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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Pupils of Ninth and Tenth Grades Form Class Organizations—School Report.

[NOTE:—This column will contain each week the news of school as reported by the pupils and teachers, and any announcements that the school authorities may have to make from time to time. EDITOR.]

The pupils of the Tenth Grade met last week and formed a class organization. The following are the officers for this term: President, John Glenn; Vice-President, Grafton Bird; Secretary, Frank Sweeney; Treasurer, Miss Pearl Gibbs. The following program will be rendered at the first meeting next Friday:

Song—The Class.

Recitation—Miss Effie Bradshaw.

Recitation—Resolved, That electricity is more beneficial to man than steam. Affirmative, John Glenn and Frank Sweeney; negative, Roland Morris and Grafton Bird.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Pearl Gibbs.

Each member of the class will respond at roll call with a quotation from Shakespeare.

The pupils of the Ninth Grade have also organized. Their program will appear next week.

It is intended that these class organizations shall take the place of literary societies. Later on the parents will be invited to attend the class meetings.

The report of the school for September is as follows: Enrollment, 290; average attendance, 277; per cent of attendance, 96; tardies, 17. This enrollment does not include those who entered at first but have since moved out of town.

Mrs. Craig has taken up her work in the fourth grade after resting for a month. Mrs. Giles has substituted for her in a most acceptable way.

Work on the school grounds will begin this week. We had hoped to publish the subscription list and give the details of our plans for improving the school grounds, but find it impossible to do so this week.

The regular work in history and geography has been laid aside for a few days, and all the classes are studying the history and geography of Italy and Turkey.

Banquet Invitations.

Mayor Carlton and the editor of THE PROGRESS have received invitations from the Board of Trade of Asheville to attend a banquet and uniting of the Editors, Mayors, Hotel and business men of Western North Carolina at the Battery Park Hotel Monday evening, October 9th, 8 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to secure the co-operation of all interests in advertising the resources and attractions of Western North Carolina.

The mayor and editor of THE PROGRESS have also received invitations to attend the dedication of the Raleigh Auditorium, Tuesday evening, Oct. 17th, 1911, 8:30 o'clock, Raleigh, N. C.

The invitation card is beautifully engraved and contains the names of the members of the Municipal Building Commission, the Board of Aldermen, the Chamber of Commerce and the committee on entertainment. This goes to show how progressive Raleigh does things. We are proud of our capital city.

M'DOWELL FAIR PROGRAM

The Secretary Gives Out Advanced Program for Each Day—Special Attractions.

Concessions and special attractions of all kinds are asking the privilege of attending the McDowell County Fair for three days to make it more interesting and attractive. Contracts for some of these are being made each day, and others will be made between now and the time of the opening, so that we are assured that the Fair will be pleasant from every angle.

We are glad to get from the secretary of the Fair a partially advanced program for each day. Thursday, October 19th, will be Farmers' Day. At 11 o'clock the opening exercises, addresses and announcements in the court house; 2:30 p. m., free band concert from the balcony of the Marianna Hotel; 2 p. m., Hunter's Hour; 3 o'clock, foot race, tug of war, and other attractions; 4 o'clock, ladies and gentlemen's horseback tournament; 7:30 o'clock, band concert and Fiddler's convention in the opera house.

Friday, October 20th, Old Soldiers' Day. 10 a. m., convening of the old soldiers in the opera house; 10:30 Veteran song service, led by the McDowell Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy; 10:45, address to Veterans and Daughters by Mrs. F. M. Williams, State President of N. C. Daughters; 11 o'clock, address to the Veterans by Judge Walter Clark in the court house; 12:15, dinner served by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the Veterans. 2 o'clock, Veteran's and Daughter's parade in decorated automobiles, carriages and buggies, directed by the marshals of the fair; 3 o'clock, races, band concert, live stock exhibit; 4 o'clock, second day's horseback tournament; 7:30 o'clock, band concert and Fiddler's Convention and selections by the Merrimac Male Quartette.

Saturday, October 21st, Educational and Ladies Day. 9:30 o'clock last and complete inspection of all exhibits in each department; 10 o'clock, musical program in the court house; 10:30, addresses by Governor W. W. Kitchin, Prof. M. C. S. Noble and others in the court house; 1:30 o'clock, grand parade of school children, automobiles, carriages and buggies, led by Governor Kitchin and managed by the marshals in regalia; 3 o'clock, closing tournament and attractions, announcement of premiums and prizes.

A feature of interest to parents during fair week will be the baby show at Gaston & Tate's store at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, October 19.

Served Them Right.

Monroe Enquirer.

A real nice looking young fellow came through here a few days ago offering a year's subscription to the Saturday Evening Post, the Ladies' Home Journal or the Illustrated Monthly Magazine and eighteen pieces of fine Chinaware for one dollar. Several of our citizens bit, handed out their dollar and the agent went his way happy and rejoicing. The ones who "subscribed" would like to have a word or two with that agent.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting of County Teachers Here Saturday Was Enthusiastic and Well Attended.

The members of the McDowell County Teachers Association assembled in the graded school building at Marion on Saturday, September 30. The meeting was very enthusiastic and well attended. The morning session opened by singing our favorite national hymn—the song of which we never tire—"America". Music was furnished by Mrs. D. F. Giles, after which was the calling of the roll. There were fifty-nine members present, besides a number of visitors who manifested much interest in educational works.

Various business matters were next attended to, such as taking the subscriptions for the Educational Journal, making announcements, laying plans for the school exhibit at the fair, etc.

Following this was a brief but helpful lecture delivered to the members by one of our state's greatest leading educators and also president of the association, Supt. D. F. Giles. This proved indeed a very interesting part of the program, for we are always ready and glad of an opportunity to listen to and be advised by one who is so competent and ably qualified to lead in this educational movement, and who has done so much in promoting the advancement of education in McDowell county.

Next on the program was an address delivered by State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, Prof. Broggins. His subject being based on the prevailing standard in the public schools made it all the more interesting. Many helpful hints were without doubt gleaned from his eloquent address and the members feel fortunate in being able to secure such men as Mr. Broggins to aid in this line of work.

The members were now glad to listen attentively to Miss Ada Brown, who so ably discussed the Cross program or the advantages of a properly arranged daily program. Miss Brown is one of McDowell county's most successful and distinguished teachers, and a great many suggestions were made by her which most assuredly can not fail to be beneficial to a number who will only practice them.

Next came the reports of the condition of each school in the county where schools are now in session or have been taught during this school year. These reports were made by the teachers of their respective districts, and we are glad to state that without any exceptions these reports all proved favorable.

After spending a few minutes in listening to Prof. I. C. Griffin, superintendent of the Marion Graded Schools, who also gave some very helpful suggestions and whose brief lecture proved of as much importance as any of the above mentioned, the assembly adjourned until the afternoon session.

The program of this session was equally as good as the one rendered in the forenoon. The most striking feature of the afternoon program was the discussion of the professional vs the unprofessional teacher by Prof. I. C. Griffin, who

THE S. S. MOVEMENT

Sunday School Workers Interested in County Convention to be Held in Marion October 12-13.

When Robt. Raikes began his Sunday School in Gloucester, England, in 1680, little idea did he have of its spreading into one of the biggest and greatest institutions in the world. From a small beginning the Sunday School has developed into a World Wide Idea and the Modern Sunday School Movement is one of the marvels of the age. So systemized is its work that the thing that is good for a Sunday School numbering thousands, as there are in many of our large cities, can be applied with equal result in the smallest school in any township. In the County Convention to be held in Marion on Oct 12th and 13th all phases of the Organized Sunday School work will be presented and discussed by the Sunday School workers in attendance, and as the Convention is an interdenominational meeting, it is expected that delegates from all the denominations of all the schools in our county will be present.

One of the features of the Convention will be the open Conference on the Organized Sunday School Work and the Conference on The Management of a Sunday School, and as people always like to ask questions and advance their own ideas of the management of things, it has been thought wise to have the delegates participate in these Round Tables, for then they will feel as though they were really a part of the Convention, and that is the idea the cooperating committee, having in charge the gathering, is desirous of creating in their minds.

The workers here are expecting good and lasting results from the gathering and are preparing for it with a deal of interest.

did justice to the subject. After this the assembly divided into two bodies, the primary teachers occupying a separate room from those who were principals of schools, and each department discussed such matters as pertained to the best interests of their work.

Another very important part of the program and one that is worthy of mention was the discussion by Miss Nan Guy on how to teach Latin and Algebra. Much honor is due Miss Guy for the skillful way in which she had prepared and presented this subject. Prof. I. C. Griffin gave some hints on how to teach reading, after which the assembly adjourned. Each member seemed to be aroused to a sense of interest.

The next meeting of the Association will convene in Marion November 5, 1911, and while the program of this meeting was carried out successfully and proved very, very interesting and beneficial to each and every member present, can we not make our next meeting more helpful? Let's endeavor to do so and ever strive to uphold and push forward the cause and educational advancement in our own county and state.

FLORENCE HUNTER, Sec'y.

There is something in the shake of the hand and the manner of speaking that tells whether or not there is a warm sympathetic heart back of it.

A FEARFUL TRAGEDY

Great Dam Gives Way and Hundreds Perish in Mad Rush of Waters.

Austin, Pa., Sept. 30.—Austin, a town of 3,200 residents, in the northern part of the state, was swept out of existence today and more than 800 of its people were killed by a flood which followed the breaking of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company's dam a mile and a half north of the town. Almost 500,000,000 gallons of water rushed over the place in a wall ten feet high, wrecking every structure in its path.

In Austin the bursting of scores of natural gas mains as the buildings were swept away added fire to the general horror of the flood and hundreds of those imprisoned in the wreckage were burned to death.

The contents of the great dam, which was filled to overflowing by heavy rains of two weeks, swept through a natural gorge in which the towns of Austin and Costello were situated. While many of the residents of Austin escaped to the hills bordering each side of the town, the warning given by the blasts of the Bayless mill whistles was too brief for hundreds of others.

PARALLELED JOINTOWN HORROR.

The catastrophe paralleled in many respects the destruction by flood of Johnstown, Pa., in 1889, in which over 8,000 lives were lost.

The extent of the loss of life and the destruction of property cannot be known for several days. The property loss will surely be several million dollars.

Within an hour of the first general knowledge of the calamity, special trains bearing physicians, nurses and food supplies were on the way to the scene. Hundreds of automobiles bearing rescuers also toiled over the rough and tortuous mountain roads to lend aid.

The food supplies of the town were destroyed, and immediate aid to survivors was urgent. Hundreds of those who escaped were seriously injured in the collapse of their homes and the panic of the rush for safety.

Many persons, crushed and helpless in the wrecks of buildings only partly destroyed by the water, were consumed in the flames. Their shrieks could be heard by the helpless ones who, awakened from their sleep, and paralyzed by the scenes about them, endeavored to save a life here and there, where it seemed possible. But they were driven back by the deadly fumes of the gas or the heat of the flames and half an hour after the flood had passed, they stood from the hill side, pitiful in their inability to do anything but bemoan the fate of their friends.

DEATH LIST GREATLY REDUCED.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 1.—As the work of recovering the bodies of the victims of yesterday's flood progresses, it is apparent that the figures sent out last night were greatly exaggerated in the excitement following the bursting of the dam. It is now estimated that the death list will not exceed 350 and may go as low as 150.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar McCall, September 30, a son.