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TRUSTEES ORGANIZE AS TO FREE BRIDGES

Meeting in Court House Monday Effected Largest Organization in the State.

The Lexington County Trustees' association was formed on Monday, when more than half of the four hundred trustees of the 85 districts of the county met in the court house. The meeting was called to order by Prof. C. E. Wessinger, who was the chief promoter in bringing the trustees together. Mr. Wessinger expressed his gratification at seeing so many of the men who govern the educational system of the county present, and urged greater cooperation, greater effort and more enthusiasm.

The first speaker was County Superintendent of Education A. D. Martin. Mr. Martin briefly outlined the progress that had been made in the county during the past year, and told of the needs of our educational system. Mr. Martin did not speak long, giving his time to those who were to follow.

Prof. W. H. Hand, head of the high school department of the state, in an able and concise address, showed just what the people of the rural districts as well as those in the towns and cities are doing toward advancing the cause of education. He urged the employment of better teachers, better pay for teachers, more local taxation for the lengthening of the school term and better pay for the county superintendent of education. He impressed upon the trustees the importance of their positions, and the arduous duties they had to perform. Prof. Hand made one of the strongest appeals ever heard by a Lexington audience. Prof. Hand is a man of pleasing and charming personality, a fluent speaker, and was mostly heartily applauded.

Prof. W. K. Tate, supervisor of rural schools, held the attention of the audience for more than an hour. His was a splendid effort, the suggestions made to the trustees being well received. He advocated a change in the selection of school trustees. He suggested that, at the end of each school year, the patrons of the schools meet and nominate a man for the position, who shall be appointed by the county board of education. This, he said, would keep the trustee matter out of politics to a large degree and, at the same time, would keep members of the old board in service. Trustees are now appointed every two years.

Prof. Tate favored local option when it comes to the matter of compulsory education, although, he said, the time was near when the adoption of a state wide compulsory law should be made. At the conclusion of Prof. Tate's address, the election of temporary officers was entered into. R. G. Able, of Steadman, was elected president and Prof. D. A. Quattlebaum, of Leesville, secretary.

Charlie B. Kneese, of Baxter, was elected permanent president by acclamation upon motion of W. H. Sharpe; L. B. Frick, of the Fork, vice president, and D. A. Quattlebaum, of Leesville, secretary.

According to Prof. Tate, Lexington now has the largest trustees' organization of any county in the state. To Prof. C. E. Wessinger the credit is due for the success of the meeting; and it is hoped that the organization will prove a strong power in the further development of our educational system.

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Decision of Supreme Court Before "Toll" or "No Toll" Will Be the Issue.

In order that the people of the county might know the exact status of the free bridge situation, a representative of The Dispatch called on Mr. C. M. Eitrd, who is familiar with the entire matter, and asked the following questions:

"What do you know about free bridges?"

He said: "Not having heard anything from the situation, I took occasion to inquire into it when in Columbia on last Wednesday. I first went to see Mr. Childs, the chairman of the free bridge commission, and he informed me that the committee had reached an agreement with the owners of both the Broad river and Congaree bridges and were ready to complete the trade whenever the county commissioners of Richland county furnished them the money voted by Columbia township."

"Why do not the county commissioners of Richland furnish the funds?"

"To get this information I called first on Mr. Matthews, of the Palmetto National Bank, who I was informed represented the Baltimore people, who made the highest bid for the bonds. He informed me that the lawyers representing the bidders had raised certain legal objections to the bonds which it was necessary to have the courts pass on and if the opinion of the court was favorable they would take the bonds. His opinion was that there would not be much more delay."

"What is the legal status?"

"To find out this, I called on Mr. Clarkson, who represents the county commissioners of Richland county. He informed me that the question raised against the bonds by the Baltimore bidders had been submitted to the Supreme Court more than 30 days ago in the form of a petition for a rehearing in the case of Verner vs. Muller, which was decided by the Supreme Court on June 14, settling issues therein raised, in favor of the bonds, and that he was looking for an opinion every day. Mr. Clarkson stated further, that if the opinion of the court was in favor of the bonds, which was generally conceded, and the Baltimore people found no flaws in the proceedings leading up to the election, they would take the bonds at their bid, and he expected the matter settled very soon."

Death of Infant.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Addy, of Chapin, died on Sunday and was buried on Monday at 10 o'clock. Much sympathy for these good people is expressed.

Big Real Estate Deal.

One of the largest real estate deals effected in the town of Irmo was consummated on Monday, when Hamp A. Lorick sold his houses and lands to D. F. J. E. W. H. and O. W. Lorick, the consideration being \$8,000, it is said.

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