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CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

Programme of Meeting at Florence

December 18.

Columbia, Nov. 15.—Miss Euphemia McClintock, president of the College for Women; Col. August Kohn, president of the South Carolina Press Association, and Prof. W. H. Hand, State supervisor of high schools—all Columbians—are among the prominent persons who will deliver addresses at the second annual session of the South Carolina Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held December 8-9 in Florence.

Dr. A. T. Jamison, superintendent of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, at Greenwood, is president of the Conference. The executive committee is composed of Mr. Jos. A. McCullough, of the Greenville Bar, Deaconess Mary T. Gadsden, superintendent of the Church Home Orphanage (Episcopal), at Yorkville, and the Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D., of Charleston. Prof. D. D. Wallace, of Wofford College, Spartanburg, is vice president, Mrs. C. D. Stanley, of Columbia, secretary; Mr. Walter B. Wilbur, of Charleston, treasurer.

It is earnestly desired that all persons interested in work of charity, correction, reform, child care and other related problems will plan to attend the Conference. The sessions will be open to the public, and all are invited who will.

The Conference exists to discuss the problems of charity and correction, to disseminate information and promote reforms. It will be held in the Florence city auditorium, upon invitation extended the body a year ago.

The headquarters of the executive committee will be at the Hotel Florence, and provision has also been made at this hotel for any committee meetings that may be held during the sessions of the Conference. Persons who wish boarding house accommodations should write Mr. H. M. Ayer, Florence.

The executive committee has united in an endeavor to provide a program that would be practical, and has sought to present topics that concern the people at the present time. Persons announced on the programme have all definitely accepted places thereon, as well as the topics assigned.

It is hoped that physicians, clergymen, Legislators, charity workers, county supervisors, Probate Judges, students and teachers of social questions, child saving workers, officers of penal and correctional institutions, State and city officials will attend.

COLUMBIA'S NEW DAILY.

Six Linotypes Ordered, Press Bought and Capital Stock Increased.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—With a building leased, a press bought and six linotypes ordered, a director of The Morning News Publishing Company says that the new paper for Columbia will surely make its appearance early in January. The capital stock has been increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and subscriptions are being taken, it is said, from citizens from every part of the State. Columbians are more or less interested in the establishment of the new paper, because many believe it will involve a newspaper war. There are others who say that the State, with its large circulation and volume of business, will not suffer, and these believe that the new paper will make little difference with the managers of the Columbia paper. The new paper must needs spend thousands of dollars to attempt to compete with the field here. The promoters say they are prepared to do this.

A Democratic Congress may be expected to build a warm fire under Secretary Ballinger.—Oklahoma City Oklahoman.

There are men and women who are in life as the wild river and the night owl, as the blasted tree and the wind over ancient graves.—Charles G. Leland.

NEW ROAD ALMOST FINISHED.

BIG CELEBRATION AT WINSTON-SALEM ON DECEMBER 15.

New Winston-Salem-Wadesboro Road

Opens up a Direct Route to the Great Northwest.

Columbia, Nov. 17.—With the Southbound Railway from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro almost completed, and with trains being operated over a part of the line, the board of trade of Winston-Salem has set aside Thursday, December 15, as the day for a monster celebration of its completion. Excursion trips will be operated into that city by the board of trade, one of the trains, it is proposed, leaving Florence early that morning.

The visitors will be waited upon by committees from the board of trade, extended a welcome to the city and shown various courtesies, including a visit through the large tobacco factories. As much if South Carolina tobacco is sold to Winston-Salem manufacturers, and as the Southbound Railway will give Charleston and other parts of this State a direct connection with the Northwest by means of this road, the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Western, it is expected that many Carolinians will journey to the Tar Heel city for the occasion.

Mr. Henry E. Fries, president of the road, will undoubtedly be a happy man when the line is in operation. That the people of the Twin City honor him for his work in their behalf is shown from the fact that they informed him that anything he might desire would be done.

The Southbound is of particular interest to Charleston, the directors having decided long before President Taft that Charleston is the most convenient port to the Panama Canal. It is not known yet whether any of the South Carolina cities will participate in the celebration.

FOODSTUFFS PRICES REDUCED.

Decided Drop in Fresh Meats During Past Week.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—A bumper corn crop and unusually heavy receipts of cattle and pork at the stock yards was given by Chicago dealers as the cause of the decline in prices of foodstuffs over the country. A decline in prices at the stock yards was followed by a reduction of fresh meats and staples. Commission men today predicted lower prices still on everything except eggs, which, they say, are going higher.

Sugar, this week, 5c; last week, 5 1-2 to 6c.

Flour, barrels, this week, \$6.75; last week, \$6.90.

Pork, this week 16a22c; last week, 22a22c.

Lamb, this week, 13c; last week, 18c.

Chickens, this week, 12 1-2c; last week 15c.

Beef, this week, 10a18c; last week, 12a21c.

The decline since October is from 50 to 75 cents on cattle in the bulk and the market in general is 50 cents lower than it was a week ago. Hogs have dropped from \$9.65 a hundred on October 18, to \$7.82 1-2.

J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., today said the whole tendency in live stock prices was lower. He also declared the descent would be gradual and warned the public from accepting hastily the belief that a drop from the highest to the lowest prices was due.

"The packers' prices to the retailer are based entirely on what we have to pay for the live animals," said Mr. Armour. "Generally speaking, prices are lower and I believe that they are working toward a still lower level. The present situation is the result of the enormous corn crop and of previous high prices that stimulate everybody to raise live stock."

"The public is getting the benefit of present conditions and should get further benefits, as the increased supply of live stock reaches the market."

"The recent high price of meats and packing house products cannot be attributed in anyway to the packers or to any combination of persons or firms engaged in the packing industry. It has been due to changes that developed from a scarcity and a high price for corn, which is the basis of the supply of live stock."

The residence of W. M. Westbrooke of Chester was burned Tuesday.

W. H. McWhite, of Marion County was fatally injured in a gin Monday.

PLOT OF PACKERS.

DR. WILSON SAYS CUT IN FOOD PRICES IS MANIPULATION.

Chief of Chemistry Bureau Says Relaxation of Grip is Only Temporary and Dangerous.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The so-called reduction in the price of meats is a deliberate manipulation of the market, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, in a statement made here today.

"The interests which manipulated the prices upward," said Dr. Wiley, "temporarily have released their hold on our throats for the purpose of getting a fresh krip. The so-called reduction in meats is fictitious. Its manipulation was deliberate, just as the increase in prices was unjust, unreasonable and uncalled for by conditions prevailing throughout the country. The prices were fictitious at the top notch because they were forced there arbitrarily by the interests."

"Developments will show that the interests are after some one. It may be some independent movement they hope to drive from cover."

Secretary Wilson said today that the announced reduction in prices was abnormal. He said it was due to the fact that the drought in the cattle raising country had increased the cost of hay. The farmer with cattle on his hands must pay \$36 a ton for his hay and rather than do this he was sending his cattle and sheep to market. This accounted for the sudden decrease in prices, he said.

"This tumble is not all normal and will not all be permanent," declared Secretary Wilson, "but the plentiful crop will enable the farmers to feed freely and we should be at a lower level of prices. Lower prices are certain to come, because there is no agreement to fix prices, no combination between the farmer and consumer."

GOV. BROWN WILL APPOINT.

With Only Two Weeks Before Congress Meets Brown is Expected to Act Quickly.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—With only about two weeks remaining before the opening of congress, Gov. Joseph M. Brown is expected to appoint a United States senator to succeed the late Senator Clay within the next three or four days. The appointee will serve only until the legislature meets and regularly elects a successor to Senator Clay to fill out the unexpired term, which ends March 4, 1915. The legislature, unless called in extraordinary session will not meet until June, 1911.

Several candidates have entered the field for appointment until the legislature elects a senator and for election to fill out the unexpired term, including former Gov. Jos. M. Terrell, Judge W. A. Covington of Moultrie, Ga., and C. R. Pendleton of Macon. Ex-Gov. Terrell was an ardent supporter of Gov. Brown in both campaigns of the latter, and friends of the administration claim that Mr. Terrell will receive the interim appointment, although friends of Mr. Pendleton, editor of the Macon Telegraph and former chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, are urging Mr. Pendleton for the place.

Judge Covington has announced his candidacy by letters to friends all over the State for election by the legislature next June or as the nominee in the special primary, should a special primary be called. Judge Covington is one of the strongest prohibition leaders of the State.

JUDGMENT AGAINST GLASS COMPANY VALID.

Supreme Court Holds Judgment of Dispensary Commission Against Carolina Glass Company Valid but Unconstitutional in Regard to County Dispensaries.

Columbia, Nov. 17.—The Supreme Court today held that the judgment of the Dispensary commission against the Carolina Glass Company, of Columbia, for alleged overcharges against Old State Dispensary, was valid, but the court ruled that the act of 1910 is unconstitutional in so far as it attempts to confer judicial powers upon the commission and to create a lien upon the Glass Company's property.

At the same time the act is held constitutional in so far as it turns over the county dispensary funds, due to the Glass Company and other dispensary creditors, to the control of the commission. Justice Hydrick drafted the opinion.

CARMACK'S SLAYER FREED.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY FOR ROBIN COOPER.

Attorney General Consents to Liberation of Man Once Convicted for Killing of Senator.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15.—Robin J. Cooper, charged with the murder of Senator Edward W. Carmack, was given a verdict of not guilty in the criminal court this morning on recommendation of A. B. Anderson, attorney general. Thus was brought to a close the final chapter in one of the most celebrated cases known to the annals of the courts of Tennessee. In striking contrast to the scenes marking the first trial of the case, when the court room was packed almost to suffocation, there were only a few persons present. Counsel were probably the only persons there particularly on account of this case.

Robin Cooper came into the court room some minutes before the time for court to convene and took a seat at the table behind the railing. About half an hour later his counsel, Judge J. M. Anderson, Gen. W. H. Washington, Chas. N. Burch, Judge M. H. Meeks and Judge J. C. Bradford entered the court room and took seats at the table. There was no counsel associated with Attorney General Anderson for the State and he stated in recommending the verdict of not guilty, that no human being had said one word to him in connection with any prosecution during the two and one-half months he has been attorney general.

Judge A. B. Neil then stated to the jury that in view of the statement of the attorney general, the sworn officer of the State, and in view of the further fact that there is no further effort made to prosecute the case, the jury would return a verdict of not guilty, which was accordingly done.

Counsel for the defense had nothing to say during the proceedings and at the conclusion Gen. Washington arose and stated to the court that they would retire. The defendant left the court room with his counsel. Senator Carmack was killed on Seventh avenue of this city on the evening of November 9, 1908.

A NEW CURE FOR INEBRIATES.

Mayor Gibbs, of Columbia, Has Discovered a Cure which He is Willing for All Mayor's to Try.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—Mayor W. H. Gibbs, who has watched with much interest the various liquor cures, has had presented to him a prescription for the cure of inebriates. Mayor Gibbs originated the idea of giving free of charge cures to drunkards who have been indicted in the police courts.

The last cure, the formula of which will be furnished mayors of other cities on request, was prepared by a Newberry physician of high standing, has been examined by Dr. J. W. Babcock, president of the State hospital for the insane, and has been used in Columbia for a month. Dr. Babcock says the formula is simple and harmless in its application, and has decided to experiment with it at the hospital. Mayor Gibbs would be glad if mayors of cities who may be interested would correspond with him on the matter.

STILL DISCUSS GRAFT CASE.

Praise Bestowed on Both Jury and Attorney General Lyon.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—Carolina newspapers continue to discuss the verdict in the Chester graft case, and the papers almost without exception, applaud the jury, the judge and attorney general on the outcome. Many of the papers have criticized the lawyers for the defense in their methods of conducting their case, the contention being that really good lawyers would not stoop to attempt to prejudice a jury against a witness—facts that were attempted at Chester. Praise is bestowed on Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon for the able manner in which he took care of the State's interest.

Conference of A. M. E. Church.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—The Columbia conference of the A. M. E. church met here this morning with Bishop O. F. Lee, D. D., of Wilberforce, Ohio, presiding. The colored Methodist church was organized in South Carolina in 1866 and now has 80,000 members. No other colored church in the State, says Rev. I. E. Lowery, is so rich, the four conferences of this church supporting Allen University in Columbia. The conference will be in session several days.

DIAZ JABS AMERICANS.

SARCASM DETECTED IN PHRASE OF HIS MESSAGE TO TAFT.

Too Subtle for Retaliation—South American Diplomats Chuckle, While State Department Laments President's Absence.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The State Department, while outwardly smiling, is inwardly raging over the concluding sentence in the message sent to President Taft yesterday by President Diaz, of Mexico, concerning the points at issue between the two countries.

In his message, President Diaz uses these words: "The Mexican Government offers to repress with all the vigor of law any attempts whatever against American citizens residing there, which are not to be expected, considering the culture of the people." These words end the dispatch which Diaz begins by speaking of the solidity of the relations between Mexico and the United States, and diplomatic circles ponder over them the more as they are convinced that the last 12 words are a deliberate and intentional piece of satire on the part of the Mexican president.

"Considering the culture of the people" is an entirely new phrase in diplomatic language. It seems never to have been used before and South American representatives in Washington have been chuckling over it ever since the Diaz dispatch was made public yesterday afternoon. The unanimous opinion among them is that President Diaz intended it as a sarcastic comment upon the conduct of American citizens in Mexico. State Department officials privately take the same view of it, but publicly profess to see nothing to cavil at in the dispatch.

It is also conceded that developments may easily arise which will make the situation between Mexico and the United States exceedingly acute, and that the President's absence from the country at this time is somewhat embarrassing, as well as unfortunate.

In the reply to President Diaz, it is understood, no notice will be taken of the unusual language contained in his dispatch, but it is said this reply will be delayed sufficiently long to make it plain that the United States sees the satire through the veil of polite diplomacy. It will not be sent, according to reports, until the return of President Taft from Panama.

The situation in Mexico, it is believed at the State Department, will in the end be settled pacifically and satisfactorily. A message from Ambassador Wilson was received today in which he stated that the Mexican Government was living sincerely up to its promise to protect American citizens and that things seemed to be quieting down. President Taft, being in Panama, knows little or nothing of the recent development and the State Department labors under a disadvantage in not being able to consult with him at a time like this.

In response to Diaz's message, the State Department has telegraphed the Governors of Texas and Oklahoma asking them to prevent an attempt to lynch the Mexican who killed the Chief of Police at Anadarko on Sunday.

The State Department has not been able to confirm the report that Rodriguez was not a Mexican, but a native-born American, but it is expected that investigation now in progress will clear up that point.—Baltimore Sun.

ELECTION IN DARLINGTON.

E. C. Dennis Chosen Mayor and Six Aldermen are Elected.

Darlington, Nov. 15.—The primary to nominate town officials was held here today and resulted as follows: For mayor, E. C. Dennis (unopposed) six aldermen in the following order: A. Hyman, D. M. Sansbury, E. A. Early, D. T. McKeithan, C. W. Hewitt and P. J. Boatwright. Mr. Dennis has been the town's attorney for the past several years.

A great deal of interest was taken in the election, nine having filed their pledges for positions on the council.

COTTON BURNED AT ALCOLU.

Twenty-five Bales in Car En Route to Charleston Destroyed.

Alcolu, Nov. 16.—A car containing twenty-five bales of cotton, belonging to the Alcolu Railroad Company, was destroyed by fire at an early hour here Sunday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The car was brought in off of the Alcolu Railroad Saturday, and was in transit to Charleston.

THOS. WILSON, TRUSTEE.

SUMTER CAPITALIST INTERESTED IN COLUMBIA'S NEW DAILY.

Nine Well Known M... Representative of Various Ser... of the State Will Contr... of the News, the New... of Columbia—Trust for Twenty Years.

Columbia, Nov. 15.—Nine trustees will have a 20 year voting trust upon the stock of The News Publishing Company, which will print a morning paper here. An increase of capital stock to \$200,000 from \$50,000 has been authorized. The trustees are Joseph Norwood, of Columbia and J. E. Norwood, of Newberry, Thomas Wilson, of Sumter, W. W. Barre, of Lexington, Lester Webb, E. O. Black, George R. Koester, of Columbia, Frank Watkins, of Anderson, James Moss, of Calhoun.

NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE.

Committee Makes Award for 1910 to German Poet.

Stockholm, Sweden, Nov. 14.—The Nobel prize committee awarded the prize for literature for 1910 to Paul Heyse, the German poet and novelist.

Heyse was born in Berlin in 1830 and has produced some tragedies, many narratives and epic poems and several works on philology, as well as collections of metrical tales and novels.

HARMON AND WILSON IN 1912

Proposed Democratic Standard-bearers, According to Senator Money.

Washington, Nov. 14.—That Governor Judson Harmon is the most available man for the next Democratic Presidential nomination is the opinion of Senator Hernando Money, of Mississippi, Democratic leader in the Senate, who arrived here today from New York, where he attended a conference of the members of the monetary commission. The Senator is elated at the recent election result and sees the Democratic party moving forward to a great national victory in 1912. Speaking of Governor Harmon, of Ohio, Senator Money said: "He combines the essential qualities of leadership. His honesty, integrity, his courage and the sterling soundness of his Democracy, his unparalleled personal triumph in sweeping Ohio—the President's own State—the inspiration which his great victory, given Democrats everywhere are a few of the things that make him an ideal candidate. He is a strict constitutional and State's right Democrat."

Senator Money thinks that the Democrats of the 62d Congress should revise the Payne-Aldrich tariff at the earliest opportunity, without reference to the tariff commission. The Senator said that in New York the Democrats were discussing Harmon and Woodrow Wilson as the next Democratic nominees for President and Vice President, respectively.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

State Health Officer Views Probable Epidemic of Infantile Paralysis With Grave Apprehension.

Columbia, Nov. 16.—That not fewer than 150 cases of infantile paralysis—known to the medical profession as anterior poliomyelitis—occurred in this State during the period between May 21 and October 15, is the opinion of the State health officer, Dr. C. F. Williams. Dr. Williams was unable to secure from the physicians definite reports on more than 85 cases for that period. Death supervened in ten cases, making the mortality rate more than 11 per cent.

"What another year will bring," Dr. Williams says, "we of course cannot predict, but from the cases thus far reported, it must be evident that we are facing a serious problem."

Curiously enough the disease in this State has been found hardly at all above the "fall line" which crosses South Carolina transversely, passing through Richland county, Charleston has had the only epidemic.

Anterior Poliomyelitis has been added by the State board of health to the list of diseases the occurrence of which physicians are required to report. It is the earnest wish of the board that the doctors shall give every aid possible toward minimizing the danger from this dreaded disease.

Our second mother, habit, is also a good mother.—Auerbach.