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Sign the Pledge.

About one hundred pledges have gone out into different parts of this county to be signed up by citizens who are opposed to the buying of votes in elections, and who have the courage and manhood to step out and stand up on their convictions, and stamp their disapproval "in black and white" upon this scandalous practice. This means something, too. The pledges read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby pledge ourselves upon our honor as men, never again to vote for any man, of any party for any office, EITHER FOR HIS NOMINATION OR HIS ELECTION, whom we do not believe to be opposed, both in sentiment and action, to the further buying of votes, either directly or indirectly, and who does not come out and boldly and publicly (until this practice is wiped out) declare himself opposed to it, and further declare that he will not, in the coming election, nor ever again, in any way, encourage, nor consent to the use of money in elections for this purpose."

There are few good men in McDowell county who will not eagerly sign this pledge. It is the right move made at the right time. Men who are unwilling to risk their political future (as soon as, or before, they announce themselves as candidates for office) upon a clear cut declaration, in the interest of the most offensive and ruinous scandals with which an honest people ever afflicted themselves, ought not to have the support of any self-respecting man.

Citizens of McDowell county, sign it, every man of you! You, the masses of voters, have the power to say what shall be, and what shall not be. Say it and it shall be so. Put this thing down and then plant your foot upon it, forever, by the solemn pledge of men.

Gibson for Register.

July 11, 1910.

To Editor MARION PROGRESS:

There are several announcements made by candidates for the office of treasurer, maybe it is because there is a little pie and not so much work. But we have not as yet seen any one that seems to want the Register's office so much. For the last ten days I have been over a good portion of the county, and the question being asked is: Is Mr. R. L. C. Gibson going to run this time? If he does I am going to vote for him this time. I would not have voted for Mr. Laughridge the last time if I had known that he was a Republican.

Mr. Gibson is a life long Democrat, and has been all of his life, and would not change to day for any office in the county. The thing to do, voters, is to stick to the man who sticks to the party, and one who will stand for democracy.

If Mr. Gibson will run for register of deeds this time, he will get the nomination, and if nominated, that will mean his election, sure. And, if Mr. Gibson is elected to that office, he will make as good a register as McDowell county has had for many years, if not better. Mr. Gibson is well educated, writes a nice plain hand, and is fitted in every way to fill that office with credit to McDowell county, and honor to himself; and it is our duty as Democrats to work for the nomination and election of that worthy citizen—Mr. R. L. C. Gibson.

Yours very truly,
A VOTER.

A Ticket to Win.

With such men as J. M. Gudger, Judge Justice and A. Hall Johnston in the lead and Prof. D. F. Giles for legislator, F. M. Bradley of Old Fort for Sheriff and the same board of commissioners re-elected, and other good men that may be elected, I think the Democratic party of this section will surely have success.

A DEMOCRAT.

Crooked Creek, July 9.

GUDGER NOMINATED.

Receives Nomination on Fifth Ballot After A Hard Struggle.

Asheville Citizen.

Ex-Congressman J. M. Gudger, jr., winner of two congressional campaigns for the democratic party of the Tenth congressional district was nominated last night on the fifth ballot at the democratic congressional convention of the Tenth district to oppose the republican nominee, John G. Grant in the approaching election. The convention which nominated him will go down in local history as the most warmly contested in the last twenty years of local politics. The end came with unexpected swiftness after the action of the Rutherford delegation in changing its vote had practically blocked the business of the convention for several hours. A fierce storm raged around the head of the bewildered chairman, Mr. T. A. Morphew, of Marion. Twice were appeals from his rulings taken and on one he was overruled and on the other sustained. Had the appeal from the chair been upheld in the matter of Rutherford's vote it is probable that the convention would be voting yet.

CANDIDATES SPEAK.

The announcement that Mr. Gudger had received 150 62-100 on the fifth ballot, two more than was necessary to nominate, was greeted with cheers and there were loud calls for the various candidates. Mr. Sol Gallert responded first and he announced his intention of warmly supporting the nominee of the convention. He thanked all who had loyally supported him. Mr. Hewitt was then called upon and in a few well chosen words he expressed his gratitude to all those who had stood by and worked for him. He would, he said, work early and late for the success of the democratic party. Mr. Walter Moore said that he was slightly disfigured but still in the ring. He was disappointed, he said, but not cast down.

"The signs of the times," said Mr. Moore, "point to democratic success. We lost the district two years ago, but the fight is now on to redeem it. We must send a democrat to congress and to do this we must all put our shoulders to the wheel."

W. J. COCKE.

There was loud calls for Mr. W. J. Cocke and he responded with a magnificent speech. The man who had run Mr. Gudger the closest race showed no bitterness of defeat in his speech; on the contrary he eloquently avowed his intention to fight for the success of the nominee with all his energy. Said Mr. Cocke:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: 'If you nominate me for congress I will redeem the Tenth district; if you nominate someone else, I shall labor for his election.' That was the first sentence in my announcement as a candidate in the congressional race and I stand here tonight to repeat that statement. God made me a man and a democrat before He made me a congressional candidate. I plant myself tonight in the vanguard of the fight for democratic success. I want to say to those who have loyally stood by me that my heart goes out in affection and love; to those who opposed me honestly and openly my hand goes out to them in fellowship. If any struck below the belt, it is all right with me; I forgive and forget every day." Mr. Cocke's speech was loudly cheered and he was warmly congratulated.

MR. GUDGER.

Mr. Gudger was then called upon and he responded as follows: "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: 'I would not be human did I not appreciate the honor conferred upon me tonight by the democracy of the Tenth district. I have no enmity against those who failed to support me. I admire their loyalty. In this contest I had foemen worthy of any man's steel. I have the highest regard for the four gentlemen who ran against me for the nomination. The contest that is coming on will be a fierce one, and I cannot win it unless I have the support of every democrat. The people can never rule as long as we have Aldrichism and Cannonism. I will not refer to Grantism; for we have no such thing as that in this country. Mr. Grant is largely an accident. I will win back the Tenth congressional district to democracy if you will loyally uphold me.' Mr. Gudger was loudly cheered at the conclusion of his remarks.

All communications for publication to this paper must be signed by the writer. A communication is withheld from this issue for lack of signature. The name may be withheld from publication but the writer must give his name in at this office before the letter is published.

School News.

Garden City, July 11.—School opened here this morning with the enrollment of 41 pupils. Mr. N. F. Steppe is principal and Miss Effie Gibson has charge of the primary work. Mr. Steppe held his place here last year. We know of his work and therefore are expecting a good school year.

Sugar Hill, July 12.—The White Pine public school opened the eleventh, with twenty-three pupils enrolled. Miss Pearl Williams is in charge.

School in Stroudtown opened Monday, July 11th, with an enrollment of 58.



A. HALL JOHNSTON
Democratic Nominee for Solicitor
of the 14th Judicial District

Mill News.

Brick and lumber have been received to repair the damage done to the warehouse by the breaking of the reservoir some days ago. Work on the warehouse will be started immediately and it will be completed within the next ten days. J. E. Sirrens, architect and engineer of the mill, was here last week to inspect the damaged reservoir. His report has not yet been made public. Messrs. Ebaugh and Ebaugh, of Greenville, S. C., were also here to investigate the damage.

Alex Rose, of Greenville, S. C., who has charge of the steam power department work in the office of J. E. Sirrens, mill architect, spent two days at the mill inspecting the power and steam plant. He found them in good condition.

The first cloth to be manufactured by the mill was turned out last Friday. By the end of this week the management hopes to have fifty to sixty looms in operation.

Mrs. D. D. Little is visiting her son H. F. Little.

The little son of J. D. Godfrey who has been very ill is improving.

H. Lynton, master mechanic, has returned after a visit to his home in Caroleen.

Two new families have moved on the mill hill in the last few days.

G. H. Beatty and wife who have been employed in the mill have returned to their home in South Carolina.

Bridgewater News.

Mark Hildebran, of Rogersville, Tenn., visited his little son, Benjamin, at T. A. Seal's here last week.

Miss Eddie Young is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wade Hennessee, on Buck Creek.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. Benson, a little son.

Miss Julia Rust is visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. Brookshire, near Asheville.

Mrs. M. F. Tate and daughter, Miss Carrie, spent Saturday in Marion.

S. P. Tate, who is one of the pension board for this county, met with the other members in Marion on business, Monday.

Dr. E. L. Dameron spent last Saturday night with friends on Linville.

T. A. Seals has been right sick for the past week.

Misses Kary and Pearle Tate visited friends in Morganton the latter part of last week.

A. R. Buffalo, of Marion, was in Bridgewater, Saturday.

Mrs. C. D. Hemphill was in Morganton, Friday.

Chapel Hill Items.

Chapel Hill, July 11.—Chapel Hill graded school will begin July 18th with Otus Ledbetter and Miss McGimsey as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Poteet went to Altapass on the 4th and reported a fine time.

W. S. Smith and daughter, Miss Sallie Parker, of Old-Fort, visited relatives here during the past week.

Henry Poteet, of Kentucky, is at home with his parents.

ROSEBUD.

Announcement.

The good ladies of Glenwood will serve ice cream, cake, and lemonade on the school house grounds Friday night, July 15th.

The proceeds will go to the building of the Baptist church. All are invited who are anxious for their success.

Annie Brackett
Sadie Poteet—Committee.
Dr. Fergusson

Nealsville News.

Special to The Observer.
Nealsville, July 12.—We are having plenty of rain while 'Snowball' has the measles. We trust he will soon get well if it has anything to do with the rain, don't we Capid?

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Parker and son Nelson, of Thermal City, spent a few days with Mrs. Parker's parents last week.

Miss Annie Brackett and little Ernest were in Marion shopping Thursday.

Miss Alexander, from Biltmore, and Misses Maggie Morris and Barie Merrill from Marion spent several days with relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Poteet are rejoicing over a fine girl that arrived July 2. Claud Hollifield spent Sunday with his parents in Thermal City.

Mrs. A. L. Bright spent Friday in Marion.

Quite a large crowd from here went on the excursion to Alta Pass Sunday.

Robert Holland and sister Miss Holland and Miss Swinney from Marion, spent Monday evening with Prof. and Mrs. Hinshaw.

Miss Lou Morris from Sugar Hill is spending this week with relatives.

Master Neal Morris of Marion is down here visiting relatives.

We are expecting a good crowd from Marion, Sugar Hill and other places to attend the ice cream supper Friday night at the school house. The funds will go to the benefit of the Baptist church. Come one, come all, and let us have a good time.

PAULINE.

Sugar Hill News.

Don't get uneasy, benevolent 'Jack' and philanthropist 'Jill.' I'm able to navigate once more, but if you ever had half an idea of lending a helping hand now is the time, for Gen. Green has got us best back to the last trench. All of us "weed diggers" are digging wholly on our nerve.

Crops in this section are in a pitiful sight. The wheat and rye is still in the field and the corn hasn't been plowed in two weeks and it still rains.

Dr. Cook has gone North again, and left us right in the "pinch of the game." We are not apt to hear from him soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grayson of Nealsville visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, last Saturday and Sunday.

The White Pine school began the summer session last Monday under the management of Miss Pearl Williams.

The public school at this place will open July 18th under the direction of Misses Cordelia Camp as principal and Kate Green of Marion as assistant.

D. W. Crawford left last Saturday to take charge of a school near Old Fort.

Attorney A. Hall Johnston of Marion passed through town on business last Saturday.

SNOWBALL.

Curfew Items.

Miss Byrd Morrow, of Rutherfordton, will teach the school here at the Reels school house, beginning the 11th.

Zed Reel the little son of Mrs. Lon Reel got his foot cut but is getting along nicely.

John Reel who has been very sick for some time is improving.

W. M. Pratt of Marion, spent several days in Curfew this week.

Mrs. Fannie Hogan and family of Clifton, S. C. is visiting relatives near here.

Miss Clara Reel was very badly shocked by lightning last Tuesday evening, while standing on the piazza. The lightning struck the ground in the yard and shocked her very bad, though we are glad to know she is doing fine.

TRIEKE.

Rutherfordton News.

Special to THE PROGRESS.
Rutherfordton, July 11.—The pulpit committee of the Rutherfordton Presbyterian church announces that Rev. W. E. McIlwain, D. D., of Charlotte, has been secured as supply for that church until a pastor can be secured for the Rutherfordton, Columbus and Sandy Plains field. This church has been without a pastor since last November and the congregation is fortunate in securing Dr. McIlwain's services. Dr. McIlwain was formerly an evangelist in and out of this state and is one among the leading divines of North Carolina.

The election to be held here August 2nd for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the town of Rutherfordton will issue bonds to the amount of \$35,000 for the purpose of installing and equipping a water and electric light system, is an important matter and, if the board issue is carried, will doubtless aid in the growth and development of Rutherfordton and vicinity.

The game of ball between Rutherfordton and Shelby played on the former's diamond here Saturday, resulted in a victory for Rutherfordton by a score of 10 to 2.

The hosts of friends of Hon. M. H. Justice were elated to learn of his nomination as candidate to succeed himself as judge, at the Democratic convention of the 14th judicial district, held in Marion last week.

Mr. J. L. Morgan, one of Marion's most prominent citizens, was a recent Rutherfordton visitor.

The heaviest rainfall that has visited Rutherfordton for several years, as judged by an old citizen, fell here Saturday afternoon. As a result streams overflowed and did damage to crops difficult to estimate at the present time.

The hum of the threshing machine may be heard here, as the farmers meet to thresh their golden grain and store away for the coming days. The wheat crop is fine in Rutherfordton county this year as your correspondent is informed.

GORDON.

Sunnyvale Tidings.

Sunnyvale, July 12.—Farmers are making slow progress laying by corn on account of so much rain.

J. B. Hanes has returned to

Couches Couches

Three grades imitation leather couches, new stock just from the manufacturers at \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$16.50 the couch.

Hall Rocks at \$7.00, \$10.00, \$16.00 and \$16.50 each.

Fruit Jars and fruit jar Rubbers.

Kings fruit Preserving Powders.

Agents for the J. I. Nissen round and square hound wagons.

J. D. Blanton

Transylvania county where he is engaged in the lumber business.

Janet Burgin, of Buck Creek, was a visitor here, Sunday.

Sunnyvale school is progressing nicely with J. F. Parker, of Crooked Creek as teacher.

In regard to the fight over the groundhog's head, I wish to inform the editor that it all was a mistake.

DRUM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell county, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. I am crippled and probably for life, and I am not able to perform manual labor. I promise if nominated and elected to give all of my time to the duties of the office, and will serve all the people with the best of my ability.

M. G. POTRAT.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell County subject to the action of the Democratic convention and if nominated and elected will try to serve the people to the best of my ability and conduct the office in a safe business manner.

J. D. LEDBETTER.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of McDowell County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention.

T. Y. LITTLE.

Old Fort, July 5, 1910.

WOOD

The most wood for the money is what you want.

This is what you get when we fill your order. One two-horse load good dry stove wood, placed in bed 10x22, for only \$1.25.

Orders filled after August 1st.

Place your order today.

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Our prices are reasonable

If any of your farm tools, or machinery are out of order and need repairs, let us put them right. We repair anything from a lawn mower to a threshing machine.

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with all its glories and pleasures is past but we still have a house full of BARGAINS FOR YOU.

White Goods of all kinds at prices you will never regret paying.

Lawns in stripes and figures at 6c, 10c and 15c the yard Madras, Gingham etc. in the very latest colors and designs. Ladies White Waists, beautiful and cool.

A few more Ladies gowns with low necks and short sleeves at wholesale prices. Mens and Ladies Underwear too.

Keep your eye on our stock and prices. It will save you money to do so.

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MRS. W. J. HEMPHILL, Prop.

HARDWARE

These hot days call for Ice Cream Freezers, Water Coolers, Screen Doors and Windows and New Perfection Blue Flame Oil Cook Stoves. We have them all in stock.

We have the best SEWING MACHINE on the market for the price.

Don't forget our Mowers and Hay Rakes.

The Price Hardware Co.

The Peerless Dry Goods Store

Slaughter Sale.

25% off on Ladies and Misses Wash Suits and Skirts.

25% off on Summer Parasols.

25% discount on Mens, Womens and Childrens Straw Hats. Don't miss these big bargains.

Special prices on Mens Summer Suits. Bargains in Pants. Just received a lot of Mens \$2.50 Pants. We will sell these pants for \$1.50.

1 lot sample Hats at half price. 1 lot 50c Shirts at 25c. 1 lot sample Shirts at half price. 39 dozen Mens 25c half Hose in blue, black, grey and tan, 6 pair for one dollar.

25 pounds Sugar for \$1.45. Cotton 10c Boll. Fruit Jars 85c doz.

Bargains in all low cut Shoes. Laces worth 5 to 10c yard all at 5c.

Don't Miss These Bargains.

THE PEERLESS

W. H. HAWKINS, Manager Agts. for May Manton Patterns