

# EDUCATION THEME OF MASS MEETING

CITIZENS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS FORMED.

## Survey of State Wanted

Legislature Requested to Assist By Giving Financial Support to Schools.

Spartanburg, July 15.—More than three hundred leading men and women of the state gathered in Spartanburg today and organized the Citizens Educational Association of South Carolina. J. Ryon McKissick, of Greenville, was elected president and the following were named as vice presidents, each representing a congressional district.

First district: Legare Walker, of Summerville; second, Bert D. Carter, of Bamberg; third, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, of Newberry; fourth, J. B. Atkinson, of Spartanburg; fifth, T. B. Butler, of Gaffney; sixth, Bright Williamson, of Darlington; seventh, Mrs. S. O. Plowden, Dalzell.

"South Carolina wants the best there is, and can pay for it." This was the slogan adopted by the association.

The meeting was presided over by R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston. Addresses were made by Howard B. Carlisle, president of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford college; Governor Robert A. Cooper, George F. Zook, of the United States Bureau of Education; State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen, Dr. John E. White, of Anderson, and others.

Dinner was served the visitors in the dining hall of Converse college. After dinner the committee on resolutions reported, memorializing the legislature to have made a thorough survey of the state to find out its true educational status, recommending the law making body to give education such legislative and financial support as it merits and other resolutions defining the scope and purposes of the conference and appealing to press, pulpit, platform, and to the various civic, social, religious, commercial, patriotic and other organizations to exert their strongest influence to arouse public sentiment to this end.

Governor Robert A. Cooper's discourse on the needs and the aspirations of South Carolina's educational system was one of the outstanding features of this morning's programme. The University of South Carolina, Furman university, Wofford college, Converse college, Winthrop college, and other institutions were represented.

R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, long identified with every movement tending to promote the common good of the state, was chosen to act as presiding officer of the meeting. Mr. Rhett's opening address contained many pertinent and surprising bits of information regarding the needs of South Carolina's educational system as it exists today.

"The most vital subject in any commonwealth," said Mr. Rhett, "is education. Economic progress is dependent upon education in large measure. In 1776 our fathers bequeathed to us a creed that all men are born equal. This being true, education became a prime consideration. Strange to say, however, the federal government did not see fit to supervise the education of the people of the commonwealth. It delegated this work and the states in turn passed the work on to the shoulders of the counties constituting the states. On these counties this duty has rested ever since. The result in South Carolina naturally has been that the state stands lowest in the Union with regard to illiteracy."

"It is possible," said Mr. Rhett, "that the presence of negroes in the south has retarded this section in its educational progress to some extent. This particularly may be the cause in South Carolina. We have been afraid to educate the negro, and this has been a great mistake."

Mr. Rhett urged that we not allow education to halt because of the presence of negroes in the south. "Our prime concern now should be," he said, "the investigation of conditions obtaining in the schools of the state and the prompt application of remedial measures."

Mr. Rhett then introduced Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford college, who paid eloquent tribute to the personnel of the gathering at the conference. Dr. Snyder declared he was particularly gratified to note that there were present men and women who are not officially identified with educational work in this state. In the last analysis, declared Dr. Snyder, it is the people, the patrons of the schools, who make the education of the state. We want to

### 3 ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAINS.

Vigilance of Crews on Coast Line Prevent Accidents.

Florence, July 16.—According to information received in Florence today three separate attempts have been made within the past week to wreck trains on the line of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, formerly known as the M. and A., between Florence and Augusta. A peculiar feature of the attempts, none of which was successful due to the vigilance of the train crews, particularly the engineers and firemen, is that they were made at or very near the point where Engineer Joseph Temple was killed when his train was wrecked several weeks ago. Another peculiar feature is that only Atlantic Coast Line trains were sought by the train wreckers, trains of the C. and W. C. railroad having been allowed to pass without any attempt at hindrance. In the case of each of the attempts to wreck the trains the ties and rails had been tampered with. The last train that passed found that the switch had been turned.

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be self-respecting in South Carolina, asserted the speaker and "in order to be so we must busy ourselves immediately with our educational system."

Governor Cooper expressed the belief that what South Carolina needs now is systematic enlightenment. First, the people must be furnished authentic information concerning the faults and the needs of the present system of educating the boys and girls of the present generation. After the people grasp the significance of this information they must be told what the system needs in order to bring about the results so indispensable in a state that wishes to take rank with its sister states.

In this state, for instance, the governor pointed out, "we do not know what it costs to educate a child. We have no official authentic figures upon which to base our calculations. On the contrary, California knows the per capita cost of providing a child in that state with an education. When a new school is desired in a community in California, officials know just what it will cost to operate the new school when they are provided with facts concerning the number of children who will patronize the proposed institution."

The governor declared that he does not know how much it will cost to bring the South Carolina educational system up to the desired standard, but he does know that it will be worth the cost.

Dr. George F. Zook, specialist in higher education, with the United States Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C., delivered an informative address on the subject of educational surveys.

#### What Kind of Survey?

Each state, of course, must decide whether it needs an educational survey, and then bring the survey about through its own efforts, he said. Surveys of this kind are comparatively new in this country, Dr. Zook stated, having first come into prominence some ten or fifteen years ago. The United States Bureau of Education has felt that one of the best ways in which education can be intelligently promoted is by means of survey, he said. Dr. Zook gave his hearers the impression that a survey in one state, or possibly in one county, might not be entirely applicable to an adjoining state or county. Local conditions must be known and met. A state's natural resources, its people's method of earning their livelihood, its climate, in fact, many things must be learned by those conducting the survey before a report will be of any value to those whose duty it is to employ corrective measures to the delinquencies of the educational system.

Dr. Zook gave the conference information concerning ways in which a survey can be obtained, its cost, the results that may be expected, etc.

J. E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, was introduced and diagnosed South Carolina's trouble as a failure to relieve its education to such an extent as to be willing to pay an adequate price for it. What the state needs now is greater revenue in order to operate its educational system upon a proper scale, he declared. "We need a new constitution," asserted Mr. Swearingen, "and I believe that the people who chased the scalawags, who fought in the civil war and broke the Hindenburg line, are the people who will get it."

Capt. N. F. Walker, head of the state institution for the deaf and blind at Cedar Springs, was introduced just before the noon recess.

Dr. Robert P. Pell, president of Converse college, was unanimously given credit by the speakers today for having conceived the need of today's conference and generous tribute was paid his vision of the possibilities of lasting good that may accrue from the meeting. Resolutions defining the scope and purposes of the conference were adopted.

### MAY HAVE FOUND NEW POWER.

Greenville Man Claims to Have Invented Fuelless Engine.

Greenville, July 16.—A Greenville county man, E. D. Pym, claims to have invented an engine that will run without fuel. "Gravity and leverage" are the two powers that Mr. Pym claims to have harnessed in the engine he says he has invented. Lubricating oil is all that is necessary to its running, the inventor states. "Start it and it runs until stopped; started and stopped like another engine: for stationary purposes only; capable of producing from 1 to 100 horsepower"—this is descriptive of the machine in the words of the man who claims to have invented such a remarkable device.

When Mr. Pym told his story here this week he was asked if his machine was not the long sought for perpetual motion device. "Call it what you want to," he replied, "I don't call it perpetual motion. People laugh at me and say I am crazy, but I am glad to know that I have mastered this great problem. Nobody will believe me but I am glad to know that I have mastered it just the same. I may be uneducated but I am not crazy."

Mr. Pym says his machine is the product of 15 years of labor and study. He says he constructed a model last year which he harnessed to a magneto used in a launch on the St. John river in Florida to supply current for lights and the launch motor. This model ran the magneto for 32 days, he claims. An attempt was made to steal the model one night, he says, and rather than have the device taken from him he destroyed it and has not had once since. He tells of having had another invention stolen from him by a patent attorney.

Mr. Pym has absolute faith in the ultimate success of his device. He is confident beyond question that it will work. He is seeking a chance, he says, to demonstrate his engine to the patent authorities in Washington. Financial backing is necessary to get the engine patented and later to put it on the market, Mr. Pym declares. He is a poor man, according to his statement, and his machine must remain unproved and useless to the world until some man of means is willing to back him up.

Mr. Pym refuses to reveal the nature of his engine, merely stating that he has harnessed "gravity and leverage" in a device that will produce power.

### COFFIN CAUSES DEATH OF TWO.

Tom Hays and T. F. Ramey Killed in Warning Sent to Man.

Anderson, S. C., July 15.—Two men are dead and four men were committed to the county jail this afternoon following a shooting affray in the Carswell Institute community, 15 miles below here, yesterday afternoon. Tom Hays, 51 was killed outright, and T. F. Ramey, died in a local hospital this afternoon, his body having been pierced with shot and his skull gashed and fractured by blows from a pick handle. The enmity between Hays and Ramey dates back a week or more when a small coffin and a warning note was found on S. T. Bagwell's veranda, warning him to get out of the county. Bagwell and Ramey are related and when the latter suspicioned Tom Hays Ramey became involved in the quarrels that followed.

Allen Emerson, Walter L. Hays, George and Ed Wilson are held at the county jail, Hays and Ed Wilson being charged with the murder of Ramey and Emerson and George Wilson held as accessories to the crime. The four men accompanied by Tom Hays went to Ramey's house Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ramey testified at the inquest today. Walter Hays and Ed Wilson drew their guns on Ramey, and told Tom Hays to beat Ramey until he "was satisfied." Hays used a pick handle filled with shoe tacks on Ramey's head inflicting three blows before Ramey opened fire, three of the shots striking Tom Hays. Hays was also wounded by a rifle bullet which Barney Ramey, 13 year old son is accused of firing. After Ramey had fallen to the ground, his widow testified that Walter Hays stood over him and brutally beat him across the head with a small rocking chair until one of the rockers was broken. All the men were heavily armed when they went to Ramey's house. Allen Emerson and George Wilson, held as accomplices in the killing of Ramey, were both paroled during Governor Bleasde's tenure of office.

Reason for Soreness.

"Your mother-in-law, Mrs. Young, seems to be sore at the minister who officiated at her husband's funeral," said Mr. A.

"Oh, yes," replied Mr. B. "She had good reason; he mentioned in his sermon that Mr. Young had gone to a better home."

### ALL THE FISH.

Do Not Live in Rivers and Creeks and Branches.

Monday afternoon an unknown stranger came to Saluda and took out probably several hundred dollars of good Saluda money by a shrewd and new method (so far as Saluda is concerned.) The fishing was good with him, the suckers falling all over themselves to bite, relates the Saluda Standard. First he sold finger rings for 50 cents each, afterwards returning the money paid in by each of the buyers and to some giving double their money back. Then he sold razors for \$2.00 each, likewise returning the money. Then he sold a number of \$1 bills for 50 cents and \$5 bills for \$4. When he had them baited real well and the suckers were falling all over themselves for a chance to take the hook and run under a log with it, he commenced selling watches at \$5 each. Some say that as many as 100 were sold, some men buying one, some two, some three and some as many as four, all of them expected to have their money returned and to be allowed to keep the watches. However at the end of the watch selling, there was no talk of any refund and those purchasing went away sadder and wiser men. Some of Saluda's staid business men bit like little school children and now if some friend tries to sell you a watch and chain that looks like gold, don't bite, for "all is not gold that glitters."

The unknown stranger was taken in by Policeman Edwards and Sheriff Sample after his little game had been played, and contributed \$500 to the county's coffers for peddling without a license. He had previously paid the town license of \$5.

### TARRED AND FEATHERED.

Woman Taken From Hotel Porch in Tenaha, Texas.

Shreveport, La., July 17.—Mrs. Beulah Johnson was taken from the porch of a hotel at Tenaha, Texas, stripped, tarred and feathered, according to advices reaching here today.

The assailants, masked and wearing white uniforms are said to have made their attack Saturday night. Three automobile loads of men, all armed, are said to have filed out in front of the hotel, placed the young woman in one of the cars and taken her to a point two miles in the country. There, after her clothing had been removed, she was tarred and feathered, again placed in the machine and carried back to town.

Mrs. Johnson claims to have been working at the hotel as a maid and cook. She says she did not know any of the men in the automobiles and that all were masked.

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### LIGHTNING KILLS BOYS.

At Supper Table—Other Members of Family Uninjured.

Greenville, July 15.—While seated for the evening meal last night Thomas Odam and David Odam, aged 10 and 8 years, respectively, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Odam, of the upper section of the county, were instantly killed when a bolt of lightning struck the house. The family lives about eight miles above Greer in the Mount Lebanon section. None of the other members of the family were injured. The house had recently been equipped with an acetylene lighting system and it is said the electricity came down the fixtures and into the dining room. A double funeral for the two boys was held this afternoon and was attended by a large throng. The little boys had been inseparable companions throughout their life and the two bodies were buried in the same casket.

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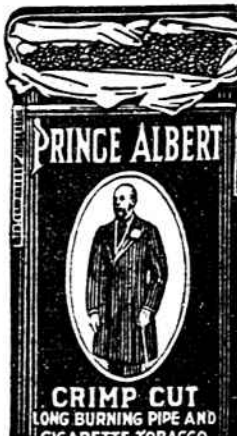
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