

OUR SCHOOLS.

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BY PROF. WILLIAM H. HAND.

Who is Responsible?—Who is responsible for the ill-equipped high schools, with their short inefficient course of study, their lack of teachers to do the work, and the relatively small number of pupils therein?

The superintendent and principals are responsible for the educational ideas of their communities, and the attitude of the people toward high schools. If the course of study is overcrowded with subjects, or scrappy in its material, they also are responsible.

The people are emphatically to blame for not supporting their high schools. They put neither the money nor their children in them. Throughout the State, in places only pointed out, are high schools scarcely worthy of the name, in which might be made within five years to rank high, if the people in those places were only willing to use a little common sense business sagacity.

Holly Hill had last year a good two-year high school taught by one teacher. The school had 13 pupils in the 8th grade, and 5 in the 9th. This year the people attempted to organize a high school with two teachers and 25 pupils. This would entitle the school to enough State aid to employ the second teacher at \$50 a month.

Ridgeway last year asked State aid for her high school, recd. \$410, and barely had the requisite number of pupils. The school had 14 pupils in the 8th grade, and 1 in the 9th. This year six of those pupils have been sent away from Ridgeway to school. The place is paying \$930 for two high school teachers, and is asking the State to pay part of that, while the school at this writing has not enrolled the required 25 pupils.

Jonesville had last year 14 pupils in the 9th grade, and 9 in the 10th. Seven of those pupils have this year been sent to college and two to preparatory schools, and the high school opened with 9 pupils in the 9th grade, and 6 in the 10th, and an effort to the principal to add the 11th grade was defeated. These nine pupils away from home will cost the people of that community over \$2,000 this year, yet they are today paying their own three high school teachers a combined salary of \$1,775, and getting part of that from the State. Can these people expect to maintain a high school? Of course the entire community must not be held responsible for this folly, a few pupils unable to go off to school must not be forgotten.

Central is struggling to establish a high school. It needs money and pupils, yet three of her last year high school pupils were sent away this season. Batesburg attempted to add the 11th grade this year, but four of last year's five pupils in the 10th grade left for college, and the effort was defeated.

Anderson, one of the four places last year with a four-year public high school, has had to abandon it. The 11th grade, although 12 of her last year's 10th grade are off at college. Five from the 9th grade and seven from the 8th grade are at college. These 24 pupils are costing the people of Anderson \$6,940 this year. The entire high school teaching force is less than \$4,000.

blinded by that fundamental error that the function of the high school is to prepare students for college. Nine-tenths of the pupils who fail in the 7th grade never see the door of a college. True, in addition to the subjects necessary to college entrance, we have added to the traditional course a large number of dishes, so to speak. These dishes are nothing but relics, and are tasted occasionally. The people of the principal have put no money on a high school straight to the college door. The people by their own negligence and unwillingness to learn, stand and see their own wrong and sturdy sons step out of the schoolroom at the end of the 7th grade, because those sons have had that their parents and teachers have put nothing in the high school except nourishment for the college candidate.

Is the reader beginning to see wherein the colleges are responsible for the unsatisfactory high school condition? Every college in South Carolina, State, denomination, and State, is doing high school work in its college course. This statement is not proof, the high school is not doing the work, and it must be done in the colleges, if done at all. Formerly, and not so long ago, the colleges were all but left in this matter—they had to take raw unprepared material, or the few their doors against deserving boys and girls unable to get the proper preparation. I have already stated that the high schools are not ready to furnish properly prepared students to the colleges. The one of demarcation between high school territory and college territory can not be definitely fixed, yet with respect to the age of the student and to a majority of the subjects of study involved there is already considerable unity of opinion.

What is accomplished, hold a few schools run nine months, some for six and a few only seven. First, let each college make its entrance requirements definite, as a standard be high or low, as it is, but let it be definite. Second, let the college live up to its published uniformity, that all can be honest in these standards. After that it is a question of morals, and a college should stand for inviolable should stand for unswerving rectitude. It is just as responsible a college as a body corporate to advertise one standard and act another, as it would be for one of its professors to promise one thing and do another. The popular mind is prone to look upon the published entrance requirements of colleges as a joke. With a college catalog before giving its entrance requirements, English, Mathematics, Latin, and history, at a standard which the average school of ten grades is failing to reach, and you know it, you are likely to be disturbed when you know that the same college is taking pupils from 9th grades, and occasionally from 8th grades.

What are the facts? With full twenty high schools yet to hear from, have the names of 154 pupils who have entered college this season from the 8th grade, and 26 pupils from 9th grades. Those students reported entering the preparatory department of a college, were of course, not included. Every college in the State and several outside, are reporting the names of these pupils. It is hard to reconcile these cold facts with the constant wall of the colleges for prepared students, and with the perennial announcements about having raised standards. If a college uses ten or twelve years of standard teaching, and taking 5th grade pupils that must the standard have been high when it began raising? The college canvasser says, "Send your 9th grade pupils, our college professors can teach him Latin and mathematics better than you 9th grade teachers can." Perhaps; but is he ready to admit that his so-called college has gone into high school business? Is he ready to admit that his students who are really prepared to do college work but sit idle in the classroom, while the prepared professor makes daily excursions down into high school territory for the benefit of the 9th grade pupils? Where does the pupil start on entering college? If he comes from the 9th grade, or second high grade year, how much college work has he done at the end of four years? If a 10th grade pupil enters the sophomore class, how much college work has he had at graduation? The evil genius which dominates our colleges is greed for numbers.

What caused their death? Hysterical Death of Three People in Washington City. Washington, Nov. 6.—Overcome by the fumes of a gas of unknown origin, three persons of the family of Clarence L. Bremerman, a stenographer in the library of Congress were asphyxiated in their home, 1,307 1/2 street, Northwest, this city today. The dead are: Mrs. Heba Cutler Bremerman, 34 years old; Curt Bremerman, 18 months old, her son, and Mrs. Helen Catherine Bremerman, 38 years old, her mother-in-law. When Bremerman returned home this evening he noticed his infant son apparently asleep in a crib in the dining room. He called to his wife, and received no reply, went into the kitchen, where he found his wife and mother lying dead on the floor. Bremerman detected a strong odor of gas, but was unable to locate its source. The coroner, the police and a number of physicians who were called in, were unable to determine the exact nature of the deadly fumes. An autopsy over the body of the younger woman will be held tomorrow.

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of this fact? Again, Winthrop College had this year 1047 applicants for admission, 520 were admitted, 527 were refused. President Johnson reports that fully 300 of those refused were not prepared to enter Winthrop at all. Clatsop had 1,747 applications for admission, 774 were admitted; 246 refused. President Mell reports that 296 applicants failed on account of examination. The other colleges have similar experiences. The cry should be for better high schools better prepared.

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BRyan SWEEP'S HIS STATE. Nebraska Goes Democratic Both in State and National.

Returns from Nebraska show that Bryan won a sweeping victory in his own State last Tuesday. While the pluralities are not phenomenal, large, they are complete, the State ticket and candidates for Congress in most instances running parallel with Bryan.

Complete returns from a third of the counties and scattering precinct returns from most of the remainder show that Bryan will have a plurality of not fewer than 10,000 votes and Shallenberger, Democratic, for Governor, and the rest of the Democratic ticket will have about 9,000. But the Democratic victory does not stop there. Five of Nebraska's six Congressmen are Democratic, only one Republican, Hinchey, in the 4th district, escaping defeat by 700 votes, although his district gave Bryan a plurality.

Stevenson Will Contest. Democratic Candidate for Governor of Illinois Not Satisfied.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—The election of Governor Chas. C. Deenen to serve a term as Governor of Illinois will be contested by his Democratic rival, according to a signed statement issued tonight by Charles Stevenson, chairman of the Democratic State central committee. The statement follows: "I am convinced that with a canvass and an honest canvass, Chas. C. Stevenson has a probability of being elected in the election last Monday for Governor of Illinois. The demand for account will be made upon the Legislature as provided for in the statutes."

GOV. HASKELL AND VARDAMAN VIII Participate in Cotton Conference This Week.

Atlanta, Nov. 5. Governor C. N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, and former Gov. James K. Vardaman, of Mississippi, have notified Harvey Jordan of Atlanta, that they will attend the cotton conference in Memphis Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The governor of Arkansas has appointed delegates to the conference. W. D. Nesbitt, a member of the railroad commission from Atlanta, has also written Harvey Jordan that he will be in Memphis on the 11th, and will attend the conference. Governor Haskell's letter follows: "Your invitation of the 21st calling my absence, I will appoint delegates at once, and if you think I can further the cause, will try to attend. Let me know what day you prefer me to be there."

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HAVE BIG PULL

WITH THE REPUBLICAN POST-OFFICE AUTHORITIES.

Postoffice on Rockefeller's Barony Kept Running While Poor Man's Postoffice is Closed.

You can't beat the Rockefeller pull with the Roosevelt government, says a dispatch from Utica, New York. The dispatch goes on to say: "My Dear Senator," writes the Standard Oil messenger boy, and like magic disgreasable little features of proposed legislation are eliminated.

The latest servant of the "peepul" to hot foot to the assistance of American's richest family is Postmaster General Von L. Meyer. No one has been kind enough to "swipe" the secret correspondence in this latest Standard Oil scandal, but 'p'raps the messenger boy's epistle to the postmaster general read something like this:

"My Dear General: At your earliest convenience please have the postoffice at Derrick, N. Y., closed and the postoffice at Bay Pond, N. Y., continued. Mr. William Rockefeller's friends and servants would be greatly inconvenienced if there were no postoffice at Bay Pond, Derrick is not important.

This will be greatly appreciated and if we can reciprocate it will be our pleasure. Yours sincerely, JOHN D. ARCHBOLD.

"Bang! Bang!" that sound comes from the closing doors of the little hickory office.

William Rockefeller owns a hunting park in the Adirondacks of 52,000 acres. Bay Pond is the station. Armed guards are employed the year round to keep trespassers from entering the sacred precincts of the enormous estate. Persons who have dared to fish in the Rockefeller river or climb the Rockefeller mountain have been arrested and fined. William Rockefeller has spent less than one month at this estate during the nine years that he has owned it, but his children go there and fish from streams stocked by the station and shoot deer that are driven into the park by the Rockefeller guards.

The lust of possession is the only explanation that has been made of Rockefeller's reason for holding the tract non-producing tract which he never sees, but is mainly used by servants in his employ.

Derrick is seven miles from Bay Pond, inhabited by 28 families. It seems that the postal authorities decided that either the postoffice at Derrick or the one at Bay Pond would have to be discontinued. A Bay Pond there is one family—the of William Rockefeller. And, of course, the 28 families of Derrick are the worst of the new deal.

There is indignation among them they must now go to Bay Pond for their mail. How to do that and no fine for trespass is a puzzle they have not yet solved. To reach the Bay Pond postoffice they have either to step on Rockefeller land or walk down the track of Rockefeller's New York Central railroad. In either case armed guards or railroad detectives might catch 'em. The penalty for trespass is \$25 and costs. Derrick's people have petitioned the postmaster general to keep their postoffice.

HOW INDIANA VOTED. Democrats Elects All State Offices and Legislature.

A radical change in Indiana's representation in the national House of Representatives was the most striking feature of Tuesday's election. The latest unofficial returns, incomplete, give the Democratic party members and the Republican party a gain of seven members for the Democrats.

Wm. H. Taft carried the State for President by about 8,000. Thomas Marshall and the entire Democratic State ticket are elected by a plurality of about 15,000. As the returns come in Marshall's plurality increases, while the vote on the Republican national ticket decreases. The State Legislature is Democratic, which means that a Democratic successor to Senator James A. Hendricks will be chosen. In this connection the name of John W. Kern is mentioned. Republican State Chairman Goodrich admits that the Republicans lack two votes of having a majority of the State Legislature in joint ballot.

GEORGIA IN DISGRACE. What the Republicans Claim is Really True.

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Suffering and Desolation. Who arrived on the steamer Dictator. The great suffering and desolation prevailing along the coast of Nicaragua, where a hurricane recently destroyed the towns of Rio Grande and Pinzonika, and devastated the coast country for many miles.

FATAL BALLOON ACCIDENT.

One Man Killed and a Boy is Severely Hurt.

Princeton, Nov. 5.—Prof. Peter Kramer, of St. Louis, was dashed against the chimney of the Methodist church and killed here yesterday while making a balloon ascension at the Farmers Carnival. Glen Hayden, a seven-year-old boy, who was standing near the church, was struck by a brick falling from the chimney which was wrecked by the balloon, his skull was fractured and he may die.

A strong wind was blowing and all efforts were made to persuade the aeronot to attempt an ascension. In reply he said: "I will make the jump today if I break my neck in doing it." Those were the last words he spoke as he left the earth.

When the ropes were loosened the balloon shot upward and before Prof. Kramer could unfasten the rope which held his parachute to the balloon he was hurled against the chimney. He was crushed by the blow.

The balloon bounded along on the roof until it collided with the people, dragging the unconscious balloonist after it. The rope which held the balloonist then broke and he fell to the roof of the church, rolled to the edge and plunged to the ground thirty feet below.

BYRAN CARRIES GEORGIA. Got Over Thirty-two Thousand More Votes Than Taft.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Complete returns from 139 of the 146 counties in Georgia give the following results in the presidential election on Tuesday:

For Bryan, 13,606; Taft, 41,268; Watson, 17,514; Debs, 567; Chaffin, 183; Hicken, 83. This shows a total of 133,238 votes and gives Bryan a majority over all of 9,632.

Bryan's plurality over Taft is 24,662 votes. Not over a half-vote was polled. Had all the voters turned out Bryan's plurality over Taft would have been near 80,000. The Democrats elected every Congressman by good majorities.

GOV. HEYWARD RETIRES. Condition of His Health Forces Him to Give Up Business.

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Company on Wednesday Ex-Governor D. C. Heyward tendered his resignation as the president of the institution to take effect not later than the annual meeting in January. Gov. Heyward stated to the board that his action was taken by reason of the fact that his physician had advised him to give up work of this character at this time on account of his health.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION. A Mine is Wrecked and Four Men Entombed.

Benton, Ill., Nov. 5.—An explosion of the mines of Col. W. P. Bond wrecked the shaft and as a result four shot miners are entombed. So terrific was the explosion that a car and pieces of railroad track were hurled from the bottom to the top of the shaft, more than 600 feet demolishing a steel trolley. It is impossible to reach the miners and their fate is unknown. A large force of men is trying to clear away the wreckage, but the work is proceeding slowly.

MOTHER AND SON FOUND DEAD. Woman Shot Through Head and Son Dead from Gas.

At New York Mrs. F. Velt and her son, J. N. Velt, a Wall street broker, were found dead in their rooms in a large apartment hotel on Upper Broadway late Wednesday. The mother had been shot in the head and her body was in her bed room while the son was lying suffocated by gas on the floor of the bedroom, with pillows under his head. The door of the bathroom was locked and this was held as evidence of probable suicide on his part. Following the death of his mother, probably at his hands.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. A Crazy Hotel Man Kills Wife and Son.

John Hagan, 50 years old, proprietor of a hotel at Scranton, N. Y., on the outskirts of Buffalo, shot and instantly killed his 17-year-old son George, and seriously wounded his wife, Carrie, at ten o'clock Thursday morning. Hagan is in the custody of deputy sheriffs and the district attorney has gone to the scene of the shooting. The man is believed to be insane.

TILLMAN WRITING A BOOK. John Porter Hollis Engaged in Research for the Senator.

John Porter Hollis, a Wofford graduate, is in Washington for a few days, engaged in research work for Senator Tillman, in connection with his forthcoming book dealing with the race question.

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TARE ON COTTON

THE WEIGHT OF BAGGING AND TIES.

Some Suggestions About this Matter That Cotton Makers Should Think About and Act On.

There is almost as wide variation in the weight of bagging and ties used as a covering for the cotton crop as there is in the different names and numbers used by cotton firms and exchanges to designate the various grades of cotton, says the Cotton Journal. With regard to bagging and ties there is an allowance of 6 per cent off, or 30 pounds to the bale for tare by the foreign trade.

A Savanah there is an allowance of 7 yards of two and a quarter ounce bagging. The New England planters have agreed to an allowance of 22 pounds of bagging and ties to the bale, while interior buyers insist on only 6 yards of bagging and 6 ties. The majority of farmers buy light bagging, so that the average weight of the bagging and ties on a bale of cotton delivered by farmers to buyers amounts to about 11 pounds.

In this wide complication of differences in the weight of bagging and ties the farmers as usual get the worst end of the bargain. Nearly 65 per cent of the crop goes broad, and in the price paid for export cotton the farmers have to stand a loss of 30 pounds to the bale or bagging and ties, so that if they put on 21 pounds they lose 9 pounds of lint in addition to bagging and ties they pay for and put on the bale.

Spinners do not pay for bagging and ties. The buyers do not pay the farmers anything for bagging and ties. No farmer has ever sold a pound of bagging and ties to anybody. The bagging and ties on a bale of cotton is a net loss to the farmer who had the bale ginned.

The cotton growers of the South are losing millions of dollars annually on account of their indifference or ignorance regarding this question of bagging and ties. There is but one correct, fair and business-like method of settling this matter on a basis of equity to all parties at interest, and that is to sell cotton strictly on net weight, just as the spinners buy it from the cotton factors or exporters.

The weight of all bagging should be uniform and the same number of yards used on each bale. Good, heavy weight bagging should be used only under existing regulations every farmer should put on the full allowance, else he loses a portion of his crop. This is a serious matter which could be remedied by mutual agreement of all parties at interest, the grower and the spinner. There is too big a margin left for graft, call it legitimate or what not, which the farmers should no longer stand for.

We have called attention to this matter many times and the farmer, by getting sufficiently organized to secure a sentiment of the tare question on a fair and systematic basis. We are continuously noticing articles in papers devoted to cotton information stating that the farmers make a profit on their bagging and ties. This is a delusion, which only effects on the ignorance of those making the assertion. As a matter of fact, more than the average value of the bagging and ties is always deducted from the price paid by the farmer, the same as freight and other fixed charges.

Ask Taft to Aid Cause. Chicago, Nov. 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Denver, Colo., says: A monster petition to be circulated among the women of America, and then submitted to President-elect Taft, is the immediate plan of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

Announcement of this fact was made yesterday by the Rev. Anna Howard, president of the association. A special appeal was made to the Colorado women to assist in the movement by securing the signatures of every woman in the State.

"Mr. Taft has often said he was willing the women of America should have the right of franchise if they desired it," the president said. "Now is the time to give him an opportunity to show what he meant by this statement."

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