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## OVER THE C. C. & O. RAILWAY

Agent Hill, of Nebo, Gives  
Brief Description of Road  
and Country Through  
Which it Passes.

Special to Marion Progress.

Nebo, N. C., March 7.—Having  
just taken an inspection trip over  
the C. C. & O. R. R. from Dante,  
Va., to Spartanburg, S. C., it may  
be of some interest to give a brief  
description of the road and coun-  
try through which it passes.

Dante, Va., which is the present  
northerly terminus of the road, is  
a coal mining town of several  
thousand people, mostly foreign-  
ers who work in the mines.

Leaving Dante the road follows  
the valleys of Lick Creek and  
Clutch River for forty miles to  
Speer's Ferry, Va., where connec-  
tion is made with the Virginia &  
Southwestern Railroad for the  
East and West. At Bangor the  
company has a large lumber plant.  
Dungannon has several stores and  
residences and nice depot.

The land here would be suitable  
for farming if well drained. Fort  
Blackmore is a scattered village  
with several stores, restaurant and  
nice buildings. Speer's Ferry is a  
beautiful town six or eight stores,  
splendid hotel and nice residences.

Leaving here we passed through  
a tunnel nearly a mile in length  
and came to the beautiful valley of  
Kingsport, Tenn. Unicoi is a  
pretty town with several stores,  
depot and residences. This is a  
flat country suitable for farming.  
Next is Fishery Station where the  
Government has established a fish  
hatchery. This is a beautiful  
place—lawn, shade trees, etc. We  
could see the fish jumping up out  
of the water. Erwin, Tenn., next  
is a very thriving little city, and  
growing rapidly. Here the com-  
pany's general shops are located.  
Unaka Springs, Tenn., a summer  
resort, has a mineral spring noted  
for its curative qualities.

Leaving Unaka Springs the road  
passes for six or eight miles through  
the gorge of Toe River. These  
wonderful rock formations must  
be seen before its grandeur can  
be appreciated. Following this river  
some forty miles we reached the  
summit of Blue Ridge mountain at  
Altopass, N. C.; which is over  
2,600 feet above sea level.

Huntale is a small village with  
several modern residences. Green  
Mountain has two or three stores,  
nice houses, and good depot ac-  
commodations. Toecane is a beauti-  
ful town, several stores, residences,  
depot, fine houses, hotel, etc., and  
very hilly. Galax, a village with  
several stores and postoffice, sits  
on a large cliff at the river's edge.  
Boonford has two or three stores,  
depot, beautiful scenery. Spruce  
Pine is a pretty place, has nice de-  
pot, several stores, church, etc.  
This place has the right name for  
you can see spruce pines along the  
river for miles. Altopass consists  
mostly of temporary buildings,  
camps, etc.

Leaving Altopass we started  
down the Blue Ridge mountain  
around many loops, etc., one of  
which is about seven miles around.  
We also go through a number of  
tunnels. The scenery is something  
wonderful and is well worth the  
time and money to see. One place  
you can see day light through three  
tunnels.

From Starnes Station to Speer's  
Ferry, about 10 miles, the road  
bed is hewn out of solid rock.

Linnville Falls is a village situ-  
ated in a grove of white pines and  
takes its name from the famous  
falls near by.

Two miles south of Marion we  
connect with the Southern Rail-  
road east and west and at St. Paul,  
Va., connection is made with the  
Norfolk & Western Railroad for  
Bluefield and Norton. At Marion  
we pass through the last tunnel  
and enter the fertile country from  
Marion to Spartanburg, crossing  
the Picolet and Broad Rivers.  
There are about 31 tunnels between  
Dante and Marion, 17 of which are  
between Altopass and Marion, a

distance of about 30 miles. The  
country is somewhat undeveloped  
yet but nice depots, residences,  
and manufacturing plants are be-  
ing rapidly erected.

The passenger equipment is first-  
class in every way. The coaches  
are steam heated, electric lighted,  
vestibuled throughout, smoking  
rooms, etc.

The Western Union Telegraph  
Company and the Southern Ex-  
press Company are installing their  
offices daily.

The road bed is so well construc-  
ted that it gives the traveler ease  
and comfort over the entire route.  
Yours truly,

R. W. HILL.

## Parental Neglect.

News and Observer.

In Waynesville last week five  
wayward boys, between the ages  
of 14 and 18, were jailed for  
breaking into stores and stealing.  
They were enrolled as students in  
the public schools, and some peo-  
ple hastened to the conclusion that  
the schools were not doing their  
duty by the boys. The Waynes-  
Courier preaches a sound sermon  
to parents, after thus stating the  
facts:

"From a statement made, how-  
ever by the city superintendent of  
schools, it is learned that these  
boys were notorious truants and  
law breakers. It was learned that  
it was difficult to keep these boys  
in school for as much as a week at  
a time. Early in their career  
they became loafers and street  
walkers, with or without their  
parents' consent. From attempts  
to deceive their teachers they  
blundered into worse efforts to de-  
ceive the folks at home. They  
succeeded in the latter, for no one  
could think for a moment that en-  
lightened parents would knowl-  
ingly allow a son of tender years to  
sink into crime without strenuous  
efforts to reclaim him."

The Courier goes on to say that  
these crimes were committed in  
the night time, and asks, "Why  
are they allowed to stray from the  
parental roof at the itching time  
of night when thieves stalk  
about?" and it truly adds "no  
school, no church can save the boy  
whose home fails to give him what  
he needs." There must be coop-  
eration between parents and teach-  
ers. The wise parent does not let  
his son leave home at night except  
to go to some particular place and  
he requires him to be at home at  
a proper hour. One of the wisest  
men who has lived in Raleigh, gave  
this sound advice to a widow who  
had half a dozen sons: "Know  
where they are at night." That  
was enough. The steps astray be-  
gin in the darkness.

## CHARLOTTE IS CHOSEN.

Queen City Selected for Democ-  
ratic State Convention.

Raleigh, March 10.—The state  
Democratic executive committee in  
session here tonight selected Char-  
lotte as the place for the state  
Democratic convention and July  
12 as the date.

The vote as to place was Char-  
lotte, 33; Greensboro, 21.  
July 12 was selected for the con-  
vention because of the sentiment  
for short campaigns.

Following the selection of time  
and place, the committee went in-  
to executive session to consider  
the proposed revision of the plan  
of regulation.

The organization plan was re-  
vised, sections 10 and 12 amend-  
ed. The new plan differs in few  
respects from the old one.

COUNTY DATES.  
The committee took up the  
question of dates for the precinct  
primaries and county conventions  
and selected June 25 for precinct  
meetings and July 2 for county  
conventions. Thereafter H. A.

London offered a motion that the  
date for the State convention as  
adopted earlier in the night for  
July 12 be changed to July 14.  
There was a general stir and a  
spirited discussion with the result  
that the motion to change to July  
14 prevailed. The reason given  
for the change was that to meet on  
the 12th would require travelling  
on Sunday by many delegates.

## PEOPLE'S FORUM.

(This department is reserved for letters from  
the people on various topics. The Progress  
is not responsible for the views of its correspon-  
dents. All communications must be originally  
signed for our protection though the name may  
be withheld in publication.)

### Farm Life.

We saw in last week's Progress  
a piece in the People's Forum  
signed E. R. B. Now anybody  
knows e-r-b spells erb, yet some  
people will spell it h-e-r-b. Did  
it ever occur to you, dear reader,  
that we don't have to use that sil-  
ent "h" if we don't want to? So  
we will decide that the author of  
that piece was some kind of an  
"erb" (herb), and that he gave us  
something to think about.

I don't know what I'm going to  
write but I believe I will sign my  
name "Janus." I think this name  
appropriate because Janus was the  
name of an old Roman deity, al-  
ways represented with a double  
face, and the door to his temple  
always stood open in time of peace  
and was closed in time of war. I  
do not mean to say that I am a two  
faced man and will talk one way  
and write another, or talk one way  
to one person and another to some  
one else; but as the old Romans  
intended their god to do, I have  
two faces in order to look both  
ways. With one face I love to  
look backward towards the types  
of men and woman who are pass-  
ing away and the glorious history  
of our south land mingled, as it is,  
with traditions and superstition  
and filled with daring deeds of  
honor and chivalry. I would not  
for a moment forget the older men  
and women of our country who  
have fought great battles in both  
private and public life, and the  
fruits of whose industry we are  
now enjoying. But what gives  
me greatest joy and fills me with  
an overwhelming desire to live,  
are the thoughts of the future of  
our country, when our social life  
in the country has undergone a  
change and is placed on a high in-  
tellectual plane; when the last  
vestige of ignorance, superstition  
and fogginess is torn away and  
our farm life is a thing of beauty  
from a social as well as a financial  
standpoint.

Our friend E. R. B. gave us  
some good suggestions in regard  
to improving our farms and I'm  
sure if we would follow them we  
would have much nicer looking  
farms and farms that would bring  
us more money, but it seems to  
me there is something lacking in  
our farm life which is infinitely  
more important than the amount  
of money we get from them. If  
every farm in North Carolina was  
kept as neat and clean as the best  
tended garden, and her sacred and  
intellectual life remained the same  
in the truest sense of the word,  
she would be no better off. What  
we need in our country is a high  
type of intelligence—the twentieth  
century men and women, who can  
talk about something besides  
"ground hog day," "Ache Wed-  
nesday," and the "signs in the  
neck" and such foggy, superstitious  
ideas. Of course these super-  
stitions are, to a great extent,  
dying out but there are still men  
in every section, and leading men  
at that, who close their purses and  
ears their conscience against  
everything in the way of improve-  
ments, which does not mean an-  
other dollar in their pocket. They  
refuse to see the good these im-  
provements will be to the country  
and the inestimable value they  
will be to their children and their  
children's children.

In the recent court held in Mar-  
ion one of our neighbors sued  
the overseer of a county road for  
cutting a few little scrubby pines  
out of his pasture to put in the  
road. Now, young intelligent  
men and women of McDowell,  
what do you think of such stuff?  
You perhaps will blush, yet there  
are scores of such men in McDow-  
ell county; there are a plenty of  
men who will not give a cent  
or a day's work to improve the  
public roads along by their house,  
and when the public undertakes to  
build a piece of a road, in place of

putting everything into it they can  
they will try to get everything  
out of the public treasury they  
can, and charge the county about  
one hundred dollars per acre for a  
right of way across land that has  
not been able to sprout peas since  
the days of Daniel Boone and  
David Crockett.

Not only are some men too stingy  
to spend time, thought or mon-  
ey on improvements of which  
their country stands so sorely in  
need, but they are not willing to  
give a single thought to any new  
idea or theory that pertains to the  
social and intellectual development  
of their country. They seem to  
think that the mind of the farmer  
has no business with anything  
that does not pertain to his work  
in the fields. It's not an uncom-  
mon thing to hear farmers say they  
don't believe in sending their boys  
to colleges, that they come home  
with all kinds of new fangled  
ideas in their heads. It is just  
such things as this that makes the  
farm life detestable to the college  
bred man and causes him to en-  
gage in a profession in which his  
enjoyments are more tasteful and  
elevating; then people will be  
ready to say that he thinks him-  
self above the country life and  
that it looks too common to farm.  
Well, to tell the truth, I guess he  
is and I thank God that in the  
broad minded man who has a true  
conception of life there is some-  
thing that tells him it is too com-  
mon to spend his life plowing a  
humble long eared animal when  
life holds so much for him. I am  
thankful, too, that man was not  
created for drudgery alone, but  
for pleasure and enjoyment as well  
as work. I would not have you  
take from this that I'm not in fa-  
vor of work for I am. I can say  
that I have done as much work in  
my life as anyone in the same  
time and while I don't boast of it  
I'm far from thinking it a disgrace,  
but I do feel that it is almost a  
disgrace that I have lived most 30  
years in the country and have  
done nothing to make the life in  
my community more attractive  
and interesting, and as I write  
this I wonder if any of the young  
people of McDowell county feel  
the same way about it. If so, let  
us hear from you and we country  
people will begin here and now to  
make things in the country buzz  
at a twentieth century rate. Let  
us "Do noble things, not dream  
them all day long" for the great-  
ness of the country does not con-  
sist in a wide extent of territory  
but in the type of men and women  
who go to make up its common  
masses.

I will say in conclusion, dear  
Progress readers, that I didn't  
mean to write so much, and to my  
friend "erb", will say that I do not  
mean to say our country does not  
need to follow his suggestions, but  
I am merely giving ideas as to its  
needs and trust he will agree with  
me in what I have said if these  
ideas do not seem too extravagant.  
If he can't agree with me I hope  
he can do as well as the old brot-  
her I heard of did when he was  
asked for a contribution for the  
heathen, "Wall, I can't give you  
nothing but I'm mighty sorry for  
em." So if I can get this sym-  
pathy I'll feel like I've scored a  
point, for sympathy makes all  
mankind akin.  
"Pale sorrows leads us closer to  
our kind,  
And in serious hours of life we  
find  
Depths in the soul of men which  
lead new worth  
And majesty to this brief span of  
earth."

Respectfully,  
JANUS.

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cured by Doan's Ointment. 50c at any  
drug store.

### NOTICE!

A convention of the Republicans of  
McDowell county is hereby called to  
meet in the Court House at Marion  
Saturday, March 20, 1910, at 1 o'clock  
p. m. for the purpose of electing dele-  
gates to the State, Congressional, Ju-  
dicial and Senatorial conventions. The  
precinct meeting to elect delegates will  
be held at the various voting precincts  
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