

TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS

Educators Plead for More Practical Learning.

WOULD TEACH HOW TO FARM

Dr. Knapp Believes Courses in Agriculture in the Secondary Schools Would Popularize Rural Life—Suggestion Made to Confine Pure Science to the Universities.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 24.—The conference on secondary education in the South closed to-night, after a session brimful of profound and lively discussions, and the majority of educators left for their homes.

Science in the high schools and agencies and methods of training high-school teachers were the last topics discussed. President Venable, of the University of North Carolina, does not believe pure science should be taught in the high schools, and his opinion was, in the main, concurred in by President Brown Ayres, of the University of Tennessee.

SCHOOLS SHOULD PREPARE FOR LIFE.

Prof. Claxton, of the University of Tennessee, and Heck, of the University of Virginia, spoke of the proper agencies and methods of training high-school teachers. They took the ground that the high school was not simply a coaching place for the colleges, but a school for preparation for life.

The chief address was that of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, of Lake Charles, La., demonstrator of agricultural work in the Southern States. His topic was, "Should Agriculture Be Taught in the Secondary Schools of the United States?" He touched upon the rapid aggregation of municipal wealth as compared with that of the rural communities, and the rapid transfer of national influence and political power from the home-making democracy of the rural domains, and found the greatest danger in the almost universal removal of the leaders of men and the captains of industry from the country to the city—a condition which in his opinion, cripples the country and lowers its civilization.

WOULD MAKE FARMING POPULAR.

He said it was hoped that a correction of these unfortunate tendencies would be accomplished by the study of agriculture in the high school, believing that instruction in agriculture will promote and foster, and possibly create, a love for the soil and the things it produces, and turn the pupil to the life on the farm.

Dr. Knapp's experience that the superior and successful farmers are universally good business men, and generally graduates of the common schools. He could not recall a single graduate of an agricultural college or university in the first rank.

CREDITORS SEE 26 PER CENT.

Defunct Newport News Bank Has but \$11,306 Assets in Sight.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 24.—Judge John H. Ingram, of Richmond, arrived here this morning to hear argument on the demurrer in the case of the depositors against the defunct Newport News Savings Bank, the president of which, Irwin Tucker, recently committed suicide. Argument was not concluded when court adjourned.

Hon. A. C. Braxton, of Staunton, and Capt. C. C. Berkeley, of this city, represent the depositors. Representing the different defendants, who were at one time or another directors of the defunct bank, are R. G. Blockford, J. Winston Read, C. Aylett Ashby, R. M. Lett, O. D. Batchelor, J. C. Phillips, of this city; W. H. White, of Norfolk; Mr. Pulliam, of Manchester, and S. Gordon Cummings, of Hampton.

Special Commissioner C. C. Mitchell, who was appointed by Judge Barham to investigate and make a report to the court on the condition of the bank's affairs, will present his report this afternoon. It shows that the total indebtedness of the bank on May 19 amounted to \$45,343.30.

A dividend of 25 per cent is recommended, which would amount to \$11,326.25, leaving a balance due of \$34,017.05. Of this balance only a small amount is expected to be met by the resources of the bank yet to be utilized.

EDITOR INVITES THRASHING.

Names Time and Place to Have Suspense Over—Police Prevent It.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—Somewhat of a stir was created in Norfolk to-day by the unusual appearance of an open letter distributed in cafes, hotels, and other public places, inviting public chastisement.

It was addressed to William W. Day, commissioner of revenue of the State, and is signed by W. O. Saunders, editor of the Muck Rake, a free lance publication.

Day threatened to thrash Saunders the first time he might find him in a public place. In the latter Saunders advised Day that he would be at a certain place on Main street at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon to have the agony over, but the police placed Saunders under arrest, and when bailed it was arranged to keep him off Main street.

A throng of people collected at the stated time and place to await developments.

NOTED PACKET IN DECAY.

Remains of "Stonewall" Jackson Carried on It to Lexington.

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Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 24.—The packet boat which carried the remains of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson from Lynchburg to Lexington, the final resting place, over the old James River and Kanawha Canal, which was built in the Richmond yard in 1851, is standing to-day on the bank of the old canal in this city, being used daily as the home of several persons, who have lived in it for years.

For more than a quarter of a century the old boat has stood on the bank of the canal, in plain view of persons coming into the city, on both the Southern and Chesapeake and Ohio railroads.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS FOR KILLING SON.

Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 24.—Israel Mongold, aged seventy years, was this evening convicted of manslaughter for killing his son, Casper, in Brocks Gap, last August. The jury fixed his punishment at five years in the penitentiary. Mongold shot his eighteen-year-old son, who had thrown a stick at the old man and struck him on the foot. The principal witness against the accused were his three sons, whose ages range from eleven to eighteen years, none of whom could read or write, or had ever been out of the mountains before their brother's murder.

HANGS HERSELF TO A RAFTER.

Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Lizzie Linhoss, aged sixty years, wife of Adam Linhoss, of Dayton, committed suicide at her home, near that place, this morning in an outbuilding by hanging herself. She was found hanging by a rope from the rafters of the outbuilding. Mrs. Linhoss was a member of a well known family in Rockingham County.

RUSH TOBACCO TO DANVILLE.

Three Million Pounds Disposed of in Past Week at Good Prices.

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Danville, Va., Nov. 24.—The tobacco sales on the Danville tobacco market for the past week have been unparalleled in the history of Danville, which is the greatest loose leaf tobacco market in the world.

Over 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco were sold at public auction during the six days and to accomplish this three sales a day were necessary at the various warehouses. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the sales were blocked, and on account of darkness the auctioneers were forced to stop and wait till the following day.

From miles and miles around tobacco has been pouring in, and to accommodate the trade the corps of clerks at the warehouses have been forced to work nearly twenty-four hours a day.

The banks, to accommodate the farmers, have opened up for business on the warehouse floors to cash the checks.

Farms have ruled firm all the week, and in many grades a good increase has been noted.

START GOOD ROADS MOVE

Alexandria County to Issue Bonds for Project.

Committee May Be Named to Carry Out Plan—To Investigate Charges Against Policeman Roberts.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Bell Telephone 123.)

Corner of Prince and Royal Streets, Alexandria, Va., Nov. 24.—A movement has been started in Alexandria County looking to the issuance of bonds, secured by the county, for the purpose of placing the public roads in first class condition, and for providing a general system of highways. It is suggested that a committee be appointed, either by the board of supervisors or by a special meeting of citizens, to determine the amount of money necessary to carry out the plan. Furthermore, it is proposed that after this preliminary step has been taken a bill providing for the bonding of the county and specifying an equitable distribution of the funds be drawn for presentation to the State legislature. Those behind the movement point out the need of improvement in the public highways and assert that this can be accomplished only by the issuance of bonds.

POLICEMAN UNDER FIRE.

Charges preferred by three citizens against Officer John T. Roberts, alleging that he subjected them to harsh and unnecessary treatment while they were temporarily confined in the station house a few nights ago, will be investigated by Mayor Paft to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The investigation was requested by the accused policeman, who will be represented at the hearing by Attorney Robinson Moore. Officer Roberts' name has been prominently mentioned for the position of second lieutenant of the force.

WILL SELECT MINISTER.

A congregational meeting will be held to-morrow morning at the Second Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock for the purpose of extending a call to some minister to the pastorate. For nearly a year the church has been without a regular pastor.

Thanksgiving services, in which the local congregations of the Methodist, Baptist, and the Presbyterian denominations will unite, will be held next Thursday morning in the Methodist Protestant Church. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. W. P. Fisher, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the pastors of the other churches participating will take part in the services. A feature of the exercises will be a collection for the benefit of the Alexandria Hospital.

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The sale, it is understood, involves simply the subscription list, good will, and one press, Mr. Norton retaining his job concern.

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FORT A COW PASTURE

Baltimore Asks Congressmen to Save Fort McHenry.

FEAR CATTLE QUARANTINE

Mayor Timanus Says Station Would Desecrate Historic Reservation. Maryland Militia Has Had Promise of Grounds, and May Object to the Bureau of Animal Industry Plan.

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Baltimore, Md., Nov. 24.—Mayor Timanus appealed this afternoon to Congressmen Wadsworth, Gill, and Mead to use their influence at Washington in order to prevent Fort McHenry being turned into a livestock quarantine station.

Mayor Timanus is much exercised over the prospect of the historic fort being converted into what he terms such base uses, and proposes to do all in his power to avert the calamity.

"Fort McHenry is one of the historic landmarks of Baltimore," said the mayor to-day. "Every Baltimorean takes a personal pride in it, and every visitor to the city wishes to see it. Being virtually the birthplace of 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' it holds a unique place in the affections of millions of Americans. To turn it into a cattle quarantine station would be a desecration."

Mayor Timanus has long believed that if the army abandoned the fort as a regular post the government should turn it over to the city of Baltimore for a park.

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As the matter stands at present, it looks as if the quarantine officials will have to get the permission of the Maryland National Guard before they can get a portion of the fort for a station.

The fort has been practically promised to the State militia after March 31 next, and it is reported that when the Bureau of Animal Industry asked for the third time for a portion of the fort the War Department advised it that it would be necessary to take the matter up with the Maryland State authorities.

Dr. Hickman, chief of the bureau, has made a visit to Baltimore and looked over the fort, and has gone even so far as to have a part of it surveyed. It is also understood that he has taken up the matter of the use of a part of the fort with Adj. Gen. Clinton L. Riggs, but that nothing definite has been decided.

"Cow Lot" Idea Is Defeated.

While Mayor Timanus and numerous other citizens are loud in protest against using the fort for a "cow lot," the proposition finds a supporter in J. M. Lawford, who said to-day:

"People should understand that the nature of the proposed quarantine would be an attractive one. The animals imported are of a high class and particularly interesting to any one who likes live stock. There would be no danger of disease from them. I have never heard of a single disease reported from the present quarantine station, which I pass very often. I would rather visit a quarantine station where such animals as Belgian horses, Southdown sheep, and Jersey cattle are confined than I would a live stock show at Pimlico."

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B. & O. Officials Do Not Favor Plan of Baltimore Mayor.

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STATE GETS MORE PICTURES.

Portraits of Maryland Secretaries of State to Hang in Capitol.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 24.—Following up the policy which has been pursued since the beginning of his administration, of collecting the portraits of former governors of Maryland, and having them hung on the walls of the executive office at the State House, Gov. Warfield has instructed Col. Oswald Tigman, secretary of state, to collect photographs or engraved portraits of the former secretaries of state.

It is desired to have the portraits of the secretaries smaller than the painted portraits of the former governors, and they will be hung beneath the paintings of the respective governors under whom the secretaries served.

The first secretary, in 1838, was John W. Culbreth. Many of the former secretaries are still living, and there will be no difficulty in procuring the pictures, but of the departed ones, it is requested that relatives or friends present a copy to the State for the collection.

ROBERT F. DODSON A SUICIDE.

Was Once a Judge of Orphans' Court in Anne Arundel County.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 24.—Robert F. Dodson, a prominent resident of Anne Arundel County, formerly a judge on the Orphans' Court bench, and at one time a justice of the peace, committed suicide at his home near Waterbury, eight miles from Annapolis, by shooting himself in the head just above the ear. Death was almost instantaneous. He was sixty-five years old. Belief that he was going insane, it is said, impelled him to end his life. Mr. Dodson's life had been devoted to school teaching. A widow and five children survive him.

A coincidence connected with the suicide is the fact that his brother, John H. Dodson, who was a school teacher, never left his school one day and was never seen alive again. Several months later a skeleton, believed to be that of Mr. Dodson, was found.

SYDENHAM A LIFE SAVER.

Steamship Officer Has Record of Saving Three Drowning Men.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 24.—It developed to-day that Chief Officer Seward Sydenham, of the British steamship Alleghany, who rescued his brother from drowning in mid ocean, after a half-mile swim in a terrific storm, had previously saved two other men from drowning.

Ten years ago he rescued a fisherman in the harbor at Torbay, England, and three years ago, when his boat was on the floor of the steamship Marie, he jumped overboard and rescued a sailor who had fallen from his ship into the River Thames.

The entire city will unite in an appeal for a Carnegie medal for Mr. Sydenham's bravery.

PHYSICIAN TRIES TO DIE.

Victim of Morphine Habit, Dr. McCarger, Attempts Suicide.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 24.—Dr. L. D. McCarger, for several years a practicing physician at Cumberland, lately a telegraph operator at Bald station, on the Western Maryland Railroad, is in the hospital here suffering from an overdose of drugs, believed to have been taken with suicidal intent.

He was found in a semi-conscious state in the hallway of A. P. Conner's residence, and was removed to the police station. This afternoon, after he had partly recovered, McCarger told the officers a pitiful story.

After graduating from Ann Arbor University he fell a victim to morphine, which he has been using for the past eleven years, forty grains daily being the amount required now to satisfy him.

In McCarger's pocket was found a postal card addressed to a nurse at the Soldiers' Home, in which he had written that he had committed suicide November 24. He asked the nurse to attend his funeral.

DR. LEWIS MAKES REPORT.

Montgomery County Shows 470 Births Against 364 Deaths.

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Until Dr. Lewis was made health officer a few years ago there was never a reliable record kept of the illness, deaths, births, and general condition of health in this county.

For the past twelve months he reports 479 births (364 white and 115 colored); 364 deaths (235 white and 129 colored). The principal causes of death were: Tuberculosis, 7; pneumonia, 38; typhoid fever, 17; cancer, 12.

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AT SLOAN'S GALLERIES 1407 G Street, Near Treasury Department. NEXT WEEK John Kimberly Mumford AUTHOR OF "ORIENTAL RUGS" (SCRIBNERS) Will Offer at Public Sale in The Sloan Galleries, 1407 G Street

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LYNCHBURG TO EXPAND.

Board of Aldermen Concur in Ordinance Extending City Limits.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 24.—By a vote of 6 to 2, the board of aldermen have concurred in the ordinance adopted by the common council providing for Greater Lynchburg, thus insuring the extension of the present limits of the city during 1908. Aside from the annexation of a small portion of Rivermont some five years ago, this is the first enlargement of the city in thirty-five years.

It is believed that the city will have a population in the next census of 35,000, which would be an increase of 100 per cent.

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Baltimore Physician Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

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Baltimore, Md., Nov. 24.—Dr. Isaac Edmondson Atkinson, one of the most distinguished physicians in Baltimore, and who was conceded to be the family doctor to more prominent households than any other physician in the city, died to-day at his home, 69 Cathedral street, of pneumonia. He had been ill since Sunday, November 11.

All the members of Dr. Atkinson's family were with him at the end, his two married daughters having come on from Boston last Sunday.

Dr. Atkinson was born in Baltimore on January 23, 1846, and was a son of the late James E. Atkinson, who came here from the Eastern Shore, and lived on Park avenue. He was educated in this city, and graduated in medicine at the University of Maryland in 1865, and had been connected with the faculty of that institution for many years, being at the time of his death emeritus professor of therapeutics and clinical medicine.

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