

Chinese Journalist and Statesman To Speak Here Chautauqua Week

HO POON CHEW.

HO POON CHEW, former consul of the Chinese government at San Francisco and editor of the first Chinese newspaper in this country, is to speak here on the third afternoon of Chautauqua week.

To The Sunday Schools of Sumter County.

At the State Sunday School Convention which met in Charleston recently there were thirty delegates from Sumter county who came away full of enthusiasm for Sunday school work.

For the first time in the lives of any of these thirty delegates they were made ashamed of Sumter county. Our organization has been allowed to go to pieces and instead of having a banner for Sumter county displayed among the banner counties or like our little sister county Clarendon, a gold star banner, Sumter county was only mentioned as a county of the State in a list showing what was contributed during the past year for the support of the State Sunday School and National Sunday School work, and there at the foot of the list which showed contributions from nearly every county in the State, Spartanburg county in the State, Spartanburg county just above Sumter showing \$500 contributed, was Sumter—

Sumter's delegation was ashamed. Out of failure comes success and we must get to work and show the next convention that Sumter is not asleep to her duty and can boast of as many and as good Sunday schools as any other portion of the State.

We have arranged for a series of meetings to be held on the fourth, fifth and sixth of June, to cover the entire county and we want every Sunday school in the county to be well represented at one meeting at least. A good programme has been arranged for each meeting with excellent speakers on different phases of Sunday school work and for the Providence, Privateer and Shiloh meetings the whole day will be spent (except for dinner on the ground) in hearing speakers on Sunday school work. It is very important that representatives of each Sunday school in the county attend one meeting, and that the nearest to the Sunday school.

Mr. J. C. Dunbar, president of the district embracing Dalzell, Pisgah, Tirmah, Horeb, Long Branch, Good Hope, Providence, Bethesda, McLeod's Chapel and any other Sunday school in that territory will have the first meeting at one of his churches most convenient for all to attend Sunday June 4th. Services all day.

Mr. W. H. Ramsey, president of the district embracing Wedgefield, High Hills, Church of the Holy Cross, Jordan, Bethel, Osteen and Ingram, will have the second meeting at the Baptist church at Wedgefield at 8 p. m. June 4th.

Mr. S. D. Richardson, president of the district embracing Providence, Graham, Zoar, Lewis Chapel, Seymour, Concord and Webb schools, the third meeting Monday, June 5th, at Graham church.

Mr. B. P. Cuttino, president of the

COLORED SCHOOL WORK.

Report of Year's Work by Supervisor of Colored Schools for Sumter County.

To The Public:

Now that all of the colored schools of the county have closed, we are very glad to be permitted to give a short review of the school year's work.

At the county commencement, March 31st, none of the schools had closed, all were kept working until that time, which gave all who were sufficiently interested to take part in the county closing and have work on exhibition.

We are very glad to say that all of the parents and children showed a very great interest in the entire school term, and only a few of the teachers took no interest. Out of the 70 schools in the county we visited, all except about 6 or 8, those we could not locate and the teachers were not sufficiently interested to attend the teachers' meetings where we could come in touch with them or did not think it necessary to inform us how to teach them.

In District No. 1 all of the teachers and pupils took great interest and did excellent work, except the school at Salterstown. District No. 2: All did well except Wolf Bay. District No. 3: All did splendid work; we could not locate Rose or Pierson until too late. No. 4 did splendid work. No. 5 did splendid work, except Richardson and Orange Hill. No. 6 did good work. No. 7: All that I could locate did splendid work. No. 8: I could not locate until too late in the term. No. 11: Did excellent work for the time they had. One little boy about 12 at St. Luke's invented and made a churn with an attachment to keep flies off, propelled by the same crank that operated the churn. No. 19: Ebenezer took no interest. Fox Grove changed teachers. We could not get there the last of the term. The teacher, Miss Covington, is an excellent teacher and thoroughly interested. No. 22: Muldrow school did splendid work; so far distant we could not go often, having a most competent principal, good work was carried on. Plum Hill we could not get to; the teacher was most anxious.

More than 1,021 were in the industrial classes and the same number of sewing bags were made, for that is the first step, and about 500 garments, and other articles in wood work and other material were made. Much time was lost in waiting to get money to buy some material as no funds are available for that purpose. Since March 31st we have been attending the closing of all the schools that we could reach and helped many prepare for their closing and when we could we have organized improvement clubs for the purpose of working during the summer to improve the conditions around in the home, church and school, and to save some money to improve the school building, extend the term or to buy a lot where they have none. We cannot mention all, but a few deserve to be mentioned. At the closing of Bloom Hill, not only was a most excellent literary program rendered, but all of the children's work was on exhibition; 2 out of the 3 trustees were present with their wives. At Shot Pouch school a splendid program was carried out, and all of their industrial work was on exhibition; here they have a splendid club and are arranging to purchase a lot, the price of which has been nearly all pledged, and we hope the school board will at least give a school building, even if not furnished, for another year.

Stone Hill had splendid exercises for three nights. The women teachers, Miss Pauline Sampson, Mrs. Maggie Glover and Miss Beatrice Stony (music), worked faithfully the entire term. A piano was purchased last fall for the school and through their efforts every dollar that has been paid was secured. The last two weeks they received no pay at all for their labor. We gave all the help we could. Through the Woman's Progressive Club and the county board we have nearly enough to fit up one domestic science kitchen at that school. At the beginning of the next school term it will be in operation. We hope to be able to have a kitchen at Shot Pouch, New Haven, Bloom Hill, Mulberry, Muldrow, Stateburg and many other points where all of the industries are needed. We thank the superintendent of education, the county board, the local boards and all who have shown so much interest in the work, and we earnestly ask if you will continue your interest and help us to have comfortable school houses, longer school terms, better and more interested teachers by giving better salaries. We promise you that in a few years the boys and girls of the county will have a clear conception of, and will practice in their lives, morality, industry and usefulness, for after all, the purpose of education is to train one for usefulness and he or she is of service only in proportion to their usefulness to themselves and to others.

CHAS. L. CUTTINO, President for Sumter County.

Winthrop College Commencement.

Invitations to the commencement exercises of Winthrop College have been received in the city. One hundred and fifty-one young women will receive diplomas.

The beautifully engraved invitations are as follows:

The Winthrop Normal and Industrial College

request the honor of your presence at the Commencement Exercises May twenty-eighth to thirtieth nineteen hundred and sixteen. Rock Hill, S. C.

The following program:

Sunday, May 28, 11 a. m.—Sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association, Dr. Z. T. Cody, D. D., Greenville, S. C.

8:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Walter L. Langie, D. D., Richmond, Va.

Monday, May 29 10 a. m.—Inspection of buildings and departments. 6 p. m.—Class day exercises. 8:30 p. m.—Joint celebration of literary societies.

Tuesday, May 30, 10 a. m.—Alumnae reunion. 6 p. m.—Daisy Chain procession. 8:30 p. m.—Graduating exercises, address by Rev. Len G. Broughton, D. D., Knoxville, Tenn.

ers. Knowing and doing is the need of today.

Dr. L. Bragg Anthony, Supervisor of Colored Schools, Sumter County.

COPIES NEW CONSTITUTION SENT

Rock Hill, May 17.—Proceedings of the recent meeting of the State Teachers' Association of South Carolina have been mailed out to all the members. R. C. Eurtz, secretary of the association, states that these were mailed to the school address of the teachers and if any teachers have returned to their homes, it will be necessary to forward 3 cents to the post-office where they taught in order to have it forwarded. The copies were mailed out carefully, but if there are those who did not get their copy they should inform the secretary at once.

The proceedings contain the new constitution and by-laws and also the constitution of the department of superintendence. The principal addresses are printed as are the minutes of the departments. Those who are not members and wish a copy may get them by sending the dues to W. E. Black, Lexington, and he will in turn have sent a copy of the proceedings.

The enrolment reached 1,420 as against 861 at the Florence meeting of 1915. Of the total enrolment 360 were men and 1,069 were women. Richland county led with 222 teachers enrolled, Laurens coming second with 125 and Dillon third with 79. Dillon was awarded the banner because she had the highest percentage of her teachers enrolled.

Many new departments have been added for next year and it is expected that the attendance will be fully 2,000.

The large enrolment in the association and the increased interest in the work of the association are an indication of the advance in all lines of school work.

News and Views of Pisgah.

Pisgah, May 15.—Children's Day at McLeod's church yesterday afternoon was very interesting. Over the rostrum in green letters were the words "The King's Garden," and underneath and the altar were decorated with evergreens and flowers in a very tasteful and pretty manner.

The program embraced the entire school and the children recited their pieces in a manner which showed careful training and study on their part. Among those who did so well were Kate Reams, Lella Brown, Annie Murray McLeod, Samuel Young and Wyley Jenkins.

"Mother's hearts in the garden" was beautifully rendered by Miss Gene Montgomery, who has fine elocutionary powers.

Hon. R. D. Epps of Sumter was present by invitation and made a most interesting talk on how the Sabbath was observed in the far East, where he was some years ago and the importance of Sunday schools to the children.

Dr. Trueblood of Sumter, who was invited to be present, made a fine address on the importance of Sunday schools and his experience when young and the good he received from his early training. He related some very interesting anecdotes in attending church and Sunday schools when young. Both he and Mr. Epps have many friends here who are always glad for them to come. Their addresses were highly appreciated.

Superintendent W. C. Harlike, Mrs. J. M. Reames, Miss Adele McLeod and others deserve much credit for their efforts for the little ones and big ones too, in getting up such an interesting program.

Miss Bessie Hatfield of Cassatt is here visiting relatives and friends. She is a Pisgah young lady just loaned to Kershaw county for awhile and her many friends here are always glad to see her.

Mrs. C. S. Baker went to Sumter Saturday.

Miss Carrie Baker is visiting relatives in the vicinity of Sumter.

Mother's Day will be observed at Pisgah church on the 4th Sunday afternoon this month.

The burial of Mr. John Barfield took place this morning at Pisgah church after divine services by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Roton, in the presence of a large congregation that could not be seated. They came to pay the last sad tribute to a man respected and liked by all. The coroner's jury brought out some facts in reference to his death not published. It was testified by Godwin, the State witness, that Barfield was standing still when shot, with no motion to strike Logan. He was holding the paddle by the handle in his left hand and the other end was resting on the ground. When Logan said he would shoot, Barfield pointed his right hand towards him and said "No man but a coward would shoot in this way." Logan then fired and ran off, leaving Barfield welching in his blood on the ground. The other facts showing how the fuss started have already been published in The Daily Item of Saturday. The heart-felt sympathies of all go out to the widow and little fatherless children, who are left without a father's care and love.

M'KAIN-DUNNE MARRIAGE.

Popular Young People of Sumter United in Matrimony at St. Anne's Church.

Two popular young people of Sumter were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock at St. Anne's Catholic Church, when in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives Father N. A. Murphy received the vows of Miss Emily Dennison McKain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley J. McKain, and Mr. Edward Campbell Dunne.

Just before the wedding march was struck up by Miss Ammie Teicher, Mrs. Julius Schwerin sang "Ave Maria."

The only attendants were Miss Loreta McKain, a sister of the bride, as maid of honor, and Mr. Frank McCarthy, the groom's best man, and the two little flower girls, Misses Katherine McKain, a sister of the bride, and Frances Dunne, who were dressed in blue and white and carried blue baskets, from which they sprinkled lillies of the valley and sweet peas in the path of the bride.

The bride was dressed in crepe de chene and carried a bride's bouquet of calla lillies showered with lillies of the valley. The maid of honor wore light blue and carried a bouquet of Easter lillies, carrying out the color scheme of blue and white.

Potted plants were grouped about the altar, which was further decorated with white carnations and lighted candles.

Reception for Young Couple.

After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKain, on West Hampton avenue, where the decorations were pink and white. Only a few intimate friends and close relatives of the bride were invited to the reception. Punch was served by Misses Marie Mayes and Beulah Bracey and refreshments were served by Misses Maida McKain, Mollie Bowman and Francena Hamilton.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Dunne went to their home at 112 N. Salem Avenue, where they will reside for the present.

BENENHALEY SCHOOL CLOSES.

Successful Session Held Under Management of Miss Katie Ray.

Dalzell, May 16.—The Stateburg-Benenhaley school, which has been under the management of Miss Katie Ray during the past session, closed on last Friday for the summer holidays, a unique program being carried out with a precision which showed that the pupils had been well trained for the occasion. Miss Ray is a conscientious young woman, who has spared no labor and pains in trying to instruct those under her tutorage, that they may become useful men and women, when they grow up.

The exercises inspired the writer with the thought that these people have natural ability, which can be cultivated and developed into a power for good to themselves and those by whom they are surrounded. They are a quiet and inoffensive people, who attend to their own business; they are industrious and have an ambition to build themselves up in a moral and intellectual way and should have the sympathy and encouragement of all right-thinking people.

After the exercises, Dr. J. H. Haynsworth, county superintendent of education, who was present, was called on and gave a very practical and thoughtful talk, telling of the great importance of moral and Christian education, how it was developed in men and women in order that they may face and properly deal with the great duties of life that lie before us.

He also encouraged the consolidation of the two schools, both of which are near the lines of the two districts in which they are located. He showed how by consolidation they could have a better building and a strong corps of teachers, by which methods they would get better results.

The audience did not fail to give him attention and seemed to take in all that he said, and to show a strong desire for better things and conditions. An inspiration seemed to get hold of these people, and, as you know, once a determination and zeal for higher ideals are aroused, it is hard to confine a people to the old way of doing things.

Dr. Haynsworth, having concluded his remarks, a dismissal was in order, when the audience gathered itself around a table, sufficiently long to easily accommodate all who were present, on which was spread many of the good things which the physical man enjoys, and there we spent a good little bit of time gratifying those longing desires which frequently arise within the inner man.

After dinner was served, the people gathered in groups, discussing different topics pertaining to the times and conditions under which we live. After spending two or three hours in this way they began to quietly disperse to their homes and thus one day of social enjoyment by a peaceable and law-abiding people was over.

J. C. Dunbar.

AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS.

Miss Mary Lemmon, County Agent, Makes Report of Work Planned for Girls' Tomato and Women's Domestic Science Clubs.

The organization for the year has been completed and the enrollments have been submitted to the proper offices. There are in the Canning clubs one hundred and fourteen girls, thirty of whom are first year girls growing 1-10 acre in tomatoes, twenty-seven are second girls who have divided 1-10 acre into halves, on one half of which they are growing tomatoes and on the other half string beans, our State vegetable; thirty-five are third year girls growing string beans, pimientos, and okra; twenty-two fourth year girls growing berries, grapes and fruit trees. These will upon the completing the work this year receive diplomas.

In the poultry clubs there are thirty-two boys and girls raising pure bred chickens.

There is a forty dollar domestic science equipment in each of the following schools: Wedgefield, Oswego, Concord, Providence and Shiloh. At these schools fifty-two girls are taught how to make better breads. Five other schools are planning to secure similar equipments before September. The county board of education gave one hundred dollars towards the purchasing of the equipment used in our domestic science work in the five schools above named.

They will also contribute one-half of the amount that will be used in equipping the other five schools.

While much interest is shown in the above lines of work greater interest is shown in home demonstration work for women. We have women's clubs with an enrollment of two hundred and twenty-three members. These clubs hold regular monthly meetings in which they are carrying out programmes outlined by Winthrop college. The demonstration of the practical solution of some home problems such as home conveniences, balanced meals, school lunches, home sanitation, and the like, is given at each meeting. Five of these clubs use the domestic science equipment for some of the demonstrations. The clubs are at the following schools: Oswego, Wedgefield, Providence, Shiloh, Concord, Salem, Stateburg, Dalzell, Hagood and Bethel. Three of these clubs have just enrolled their members and have not as yet held regular meetings.

About one hundred of our girls are looking forward with much interest to our short course which will be held in Sumter from June 13th to 16th. They will be entertained in our homes. Teachers from Winthrop college and county home demonstration agents will give lectures and demonstrations. Our girls will receive instruction needed in canning, preserving and jelly making early in the season.

WEATHER AND CROP CONDITIONS.

Dry Weather Has Threatened Shortage of Several Crops.

The continued dry weather, with excessive heat and nearly maximum sunshine, has intensified the drought, especially for truck, gardens, oats, tobacco and pastures, and generous rains are now needed to prevent serious shortage in all crops. Cotton germination has been very irregular and unsatisfactory, and planting continues, with considerable replanting. Corn is standing the drought better than all other crops; late planted has not germinated; there is some complaint of cut worms. Oats are ripening rapidly over the middle and southern sections, and harvest has begun. Fruit has begun to drop in the western portion.

Real Estate Transfers.

William Wallace Sumter to John R. Sumter, tract of 115 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other considerations.

W. Wallace Sumter and John R. Sumter, 111 1-2 acres in Stateburg 75 acres in Stateburg township, \$5 and other considerations.

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McCallum Realty Company to Mary S. Dwyer, lot and buildings on Calhoun street, \$3,500.

V. A. Parrott to Hascal C. Parrott, lot on Sumter street, \$5 and other considerations.

Lucia P. Roach and Wessie R. Lane to The City of Sumter, strip of land to be known as "Charlotte Avenue" running off from North Main street, \$10.

Master to Frank Brogdon, 5 acres in county, \$100.

Louise B. Stubbs, Trustee, to R. W. Westberry, lot on West street, \$18.

Master to William T. Player and Thomas G. Player, interest of Rudolph and Carol Player in tract of 150 acres on East side of Pudding Swamp, \$100.