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The News of South Carolina in Condensed Form

Courses Arranged for Reading Circle

State Superintendent of Education Martin is sending out to all teachers and superintendents a circular letter calling attention to the reading circle course for this year. These reading circles have been operated in South Carolina for a number of years and have proved of great value to the teachers who follow them. In the Western States they are extremely popular and in one State alone there are over 6,000 members reading the books listed. Following is the letter to the South Carolina teachers by Mr. Martin:

"To Superintendents and Teachers This is the third year of the teachers reading circle. Those who began with the work for 1907-08 will receive ten-year certificates signed by the governor and State superintendent of education as officers of the State board of education. Those who begin this year for the first time will be entitled to a renewal of first grade certificates. The course may be begun at any time and completed in three years. Many teachers took the course of 1906-07. This work will be open until Sept. 1. A simple examination is required of each year's work. The questions are sent direct to the members of the reading circle and they are allowed to write the answers at their homes. Allow me to call your special attention to the reading circle course for the coming year. I have read these books recently and I believe that any teacher in the State will be helped and improved by reading them. The books are "Thorndike's Principles of Teaching," "Kern's English Government,"

"You will notice that two of these books are professional and one is intended for general culture. I have found it advantageous to carry the whole course along at once. However you may purchase and read one book at a time. The examination on the course for the coming year will be sent out earlier than usual in order that certificates may be renewed for those who desire it. By adoption of the State board of education and special arrangements with the Educational Publishing Co., 12-16 Trinity avenue, Atlanta, Ga., these books may be ordered for the school libraries at reduced prices. This company will also send these books direct to the teachers for their personal libraries.

"The following prices are quoted the prices being to publishers and teachers and trustees, respectively:
Moran's English Government... \$1.50 \$1.10
Thorndike's Principles of Teaching... 1.35 .85
Kern's Among Country Schools... 1.25 .97
Charges prepaid if sent by library orders; if sent by mail or express 10 cents per copy extra."

Stricken With Paralysis.

Greenville, Special. — Mrs. Wm. T. Capers, widow of the late Rev. Wm. T. Capers of the South Carolina conference and brother of Bishop Ellison Capers, was stricken with paralysis Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. M. Reynolds, her niece, with whom she has been spending the summer. The physicians attending Mrs. Capers can not tell at this time how seriously she is affected but her condition is regarded as precarious. The news of her affliction will be learned with sincere sorrow by hundreds of friends here and elsewhere in South Carolina.

J. W. Herline Drowned.

Spartanburg, Special. — J. W. Herline, 55 years of age, was drowned in Lawson's Fork at Rock Cliff at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It is believed that he committed suicide. He was an employe of the Spartanburg mill and is survived by his widow and seven children. His body was found by a boating party and being in shallow water was recovered.

Stole His Father's Cow.

Gaffney, Special. — Charles Harpet, a young white man, the son of highly respectable parents, is in trouble again after having been released from custody several times by the efforts of his father. This time he stole a cow belonging to his father, carried her to Blacksburg, and sold her for \$15. The butcher to whom he sold her was about to kill the beef when Mr. Harpet arrived and paid him the \$15 and recovered the cow. Charles in the meantime had boarded a north bound train and left for parts unknown.

West Point Scholarship.

Spartanburg, Special. — An examination for the West Point scholarship from the Fourth congressional district was begun at the Converse Street school and will be concluded Thursday. The examination is being conducted by Dr. C. B. Waller and Prof. Blake and Shockey. Those taking the examination are Messrs. Littlejohn, of Jonesville, G. H. Matton, Jr., of Greenville, Crawford of Laurens and Poe of Greenville.

State Capital to Be Painted.

Columbia, Special. — Within the next few months the dirty walls in the State capital will be cleaned and in the senate, the house of representatives, the State library and the corridors on the lower floor things will look fresh and bright with coatings of oil. At a recent meeting of the State house commission it was decided to award to Maj. Chas. Newnam of this city the contract for painting the interior of the building, the bid being \$5,750 and the work has commenced.

SENATOR PETTUS DEAD NORTH CAROLINA WINS RATE FIGHT

Alabama's Senior Senator Breathed His Last at Hot Springs, This State From Effects of Apoplexy, With Which He Was Seized Friday Morning—Entire Body Paralyzed and Consciousness Was Never Recovered.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—United States Senator Pettus of Alabama, died Saturday night at 10 o'clock at Hot Springs this State from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy with which he was seized Friday morning. His entire body was paralyzed and he never recovered consciousness since that time.

Senator Pettus arrived at Hot Springs about a week ago from Tate Springs, Tenn. Up to the time of the seizure he was apparently in the best of health. At the breakfast table Friday it is said he was unusually cheerful, and when he was stricken merely had a fainting spell. Physicians were summoned from Asheville for consultation with the local physicians and it was seen that there was no hope of the Senator's recovery. His relatives were telegraphed for and they are now on the way to the death bed of the deceased.

Senator Pettus celebrated his 86th birthday at Tate Springs last week, and on that occasion his unusual vigor was the subject of comment. By a primary arrangement of last summer he will be succeeded in the Senate by Ex-Governor Joseph F. Johnston, who will serve until the Alabama legislature meets. Mr. Johnston was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, and has many relatives there.

Murder and Suicide.

Charlotte, N. C., Special. — Mrs. Madge Powers, wife of Harry T. Powers, a Morehead street grocer was found dead in her bed room in the north end of the store building Saturday morning about 7 o'clock. Hard by her lay her husband, unconscious and dying. A pistol lay within a few inches of Powers' right hand. Blood oozed from a bullet hole in the forehead of his wife and flowed freely from the wound back of his right ear. Murder and suicide—every bit of evidence pointed that way. It was plain that Harry Powers had, for some whim of his own, shot his wife dead in her tracks and then turned the gun on himself. Dime novels, cigars, cards and whiskey were among the ornaments of the pitiful looking room. Whiskey, empty bottles and a half-filled glass sat on the little table by the door. The entire affair is a very tragical as well as mysterious one, and whiskey coupled with domestic troubles is doubtless the cause.

An Historical Event.

Norfolk, Special. — In commemoration of the establishment of the house of burgesses, or legislative assembly in America at Jamestown, July 30, 1619, there will be held at the Jamestown exposition on July 30, next, the two hundred and eighty-eighth anniversary celebration, one of a series of many historical celebrations at the exposition. The programme includes addresses by former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and Representative J. Warren Keifer of Ohio, former speaker of the house of representatives.

Bad Head-On Collision.

Petersburg, Va., Special. — A head-on collision occurred Saturday night about 9 o'clock a short distance north of Stoney Creek, Va., between Atlantic Coast Line train No. 85, "Florida Special," and second section of No. 80, northbound. Both engines were badly damaged, the mail car stove in and the head express car on No. 80 derailed. Engineer Bradshaw on No. 85 assumes the blame, saying that he forgot his orders. One man was killed.

Bank President Swindled.

South McAlester, I. T., Special. — J. J. McAlister, president of the American National Bank, paid \$10,000 each for a worthless "gold" brick offered by a man representing himself to be a miner. The brick when appraised for sale, was taken to Muskogee and found to contain 80 per cent of pure gold. When the deal was completed, the McAlester banker got a worthless imitation of the brick the appraiser had examined. The swindle was discovered a few hours after the transaction.

Iron Miner's Strike May Be Settled.

Duluth, Minn., Special. — While there was no developments in the iron miners' strike situation on the Mesaba and Vermilion ranges the strike on the ore docks, it was said may be settled Sunday or Monday as the railroads must have crews at work at Duluth, Superior and two harbors to handle the product of the miners, should they succeed in opening them the first of the week.

Run Through and Killed By Yick-fork Prongs.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special. — News was received here of a peculiar accident which occurred at Kernersville late Saturday afternoon, resulting in the death of Mr. Dewitt Marshall the 19-year old son of Mr. A. F. Marshall a prosperous farmer living near Kernersville. The young man fell from a load of wheat-stalks and struck a pitchfork, the prongs of which penetrated his breast, killing him almost instantly.

An Adventuress.

London, By Cable.—Mrs. Josephine Leslie the American woman who cut a wide swath in English society on the strength of the professed friendship with wealthy Americans, and against whom J. Pierpont Morgan testified was sentenced to five years in prison on the charge of obtaining a large sum from Miss Annie Blount an Irish heiress under false pretenses.

HAYWOOD IS FREED

End of Trial of Secretary of the Western Federation Miners

OTHER CASES TO BE PRESSED

Boise, Idaho, Special.—In the bright sunlight of a beautiful Sabbath morning William D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, walked a free man acquitted of the murder of former Governor Frank Stuenkelberg.

Probability of Acquittal Was Freely Predicted After Judge Wood's Charge Was Read, but the Fact That the Jury Was Out 33 Hours Led to the Belief That There Would Be Another Outcome.

Surprises the Governor.

"The verdict is a great surprise to me, and I believe to all citizens of Idaho who have heard or read the evidence in the case. I have done my duty. I have no regret as to any action I have taken, and my conscience is clear. As long as God gives me strength I shall continue my efforts for government by law and organized society."

Chased to His Death.

New York, Special.—Following repeated murders, assassinations and finish attacks upon girl children in New York mob went crazy and when a man slashed the face of John Black, a motorman who was repairing a car, the crowd pursued the slasher who, terrified at cries of "lynch him," jumped off a pier into East river and was drowned. Only the arrival of the police reserves prevented the crowd from storming the jail or Staten Island for the purpose of wreaking vengeance on Joseph Nopwank, 54 years old, charged with attacking a 5-year-old girl.

A Three Hours Conference.

The conference lasted three hours each side withdrawing to prepare papers for signature. At 6:30 o'clock the conferees left the Governor's office, all smiling. Speaker Justice was the first to announce the result and said to the eager reporters: "All is settled except the three law suits and the 2-1-4 rate goes into effect as soon as the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line can figure out the schedule." A quarter of an hour later the Governor came out and read to the eager little audience the following agreement which is signed by Thom and Humphries:

The Agreement.

"First, the railway puts the 2-1-4 cent rate into effect not later than August 8th, next."
"Second, the State to appeal from Judge Pritchard's order discharging parties in Asheville on writ of habeas corpus."
"Third, the Southern Railway to appeal to the State Supreme Court in each case for a worthless 'gold' brick offered by a man representing himself to be a miner. The brick when appraised for sale, was taken to Muskogee and found to contain 80 per cent of pure gold. When the deal was completed, the McAlester banker got a worthless imitation of the brick the appraiser had examined. The swindle was discovered a few hours after the transaction."

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Jews are flocking into Palestine.
The Santa Fe Railroad has been indicted on sixty-five counts.
Coal has become very scarce on the Continent and prices are steadily advancing.
An alleged plan to extort \$30,000 from the Salvation Army was made public at Boston.
The French Senate and Chamber resolved to maintain the present taxation schemes in 1908.
President Corey of the Steel Trust returned to work to find a strike of Western miners on his hands.
The question of sale of honors for party contributions was raised in the British Commons but shelved.
It was said at Gloucester, Mass., that fishermen there anticipated little trouble in Newfoundland waters next autumn.
Statistics made public at Baton Rouge showed a great decrease in the number of children in Louisiana in the last year.
Premier Clemenceau and General Picquart, Minister of War, made a trip over Paris from London in the dirigible balloon Patrie.
An award of \$25,000 was made to Arthur H. Masten as Master in Chancery in the suit over the New York City Eighty-Cent Gas law.
The French Government deprecates the sensational comment of certain French newspapers regarding the American-Japanese situation.
Milo R. Matthe, of the Utilities Commission, said he favored giving to the city of New York power to take over and operate public service corporations.
Viscount Hayashi, in an interview, said that the Korean throne had nothing to fear from the Japanese, but there must be a competent, organized administration.

Triumph of Ratiocination.

Sherlock Holmes was boasting. "I have discovered," he bragged, "that all wives hide their surprises in the top bureau drawer." Considering he was a bachelor this was clearly doing pretty well.—New York Sun.

College Destroyed by Bolt

Winter Park, Fla., Special.—The music hall of the Rollins college was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. The equipment was partially saved, but four pianos and the splendid domestic school outfit were burned. The building and its contents were insured. President Blackman being in the North no statement respecting the plans for the future can be made.

TO REMOVE WALL PAPER.

A novel but very effectual method of removing wall paper was adopted recently. The paper hangers found, when they started to repair the rooms that there was layer after layer of paper on the walls, six thick-nesses in some instances, and they decided that these should come off before the new paper was put on. Consequently a full head of steam was generated in the boiler, the radiators in the steam pipes, doors closed and the steam turned on. Steam was forced into the rooms in this manner for nearly three quarters of an hour after which the paper was pulled from the wall without the slightest difficulty and in less than one tenth the time which the ordinary method of removing paper would have consumed.

IT HAPPENED IN HARTFORD.

The minister said last Sunday it is very wrong to swear. And the Judge in court on Monday ruled the minister was there with both feet and a strange hold on the law that Cotton Mather told The man he paid the dollar fine. Then whispered to the clerk: "I'd like to have the minister— I'd like to have the Judge— I'd like to hear the two of them. Ejaculate 'Oh, Judge!' If they ever tried to button With their fingers grimed with dirt A sixteen inch collar shirt." W. R. S.—in the New York Sun.

Hot Weather in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The hot weather of the past week continued here, the government thermometer registering 96 degrees at noon. The summer's record for the present summer was reached Tuesday afternoon when 97.5 degrees was recorded. Macon suffered under 101 degrees at noon, and other points in the State showed temperature almost as high.

The President says he likes the man who sings at his work. So do we, asserts the New York Mail. What we object to is the man who sings at ours.

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