

TEACHERS DEMAND HIGHER SALARIES

Madison Pedagogues Won't Teach Next Year Unless Wage Meets High Living Cost

Madison county teachers took radical action on the high cost of living when they adopted resolutions just before adjournment of the annual teachers' institute here late Friday afternoon. In effect, the Madison teachers practically threatened a "strike" if their salaries are not increased to a point where they believe they will meet the cost of living. The resolution which sets forth their attitude on this point, says:

"We, the teachers of Madison county, hereby agree as a body to refuse to teach in the schools of this county after expiration of our present contracts unless the salary of the teaching force is increased sufficiently to meet the cost of living or is stipulated to that effect."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. E. E. Disney, head of the Berea City Schools, at the opening session Friday morning. Dr. Myers then completed the very helpful course in Rote Songs which he has given the teachers. He has taught them 23 songs to take back to teach their children. All agree that Dr. Myers gave the most practical course in school music that has ever been offered an institute here.

Prof. John Howard Payne, new Superintendent of Schools in Richmond, gave the teachers a splendid address on the Relationship Between the Grade and the High Schools. This was in the nature of a resume of the history of secondary education, showing how the free public high school of today is the climax to a development, the first step of which was the Latin Grammar School and the second step of which was the academy. The big point in the discussion was that the chasm which now too often yawns between the grades and the high school should be bridged. The presence in the eighth grade of teachers whose qualifications would fit them for successful high school work, and who understand the peculiar needs of the first year's work in high school would introduce something of the high school spirit and would do much to prepare the grade pupil for his new life in the high school. The grade teacher should give a taste of high school atmosphere now and then by introducing a part of the method of study in the high school, a part of the method of recitation and of the method of discipline.

Instructor Eubank talked on high school work. Miss Houston of Missouri, offered a chart by which to teach arithmetic.

President T. J. Coates made an interesting and instructive short talk and Mr. John Burke talked on the advantage of the new over the old methods of teaching.

Supt. Edwards closed the institute program. He admonished the teachers not to attempt all of the good things they had learned during the institute but only those which they could give practical application.

Resolutions will be printed Monday.

Weeks' Weather Guess

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Aug. 23—Weather predictions for the week in the Ohio Valley and Tennessee—Normal temperatures and generally fair except local thunder storms probably.

Col. Andrew Cowan Dead

(By Associated Press)
Louisville, Aug. 23—Col. Andrew Cowan, 78, a Civil War veteran, and prominent in city and state affairs for 50 years, died at his home here today after a year's illness. At the battle of Gettysburg he commanded a battery of Union guns placed near the famous "clump of trees" at which Pickett's charge was directed at the turning point of that engagement. He fathered a movement which developed the joint reunion of the Blue and Gray at Gettysburg on the 50th anniversary of that battle.

Lonnie Abrams sold to Swift Campbell, of Irvine, a nice pony for \$105.

THE MARKETS

Cincinnati, Aug. 23—Hogs a quarter higher; Chicago slow and steady; lambs steady and strong; Jersey steady; cattle slow and quiet.
Louisville, Aug. 23—Cattle 100, steady and unchanged; hogs 700; 50c higher; tops \$21.75; sheep 2, 400; steady and unchanged.

STILL AFTER BANDITS

(By Associated Press)
Marfa, Texas, Aug. 23—Two forces of troops, Carranza federals operating far to the south, and American cavalry further north, are scouring the Conchos river region in Mexico in an endeavor to clear that section of bandits who precipitated the expedition into the southern republic by capturing and holding for ransom two American aviators. More rapid progress in pursuit of the outlaws is expected than yesterday.

Later advices from expedition, however, were that while the pursuit is continuing to the southward the trail is not considered "hot" and as the bandits have reached their mountain fastness it is feared they have escaped.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Madison County Chapter American Red Cross at the Masonic Temple Saturday afternoon, August 30th at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman as the present officers, Mr. Harvey Chenault and Miss Lucia Burnam, have resigned, their resignations to take effect September 1st. The elections of these officers is absolutely necessary to hold the Chapter together and to retain possession of the Chapter funds which will otherwise probably revert to the National Organization. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large representation of men as well as women.

Harvey Chenault, Chairman.
Lucia Burnam, Vice Chairman

BIG CROWD SEES BOXERS AT CARNIVAL

A big crowd attended the athletic show at the carnival last night to see the boxing matches, which had been arranged for the evening. After two slap and bang bouts between two pairs of young negroes, Tom House, recently back from the navy, went on with Gus Anderson, the professional in charge of the show. House, though strong and stout, was out of condition and though he made a good showing in the first round, his wind was not in shape to stay much longer. There were claims of fouling on each side, on account of agreements on a clean breakaway and referee Neale Bennett Jr., and the judges Nathan Glover, Charley Nelson, and Lucien Burnam decided that Anderson had fouled House by hitting him in the breakaway. Many of the spectators did not agree with the decision, but it made no difference anyway for the bout was intended to be merely a friendly exhibition affair.

Mrs. Wm. Crowe Dead

Her host of friends here while she lived a number of years while her husband was pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will mourn the death of Mrs. Wm. Crowe, which occurred at Danville Thursday. Mrs. Crowe passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Crooks. She was 82 years of age. Two years ago she sustained a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. Mrs. Crowe is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Crooks and Miss Ruth Crowe, Danville; Ms. Horace Hunt, Covington; Mrs. W. A. Bull, Greenville, Mississippi; and Mrs. J. W. Feamster, Washington. Three sons, Dr. McFarren R. Crowe, Lexington; Dr. William Crowe, Memphis, and Robt. Crowe, Beattyville.

To Fix Fair Food Prices

Washington, August 23—An amendment to the Food Control act defining "an unjust and unreasonable price" was tentatively agreed to today by the Senate Agriculture sub-committee appointed to consider the anti-profiteering amendments suggested by Attorney General Palmer. Under the amendment, the federal district government will be authorized to appoint fair price committees and all prices in excess of these so fixed will be regarded as unreasonable.

Major William Hickman Beckner, of Winchester was married to Miss Ileson McHale, at Bristol, Tenn.

REPUBLICANS GIVE SHANTUNG TO CHINA

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Aug. 23—By a vote of 9 to 8, the Senate of Foreign Relations Committee today adopted an amendment offered by Chairman Lodge to the peace treaty by which the Germans rights in the Shantung province go to China instead of Japan. All the democratic members and Senator McCumber, republican, of North Dakota, voted against the resolution.

STRIKE BREAKERS ARRIVE IN LOUISVILLE

(By Associated Press)
Louisville, August 23—Seventeen cars on two lines were operated during the forenoon by the street railway company but notice was given without other explanation that they will be taken off before evening. Meanwhile the police arrested nine men in a downtown office building when a brick was thrown on a passing car. Two others were arrested for hoisting strike breakers, more than 50 of whom are reported to have reached the city in an attempt to break the strike now in its fifth day.

RICHMOND ALL STARS DEFEAT RAVENNA

The All Star team of Richmond defeated the Ravenna boys in the ball game at Pioneer park by a score of 11 to 2. The feature of the game was the hitting and playing of Owen Hisle and the pitching of Maupin for the locals, who held the visitors to two hits. G. Parks laced out a beautiful home run. The visitors had three errors to their discredit while Richmond played an errorless game. The local boys made 14 hits, hammering the visiting pitcher at will. The line-up was: Richmond—O Hisle, shortstop; G. Ginter, third base; O. Harrison, left field; C. Park, catcher; G. Park, first base; J. Lackey, second base; C. Dunn, center field; R. Dunn, right field and R. Maupin, pitcher.

Ravenna—Fred Harris, shortstop; Harold Barker, catcher; Richmond, first base; R. Scrivner, center field; Barnett, second base; H. Flynn, left field; D. Black, third base; J. Riddell, right field; and H. Potts, pitcher.

Sell Sport Model Nash

Percy Reid, of the Richmond Motor Company, and Harry Bybee went to Kenosha, Wis., this week and returned with a handsome sport model Nash. The car was quickly sold to Attorney A. R. Burnam, Jr. It is the latest model and a beauty.

Somebody Stole Fine Old Booze At Shakertown

H. Lester, of Lexington, swore out a warrant against Lee Lawson, of Shakertown, for stealing about \$1,000 worth of whiskey from his premises. Mr. Lester is one of the gentlemen who bought the handsome old David Castleman place at Shakertown with a view to converting it into a summer hotel. After the dry law went into effect a number of barrels of whiskey, fine wines, brandy and cordial was brought to Shakertown and placed in the empty house. The wet goods are said to belong to seven or eight Lexington gentlemen. Arriving there a day or two ago Mr. Lester found much of his whiskey missing. Lawson gave \$1,000 bond for his appearance on August 28.

ANOTHER GOOD ATHLETIC SHOW

One of the principal features of the Kaplan carnival, which is exhibiting just beyond the L. & A. depot, is the athletic show which is held each evening. There were three good bouts last night, and there will be other bouts tonight of boxing and wrestling. Manager Gus Anderson is trying to give the people their money's worth. The admission tonight will be for the old price of 25 cents and a good clean show is assured everyone who goes. 1p

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THAT FIDDLERS' CONTEST AT BERA

Writer In Berea Citizen Describes It In Way To Make Your Feet Want To Shuffle

John F. Smith wrote a classic in the Berea Citizen this week in his description of the Old Fiddlers' contest which was held there by the Progress Club. He said:

Fifteen royal fiddlers, the pick of the covey, were in the ring. They were culled from the whole tribe of worshippers of the horse hair, from Pine Mountain and Hell-fer-Sartain to Joe's Lick and Pilot Knob. Berea turned out in merry masses to hear the fiddling, and they were not disappointed. No one except those whose musical sense has been revolutionized by a course in a conservatory could have failed to see the fun.

Hiram Botner, an artist of the first water from the Sturgeon and Wild Dog country, set all the toes a-wiggle with "Billy in the Low Grounds." After that for more than two hours scarcely a foot could be kept still. E. L. Cox, who knows more hornpipes than a highland piper, followed with "Jurang's Hornpipe." Then came M. A. Moody, our neighbor from Big Hill, the man with the delicate touch and exquisite tone, who did the "Irish Gallop" as few can. Alex Lunsford, from Hog-Skin Creek, a prince among the old-timers, who never plays a piece badly, touched a responsive chord in everybody's heart with that fine old fiddled Negro Melody, "The Ways of the World."

By this time feet had begun to slow down a little but were all set a-wiggle in high glee by Millard Ramsey with the crack dance tune, "Adeline," on his famous Black Nancy. When the people of Clay want a fiddler with pep—and some of them are the finest dancers and the merriest ever—Millard is usually their choice, either Millard or Alec Lunsford. Millard is a bit reckless with Black Nancy, but the instrument is a queen among fiddles, and when she speaks corns cease to ache and a merry thrill creeps into every toe.

Dude Freeman appeared next and gave us "Forked Deer"—did it well, too. Dude wants no "fotch-on" fiddle, thank you, but made his own instrument. And he made a good one. It sounds better in the parlor than in a large hall for the tone lacks carrying power, but only a first class man could make a fiddle as good as that. Chester Thomas, second to "Monkey" John Gadd, followed with "Waynesburg." Then came another neighbor, John Will Johnson, who flung out on "Forked Deer" on Old Bill Cates' fiddle. This jolly old instrument has caused more people to dance into a merry old age than any other in many miles around.

Rev. Baker made all the old folks feel young again with that old favorite of our grandparents, "Nigger Inch Along." There came to my mind that splendid thought expressed in a homely way in one of the famous old negr songs:

"Dar's an ole inch-worm des a-inchin' along,
Des a inch at a time, but a inch at a time!
Dars' an ole inchworm des a-inchin' along."

Chester Nolan, second to E. L. Cooper, from the Big Splash Dam, on Buck Fork, sent our thoughts to the barnyard with "Cacklin' Hen." Jas. Daugherty made all the corns dream dreams of sweet peace with "Calahan." This is one of the famous shindig tunes of the countryside. Whenever a band of highland lads and lassies come together at neighbor's house to go a-tripping it "Calahan" is most likely to be on the boards.

Doe Roberts, second to S. F. Wright, the man who wins, drove way the rheumatism with "Wagoner." This is one of the difficult old-breakdowns and only trained fingers can execute it well. Big Hiram Begley, noted for his fiddling at house-warmings in the Hell-fer-Sartain country didn't arrive. His place was taken by C. H. Agee with "Billy

in the Low Grounds." Nor did Anderson Bowling who fiddles for the Teges dance folk appear. John Hicks sat in his chair and played "Nigger Inch Along."

Then the last of the ring was reached, H. F. Green and his splendid violin, said to be Stradivarius. "Nigger Inch Along" was his first number, and the audience never heard it done better. The instrument, whether a "Strad" or not, certainly displayed a royal lineage at the first stroke of the bow. Sweet and clear and with carrying qualities the tones came. The audience at once recognized in Green a fair competitor for the first prize. The quality of his instrument was approached by very few of the others, in fact only one or two.

The second round came with goodly numbers. "Sugar in the Gourd," "Man-Eater," "Sally Ann," "Black Jack Grove," "Shortin' Bread," and other choice selections followed fast. "Waynesburg" rarely sounds so well as it did when Dude Freeman played it. If Dude were to play in some Grove of Daphne he would be certain to start all the satyrs a-dancing with the nymphs and dryads. "Sally Ann" at the touch of Alec Lunsford's fingers took us all to an old Negro plantation where ebony face, ivory teeth and flying heels drove away care and brought respite to the sorrows of an overburdened race. "Liquor All Gone" bespoke the fact that we are living after July 1st, and that not even a drop of mountain dew was in the ring. Green and his superb instrument with "Sourwood Mountain" made all nimble heels fairly shriek for action. I heard a shuffling of leather throughout the audience in which even the preachers' soles joined.

Then the third round with its succession of thrills. Few of the old-timers ever did or ever will excel Botner in "Calahan," Ramsey in "Waynesburg," Roberts in "Turkey in the Straw," or Green in "Lost Girl." Every one of these pieces was a humdinger. So was Lunsford's "Hog-skin." The audience never before had heard "Turkey in the Straw" as it was done by Doc Roberts.

And that number of Doc's convinced the judges that he was entitled to the first prize of \$50. The second prize was awarded to Dude Freeman and his "own-make," and the third to the horn-pipe man, E. L. Cox.

The night had approached the witching hour when the audience went away, happier and months younger because of the soulful melodies it had heard.

Thanks to you men whose skill and native musical ability keep the world about you young. You keep alive a class of music that is great and thrilling, and as native to the soil as the dogwood blossom and the wild rose. Your music makes up the foundation on which many of our greatest musical themes have been developed. Your message is a gospel of merriment, and we'd all be poorer in spirit without you

Burglary At Lancaster

The Lancaster Record says that after the robbery of the store of W. T. West, in that city, a negro named Robert Overstreet, called "Oozey" and suspected of complicity was seen coming toward Richmond. Those arrested were Jimmie Unber, and a negro named Wakefield, hailing from Stanford. After robbing the store of Mr. West, they entered the Lancaster Mill, opened the safe and appropriated a perfectly good ten dollar bill. At West's store they got a suit case, several suits of clothes, some shirts, and other things.

soda water tax repeal by the House. A comprehensive and intelligent revision of the tax schedules would wipe out injustices and relieve business of its chief source of irritation, at the same time preserving the necessary revenues. By such a course, adequate revenue could be raised without any general raise in tax rates.

Instead of doing this, the one controlling policy has been to keep the committee in session that individual majority members might get thru bills hoisting the tariff on products of industries in their particular districts, and there is no visible sign of relief from such a policy.

CONGRESS REPEALS SODA WATER TAX

Brilliant Record of Accomplishments To Help Taxpayer and Cut H. C. L.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22—The Sixty-sixth may become famous as the "Soda Water Congress."

The present Congress, with Republicans in the majority in both branches, has been in session three months and about all that it has done is the passage by the House of a bill to repeal the tax on soda water, which would cost the Federal treasury something like \$21,000,000 per annum. Even the soda water bill, however, has failed thus far to get out of the workless Senate Committee on Finance of which Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, is chairman.

For weeks prior to the issuance of the call for a special session of Congress, Republicans were severe in their criticism of the President for delaying the call. One of the reasons they gave for demanding an early convening of Congress was the necessity for the enactment of legislation to meet the reconstruction problems that followed the close of the war, and particularly a need for the readjustment of the tax and tariff schedules.

In his call for the special session, issued in May, the President recognized the need for construction legislation, and in his message to Congress at its convening referred especially to matters of taxation, urging the need of prompt and helpful legislation that credit and enterprise might be quickened to help business back to normal.

"I hope that the Congress will find it impossible to undertake an early reconsideration of Federal taxes," said the President's, "in order to make our system of taxation more simple and easy of administration and the taxes as little burdensome as they can be made and yet suffice to support the Government and meet all its obligations. The main thing we shall care for is that our taxation shall rest as lightly as possible on the productive sources of the country, that its rates shall be stable, and that it shall be constant in its revenue yielding power."

The Ways and Means Committee of the House is the committee whence legislation relating to taxation emanates. It is the most important committee in either branch of Congress; ordinarily it is the ablest in the House. Its present chairman is Representative Fordney, of Michigan, a Republican, of course.

This committee has been in session most of the time since Congress convened, but it has accomplished practically nothing. To date it has reported out and the House has passed the bill repealing the war tax on soda water, hardly a necessity of life and which repeal certainly has not contributed to a reduction of the cost of necessities of life. In addition, the House committee has reported out some half-dozen pet bills of individual Republican members of the committee, in every instance designed to rear a tariff wall around a pet industry of the author's particular district, with no apparent regard for the National welfare.

It is in this manner that this most important committee of the House is meeting the situation that confronts the country. It has utterly failed to rise to the emergency with any degree of statesmanship, even with a very marked degree of patriotism for private and personal matters lying to selfish ends are given attention and questions that affect the whole country are ignored.

The committee has no policy, the Democrats charge, and they point to the pages of the Congressional Record for substantiation of the truth of the charge; it has no program and is utterly without grasp of the situation in the light of the post-war needs of the country.

Instead of gaining a true grasp of the situation, as the emergency requires, and then proceeding to deal with the inequities, the inequalities and the harsh features of the present tax schedules, existing because of the abrupt termination of the war, the Republican members of the committee have busied themselves getting through individual bills to boost the tariff on industries in their respective districts, all of which serve to increase the cost of the articles to the consumer and thus add to the cost of living. The Ways and Means committee has only found time during its three months of work to turn its attention to the general war tax system once, and that resulted in the