness and the prosecuting officials all off on a fishing trip. But presto! the bombers who heretofore were regarded with indifference, having confined themselves to colored people, grew bold, as wickedness excused always does. They began to bomb buildings of white people and even the homes of policemen themselves. Only then did Chicago remember that lawlessness and safety do not go in the same direction. The police began to arise from the dead and the prosecuting officers returned from their seeming vacations and what is found? A well organized bombing gang that will go out in the dead of night and bomb anybody's building or home for so much per the real price, as confessed by one of the gangsters, being \$200 per job. Chicago yet does not know what her investigation will show but she ought not be surprised at anything. Had the bombers been run down as they should have been when they first began to destroy the homes of colored people, there would not now be such a nefarious gang menacing the comfort and happiness of that city. Whenever the isolation of law is condoned or excused because only a certain person group or race is hurt, a dangerous condition is created and nothing can keep it from spreading.

Another result of excused violation of law is seen in the general now observance, if not outright contempt, of the National Prohibition law. The time was when, most people would tremble at the very idea of violating a Federal law. That time however seems to have passed. And why? The Government winked all too long at the disregard and bold violation of some of its laws which however only affected seemingly a certain group or race. The appeals and urges now so eloquently, if not altogether hypocritically set forth to obey and uphold the law because it is in the Constitution all but fall on deaf ears. Laws ought either be enforced or repealed. Make excuses for violation of one law and there stamp out the spark.

#### 16,000 ATTEND THE FIRST ORANGEBURG COUNTY COLORED FAIR

Orangeburg, S. C. Nov. 28—The first Orangeburg County Fair closed here yesterday having registered an attendance past the 16,000 mark.

Exhibits coming from every nook and corner of this and adjoining counties, bespoke with credit, progress that is being made by the farmers. Special mention was made in the white dailies of elaborate displays by the State College in Home Economics and Agriculture; of Claflin University exhibits in plain and fancy sewing and furniture making and of the industrial and agricultural exhibits of the farmers.

Among prominent speakers to address the huge crowds were; State Senator Martin, Representative F. T. Brantley and Cope. President Wilkinson of the State College was called upon to preside at the speaking. The speakers expressed themselves as very much surprised at the wonderful progress made by the colored farmers in agriculture and industry as evidenced by their splendid exhibits.

The white merchants of Orangeburg gave ardent support to the efforts of the colored people by offering prizes to the many boys clubs. Over 200 prizes were distributed Saturday to the many premium-getters. Adjoining Counties contributed not only in bringing exhibits but to swell the attendance. Columbia, Darlington, Florence, Sumter, Charleston and other cities of the state were represented in the attendance.

Some of the many interesting features of the program for 3 days were the horse races, mule races, large carnival, Foot Ball games and special music rendered by the State College Band. On Thanksgiving Day, the State College Gridders met the fast aggregation from Allen University for their annual game and after a hard fought battle, before the large crowd attending the Fair, State College was defeated by a score of 6-0.

The promoters of the Fair expressed their surprise at the attendance and orderliness of the large crowds, all was far beyond their expectations and this, which is to be an annual occasion promises to become the largest and best Fair in the whole State.

#### KITRELL COLLEGE RECEIVES OIL PAINTING OF WASHINGTON DUKE

Kittrell, N. C. Dec. 1—Of the many gifts that have come to Kittrell recently, none have given more pleasure to the college than a recent oil painting of Washington Duke, the father of Mr. B. N. Duke of New York City and the late philanthropist, J. B. Duke. The work is the art of an artist of unusual merit. The picture is hung in the chapel of Duke Hall.

The college Administration is busy formulating plans for the future development of Kittrell that when disclosed in all probability will be gratifying. The College faculty has been enlarged and strengthened. Such well-known schools as Boston University, Cooper Union, New Jersey Normal, Columbia, Cornell, Institute of Methods of Boston University, Howard, University of Chicago and Wilberforce, being represented.

The president, Dr. G. A. Edwards, was among those who attended the funeral of the late J. B. Duke held in Durham, N. C. A club has been organized among the teachers with a view to collecting and preserving certain folk-tales that are not widely known. Situated in a belt that is noted for its wealth of material in legends and mountain-lore, the Club feels that it has a great reservoir upon

#### A PATH TO A SCHOOL IN THE WOODS

Palmer Memorial Founded by Mrs. Charlotte H. Brown

Emerson's statement to the effect that if a man may preach a better sermon, make a better speech, or build a better mouse trap than his neighbor though he lives in the woods, the world would make a beaten path to his door, has found ample justification in the case of Charlotte Hawkins Brown, the queenly educator, founder and principal of the Palmer Memorial Institute, at Sedalia, N. C., ten miles from Greensboro.

Last Saturday morning, Prof. F. M. Staley, of A. & T. College Hon. J. D. Carr, Editor of the Asheville Enterprise, and Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., motored out to inspect the noted institution made possible by the genius of a colored woman.

Arriving at the institution about ten forty-five, the gentlemen found Mrs. Brown in conference with Dr. James H. Dillard, of Charlottesville, Va., the secretary of the Jeanes and Slater Funds. The students had already assembled in the chapel to hear the distinguished visitors. Upon his entrance to the auditorium with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bright of New York City, (a white millionaire who has a winter home and shooting lodge in the vicinity of the school), Dr. Dillard was accorded an enthusiastic ovation by the student body. In beginning his talk he remarked that he had no recollection whatever of so few students having made so much noise. Talking on Art he stressed the fact that each person should be an artist in his particular line of work. Editor Carr was presented to the students and teachers following Dr. Dillard. He commended the group for its remarkable enthusiasm, for its splendid loyalty, for its optimistic outlook. He concluded by offering a prize of fifteen dollars to that senior student who should write the best paper to be published in the Asheville Enterprise. Prof. James, of the Henderson Normal and Industrial Institute, upon being presented told of the splendid efforts of the students in all parts of the South in helping themselves. He stressed the need of Latin for one who would speak the English Language correctly. In turn he offered a prize of ten dollars for the student making the highest mark in that tongue. Prof. F. M. Staley, of the A. & T. College, moved the crowd in a very witty and clever speech. Laugh after laugh interspersed his remarks, the group manifesting its pleasure in having him. He offered a prize of fifteen dollars to that student who should make the highest mark in his note book and project work in agriculture the same to be awarded at the commencement exercises.

which to draw. The possibilities of affiliation with the Folk-Lore Fellow, and making certain contributions to their publication "F. F. Communications" have been brought before the group. The Director of Music, Mrs. G. A. Edwards, gave a very interesting illustrated lecture Friday morning in chapel on "Peter Gynt Suite." The legends surrounding this beautiful Suite were interestingly narrated by her. The numbers used to illustrate the theme of the Suite were these: "In the Hall of the Mountain King," "Morning," "Anitra's Dance," "Solveig's Song," and "Asa's Death."

Friday night the members of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet were hosts to the members of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet and their guests. A very delightful program was rendered during the evening.

Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., popular orator and a favorite at the school was next asked to speak by Mrs. Brown. Although he declined at first, the students were so insistent that he say something that he finally consented, speaking for a minute or two in a humorous vein, he told of his pleasure in being present with his friends. Just preceding his talk Editor Carr, announced that if Prof. Staley donated a prize of fifteen dollars, he would increase his to sixteen. Morris said that he never permitted men who were shorter than he to do more than he. Thereupon he announced a prize of twenty dollars to be awarded during commencement week to that student who would write the best essay, give the best declamation or prepare the best oration. The students cheered lustily. Just after he had taken his seat, Editor Carr arose and increased his offer to twenty-five dollars, whereupon Morris made his thirty-five dollars which forced the urbane and suave Asheville publisher to take his seat. After the meeting it was rumored that one told the other "See, what a mess you led me into," a dispute that may not have been settled yet. The last person to be introduced was Mrs. Yancey of Henderson, who labored unceasingly with Mrs. Brown in the early days of the school. In a neat and touching speech she told of her interest in high school and college students, but stated that her deepest sympathies were with the boys and girls in the elementary school. To this end she declared she would seek to induce some person to give a scholarship to a boy or girl graduating from the seventh grade in her county. She was given the thrilling school yell. Mrs. Brown requested the students to sing the appealing and glorious school song.

The session was then disbanded. The visitors were presented to the various teachers.

Although the men had planned to depart for Durham almost immediately it was more than an hour before the party could be induced to leave, especially Editor Carr, and Prof. Staley, when it was known that luncheon would be served. Being the only single man in the crowd it is understood that Mr. Morris' appetite was rather delicate. A tempting repast was served in honor of the visitors in the domestic science department of the institution. The discussion at the table was both brilliant and animated. The men departed early in the afternoon for Durham, from which point they planned to run over to Winston-Salem Saturday night, where Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., was scheduled to address a mammoth Sunday afternoon mass meeting, with the other men as his guests. The school is enjoying phenomenal progress at this moment. Mrs. Brown is now engaged in an active campaign to raise three hundred thousand dollars. Noted men and women from every section of the United States stop by to see her institution. Verily though she is in the woods, the world is making a beaten path to her door.

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