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Time has passed the mile-post of another Christmas and gone joy-riding along for the next. The Auto of Time will cut off the monthly mile-posts very quickly, and soon another festive season will be upon us.

DeLand enters upon a New Year with the best prospects the town has ever had. May the year 1910 bring to each and all of the readers of THE NEWS unbounded prosperity, happiness and contentment.

The State Railroad Commission has ordered the railroads entering Tampa—three in number—to erect a commodious union depot, the plans for same to be submitted to the Commission not later than March 1. At present the railroads maintain three separate depots, none of which is large enough to accommodate a town the size of Tampa.

Hon. William A. Blount, of Pensacola, has withdrawn from the Senatorial race. He gives several reasons; but the principal reason, is, of course, that he thought the chances of winning were not worth the effort necessary to make the fight. Mr. Blount and Duncan C. Fletcher are considered the two most learned lawyers in Florida. But for many years Mr. Blount has given his best efforts to his clients, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, which is the only railroad in the State that has successfully defied the State Railroad Commission and maintained a passenger rate of four cents a mile on its trunk line. This connection with the railroad must have been found by Mr. Blount a great incumbrance in his laudable ambition to be one of Florida's United States Senators. While THE NEWS believes that Mr. Blount was big enough and broad enough to forget his railway connection (had he been elected) it is perhaps just as well under the circumstances, that he has withdrawn. The office of United States Senator is the highest within the gift of a people of a State, and when the office is held by a man who has for years served a corporation that has delved in politics, and has tried to control the politics of a State, the acts of such Senator are more subject to criticism than the acts of a man who has not served a political-controlling corporation. The experience of Mr. Blount—one of the brightest minds in Florida—should be a lesson to the young lawyer starting out in practice. It should warn him that, if he ever expects to ask the people of his State for a high and dignified office, he should not ally himself to any firm, person or corporation that tries, or has tried, to control the politics of the State. It does not matter how pure a man may be in himself, in thought or act—he will be judged by the company he keeps to a certain extent. Mr. Blount is a great lawyer—he has an unusually bright legal mind—but if he has a desire to serve the people of the State in a position as high as Governor or United States Senator, he should resign his connection with any big corporation that has ever tried to corruptly control politics—and then, after a few years' probation, the people may be glad to give the brilliant mind a place where it can be of service to the State and the nation.

OAK HILL

Oak Hill, Dec. 20.—Mr. White is still unable to do much of anything. A. Q. Goodrich has got Rufus Brooke to work on his house, so he is going on with it once more.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds is inquiring for a good cheap horse to take him over his pastorate. There are some hopes that we will get a parsonage built at Oak Hill. Mr. Griffith thought they could furnish shingles enough to shingle it at the shingle mill. Who will give some work and lumber towards it?

Our school, which is a large one, is out for two weeks for Christmas.

Prayer services at the Oak Hill church by Mr. Reynolds Thursdays, 7 P. M.; Sunday school 3 P. M.

There was quite a lot of booze shipped into Oak Hill on Christmas; have not heard of much trouble, thanks for good officers of the law.

We have had some cold weather here and some hard frosts.

Every fourth Sunday preaching by Rev. Mr. Stones at 3 and 7 P. M.

A. J. White has 3500 cabbages looking well and will have several crates of lettuce, some ready now and some later. He is offering nice head lettuce at \$1.00 per hamper. He has sent in quite an order for fruit and nut trees that he is going to set out, he is going to set out a quantity of persimmons of his own budding, best varieties.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds received some nice presents and a large basket of fruit which they were more than pleased with.

FLORIDA STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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the auditorium was now at the disposal of the meeting. There was a general laugh, but the session refused to move again.

Principal Homer E. Wakefield read an interesting paper on "The Minimum Apparatus for the teaching of Sciences, and the Means of Acquiring it." One thing which he brought out was that it is not necessary to have an extensive apparatus in the high school laboratory but it lessens the labor of the instructor. He stated that an apparatus improvised by a thoughtful and capable teacher, from materials to be found in any community is often more effectual than one purchased at much expense, but it required much extra work on the part of the teacher. He touched a responsive chord from many present when he stated that lack of sympathy and appreciation on the part of school boards had crippled much otherwise excellent work, and advised the teachers to get behind the school boards till they are compelled to employ good workmen and then give them good tools to work with.

Miss Hattie Carpenter, principal of Miami High School, led the discussion of the subject "Elasticity in the High School to Meet Local Needs." Miss Carpenter talked as one who has something to say and knows how to say it. Her paper bristled with good points excellently stated, and was interrupted by hearty applause all through the reading of it. Local needs depend largely on financial and climatic conditions. Elasticity in the course of study might be gained by the introduction of practical agriculture, mechanical and domestic science as the needs of the particular section may suggest. If the curriculum is adhered to then elasticity may be gained in the introduction of frills and furbelows—literary societies, debating clubs, etc.

Principal J. H. Workman followed this with a brief paper on the same subject but confining the elasticity more to the course of study, advocating an elective course, with the elective authority vested in the principal.

After a brief discussion of some of the questions treated in the various papers, the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions, Asa B. Clark, chairman, was the first item of business. A resolution was read inviting the School Improvement Society to work in unison with this association.

The second resolution expressed the thanks and appreciation of the association for those who had taken part in the program.

The third expressed the appreciation of the convention for the courtesies extended them by the citizens of DeLand, and other people and corporations.

At the request of the local W. C. T. U. a resolution was adopted pledging the support of the convention for State wide prohibition. Several men vigorously objected on the ground that it was bringing politics too much into the convention. Dr. Hulley, in a few forceful words expressed the sentiments of the majority of the convention, in stating that it would be a shame if so large a representative body of teachers of Florida should fail to support a great movement like the temperance reform, and the resolutions were heartily adopted.

The election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

- President—Dr. Lincoln Hulley.
 - Vice-President—Mrs. Hamilton, of Starke.
 - Secretary—Mr. Diamond, of Orlando.
 - Treasurer—Dr. Russell.
- Three members of the Executive Committee were elected, as follows:
Prof. McBeath, of West Florida.
Superintendent James Q. Palmer, of North Florida.
Prof. Huffaker, of South Florida.

Dr. Conradi proposed that instead of publishing a separate volume of minutes, that \$40 be paid to the editor of the Florida School Exponent for the January number, and the proceedings of the Convention be officially published in that, which was adopted.

Two places contested for the honor of entertaining the Convention in 1910—Pensacola and DeFuniak Springs. Pensacola won, so the Convention of 1910 will be held in that City.

Second Lecture By President Bryan.

President Bryan's subject at his 4 o'clock lecture Thursday afternoon was "Work and Play in Education." He stated that children are full of energy but do not like to work. The chief business of schools, then, is to teach children how to work. Later he gave the definition of a tramp as "a man who carries over into adult years the habit of quitting when he pleases." This great principle he emphasized was that "there is no way to become civilized except by doing civilized work in a civilized way." Strongly he advised young men to keep out of positions which pay well and require little work. Work is essential to the development of power. "The only way to get common sense is to work, and we get uncommon sense the same way." He urged teachers to train pupils into the habit of succeeding. "We are led around in this world by our successes." Go slow if need be, but in everything be thorough. "What difference does it make how far we get in pages if we get nowhere in power?" In discussing play he said it is better to learn a few things thoroughly and then group about them a world of interests—fascinating literature, fairy lore, etc., that will play about them, strengthening and enriching them. Toward the last this: "Strive to unite the high values of work and the no less high values of play."

Much excellent advice was given to teachers, and that it was appreciated, was attested by the applause much of

the lecture received during its delivery and the hearty clapping at its close.

RECEPTION AT CHAUDOIN.

At 8 o'clock last night great crowds of people began pouring into Chaudoin Hall, where the people of DeLand tendered a reception to the members and friends of the Convention.

In the receiving line were Prof. Subrie, Mr. S. B. Wright, Mrs. Wide-man, Supt. Botts, Mrs. I. A. Stewart, Mr. W. A. Allen and Mrs. Peck.

Around the piano near the entrance to the back parlor Bushnell's orchestra dispensed pleasing music.

The dining room which was beautifully decorated with bunting and flags in the colors used elsewhere in town, while the central pillars were twined with green and white crepe paper, and the snowy tables were decorated with soft fringed green ferns and other potted plants, the whole presenting a beautiful appearance. Serving at the numerous tables were the following ladies of the town: Messdames Love, Dreka, Carson, Harkness, Farris, Powe, Bigelow, Beatty, Hulley, Allen, Jordan, Miller, Davis, Misses Ethel Hamlin, Marguerite Davis, and others.

The pretty decorations, handsome gowns, bright faces and interesting conversation made the occasion one of unusual interest and attractiveness.

ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Guy I. Metcalf, of West Palm Beach, one of the most prominent men in the State, brought a big delegation from Palm Beach county.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard E. Muriel were here from Jacksonville. Mrs. Muriel is an instructor in one of the Jacksonville schools and brought Gerard along to shake hands with his many DeLand friends. Mr. Muriel, who is editor of the Florida Review, progressive monthly magazine, has spent his time canvassing for subscribers.

Hon. W. N. Sheats, of Gainesville, for many years State Superintendent, is among the prominent visitors present.

Mr. Robert L. Lovell, of Apopka, who was a student at Stetson fifteen years ago, is in town again, attending the Convention. Mr. Lovell is now teaching at Waukeelah, Jefferson county.

Miss Staff, a former Stetson student, is attending the convention from South Florida.

Miss Florence Stevens, of Miami, who graduated in the Normal Class of '05, Stetson, attended the Convention and renewed acquaintances this week.

J. Bowers Campbell, Law '07, now practicing with Calhoun & Campbell, at Marianna, with his sister, Miss Jeannette Campbell, teacher at Laurel Hill, was among the many visitors here this week.

Prof. A. J. Farrah, for many years dean of the Stetson Law School, and now dean of the Law School at Gainesville, with Mrs. Farrah and Miss Alvira, were renewing acquaintances in DeLand this week. They were the guests of Judge Perkins and family.

The decorations were very creditable. The rain Monday night rather dampened them and made them hang limply, but they showed that an effort had been made to do honor to our visitors.

John T. Dunbar and other members of the W. O. W. threw open the lodge room and converted it into a rest room. Daily and weekly papers, magazines, writing material, etc., were furnished.

County superintendents present at the Convention—G. W. Tedder, Madison; N. B. Cook, Escambia; J. L. Diamond, Santa Rosa; Dan Trotman, Walton; Fulton, of Holmes; C. K. Allen, Wakulla; B. J. Hamrick, Monticello; J. A. O'Hara, Live Oak; J. W. Burns, Lake City; J. C. Poppell, Starke; J. Q. Palmer, Jacksonville; L. K. Tucker, Palatka; Brinson, of Ocala; J. A. Jones, Sumter; R. L. Turner, Inverness; W. R. Sears, Kissimmee; D. W. Sumner, Ft. Myers; J. C. Harris, West Palm Beach; W. A. Hendry, Perry; S. Phillips, Williston; W. H. Biggs, Green Cove Springs; A. O. Botts, Volusia.

Dr. Hulley, in thanking the Convention for the honor conferred upon him in choosing him president for the ensuing year, said in substance: "I am going to be president of this Association to serve the best interests of education in the State of Florida. If there is a representative here from the State university I want him to know that I will stand ready to aid that institution in any way in my power, should she need aid in forwarding her educational power. Stetson wishes to clasp hands with every educational institution in Florida and work with them in bettering educational conditions in the State."

When he sat down Prof. Sheats arose to a point of correction. He said that Dr. Hulley had made a mistake. Stetson couldn't clasp hands with the school of Florida for the reason that sixteen years ago she clasped hands with them and had never let go since.

J. Frank Adams, of the Stetson Law Class of '00, visited friends in DeLand this week. Mr. Adams has hung out his shingle at Graceville and is working up a good practice there.

Miss Clem Hampton, assistant State superintendent, occupied her usual prominent place on platform and on the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hammons, of Barberville, who are returning from their wedding trip to points in South Florida, arrived in DeLand in time for the closing days of the Convention. Mrs. Hammons, as Miss Della Ward, daughter of Mr. B. F. Ward, of Barberville, spent two years here, a student in the department of music at the university and has many friends in town. Mr. Hammons is principal of the school at Barberville.

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