

THE MIDSUMMER CONFERENCE

The Co-operative Education Association in Session.

CAPTAIN VAWTER PRESIDES

Dr. Southall, President Alderman and Others Make Fine Speeches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 6.—The Co-operative Education Commission of Virginia, which was organized over a year ago for the purpose of unifying all the educational agencies in the State and of directing their combined energies to the cardinal work of improving the common schools, especially in the country districts, held a midsummer conference at the University of Virginia to-day.

In the absence of the president, Dr. B. C. Mitchell, who is in Germany, Captain Charles E. Vawter, of the Miller Manual Labor School, of Albemarle, presided. The morning session began at 10:30 o'clock in the senior law lecture room, the opening address being made by Dr. Joseph W. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Captain Vawter then addressed the conference on the aims and work of the Co-operative Education Commission, giving some account of the good accomplished by the May mass meetings held throughout the State, addressed by the foremost speakers in Virginia, statesmen, publicists, educators, and ministers. Short talks were also made by a number of the district superintendents, who remained over to attend the conference.

An afternoon session was held in the University Auditorium, beginning at 4 o'clock. The chief address was by Prof. Ormond Stone, of the University of Virginia, who spoke of some practical ways of helping the country. The discussion of the subject was participated in by superintendents, trustees and teachers.

A HAPPY SPEECH.

The final session of the commission was held in the University Auditorium at 8:30 o'clock, in conjunction with the annual session of the Virginia State Teachers' Association. The opening remarks were made by Superintendent R. C. Skinner, of Salem, President of the State Teachers' Association. Superintendent Skinner made a pleasing closing speech in which he said that the ancient standing of the Commonwealth can be restored alone by education. When the people of the State come to know the truth, he said, they will respond with an enthusiasm and a heroism which will reward us all for every sacrifice and trouble. Give the people additional light and let us tell the story over and over until no one can doubt as to our sincerity and singleness of purpose or the merits of our cause.

DR. ALDERMAN.

Dr. Alderman's address was comprehensive in scope and full of inspiration. For nearly an hour he discussed various phases of education and showed the necessity of betterment all along the line. Virginia, he said, was a big acting old Commonwealth. Her people believe in education, and they are going to meet you half way.

The feeling in general and the spirit right in the South, he said, were such that the people have greater freedom to tax themselves locally than is offered in Virginia. Among the fundamental conclusions the South has reached, said Dr. Alderman in conclusion, are first, that no civilization can get to be great in poverty, in inaction and in dissension; secondly, the profound belief in the enrichment of rural life. Patriotism, service and sacrifice are essential qualities to accomplish the ends desired.

HUMOROUS RESPONSE.

Dr. Currell's response to President Alderman's welcome was exceedingly humorous. Incidentally he discussed some phases in the five o'clock in the problem of pedagogy, pupil, pedagogue, parent, principal and people, and the audience was charmed at his wit.

In his conclusion the speaker took occasion to compliment Dr. Alderman for the great part he took in carrying the spirit of education to every nook and corner of North Carolina.

able addresses were delivered by President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and by Dr. William S. Currell, of Washington and Lee University.

Dr. Robert Frazer, of Warrenton, Va., field agent and acting secretary of the commission, announced that arrangements are now making for a great educational convention to be held in Lynchburg about the middle of November. The era of information, said Dr. Frazer, has covered the past three years and culminated in a final work of stimulation in the May campaign. Just as the definite, concrete, forward movement.

LYNCHBURG MEETING. The Lynchburg meeting will be similar to the one held at Norfolk last December, but promises to be the greatest ever held under the auspices of the Co-operative Commission. Dr. Frazer, Dr. Currell, and others will be present to have present over the representatives of this State—city and county—representatives from educational associations in all of the counties, in addition to a number of school trustees. The definite object of that meeting will be the inauguration of plans for constructive work in school development. The Virginia people are bearing the expense of this movement, continued Dr. Frazer. Richmond up to this time has borne the main part of it, with Mr. T. B. McAdams as chairman of the Finance Committee. Plans are now on foot, however, for a permanent commission to secure funds for the continued conduct of the work in all parts of the State. The commission is actively engaged in the preparation and circulation of articles and tracts to stimulate public opinion for the advancement of the schools. Our great task lies right

here—to persuade the community that it is bound to train every child for the community's own sake.

GOOD WHEAT CROP.

Sheriff Offers Reward for Grover Ford, Slayer of Charles Cash. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., July 6.—The wheat crop of Rockbridge county has proved to be very good, much better than anticipated, during the past winter or spring. The wheat cutting is finished and, owing to heavy rains recently there has been scarcely any threatening done. None has been injured by rain as all was shocked. About a two-thirds or more crop will be threshed out.

Sheriff Stewart has sent out hand bills announcing a \$200 reward for the capture and conviction of Grover Ford, who shot and killed Charles Cash and wounded Miss Lydia Entsminger, Sunday night, June 24th, as they were walking home from church near Danvers. Ford, a drinker and jealous because denied the company of Miss Entsminger, and seeing another with her tried to kill both. He had been a friend of Cash and both worked at Longdale mines. Ford has not been seen or heard of since the morning of the shooting, when he was seen by two children on Mill Mountain, and described by them. He was accompanied by a companion at that time who was with him before shooting and afterwards. Ford's father is also an outlaw, owing to a fight some years ago in which he thought he had killed his opponent. Ford is white, 5 feet, 6 or 7 inches high, weighs 125 or 135 pounds, light hair and eyes, smooth face and thick lips; has a scar in center of forehead, a scar on neck from a horse and another above right ear. Combs his hair over forehead scar. It is thought that he is in West Virginia.

M. Miley & Son have been awarded the Longstreth medal of merit on account of their photography, by the Franklin Institute for the Promotion of Mechanical Arts, of Philadelphia.

RESTORE OLD BRUTON.

Contracts Let to a Petersburg Firm for Much of the Work. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSBURG, VA., July 6.—The general contract for the restoration and structural preservation of Bruton Parish has been awarded to G. B. Keeler, of Petersburg, Va. The stables and chancel of the church will be paved in white marble. A tiled roof of the color and size of moss-covered shingles will be placed upon the church. The clock, which was removed from the House of Burgesses first to the county courthouse and then to the church tower, will be repaired. It has been unmindful for the flight of time since the days of '62.

The contract for the pews, pulpit, clerk's desk and colonial Governor's pew has not yet been awarded, as the funds for this part of the restoration have not yet been secured. The church, when completed, will be a beautiful and typical representation of the churches of colonial period.

THE TOBACCO MEN.

Elect Officers at Second Day's Session and Adjourn. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 6.—The first annual convention of the Tobacco Association of the United States came to an end with the afternoon session to-day. Some of the delegates left for their homes to-day, while others left to-morrow.

The association to-day elected the following officers: President, M. Carrington, having been re-elected yesterday; first vice-president, N. C. Shouse; second vice-president, W. L. Betty; third vice-president, T. D. Luckett. Board of governors—C. D. Larus, J. L. Wingo, John C. Neenan, G. S. B. Carrington, Charles H. Bisher, G. T. Patton, G. E. Kersey, W. T. Clark and F. B. Eggleston. The association held a special meeting at Old Point to-day to adjust certain rates. Nothing came of the meeting, which was adjourned, and it is understood that no business of special interest was taken up.

ROCKBRIDGE TRAGEDY.

Miss Lydia Entsminger in Still Alive. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROCKBRIDGE SPINGS, VA., July 6.—Miss Lydia Entsminger, the fourteen-year-old victim of the Rockbridge love tragedy, is still alive, but paralyzed from her waist down.

It seems that she was struck while running, the bullet entering the shoulder, passing through the spine column, coming on through the shoulder on the opposite side. Dr. C. P. Obenschein, her attending physician, called into consultation Dr. C. M. Baggary, of Richmond, Va., resident physician of the Rockbridge Alum Springs, and they decided that an operation might possibly save her. This will probably be performed in a few days.

Young Ford, the slayer of Cash, and perhaps of this beautiful girl, is still at large.

TRAGEDY IN LOUISA.

Negro Boy Kills Another With a Shotgun. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., July 6.—Two negro boys, John Jackson and John Lewis, while engaged in a dispute yesterday afternoon, John Lewis, a boy of ten years, shot and killed John Jackson, aged thirteen, with a breach-loading shotgun. No arrest has been made. It is believed that the affair was not an accident.

Drowning at West Point.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WEST POINT, VA., July 6.—Pat Holmes, colored, seventeen years old, was drowned while bathing last evening. His body was found two hours later. He was driver for Mr. John B. DeFarge.

Mr. William Bray, of Little Plymouth, who married Miss Lizzie Jeffries, is in extremis at his home. Paralysis cause. The Poropone Sunday school, of King and Queen counties, held its annual picnic at Beach Park to-day.

Mr. Archie Cheatham is very sick at his home, just out of West Point.

Not Altogether Hopeless.

Edith—I actually had three men at my feet last week. My mother—Oh, well, don't get discouraged. Perhaps you may get a girl who will be able to afford you relief. Chicago News.

Richmond, Va., July 1, 1905. I have this day sold to Davenport & Co., all my equities in the continuation of the Fire Insurance business with which I have been connected here for the past eleven years, retiring under agreement not to be otherwise interested in the business at Richmond during the space of five years next ensuing. Thinking of the Commonwealth and the public for their liberal past patronage, I solicit for Davenport & Co. the continuation of their favors.

ROBERT LEE TRAYLOR.

Mr. Geo. W. Warren, for the past fifteen years associated with the Planters National Bank, of Richmond, will from this date be Manager of the Insurance Department of our business.

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STREET CARS BREAK RECORD

Nearly Twice As Many Rode on Them As Did Last Year.

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Judge Mullen Submits Report of Committee Who Examined Jail. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., July 6.—The Virginia Passenger and Power Company broke its passenger record in this city July 4th, the total number of passengers on that day nearly doubling the figures on the same holiday a year ago. 12,571 paid fares were registered with 2,762 transfers. But for a rainy evening these figures would probably have been largely increased by a bigger attendance at the fireworks exhibition at Fendale Park.

Two white countrymen were knocked down at the corner of Old and Short Market Streets last night by a young negro, whose seeming attempt to rob the men was prevented. The negro ran off, but was soon captured by Police Officer Stevens, and sent to jail for six months by the Mayor this morning.

CITY REPORTS. The reports of the City Treasurer and City Auditor for the past month, presented at last evening's meeting of the Council, show receipts to have been \$13,285.56, expenditures \$22,443.53. A communication from the Collector of City Taxes showed that the uncollected taxes for the year 1904 amounted to \$15,194.23. A communication was read from Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Corporation Court, submitting the report of a committee of three, appointed by him to examine the City Jail. Judge Mullen emphasized the need of improvements in the court room, as well as at the jail. The paper was referred to the Public Property and Finance Committees.

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The Cross Foot Toggery for summer wear—stylishly correct—cool and comfortable.

WHITE BEAUTIES

SAILOR TIES, in finest white canvas, strictly hand-made, two large eyelets, silk ribbon bows, \$3.50  
THE PUMP WALK—Caught on yet? Many have acquired it in the Cross Pumps; it's a graceful glide; the new caper in walking. Better swing into line and get the habit.  
PUMPS, in Patent Kids, Russian Calf, Buckskin, Gun Metal and White Canvas, \$3.50 and \$4.00  
WHITE CANVAS Gibson Ties, Court Ties and Oxfords, plain and cap toes, welted and turn soles, ribbon laces, \$1.50 and \$2.00  
TAN OXFORDS, choice of any style in the house that sold at \$3.50 and \$4.00, for \$3.00

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. W. H. Wyatt. Mrs. Minnie Neils Wyatt, wife of Poleman William H. Wyatt, died at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her husband, on Park Avenue, near Robinson Street.

Mrs. Wyatt had been ill a long time with typhoid fever. The deceased was thirty-one years of age. She is survived by her husband and three children—Grace, aged ten; Helena, aged seven, and William H., Jr., aged five.

The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock to-day.

ROMANCE OF ADIRONDACKS ENDS IN LEGAL SEPARATION

Charles W. Bailey Gets Divorce from Woman He Married After Strange Adventure in Mountains.

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Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Salena A. C. Kerr, widow of Chauncey F. Kerr, were married in November, 1900. The wedding followed a remarkable adventure in the Adirondacks. Mrs. Kerr was hostess at the mountain cottage of her brother, E. Holloway Coe, Charles W. Bailey was one of the guests.

One day Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Bailey were taking a stroll through the woods. Both happened to be carrying a gun. Mr. Bailey, mistaking for the tread of a deer, brought a shot from Dr. Dade's rifle and two human cries of pain.

The bullet passed through Mr. Bailey's body and lodged in one of Mrs. Kerr's breasts. Both lingered near death's door for weeks. Mrs. Kerr's life was only saved by the amputation of the wounded member. Love had been fanned to flame in their hours of suffering, and a wedding followed their convalescence. For two years their life was one of tranquility and happiness.

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This was his last interview with his wife, as she has since refused to return to his residence. Mr. Bailey retained John A. Johnson, Richard P. White and Thomas W. Barlow to defend him. Suit was entered against Mr. Coe for slander. At the trial it was shown that allegations were based upon an affidavit made by Violet Walsh, who declared that she had been induced to make a false statement that Mrs. Kerr's life was only saved by the amputation of the wounded member. Love had been fanned to flame in their hours of suffering, and a wedding followed their convalescence. For two years their life was one of tranquility and happiness.

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