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PLAN FOR NEW RAILROAD

Asheville Men Working for Another Railroad to Connect with C. C. & O. in Vicinity of Marion.

Asheville, Aug. 17—That prominent business men of Asheville are figuring on the organization of a "railroad club" to be composed of fifty members and to work unceasingly for another railroad to Asheville, was the statement made by a business man of this city yesterday. This gentleman stated that the details of the club had not been perfected, but he assured a reporter that the club would be formed and announcement made in the near future.

The proposed route of the road, he declares, has been carefully mapped out, and would embrace a wonderful route, at the same time high above any flood troubles of the future. It would connect with the C. C. and O. Railroad somewhere in the neighborhood of Marion, and would supply Asheville with competitive freight and passenger rates.

The idea is that Buncombe, Yancey and Mitchell Counties could each be induced to vote bonds for such a road, and it is believed that the C. C. and O. railroad would co-operate in such a venture. There are more apples wasted in Yancey County every year than are grown in Rhode Island, it is pointed out, and all these apples and other farm products now wasted would be sold at a profit with transportation facilities at hand.

That the club is no idle dream is evidenced by the statistics and figures already available, which show the most careful study of the proposition, and the giving of considerable thought and money to the enterprise. It is believed that there is a need for such a road, and a confident undercurrent of belief that it will eventually be built.

Institutes Coming.

It is not long before September 7 and 8, dates on which farmers' institutes will be held at Glenwood and Ashford, and it is well to emphasize the importance of these meetings now. In McDowell great progress has been made in farming and improvements have been made in the homes, but we must bring the general average up to a high standard if we expect to make development of a lasting sort. It is essential that conditions for all should improve if the whole community or state is to go forward; a part of the people cannot remain backward without hindering the progress of all.

Mr. T. B. Parker emphasizes the importance of the institutes for women. The department is endeavoring to help the women folks, and from all reports they have been aided in their work.

The discussions and practical lessons at these institutes are of incalcuable benefit to every one. Interesting programs are promised for the above dates and it is hoped to have a large crowd at each place.

Presiden Wilson will be formally notified of his nomination for re-election to the presidency September 2. The notification ceremonies will take place at Long Beach, N. J., and the notification address will be made by Senator James of Kentucky.

Marion Young Woman Weds Roanoke Doctor.

The following will be of interest to friends here:

"Richmond Va., Aug. 16.—A pretty hospital romance reached its climax when Dr. Paul Davis, a young physician of Roanoke and Miss Annie Estelle Nichols, of Marion, N. C.. were married here this afternoon by the Rev. J. Y. Downman, of All-Saints Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Davis recently completed a term as Interne in Virginia Hospital and it was while there that he wooed and won Miss Nichols, a nurse in the same institution."

The bride is a niece of Mrs. J. A. Finley of this place and has many friends and acquaintances in Marion who will be interested in the announcement of her marriage. The groom is a son of Dr. John G. Davis, of Roanoke, and is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. They will make their home in Roanoke.

Tent Meeting.

There will be a revival meeting in a big tent on the court house lawn in Marion beginning Sunday, September 3. Services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. Mr. D. Ward Milam, of Atlanta, Ga., will have charge of the music. Prof. Milam is one of the greatest chorus directors in the South. A large choir will be organized.

The pastors of the local churches will be asked to assist in the preaching. It is the purpose of the tent meeting to put the services within easy reach of the entire town and community. We invite all the people without regard to denomination or church preference to attend these services. They will be conducted in the interest of all.

LOY D. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Another Cotton Mill for Marion.

Marion is to have a new cotton mill at an early date, the promoter being Mr. Eugene Cross, formerly of Taylorsville. The capital stock authorized is $150,000 with $60,000 paid in.

The old distillery property in West Marion has been purchased for the location of the plant. Contracts for all the machinery have been placed and the construction work on the plant will begin immediately.

The local stockholders are D. E. Hudgins, Byron Conley, W. W. Guy, J. H. Hemphill, G. S. Kirby and others.

Independent and Progressives Are Turning to Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The independent vote as well as the Progressive vote of the country is drifting rapidly into line for Wilson. Prominent Boston Republicans are organizing a Woodrow Wilson campaign club. A Progressive leader of Brooklyn, Arthur Slesinger, has just announced that he will take the stump for Wilson.

Many independents and Progressives have been holding out to see if Hughes would turn out to their liking, but having seen him in action have become disappointed and are turning over in all parts of the country.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Aug. 21.—Jonas Anderson of Marion died at his home Thursday, August 17, and the remains were brought to Harmony Grove cemetery for interment. Mr. Anderson was a member of the Baptist church for a number of years; he was a true Christian, a kind neighbor and a devoted husband. He leaves to mourn the loss a number of relatives and a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. L. Simmons.

Miss Hessie Simmons is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Michael and little son of Reidsville spent several days here last week with her friend, Miss Hessie Simmons.

The series of meetings at Harmony Grove church closed Sunday.

Miss Zelda Yelton left Friday for Asheville where she will take up work in Kress' millinery store.

Miss Harriet Walton is suffering with a broken leg. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Horace Crawley has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Sallie Gibbs and brother were visitors here Sunday.

The commissioners are having a steel bridge built across North Muddy creek. Its early completion will be hailed with delight as it is badly needed.

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, Aug. 22.—J. H. Tate and children of Marion spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Donnie Cobb has returned to her home in Morganton after spending the past week here with her cousin, Miss Lula Kincaid.

Charlie Hunter is visiting his brother at Glenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler and little son of Marion were the guests of Mrs. G. C. Anthony Sunday.

School opened last Monday at the Tate school house with Miss Nell Gibbs of Garden City as teacher.

E. L. Abernethy of Morganton spent Friday here on business.

Miss Julia Rust and Miss Lou Giles were shopping in Morganton Wednesday.

John Tate and little daughter, Grace, of Marion spent Sunday here.

Miss Tressa Ballew has returned to Marion Junction after spending a few weeks here with homefolks.

Mrs. T. J. Gibbs and daughter, Ola, of Marion are here visiting relatives.

Miss Viola Seals of Fletcher was the guest of the Misses Jarrett last week.

Miss Edna Justice has returned home after spending several weeks in Hickory.

Little Mary Belle Blackburn of Marion is here visiting relatives.

C. B. Kincaid and family will move this week to their newly purchased home near Morganton.

The protracted meeting will begin at the Presbyterian church the first Sunday in September. Rev. Moss will be assisted by Rev. J. C. Story of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Conley near Marion.

Buckwheat Seed for Farmers.

Probably the largest shipment of mail ever received here at one time, was a cargo of 3,000 pounds of buckwheat seed sent here last week by the Federal Government for distribution among the farmers who lost in the floods. While it is rather late in the season for planting this year, farther than a little experiment, County Agent has distributed the seed to farmers that they may be planted this season or taken care of for planting next year. It is said that there is a good market for mountain buckwheat and it is possible that this shipment by the Government may result in a development of this industry on a commercial scale.

President Wilson Vetoes Army Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Aug. 18—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill because of the exemption of court martial for retired army officers forced into it by house conferees led by Representative Hay over the objection of the war department.

Mr. Hay immediately reintroduced the bill minus not only the section to which the president objected but the articles over which the war department protested and the bill will have to be passed again.

National Guard Must Remain on Mexican Border.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The national guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property. Secretary Baker so declared the administration's policy today in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country explaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

British Cruisers Sunk.

London, Aug. 21, 12:24 a. m.—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk Saturday in the North Sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet according to an official announcement by the Admiralty shortly before midnight. One German submarine was destroyed by the British while another was rammed and possibly sunk.

Statement as to Responsibility for Forest Fires.

As attorney for the Clinchfield Railroad in North Carolina, I have been approached by a considerable number of people whose lands were burned in the fire in McDowell and Burke counties which occurred in April. I have informed them that the railroad was making a complete and rigid investigation as to its responsibility for these fires. It must be remembered that the fires occurred in an extremely dry season when fires were raging in every part of McDowell county. While the fires along the railroad were burning, all of us could see fires on the Blue Ridge, on the Blacks to the west, on Mount Ida on the south and on the South Mountains. The Clinchfield Railroad does not dodge its responsibilities, but as the season was so extraordinary and fires were so numerous, it could not accept responsibility for fires alleged to have been put out by its engines until it had actual knowledge that by its negligence the fires occurred.

I have been in consultation with the different departments of the railroad, and the examination makes it seem to the the railroad officials absolutely impossible that it could be responsible for the fires. The railroad had instructed its men to employ men and stop all fires in all sections near its railroad and this it did as to the April fires. It has paid out large sums for the employment of men in fighting fires and possibly this has created an impression that the Clinchfield would assume responsibility on account of the fire. As the investigation shows, we think, the Clinchfield is not responsible, and as I have promised to give a reply to so many who have made demands through me upon the Railroad, some of whom I may not be able to reach otherwise, I am making this statement in the paper.

J. W. PLESS.

The light and power plant is about ready for business again. In fact, it is expected that Marion will have lights tonight.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The annual county fair of Catawba county will be held at Hickory October 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Secretary of War Baker is to speak at a conservation dinner in Greensboro September 7th.

Gov. Craig has appointed R. L. Huffman of Morganton solicitor of the sixteenth district to suceed Thos. M. Newland, deceased.

The first bale of the new crop of North Carolina cotton was sold at Morven, Anson county, Friday, by J. T. Ratliff. It brought 14 cents a pound.

A private dispatch from Berlin, received at Geneva, says the German submarine Deutschland arrived safely yesterday at Bremen from the United States.

Five white men and three negroes were killed and a number of persons are reported missing as the result of a boiler explosion in a manufacturing plant at Jackson, Tennessee.

Five negroes, three men and two women, were taken from the jail at Newberry, Fla., early Saturday and hanged by a mob and another negro was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs near Jonesville, Fla., as the result of the killing Friday of Constable S. G. Wynne and the shooting of Dr. I. G. Harris by Boisey Long, a negro. The negroes were accused of aiding Long to escape. Long was captured later and taken to another point to avoid the mob.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, on the 17th day of July, 1916, it pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Amber F. Arrowood, who lost his life by drowning in the mill pond at Sunburst, N. C., Brother Arrowood being a member of the I. O. O. F., known as the Evergreen Lodge No. 380; and

Whereas, the months of fellowship and brotherhood have bound us by inseparable ties and have welded a regard and affection of indurance and brought us to a realization of his worth and integrity, therefore be it

Resolved, That his sudden removal from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that we all feel and realize. We feel that his influence so freely exerted for the welfare of all will be our inspiration and guide.

Resolved, That our deepest sympathy and condolence be freely tendered to the greatly bereaved family, relatives and friends. We feel the memory of so great a loss and that his noble life among us will help us to strive to emulate his great attributes of loyalty, devotion and truth.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our lodge, in lasting tribute and commemoration, and also a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy to the North Carolina Oddfellow, published at Goldsboro, N. C.

J. E. Hawkins,
L. P. Patterson,
James A. Moore, } Committe

Farmers' Union Meeting Sept. 9.

The regular meeting of the McDowell County Farmers' Union scheduled for Greenlee on the 19th having been postponed on account of flood conditions, notice is hereby given that the next meeting will be held in Marion on Saturday, September 9. The meeting will be held at the court house at 1 o'clock and in addition to routine business delegates will be elected to the State meeting at Raleigh in November.

B. F. CORPENING, Pres.,
C. M. POOL, Secretary.