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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

Mr. John A. Roebing, a former citizen of Asheville, now of New Jersey, has given the Episcopalians of the missionary diocese of Asheville 26 acres of land in the vicinity of Asheville, valued at \$50,000.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News, who has several times represented Mecklenburg county in the Legislature, has been renominated for that position and already a movement has been launched to make him Speaker of the House.

Mr. W. W. Stuart has purchased a farm two miles from Old Fort and will move his family there in about ten days. Mr. Stuart has been a resident of Concord for a number of years and both he and Mrs. Stuart have a large number of friends who will regret to know that they are to leave Concord.—Concord Times.

Announcement is made that John S. Huyler has agreed to donate to the Montreat association—the Presbyterian assembly development at Montreat—the sum of \$23,000, which is the amount of a mortgage which he holds upon the property, provided the association will raise about \$10,000 to make permanent improvements.

The home of a man named Smith at Rhodess, was hit by lightning one day last week and at the same time struck a tree in the yard. Smith was in the house and the bolt stunned him. When he came to, it was found that the lightning had made a picture of the house on his back—a good photograph.

It is not generally known that Newton has a citizen who has never ridden on the train. No, it is not an infant only a few weeks old—but a grown man in his 57th year. Uncle Bob Michael, our industrious blacksmith says he has never been on a train except on a box car to unload some goods.—Newton Enterprise.

Mrs. Peter A. Ferecks, of Salisbury, has donated to Bishop Horner of the district of Asheville all the machinery and tools belonging to her late husband. Mr. Ferecks was a machinist of wide reputation and had perhaps the best collection of tools and machinery to be found in the South. All of these have been shipped to Lenoir and will be taken to Valle Crucis where the Bishop has established a machine shop and wagon factory in connection with the Valle Crucis Industrial School.

The case of E. E. Powell, of Scotland Neck, which was put on trial in Warren county Superior Court at Warrenton last week, ended Wednesday with the acceptance of a verdict of murder in the second degree. Judge Geo. W. Ward, who was presiding, imposed the full penalty of the law—30 years in the State prison. On March 4 last Powell shot and killed Policeman Chas. W. Dunn, at Scotland Neck, and seriously wounded A. P. Kitchin and E. L. Travis, prominent lawyers and members of the Legislature. Travis has not yet recovered from the wounds inflicted by Powell.

Two Killed by Explosion.

Marshall, June 30.—A serious accident occurred at the works of the North Carolina Electric Power Company, two miles below here, this morning, when two men, a negro and a white man, were killed by a premature blast. The negro was entirely covered with rock and dirt being killed outright, while the white man lived a short time.

## COTTON MILL NEWS.

Over One Hundred People Now Reside on Mill Property—Weave and Cloth Rooms About Ready For Operation.

The work of setting up the looms in the mill is being pushed rapidly and some of them will probably be in operation this week. The Draper company of Hopedale, Mass., have five men on this work in charge of J. D. Bailey.

C. C. Mitchell, who moved here some time ago from Hickory, died last Thursday afternoon from dropsy. Mr. Mitchell was an elderly man and well liked by those who came in contact with him. He had been in failing health for over a year and his death was not unexpected. He was buried in Marion Friday.

Several families from Caroleen have moved here during the past two weeks and are now employed in the mill. This brings the number of people living on the mill property to over one hundred. This number will be materially increased when the weave and cloth rooms are started.

The management expects to begin the work of grading out streets and improving the appearance of the mill property in the near future. A. F. Hunt, who is overseer of the weaving room, states that he has all the help needed in his department and will be ready to begin operation just as soon as the work of adjusting looms is finished.

Many of the people living here visited their former homes on the Fourth of July.

Excessive Railroad Rates Reduced—Affect Western Lines.

Washington Dispatch, June 29.

Decisions were handed down today by the inter-State commerce commission country-wide in importance. They affect freight rates—both class and commodity—on all transcontinental lines operating between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Extensive reductions were ordered.

The decisions are of what popularly are known as the Pacific coast cases. The cases were heard last autumn by the commission on its six weeks' trip to the Pacific coast and inter-mountain territory and have been under consideration ever since. In every instance reductions in the existing rates complained of were made, and in some instances they amounted to nearly 50 per cent. The commission found, through its inquiry, a remarkable rate situation existing on the Pacific coast and even a more remarkable one in the inter-mountain territory.

Astonishing facts were developed by the commission in its hearings concerning the earning capacity of the Pacific lines. The commission shows that "during the last two years the operating revenues of the Southern Pacific Company's Pacific system has increased \$8,000,000, while its operating expenses had decreased \$5,000,000, thus producing an increased operating income of over \$12,000,000 or a net increase of about \$2,000 per mile of road.

Rev. Cade's Invention.

The Highlander, Shelby.  
Rev. Baylus Cade, who was Gov. Russell's private secretary and has filled ably many positions, returned recently from a trip to Philadelphia, where two expert machinists are building his first type-setting, or composing, machine. These two experts receive \$12 per day for their work. The first machine, with a type-writer key-board containing over two hundred characters, will cost more than a thousand dollars and will be completed in two months.

Rev. Cade is enthusiastic in praise of the machine, which is said to be a marvel of simplicity, occupying small room space. He says it will not cost over \$500, while the Mergenthaler costs \$3,250 and is a complicated machine, difficult to keep in running order.

The Progress big contest is now on. Who will you nominate?

## THE PROGRESS' BIG CONTEST

A Free Trip to the Appalachian Exposition and Several Other Prizes to be Given Away.

We have recently put forth every effort to make the paper bigger and better, and we feel gratified at the results of our efforts; but we are not going to stop here. We realize that a good paper can do good in proportion to the readers that it reaches, and while our subscription list is by no means small, we are frank to confess that we are anxious to make a substantial increase in the number of our subscribers.

We would be glad to have THE PROGRESS to visit every home in this and adjoining counties every week, and as a means to this end we beg to announce that we are beginning an aggressive campaign to increase our list of subscribers. During this campaign we are going to give away several valuable prizes to those who aid us in getting subscribers.

The prizes will include a free trip to the great Appalachian Exposition with expenses paid; a scholarship at Rutherford College, a handsome rocking chair and a guitar. Should you desire one of these prizes one can be obtained by a little effort on your part in getting subscriptions to THE PROGRESS among your friends and neighbors.

We would be glad to have you enter the race at once. Full details will be found on another page of THE PROGRESS or can be had at any time by calling us up or calling in person at THE PROGRESS office.

Have a friend send in the nomination coupon or send it in yourself, then go after your friends for subscriptions and ask them to work for you.

Block System on the Southern

The bulletin just issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission giving the mileage of railways in the United States operated by the block system on January 1, 1910, shows that 2,080.1 miles of track of the Southern Railway, constituting 30% of the entire mileage of the system, is now equipped with this safety appliance. Included in this is the entire main line from Washington to Atlanta and on to Birmingham. The line from Bristol to Chattanooga, that from Chattanooga to Atlanta to Macon, and other important sections. In the entire United States there are only seven railway systems with a greater mileage so operated than has the Southern. No other railway in the South operates anything like so large a mileage with the block system.

The system in use on the Southern Railway is what is known as the "telegraph block." Suitable semaphore signals are selected at intervals of about five miles along the road to guide the engineman in the control of his train. The space between these signals is called a block and two passenger trains are by no circumstances permitted in a single block at the same time.

Will go Right to Work.

Asheville, June 30.—At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Blue Ridge association held at Montreat it was decided to go to work at once upon construction of the buildings, etc., and the business committee, which, under direction of C. H. Hobbs, a well known Asheville lumberman has charge of the construction work, hopes to have the grounds ready for the holding of the next year's conferences of the Young Men's Christian association, the Young Women's Christian association and the Young People's Missionary Movement.

It is the general belief that Governor Mann, of Virginia, will appoint former Governor Swanson to fill out the unexpired term of John Warwick Daniel in the United States Senate, though the Governor has never said anything publicly to this effect.

## 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 correspondents. All communications must be originally signed for our protection though the name may be withheld in publication.]

A Plea for Fair Play.

July is here again and most of our public school houses will soon be crowded with its variety of faces and characters of children—some coming to school for the first time, shy but eager to enter this new epoch of their lives, some who last year received the first taste of those mysterious books and with eager minds come to learn more, some who came a few days last year, got tired, quit and are here again with very little intention of staying this time, some coming because it is customary to go to school, some to have a good time, and a few with a desire and a determination to learn. And over this complex bunch of humanity is, usually, one person, styled by the community as "the teacher."

Sometimes she (or he) is a person who can parse a sentence in English or solve a problem in cube root and sometimes she is not, but as a rule the teacher is a man or a woman who comes to the school with a desire and intention of doing the best they can, but the no matter how intense their desire is or how hard they try to do the right thing, very often it is not long till some one is "kicking" and to the young inexperienced teacher what can be more discouraging than to reflect that she has tried so hard to start the school right, do her duty in everything and seemingly to no effect.

She knows Sadmy fell down while playing at noon and disfigured his face but how on earth could she have prevented it, perhaps he had met with far more serious accident at home and they were barely mentioned. Jonnie sprained his ankle while running after one of the neighbor's geese last spring, his mother doctored him up and had no kick coming but when he sprained the same ankle playing ball at school his mother wants to run the teacher out of the country for being so no account and careless to allow it. Jimmie fell out of the stable loft last winter and broke his arm, no kick coming, but when he falls out of a tree at school and sprains his wrist the due is to pay with the teacher for allowing him to climb trees when perhaps just the day before she spilled the little scoundrel out of a tree and forbid him climbing and he was sure to get out of her sight this time.

The teacher hears of the smoke his father raised about it and gives her "little dears" a talk and promises to whip the next one who is caught climbing. The next day Willie is caught jumping from limb to limb of a tall tree exhibiting his dexterity and skill as well as exclusive proof of Darwin's theory of evolution. He is duly whipped, goes home with a great story of bloodshed and his mother, without making a diagnosis of the case, comes over to the school next morning and gives the teacher a "piece of her mind" and dares her "to lay the weight of her finger on a youngster of mine again." These or others equally so absurd are the conditions with which some of our teachers have to contend.

To be sure there are times when we do the wrong thing but not through prejudice or dislike for the pupil, which is often the case when a patron finds fault with the teacher. If you find fault with us don't let your boy know it—he will be a great deal worse—come and reason the point with us and not start a lot of malicious gossip and falsehoods about the school just because you don't happen to like the teacher and had rather have someone else you know of to teach the school. Of course you had rather have your brother-in-law's wife's first cousin for a teacher but everybody can't see it your way, so what's the use making the teacher miserable and trying to kick up a row? Speak to the teacher pleasantly every time you have a chance. Visit her school, speak kindly of her to your neighbors and children and I'll guarantee she will do everything she possibly can for your boy. Don't refuse to believe the little things she finds wrong with your boy which you yourself didn't know—he may have you fooled.

I heard of a teacher who went to a boy's mother and asked her if she could think of any way to keep George from using so much tobacco. "Why, George doesn't use tobacco," she said. The teacher turned to his coat which was hanging in the hall and pulled most a ping from his pocket. When asked about it, he said yes he had been using it two years. Many times teachers find habits and faults in children of which their fathers and mothers are ignorant and refuse to believe which causes many a public school disturbance.

There has been a great advancement along educational lines in our county. The board of education and especially Mr. Giles deserve the highest praise for what they have done in the way of building new school houses and encouraging local tax. Mr. Giles has raised the standard of teachers and tells us we are to raise the standard of community life in the districts where we teach. In many instances this is done but its awful hard and especially where there are several chronic grumblers and natural born kickers. I'm glad to say,

however, these are not found in every district but some still have them. I knew of a case only last year where a committeeman raised a rumpus, and had the teacher fired after about three weeks because she refused to board with him. Such narrow mindedness as this is not only useless but absurd and ridiculous and it is to be hoped that such conditions will soon cease to exist.

We do not want or ask our patrons for flattery and hypocrisy but we do want a reasonable amount of common sense and by all means we want fair play, and until we do get it and a better salary the standard of teachers and schools will remain where they are.

A. TEACHER.

Old Forts Wants Commissioner.

EDITOR MARION PROGRESS:

As the election is growing nigh, the taxpayers begin to think who is going to manage the finance for the county. The western part of the county thinks they are entitled to one man as county commissioner. We have a man who we think will be satisfactory to the three western townships, and that man is Esq. J. L. Fortune of Old Fort, late of Broad River.

DEMOCRAT.

## THE SOUTH LAND

(BY WILLIAM LAURIE HILL)  
A Toast at the N. C. Press Association at Wrightsville Beach.

Land of the pine and fruitful vine,  
Land of the Cotton bloom,  
Land of the Ouse and soft South rain,  
Land of the song bird's sweet refrain,  
They skies seem never agloom.

How rich and fair thy landscapes are,  
Mountain and vale and stream,  
Beneath thy deep ethereal blue,  
Or, when majestic storm clouds brew,  
And lightning's flash and gleam.

Ah! 'tis a sweet and lovely land,  
'Tis rich in homes and men,  
'Tis rich in hearts not filled with art,  
That seek by tricks of busy hands,  
To blind your honest ken.

Land rich in women fair and true,  
They they crown jewels are,  
They brightly shine with beams divine,  
More wealth they yield, than mart or mine.

Our manhood's guiding star,  
God keep this land in purity,  
Remove each stain of sin,  
His grace bestow, soften each woe,  
And give each home the cheering glow,  
No scold wealth can win.

No long as duty is the best vote  
catcher the country is safe.

(CUT OUT)

## NOMINATION COUPON

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To MARION PROGRESS, Marion, N. C.

I place in nomination for your Free Trip to the Appalachian Exposition Contest

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P. O.....

Signed.....

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To the person who nominates the winner of the Grand Prize, THE PROGRESS will give \$1.00 in Cash. See Terms of Contest on another page.

## A Word to Parents, Young Men and Young Women.

STANLEY McCORMICK SCHOOL, located at BURNSVILLE, N. C., desires to call the special attention of the young people of adjacent counties to the following facts: Sixty Thousand Dollars has been expended in building and equipment. A new dormitory for the boys has just been completed and furnished at a cost of \$20,000. This building, together with the girls' dormitory, has all modern improvements and conveniences.

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