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## TAR HEELS FARE WELL.

Good Showing in List of Committee Assignments Made Public by Democratic Caucus.

Washington, April 1.—North Carolina made a good showing in the list of committee assignments made public by the Democratic caucus here late this afternoon, considering the fact that Representative Kitchin, as a member of the ways and means committee, cannot hold membership on any other committee and three members, Faison, Steadman and Doughton, are new in the House, with Gudger practically a new one also.

Taking the State according to districts, the following were the assignments made: Small, first district, rivers and harbors, the census; third district, Faison, merchant marine and fisheries, expenditures in the Navy Department; second district, Kitchin, ways and means; fourth district, Pou, claims and rules; fifth district, Steadman, foreign affairs, election of President and Vice President; sixth district, Godwin, public lands, reform in the civil service; seventh district, Page, appropriations; eighth district, Doughton, banking and currency, expenditures in the Department of Agriculture; ninth district, Webb, judiciary, patents; tenth district, Gudger, Indian affairs, public buildings and grounds.

North Carolina gets Pou as chairman of the important committee on claims and Godwin on reform in the civil service. It is believed that, taken all in all, the State has fared as well as any of the others in the assignments made. All of them are good working committees and will give the North Carolinians plenty to do during the Sixty-Second Congress.

County Seat of Avery to be Called Newland.

Beech Mountain and Shawneehaw, two townships of Watauga which are included in the new county of Avery, will have an election on May 2d to determine whether they want to come into the new county or not. Then after this election a selection of a place for the county seat will demand attention. Several places are pulling for the location and the new town which secures it will be called Newland, in honor of our townsman, Hon. W. C. Newland.—Lenoir News.

O'Gorman is Chosen.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—Supreme Court Justice James Aloysius O'Gorman, Democrat, of New York City, was elected United States Senator to-night by the Legislature after the most protracted struggle over this position ever held in the Empire State. On the final vote, the sixty-fourth, he received 112 votes to 80 cast for Chauncey M. Depew, whose term expired March 4.

Judge J. S. Adams, of Asheville, died suddenly of apoplexy at Warrenton Sunday morning. He was as well as usual at breakfast and died soon afterwards. He was elected in 1908, and was one of the ablest judges on the bench.

A man of few words isn't cut out for a compositor.

## FREIGHT WRECK NEAR OLD FORT

No One Seriously Injured, But Engines of Both Trains Were Somewhat Damaged.

Freight trains numbers 73 and 66 had a collision near Point Tunnel, west of Old Fort, Thursday morning, which resulted in traffic being held up for a few hours and damages to the engines of both trains. No one was seriously injured, although the engineers of both trains suffered shakeups and a few bruises. It is said that the operator at Old Fort made a mistake in transmitting an order which allowed the trains to collide. Engineer James was in charge of 73 while Engineer Smith was at the throttle of 66. Conductor Kale was in charge of 73, while Conductor Shook was on 66. The accident occurred within a short distance of the mouth of Point Tunnel which is the last tunnel going east from this city.

A later report to the Charlotte Observer says: "Engineer R. L. James, who was injured in the Old Fort wreck, Thursday morning, is now at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium in Salisbury, is not as seriously injured as first reported. He rested well today (Friday) and is reported as doing fine. A slight operation will be performed on him tomorrow. The Observer correspondent learns from a reliable source that the reports printed to the effect that the operator at Old Fort was responsible for the wreck is untrue, but that the Asheville operator is to blame. There were no orders for Engineer James at Old Fort in regard to passing train 66, coming east, and, as westbound trains have right of way, he went on and had proceeded only a few miles when the two trains crashed together."

Mr. James is well known in Marion, being a former resident of this place.

Death of J. L. Moody.

John L. Moody, who for the past three years has been Superintendent of the Chaingang, died on last Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock after a very short illness. Mr. Moody was taken suddenly ill of pneumonia on Monday while engaged in road construction on the new road to the cotton mill. He was removed immediately to the home of Mr. A. L. Page, Marion, where everything was done to relieve him, but his condition remained alarming and on Thursday his condition changed for the worse, bringing about his death during the afternoon.

Mr. Moody was a good citizen, honorable and upright; a hard worker, and a good father and husband. He is survived by a wife and nine children, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody, together with several brothers.

Champ Clark Got Big Majority.

Washington, April 4.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was elected speaker of the Sixty-Second congress. He polled 217 votes against 131 for James R. Mann, of Illinois; 16 for Henry A. Cooper, of Wisconsin, and one for George W. Norris, of Nebraska. The last three are republicans.

## NEBO HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Closing Marks Successful Year—Judge Pritchard Delivers Splendid Address.

The commencement exercises on March 30th and 31st marked the close of Nebo High School's most successful year. This was the seventh commencement and it appears that each succeeding commencement, like each succeeding scholastic year, is an improvement over the immediately preceding one. This school is a credit not only to McDowell county but is generally conceded by the State school authorities to be one of the banner high schools of the State's entire school system.

There are many qualities that go to make up this school, such as competent teachers, faithful attendance upon the part of both teachers and pupils, efficient management and conduct, and last and greatest the interest of the people generally manifested with regard to its welfare.

One needs only to attend commencement exercises at this school to be convinced of the excellent work that is being accomplished. The training that is being imparted to the pupils is then in evidence which results in each participant of these exercises executing perfectly his or her part of the program. A brief review of the following essentials of the program will serve well to show the great and successful undertaking of the school in handling a really heavy program.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Ira Erwin, pastor of the Marion Methodist church, Thursday at 11:00 a. m. The sermon was particularly good and lent wide and telling influence to the hearers.

The declamation contest took place at 2 p. m. Thursday. The contestants were Everett Padgett, Edwin Corpening, Arthur Hicks, Clyde Sorrels, William Nanney, Frank Hall and Fletcher Simmons. Each of these young orators won distinctions but there was but one medal given. Mr. Frank Hall having been credited with the most points was presented with the medal. This medal is given by B. B. Price.

On Thursday at 8:00 p. m. the concert by the school took place. The program consisted of marches, songs and drills by the primary grades, and solos and plays by the farther advanced pupils.

The class day exercises began Friday at 10:00 o'clock. The introductory number being an instrumental duet, "Moonlight on the Hudson." Following the awarding of diplomas to Misses Olin Yelton, Lula Kincaid, Rosa Stacey and Ruth Hunter, a delightful quartette was rendered.

One of the main features of the exercises was the literary address delivered at 11:00 a. m. Friday by Judge J. C. Pritchard. The address was extraordinarily good and teemed with excellent and practical advice to the young men.

At 2:00 p. m. the girls contest for the Pless medal took place. The contest was that of elucation. Those taking part were Misses Elsie Kaylor, Maraget Steppe, Estella Wilson, Fay Padgett, Eva

Stacy, Donnie McGimsey and Olivia Patton. Miss Donnie McGimsey was the winner of the medal in this contest.

The closing exercises consisted of a two-play concert. The concert was perfectly rendered and provocative of high praise. The attendance upon this commencement was the greatest of Nebo High School's history. Every one present had a word of praise for this worthy institution, its management and its pupils. Such schools will do much for the advancement of the state and nation and already this school has indelibly made its impress upon McDowell county and surrounding country.

The faculty of the school consists of six teachers—G. H. Weaver, principal; J. H. Nanney, Mrs. G. H. Weaver, Misses Mattie Hicks and Nannie McCall. Miss Cecelia Kirksey has charge of the music department.

We feel that special mention should be made concerning the papers read by the graduating class officers. They were good indeed.

Commissioners Meet—County Assessors Appointed.

The board of county commissioners spent the whole of Monday in the transaction of routine matters. On Tuesday the Marion Telephone Company was granted a franchise to construct a telephone line from Patton's Mill to Buck Creek Falls, and township assessors were appointed to assist E. H. Dysart, who was appointed county assessor by the corporation commission, to assess the property of this county. The following were appointed:

Old Fort, L. P. Crawford; Broad River, Johnson Letbetter; Crooked Creek, Chas. P. Lytle; North Cove, G. W. Conley; Nebo, John M. Tate; Dysartsville, W. H. Taylor; Higgins, Frank Wilson; Bracketts, Miles P. Flack; Glenwood, A. L. Bright; Montford, W. M. Wilson; Marion, Wm. Sweeney.

Dysartsville Dots.

Dysartsville, April 3.—The school entertainment was in every sense a success. The dialogues and declamation were gone through without a hitch. I would recommend these teachers to any community, wanting a good school and careful training. Prof. Giles and his sister, Sheriff Laughridge and his daughter, Lela, Masters Clinton Landis and Dr. White's son of Marion took in the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Denton recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Taylor and Mrs. F. C. Daves.

Joseph Taylor and wife were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Taylor Anderson and wife were guests of their son-in-law, John Devenny Saturday night.

Bascorn Stacy and children, last week, visited his father-in-law, John Toney.

G. M. Walton and Miss Clarissa, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Webb Walker. Mr. Walton is getting up a collection of minerals.

Fulton Kirksey has moved back from Morganton to his home at Kirksey.

G. W. Johnson and Mary Bartles were married at Union Mills on the 26th. W. E. Womack officiating.

Robert Laughridge and wife, and Junie Laughridge were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. Charles Kirksey is said to be improving.

John Lewis of Deming was the guest of W. G. Bruner Friday.

## SCHOOL CLOSING AT DYSARTSVILLE

Successful Term Ends With Excellent Exercises by Pupils—Large Attendance.

On Saturday, April first, the closing exercises of Dysartville School were given. Promptly at three o'clock the doors were opened and a large crowd came to see how school boys and girls are made into men and women.

The house was beautifully decorated with evergreens. Each window was dressed in a bower of green foliage, while here and there ferns and flowers were artistically arranged in vases. A lovely border of green made of phiant cedar was placed around the foot of the stage.

First selection on programme was a song, sung by a chorus of sixteen girls and four boys. It was remarkable to hear so many voices and all in such perfect harmony. The first note of the song was struck and every voice chimed in on time. Too much can not be said for Miss Miller who gave the class such excellent training. The play, "Not A Man In The House," was enjoyed by all. Between the plays came many recitations by children from the different grades. This year one hundred six children were enrolled. Every child was given a part in the entertainment. It was wonderful to see, how every thing went off in such clock work order; there was no delay, only a few minutes were needed to arrange the stage for plays; thus by such promptness the attention of the audience was gained and held.

Rev. J. R. Denton made a splendid talk. He urged the parents to come closer together in the cause of education. "Strive to train the children better and by so doing build up the county and state."

"Roses Fair Are Dreaming" was sung, the crowd dispersed for rest and refreshments until 7:30 o'clock. A small admission fee was charged for the evening entertainment but the house was well filled. From this it was easy to tell that the people expected to see something better than in the previous exercise. They were not disappointed. The tiny tots had as important a part as the older students in this programme. This goes to prove they had received good training from their teacher, Miss Ledbetter. "The Sunflower Drill," by ten children from the primary department was beautiful. "Jumbo Jum," a very comic play was enjoyed immensely. The next sight we beheld was eight lovely fairies with their queen. They were dressed in red, pink, blue and green, wearing silver crowns and carrying silver wands. As they marched and sang one really felt that fairies must have existed some time.

Supt. Giles was present and after making a short, but very impressive speech, awarded eighteen prizes to pupils who had come for the school term. Also a prize was given by Mr. Steppe to Clyde Satterwhite for being the best orator. At the beginning of the school a Debating Society was organized for the boys and this prize offered.

Mr. Steppe deserves much credit for the excellent work he has done in Dysartville school.

The teachers leave us, their presence and help will be missed but we hope to have them with us again.

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