

SCHOOL TEACHERS IN SESSION

MEETING OF STATE ASSOCIATION BEGINS AT COLUMBIA.

Dr. H. N. Snyder, Prof. W. K. Tate, Mr. James A. Hoyt, of the Columbia Record, and Mr. Daniel M. O'Driscoll the Principal Speaker at Opening Session—Dr. Snyder—Delivers Eulogy of the Late Dr. Carlisle.

Columbia, Dec. 30.—Over two hundred teachers are in attendance upon the Teachers' Association meeting, which convened here this afternoon at the University of South Carolina. Every section of the State is represented. The programme is strong and some able addresses are to be heard.

The sessions commenced this afternoon with meetings of the city and town superintendents and county superintendents. There was a reception this afternoon at the residence of Dr. Mitchell on the campus of the University. All of the teachers attended. The exercises tonight in the chapel of the University included scholarly addresses by Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford College, and the president's address, by W. K. Tate, principal of the Memminger Normal School, of Charleston. The address of welcome was delivered by James A. Hoyt, of Columbia, and was responded to by Daniel M. O'Driscoll, of Charleston.

There was a large audience to hear the addresses. The programme for to-day is most interesting.

After the president's address the order of the evening, Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford College, was introduced. In that style and manner peculiar to the speaker, Dr. Snyder fittingly narrated some of the many virtues of his predecessor. He said in the beginning that the subject was not of his choosing, and that he could only at this present time touch some of Dr. Carlisle's virtues. His address, though full of pathos and necessarily full of sentiment, was a logical, lucid, clear cut, narration of things known to all about this deceased scholar. He repeated what has been said of Dr. Carlisle since his death by some of the leading citizens of this and other States.

President Tate in introducing Dr. Snyder said that since the teachers of the State had "last met our best and greatest teacher had passed to his reward."

The Association of Town and City Superintendents is also in session. This is a most important auxiliary of the Teachers' Association. The first meeting was held this afternoon at the University and was well attended all sections of the State being represented. There were a number of most excellent papers before the body. The papers were instructive and encouraging.

EDUCATORS CONFER WITH THE GOVERNOR.

Leges Seek Some Changes. Representatives of Four State Col-

Columbia, Dec. 31.—Representatives of the four State colleges—Winthrop, Clemson, the Citadel and the University of South Carolina—and State Superintendent Swearingen had a conference with Gov. Ansel in his office today with a view to his recommending to the Legislature about to convene such changes in the law with regard to awarding scholarship as will harmonize the requirements between the four colleges named.

Present at the conference were Prof. Riggs and Daniels, of Clemson College; Prof. Coker of Winthrop; Superintendent Bond, of the Citadel, and Prof. Wardlaw, of the University.

The contention is that the present lack of harmony with regard to requirements and benefits has a tendency to cause students to change from one college to another. Of course, Winthrop being in a class by itself, does not suffer in this respect, but the Winthrop faculty desires the change in the interest of education generally.

The request is along the line suggested by Superintendent Swearingen in his annual report. The Governor gave a respectful hearing to his callers, but they went away rather disappointed. He did not impress the members of the conference that he agreed with them regarding the essential features of the proposed change.

Saved at Death's Door.
"The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c at Sibert's Drug Store.

BRYCE ADDRESSES STUDENTS.

British Ambassador Speaks to Christian Volunteers.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Ambassador James Bryce was the chief speaker at the night session of the quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer movement in Convention hall. Ambassador Bryce characterized the present time as a critical and also auspicious one for Christianity. There had been such progress in recent years, he said, that today nine-tenths of the habit-

able earth was under the control of the so-called Christian powers, "and, though vast multitudes remain non-Christian, there is scarcely a spot in which the influence of the white race is not felt."

Ambassador Bryce spoke of the harm done among un-Christian peoples by "members of the Christian nations" who disregard the teachings of their religion," and described the present age among English-speaking peoples as unprecedented in its power to draw men to the pursuit of wealth and enjoyment.

The address closed with an exhortation to lives lived "in the true gospel spirit," whether at home or in foreign fields.

The report of the executive committee of the Student Volunteer movement, showing the growth of the campaign since its inception in 1886 featured today's deliberations of the convention.

This afternoon sectional conferences were held in various churches here on Africa, South Asia, China, Korea, India, Japan, Latin and western-Asia.

Will Test Indian Cotton.

Greenville, Dec. 29.—Two bales of Indian cotton, the first ever brought to this section of the country, were received here today and sent to the Pelzer mills, at Pelzer, where it will be tested as a substitute for American cotton. This cotton from India costs only 12 cents per pound. If it can be used successfully with present equipment it will probably be used by all the mills of this section until the price of home-grown cotton falls.

COTTON BURNS AT GALVESTON.

Nearly 3,000 Bales Damaged by Fire to Extent of One-third Their Value.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fire here destroyed the north compartment of one of the concrete wharves on Pier No. 12, causing damage estimated at \$100,000. The principal loss is on cotton awaiting shipment to Liverpool. About 3,500 bales of cotton was damaged to probably one-third of its value. All losses are covered by insurance.

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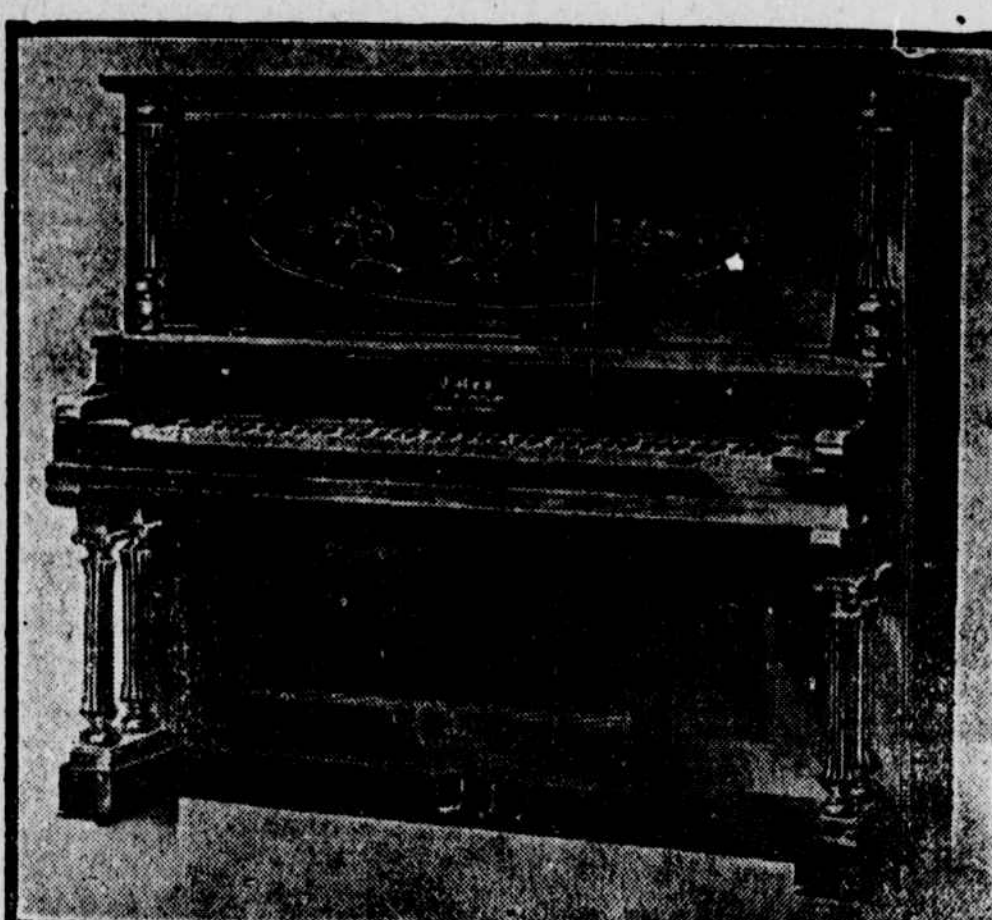
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The \$400 Piano, the grand prize of this contest, will be given to the subscriber or a nominee of a subscriber of the Watchman and Southron or Sumter Daily Item receiving the greatest number of votes in this contest. No matter where you live you are eligible to enter this contest.

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One \$50 Gold Watch, either Gentleman's or Lady's size, will be awarded to the person resident of the City of Sumter, receiving the next largest number of votes.

The contest for the Grand Prize, the \$400 Piano, is open to all readers of The Watchman and Southron or The Sumter Daily Item. It can be won by a resident of Sumter, Lee or Clarendon County, or some other County. One Gold Watch as a special second prize to be contested for by non-residents of the City of Sumter, while the other is a special second prize to be contested for by residents of this city.



This magnificent Cote Piano, which we will give away, is 4 ft. 9 in. high 5 ft. long and weighs, boxed, ready for shipment, over 800 lbs. The finest materials and most experienced workman have produced in the Cote an instrument excellent in tone, power, durability and appearance. This piano is installed in the best homes, conservatories and music halls in the land; is well known and widely recommended by the leading musicians and teachers.
It is positively guaranteed for ten years by the Manufacturers.

Nominations.

Each and every person entering the contest must be nominated on one of the Nomination Blanks published in both the Watchman and Southron and the Daily Item. The nomination counts as 1000 votes, but only one nomination will be credited to a person.

In each issue of the Watchman and Southron and the Daily Item will be published a ballot which is good for the number of votes specified on the ballot.

How to Obtain Votes.

Every new subscriber paying in advance, will be credited for each dollar paid, 200 votes. Every old subscriber paying up back dues will be credited for each dollar paid 100 votes, and on each dollar paid in advance 200 votes. No votes will be given on payments of less than \$1.00. Every person or firm that brings or sends an order for advertising or printing and pays for same in advance will be entitled to 100 votes for each dollar paid. For money paid on accounts 50 votes will be allowed for each dollar paid, if money is brought or sent to this office. No votes will be given for money paid collector.

Nominations Close Dec. 24.

Nominations will not be received later than December 24, therefore, it is important that the blanks be mailed to this office at once. Remember every nomination blank counts for 1000 votes, but will not be counted twice for the same person. We have a supply of voting ballots at our office which must be filed there, properly signed, as the cash is paid for subscription, advertising or printing. Those at a distance wishing to vote must send the money, for which a voting ticket together with a receipt, will be mailed to the person making the remittance. The tickets must be made out, signed and returned promptly to this office.

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