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Trouble in Yorkville Graded School--- Superintendent, Two Teachers and a Trustee Resign.

Yorkville Enquirer: The Yorkville graded school is pretty thoroughly demoralized just at this writing as the result of efforts on the part of the trustees to smooth over certain troubles that have been pending for some time past. Superintendent J. O. Allen handed in his resignation yesterday morning and the teachers held a meeting yesterday afternoon as the result of which two of them, Mr. A. C. Gentry and Miss Mamie Squier, decided to resign today. Mr. O. E. Grist has resigned as a member of the board of trustees. The meetings of the board of trustees are very properly held behind closed doors, and the individual members, feeling bound not to give out proceedings, it is not practicable to procure a complete detailed account of the developments that have led up to the existing confusion; but enough is known on the outside to carry a fair idea of the issues involved. Indeed the whole affair is pretty well understood throughout the town, the people generally being in possession of the facts to a more complete extent than would be warranted in a newspaper publication. Briefly, however, the trouble is like this. Some months ago, two boy pupils were suspended for alleged gross misconduct. The order of suspension was made by Mr. J. C. Allen, the superintendent. It was indefinite in its effect; but as Mr. Allen did not give any intimation of rescinding it, the matter was taken before the trustees. The trustees after reviewing the merits of the case to the best of their ability with the light available, verbally indicated their approval of Mr. Allen's action; but suggested that the suspended boys might be re-instated. Mr. Allen handed over the keys of the school. He was persuaded to withhold his resignation on the assurance of a majority of the board was merely by way of suggestion and entirely unofficial. The status quo was maintained for some weeks after this incident until it was brought up at another meeting of the board Tuesday night. At this meeting the former intimated action was incorporated in a set of resolutions commending and endorsing the course of the superintendent in the matter; but again expressing as the sentiment of the board the suggestion that the punishment had been sufficient and the suspended boys might be re-instated. Upon being presented with the resolutions Wednesday morning, Mr. Allen again tendered his resignation, and turned over the keys.

Mr. Lloyd Moore and his lovely bride came over from Fort Lawn Saturday night and spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore, of East End.

Daring Attempt to Rob a Georgia Bank--The Cashier Shot.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 21.—A special to the Herald from Milledgeville, 70 miles southwest of this place, tells of a daring attempt made today by three men to rob the Bank of Milledgeville. Four ineffective charges of dynamite were exploded and before another charge could be fired, C. W. Powers, the cashier, who had been awakened by the explosion, opened fire with a rifle on a man in front of the bank. The fire was returned and the man was joined by two others who had been in the bank. Powers was shot down and the robbers fled. The vaults of the bank containing \$3,000 in cash, were saved. The sheriffs of two counties are in pursuit of the would-be robbers with bloodhounds. Powers will recover.

The Southern Cotton Association--Jordan Re-elected President.

The annual convention of the Southern Cotton Association, held in Birmingham, Ala., last week, adjourned Saturday night. The attendance was large, every cotton state being represented. Mr. J. E. Norment, in his report of the proceedings for the Columbia State, says that "close organization of membership and war on the New York cotton exchange were the distinctive features of the deliberations of the convention." The subject of immigration was also much discussed, the prevailing sentiment favoring the establishment of immigration departments by the Southern States.

Among the distinguished speakers were Governor elect Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Ex Gov. Heyward, of South Carolina. Roosevelt's action in the Brownsville matter was unanimously endorsed.

Notwithstanding his declination to stand for re-election, Harvie Jordan was re-elected president. The other officers of the association elected are: J. C. Hickory, Texas, vice president; Dr. W. H. Ward, Mississippi, secretary; F. H. Hyatt, South Carolina, treasurer; E. D. Smith, South Carolina, general organizer; B. H. Burnett, Arkansas, financial agent.

Teddy's Action in Brownsville Matter Endorsed by 50,000 Negroes.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 21.—Speaking for the 50,000 negroes who compose its membership, the Grand Council of the National Industrial Association of America, in convention here, today adopted a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's action in dismissing the negro soldiers at Brownsville.

North Carolina Youth Confesses to Horrible Crime-- Says He and his Father Committed Cold Blooded Murder.

Troy, N. C., special in Charlotte Observer: Last night Make Smith and his son, Charles Smith, were arrested near Star, on the charge of killing Milton Bunnell, some days ago. Some suspected these parties from the beginning but yesterday the first clue leaked out when Charles Smith, 17 years old, exhibited some gold to a boy at Biscoe and, on being asked where he got it, said:—"About and about." These facts were called to the attention of Mr. Frank Page, who immediately swore out warrants for the arrest of the boy and his father.—Then young Smith made a full confession of the whole affair, implicating his father as well as himself.

Charles Smith's statement is about as follows: That on the night of the tragedy Milton Bunnell, deceased, came by their house and after supper exhibited a considerable sum of money; after he had gone in the direction of Star, Charles and his father entered into a plot to pursue, overtake and kill him for the money. Make Smith, the father, started in the direction in which Bunnell had gone and ordered Charles to get the axe and come on. They went in the direction Bunnell had gone, traveling a by-way. They overtook him on a railroad about one mile from the Smiths home. Make Smith ordered Charles Smith to kill Bunnell, else he, Make Smith, would kill Charles. Young Smith struck Bunnell one blow in the back of the head with the blade of the axe, knocking him to the ground. He struck him twice more after he had fallen.

They got only \$56 but would have got the rest had it not been for an approaching train, which frightened them away. Make Smith gave Charles \$10 of the money. Charles told where his father hid the rest of the money and also told where the axe was with which he killed the deceased. The money was found exactly where young Smith said it was hid, and the axe also where he said it was.

School Boy Breaks his Arm.

Yorkville New Era: William Plaxico, little son of Mr. John Plaxico, who lives about a mile south of town, had the misfortune to get his right arm broken at the graded school last Tuesday morning. Medical attention was called, the broken member was reset and at present he is doing as well as could be expected.

Disturbed The Congregation.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Funderburk Pharmacy.

Lee's Birthday--Impressive Exercises in Honor of his Memory by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Reported for the News.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee was observed by the U. D. C.'s of Lancaster at the home of Mrs. T. C. Hicks, Jan. 19, 1907, at 1 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. P. Carter, and the favorite hymns of the immortal Lee were sung: "How firm a foundation," and "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. R. E. Turnipseed delivered a fine address and Drs. Boldridge and Fraser made appropriate remarks. Dr. J. H. Boldridge closed with prayer, and Dr. Chalmers Fraser pronounced the benediction. Crosses of Honor were then given to our noble Confederate Veterans. Mr. Turnipseed's eulogy on Gen. Lee was a gem of beautiful truths. He said, "Gen. R. E. Lee was the fairest flower of civilization." It has been accorded to Gen. Lee by all sections that he was one of the ablest, wisest and grandest men this country ever produced, but above all he was a good man, and did his duty sublimely under all circumstances. In adversity he was like an aromatic plant that when bruised sheds its fragrance on all around it. D. C.

Marriage of Mr. R. A. Griffin and Miss Cora Welsh at Jefferson.

Jefferson special in Sunday's State: Just as prayer meeting services were concluded at the Methodist church Thursday night Miss Cora Welsh was married to Mr. Robert A. Griffin. Rev. A. W. White of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. R. A. Rouse of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Griffin and is employed as salesman by Ingraham-Blackwell company. The bride is the popular and attractive daughter of Mr. F. M. Welsh.

A Coming Marriage at Haile Gold Mine.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. John C. Jenkins and Miss Martha Clyburn, one of the charming daughters of the Hon. and Mrs. W. U. Clyburn, of the Haile Mine section. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the prospective bride's parents on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

"Jimmy's got a great scheme to get out o' school on these nice days."

"How does he work it?"

"He goes out an' washes his face, an' the teacher thinks he's ill an' sends him home."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

News in Brief.

There was a robbery at the Wofford College fitting school a few nights ago, one boy losing a watch valued at \$150 and another \$5.50 in money.... Gary Castle, a negro, has been bound over in Charlotte for trial on the charge of burning three barns in Steele Creek township.... Twenty-two persons were killed and thirty-five injured on a train that was blown up at Fowler, Ind., Saturday night by the explosion of a car load of powder.... The business portion of the town of Beaufort and many residences were destroyed by fire Saturday, which started in a barn. Loss estimated from \$500,000 to \$700,000. Murmurs of negroes the next day on account of the killing of one of their number, caused apprehension of an uprising and the authorities accordingly secured a company of U. S. troops, from Fort Screven, Ga., to guard the town.... A collision of passenger and freight trains near Denmark Saturday caused a bad wreck, but no one was killed.... Senator Latimer is out in an interview in which he approves of the President's action in dismissing the negro troops.... Later reports from Jamaica are to the effect that the city of Kingston was practically destroyed by the earthquake a few days ago.... W. J. Harley was killed by C. Parler at the latter's home in Dorchester county Saturday afternoon. Harley is the man who gained some notoriety by reason of the failure of the sheriff to arrest him when he stabbed a man in the sheriff's presence some time ago.... Secretary of War W. H. Taft and the National Red Cross party visited Charleston this week and were lavishly entertained. Gov. Ansel and wife were also present.... The oil house and 15 bales of lintels of the oil mill in Cheraw were burned Sunday morning.... The National Farmers' Union convened in Atlanta yesterday and will remain in session three days.... John D. Rockefeller, the oil magnate, attended a negro church in Augusta, Ga., last Sunday.... The New York and Florida vestibled train on the Coast Lane crashed into an engine of freight train at Yemassee, this state, Monday, killing Engineer Johnson, of Florence, and injuring Engineer Horton, three train hands and a passenger. A baggage car and six Pullmans were burned.... Stanford Seminary, a part of Livingstone College at Salisbury, was burned Monday.... The entire South did honor to Gen. Lee's memory last Saturday, the 100th anniversary of his birth, thousands of communities observing the day with appropriate exercises.... The governor of Jamaica declined to accept Uncle Sam's offer of aid to the earthquake sufferers of Kingston and requested the withdrawal of American sailors sent there for the purpose.... Dispatches from Cincinnati state that thousands have been rendered homeless this week by the flooded condition of the Ohio river. Many buildings weakened by the water were blown down by high winds.