

**EDUCATION WAS THE ONE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTE**

**Legislature Just Ended Passed Several Educational Acts, Next in Importance was "Lemon Extract Law," Session's Outstanding Failure was on Good Roads.**

The general assembly, in the session which has just closed, accomplished several outstanding things. The most momentous piece of constructive legislation was the compulsory education act. The greatest achievements of this session were along the line of education. In addition to the compulsory school law, which requires all children between eight and fourteen to attend school at least four consecutive months in a year, the assembly enacted legislation appropriating \$50,000 for vocational education, which also entitles the State to \$36,000 of federal aid, and passed an act appropriating money for the support of weak schools, making it possible for them to have seven months in a school term. The new Citadel bill was also passed.

Next in importance to the education law comes possibly the "lemon extract bill," prohibiting the sale of tonics, extracts, toilet articles and such drugs that contain sufficient alcohol to cause intoxication.

What has been called the "outstanding error" of the 1919 session was the failure to pass the good roads bill. This measure got by the house and passed the senate, and then when it was sent back to the house for concurrence in amendments was killed. This happened on the last day save one of the session. On the final day an attempt was made to revive the bill, but this, too, proved vain.

The general assembly brought about several legislative accomplishments on the negative side. It refused to enact the bill that provided for the abolition of the tax commission. It refused to pass a bill to allow the purchase of a gallon of whiskey a month instead of a quart. Another class of legislation that did not get far along the channels of legislation were the measures looking to an eight-hour working day. There are many members who say this will come next year. The work hours for fire-fighters were limited to 84 a week.

The legislature passed a State game law, to take the place of the one recently declared unconstitutional. Richland county got a new rural police system. Several counties were authorized to float bonds for road improvements. The salaries of most State officers were increased.

In addition to the "new Citadel bill"

providing \$100,000 a year for three years to erect new buildings for the State military college, a building bill was passed to appropriate \$100,000 each for a memorial to the white soldiers of the world war and a memorial to the colored soldiers.

**ALBERT HUGHES.**

On the 21st of January past, God saw fit to take from our home our dear husband and father. How much we miss him—the home is so dark without him. But God giveth and He taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. He will not only be missed by his loved ones but by all who knew him. A precious one from us has gone.

A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our homes Which never can be filled. We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be one vacant chair; Yet in our aching hearts we know We have no "Papa" here.

How we miss thee in our home, dear papa,

A shadow o'er our life is cast; How we miss the sunshine of thy face, We miss thy kind and willing hand,

Thy fond and earnest care; Our home is so dark without thee, We miss thee everywhere.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord, Where love has bound the heart.

'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the word, "We must forever part."

Dear loved one, we must leave thee In the peaceful grave's embrace,

But thy memory will 'ere be cherished Till we see thy heavenly face.

Wife and Children.

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First, get the impression off your minds that the event happened in Laurens county or in South Carolina for that matter. It did not occur in either, but the fact remains it did happen just as I described.

One day I sat in my home in another state. It was a dreary day outside, but the cheerful fire within dispelled the dampness and cold outside. A stranger in the place, my mind often came back to the friends mid the old ped hills of Laurens, "to the friends of them that's living and the graves of them that's dead." There came a gentle knock at the door and to my summons, "Come in", there entered a little woman I had never before seen. She soon explained, however, that she was a sister of one of my nearest neighbors on a visit for a short while. The children had been over the evening before playing and knew that I was not well, so as it did not suit the neighbor to come that morning the little stranger had come in her place. The drizzling rain outside had turned into a down-pour and her call was lengthened into hours. She was so refined and cultured and proved to be charming company. We were soon chatting like old friends and our conversation ran from "cabbage to kings".

I should have mentioned at the proper time that I had heard her sister speak of her so often and so lovingly that I felt like I knew her and her chats always led me to think she was a widow. In the conversation I innocently asked how long her husband had been dead. She hesitated for a moment and then answered in a voice of sadness I can never forget, "I wish I could answer that question. I do not know whether he is dead or living."

Then she told me the story that as near as I could remember after 19 years I repeated verbatim to you.

And so when I hear a cold winter rain fall and dash against the window panes I see again the face of that dear little woman with blue, blue eyes, a sweet, sad face framed by the softest brown hair which the dampness

had caused to cluster in ringlets about her face. I hear again that voice full of heart-breaking sadness, as she repeated the query "Whatever in this world do you suppose did become of John?"

And now I'm going to relate an incident that is not so tragic, yet it concerns a Laurens county man and is quite singular. A good many people of this county will remember Preston B. Allison, who was raised at the old Cunningham home. He was a first cousin of mine and a great favorite with me, for as I had no older brother, in my childhood days Press was that to me. He was wild—full of life and fun and some men who may read these lines may recall some of his wild pranks, yet the memory of him is dear to me. He left here for Texas in 1881. The then avst plains and the wild life of a cowboy appealed to him as it did thousands of other Southern youth and he went West. For four years he wrote regularly to us all. In 1888 his last letter came to the little cousin who loved him. He had gone still further, was then in Arizona. He described for her the scenes of that frontier country. The coyotes were howling about the camp while he wrote. Thinking possibly I might be afraid he added, "Don't think they will hurt me, they are cowardly beasts," and he did dispise cowardice in either man or beast. That was 31 years ago and not a line in all these years. His dear old white-haired mother till her death hoped for a message out of the years of silence. We had all given him up as dead. Now listen at this

and surmise with me. Not long since in reading a casualty list of boys in France from Texas, was given the name of Preston B. Allison. It could not be our Press, for he would be 60 years old. Do you suppose that was a son of the boy raised in Laurens

county Or is it merely a strange coincidence and upon investigation prove to be merely a stranger bearing that familiar name? We are where we were at the beginning of all this writing. Truth is stranger than fiction.

"AUNT KATE."

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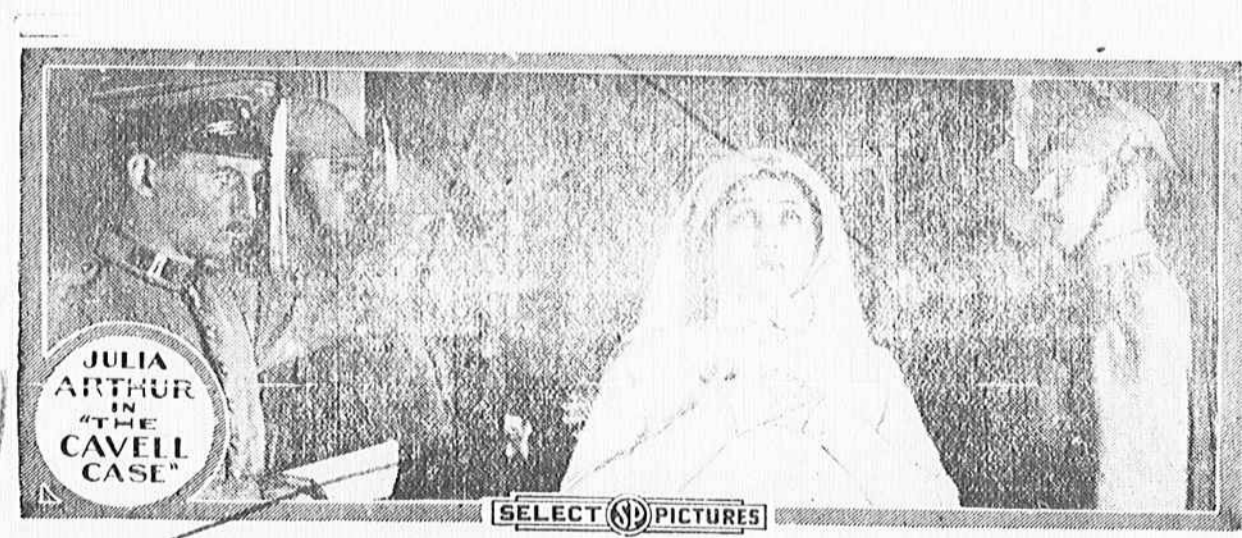
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