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TEXT BOOKS TO BE USED.

State Board of Education Adopts Plan.
Form of Contract Drawn Up.

The State board of education yesterday completed the work of its session and adjourned until June, when the adoption of text books will be made. This adoption will mean a great deal for the State.

The total enrollment in the public schools of the State last year was 372,663, the average attendance being 200,100. If each child studied but the "3 R's" and had one text book for each branch of study, the total number of text books would have been 600,000. As a matter of fact, nearer 1,000,000 text books were used in the public schools of the State last year.

It appears to be the disposition of the board to make as few changes as possible in the text books, for every change would mean that pupils must buy new books, whereas if the former book adoption should be endorsed, children could use second-hand books when such should be available. However the board will not let this general plan of conduct prevent the elimination of any worthless or worse than worthless text books which may be found on the former list.

There were representatives of several book publishing houses here yesterday and they were invited before the board. A form of contract was drawn up and the book men approved of the exactions made by the board.

The following resolutions were adopted by the board:

1. Resolved, That the bids of publishing houses shall be sealed and deposited with the State superintendent of education, and shall state the contract delivery prices and terms of exchange of books bound in board and cloth.

2. Resolved, That such bidder shall be required to deposit with the Secretary of State board of education of the State of South Carolina, a certified check for \$200, made in the name of the State board of education of the State of South Carolina, for each branch of study upon which the bid is offered, the sum of such deposits for all branches not to exceed \$17,000 from any one publishing house, and such deposits shall be forfeited to the State board of education of the State of South Carolina and placed to the credit of the income of the permanent State school fund if the successful bidder shall fail to execute his proposed contract and bond on or before July 1st, 1906; provided that the check shall not be collected until ordered by the State board of education and signed by the chairman and secretary thereof.

The form of contract provides that the books must come up to the samples submitted, must be furnished to the State at the figures named for a period of five years and that the books adopted, if supplanting others, will be given in exchange at a definite price.

The most significant item in the form of contract is with reference to the book depositories. After declaring that there shall be no fewer than three depositories or agencies in each and every county in the State, said agencies to be approved by the State board of education, with as many additional agencies as may be necessary for the proper handling of books, the contract continues:

"The party of the second part further agrees to and with the party of the first part that it will furnish the books named in this contract to its own agencies to the county depositories, and to individuals in the State, through a central depository, to be located in the city of Columbia, in the county of Richland, said depository and its manager to be approved by the State board of education; and it is further agreed, that if any books are furnished to the above named agencies, depositories and individuals, in any other manner, said books shall be furnished at the same price and upon the same terms as those furnished through the State depository."—The State.

Loss of a Mare.

Mr. E. L. Hunnicutt, who resides at Excelsior Knitting Mills, lost a good mare last Friday. The animal was found dead in the lot. Some time the night before she had been taken from the stable by some evil disposed person and ridden or driven so unmercifully that she died from the effects. Mr. Hunnicutt kept the horse in a stall in which he had securely fastened her. There were tracks found passing out and in again through two gates, showing plainly that there was this malicious treatment of the animal.

Col. Leroy F. Youmans, who has been appointed by Gov. Heyward Attorney General to fill the unexpired term of Mr. U. X. Gunt, has announced himself a candidate for that office in the approaching campaign.

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LOCAL LACONICS.

Happenings of Interest About Town.

Mr. W. E. Colton left yesterday for Washington, D. C.

Mr. F. Stabler, Jr., of Baltimore, was in the city Tuesday.

Dr. H. C. Hardy, of Spartanburg, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. E. F. Smith, of Jonesville, paid The Times office a visit Saturday.

Mrs. F. C. Duke entertains this Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Mayor McNally and Mr. H. L. Scaife left Sunday for a trip to Chicago.

Miss Anna Howze has closed her school and come home for the summer.

Mrs. Claude Wilburn is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Long, Sr.

Mr. H. P. O'Shields, of Jonesville, spent Saturday in the city with his son.

Miss Gaston, of Blacksburg, has charge of the millinery department at the Battery.

Married on 22nd inst. by Rev. W. M. Foster, Mr. John Ray to Mrs. Price, both of Union.

Little Sarratt Hames had a birthday party Tuesday, at which he entertained a number of his little friends.

Mr. Lowe, of Spartanburg, has accepted a position as manager of the dry goods department at the Mutual.

Asbury Linn was convicted in the U. S. Court for violating the dispensary law and was sentenced to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine of ten dollars.

Dan Gibson, charged with burning the People's Supply Store at Carlisle, was released on \$1,200 bond, which was furnished by his father-in-law, Charner Dawkins.

Wallace Nichols, charged with robbing the post office, was convicted in the U. S. Court in Greenville, and sentenced to serve one year in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

THE SOUTH'S DUTY IN THE SAN FRANCISCO EMERGENCY.

Out of Our Abundant Prosperity We Should Give Quickly and Liberally

Baltimore, April 20.—In an appeal to the South to give liberally of its abounding prosperity to aid the sufferers by fire and earthquake in California the Manufacturers' Record says:

"No man who knows the heroic courage and dauntless energy of that pioneering spirit which within the brief space of half a century made of California one of the greatest States in the Union will question for a moment that out of its desolation San Francisco will arise greater, more beautiful, more prosperous than ever before. The people of San Francisco have inherited from the pioneers who laid the foundation of its greatness the spirit which will make them worthy successors of those who accomplished such wonderful results as seen in the creation since 1849 of the magnificent civilization of the Pacific coast. No one need fear that San Francisco will not meet this emergency with a spirit equal to the occasion. What Galveston did when swept by the storm, which seemed at its end to have left no hope but death and desolation for that city will be duplicated in San Francisco. It is out of such fearful trials, such testing in the fire, that the pure gold of strong manhood and womanhood is developed.

"But it is not of San Francisco's future a year or two hence that we would write. It is of the tremendous responsibility which rests upon the country, and with special appeal to the South, to meet the cry of humanity for help. With wreck and ruin such as no other city in this country, possibly none other of its size has ever faced in just the same way, with a hundred thousand or more people suffering for food, with a whole city homeless, with the task of ministering to the needy, of caring for the sick, of burying the dead, of tiding over the situation until business can be readjusted and the work of rebuilding homes undertaken, it behoves the South, flushed as it is with abounding prosperity, to show its gratitude and its appreciation of the demands of humanity, to give and give liberally, and to remember that he who gives quickly gives doubly, of its rapidly-increasing wealth to the needs of San Francisco and other stricken cities of California. Within the last 12 months the wealth of the South has increased at an average of \$3,000,000 a day, or over \$1,000,000,000. Its people are prosperous, its factories are crowded with work, its lands are enhancing in value. Let it halt for a moment in the contemplation of its own happy condition in contrast with that of the sufferers on the Pacific coast and at least, as the smallest possible measure of its gratitude, give one day's increase of wealth, and give it quickly. If it should give out one day's increase, \$3,000,000, it would do but a small part of what the situation demands and what it ought to contribute as indicative of its appreciation of the manifold blessings which Providence has so bountifully bestowed upon its people. In every community, in every church, in every business organization from Maryland to Texas there should be an immediate response to the overwhelming needs of the stricken people of California."

Rev. Mr. Hardy, of Spartanburg, is this week assisting Pastor Owens in a meeting at Green Street Methodist church. The meeting has developed considerable interest and will continue for ten days.

An old Confederate soldier who was a prisoner at Point Lookout, Md., during our late war, would be glad to see face to face any other old Vet. in Union county who was held a prisoner there during the war. The Times editor will be glad to introduce any parties to this old soldier if they will call at our office.

Dr. E. O. Taylor, the noted temperance lecturer, is to come to Union May 17-20. The pastors have united in an effort to secure the services of Dr. Taylor, and they have agreed to meet in the First Baptist Church. These lectures will be free and those who hear them will be amply paid for coming.

In a mine forty miles from Trinidad, Colorado, there was an explosion Sunday in which twenty-two men were killed.