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SCHOOL BOOK SCANDAL

Superintendent Swearingen Scores State Board of Education.

"To protect the interests of the people and to keep the record straight, I protested against the recent text-book adoptions made by the state board of education."

This statement is by J. E. Swearingen, the state superintendent of education, in protesting against the sweeping change of text-books, which will cost the people of South Carolina about \$500,000. The recommendations of Mr. Swearingen were ignored by a majority of the members of the board.

Without making any charge against the members of the state board of education, the statement can be made that corruption is suspected. It is known that some sort of influence was brought to bear upon the board. This incident can be referred to only as "the text-book scandal." As is well known the larger per cent. of the paying business went to the American Book Co., New York, which is known as the "book trust."

The statement of Mr. Swearingen, which is explanatory, follows:

"To protect the interests of the people and to keep the record straight, I protested against the recent text-book adoptions made by the state board of education. Though my protests were ignored and my wishes disregarded, I desire to make a brief statement of my position.

Eighty per cent of the books now in use have been thrown out of the schools. Not one word of explanation reason or excuse for this revolutionary action has been offered to the public. Such sweeping changes are without precedence in the history of this or any other state.

The books sold in the last five years cost more than \$500,000. These books have been in the main displaced, and now have an exchange value of 50 per cent of their original cost. The new books adopted are higher priced, and every time a patron or pupil is required to exchange an old book there must be a cash payment in addition.

This cash payment will be a tax on every citizen of the state. It may be small in the case of any one book, but will amount to thousands in the aggregate.

If Winthrop colleges should be burned to the ground there would be a universal lament from the mountains to the sea. The state board of education with an absolute disregard of the property rights of the people has destroyed values and imposed taxes representing an investment equal in value to the magnificent college at Rock Hill. Every exchange of books also imposes labor and inconvenience in addition to the expense. A number of the depositories are conducted by county superintendents of education, and these officers will feel the strain before the exchange period has passed.

I do not believe that changes should be made unless the books in use have proven inferior or unsatisfactory. The state board of education declined to present in writing the unsatisfactory books on the present list. The adoption of 1906 was little short of a crime if inferior books were imposed upon the children of the state. Three members of the present board took part in that adoption and must have voted for the books then selected. The change of heart that has taken place in these gentlemen is not questioned by me but it would be better understood if it were fully explained. If any city superintendent in a special district exercising the right of independent text-book adoption should enter upon his work by changing 80 per cent of the books in the hands of the pupils, I do not believe his action would go unchallenged. How much more, then, should explanation be offered when the change effects the whole state farther than a small municipality!

I had prepared for the use of the board a ballot showing the name of each member voting and the title of each book voted for. This ballot the board declined to use, because the members did not wish to offend the sensibilities of the various book agents with whom they had established and wished to maintain pleasant relations. This is a laudable sentiment, but it

leaves out the reckoning the sensibilities of the people. It is a well established principle of representative government that the record of a public servant belongs to his constituents. As state superintendent of education I was anxious for every citizen to know my position in regard to every book that was retained as well as to every one that was changed. I see no reason why the other members of the board should be unwilling to leave a similar record, even though unsuccessful bidders might be disappointed in the adoption.

The work of the board has been finished, but the tax on the people will not be felt till later. I have pointed out what I consider the unjustifiable disregard of property rights. I also maintain that the wholesale changes ordered by the board were neither necessary nor altogether desirable. I asked for a full record of the proceedings by which this result was brought about and my request was denied.

I trust that these three facts have been made so plain that the man who runs may read and understand.

BUTLER-LEVER.

Surpassing in beauty and splendor all Lexington marriages in recent years, was the wedding on Wednesday evening of Miss Lucille Scurry Butler and Congressman Asbury Francis Lever, which was solemnized in St. Stephen's Lutheran church at 6 o'clock, the Rev. W. H. Hiller, of Columbia, a college-mate of the groom, assisted by the Rev. T. S. Brown, performing the ceremony.

The historic church, which has been the scene of very many pretty marriages, was beautiful in its decorations of green and pink, the plans being outlined by Miss Jodie Coughman, of Columbia. Long ropes of pink crepe myrtle suspended over the altar, while Southern smilax entwined around the columns. A bank of ferns and potted plants formed a beautiful background. The decorations throughout showed the work of an artist's hand.

A ten minutes' musical programme preceding the arrival of the bridal party was delightfully rendered by Miss May Lois Boozer and Miss Annie Martha Meetze, both graduates of the College for Women, Miss Boozer playing Melody in F, from Rubenstein, and Miss Meetze singing two solos—"All for You" and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

To the strains of Lohengrin, by Miss Boozer, the ushers, Dr. P. H. Shealy, C. E. Leaphart, B. H. Barre and Lem Sox, entered the aisles, followed by the brides maids, Misses Alice May and Lillie Butler sisters of the bride. Mr. Lever, accompanied by his best man, M. E. Zeigler, Esq., of Orangeburg, entered the right aisle, while Mrs. W. A. Wright, of Atlanta, sister of the bride and dame of honor, approached from the other, followed closely by the bride leaning on the arm of her father, Maj. John Wilson Butler. The bride wore a dark blue traveling suit and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and valley lilies. Mrs. Wright was attired in a handsome white lace robe with touches of pale blue. She carried a bunch of white roses. Miss Alice Mae Butler was dressed in a lovely pale blue mesaline trimmed in white lace and pearls, and carried pink roses. Miss Lillie Butler was dainty in a white silk marquette over blue satin. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

During the impressive ceremony Miss Boozer softly played "Melody of Love," and during the exit from the church Mendelssohn's wedding march.

While no cards had been issued the church was filled with the friends of the young people, many coming from a distance.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Lever left for Columbia by automobile with the intention of going to the mountains of North Carolina to spend their honeymoon, but Mr. Lever became suddenly a very ill man and had to be carried to the Columbia hospital.

The bride is a daughter of Maj. Jno. Wilson Butler, the well known traveling representative of the Frank E. Block Company, of Atlanta. She is a young woman of many graces of mind and person. She is a graduate of the Woman's College of Due West, and since coming to Lexington she has, by her amiable disposition and charming manners, endeared herself to all.

Congressman Lever is a native of his county and the idol of the people of the seventh congressional district.

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