

The Watauga County Fair.

Probably no occasion in the history of the county, was more thoroughly enjoyed by the people at large than was our first Fair held in Boone on Thursday and Friday of last week. Not only did it promise to be worth so much to the county in coming years. As our readers will know, the Fair this year, was held only one "feeder" to a series which, or not a County Fair, considered on public business lines, for the year 1913 could be made a success, and that question has been answered unanimously in the affirmative.

Early Thursday morning the people began to gather from all parts of the county on foot, in wagons, wagons, hacks, carriages, etc., and by 10 o'clock, the crowd was so large that the streets and sidewalks of the village from the post office to the A. T. S. had almost the appearance of a busy thoroughfare in some great center of trade, and the finest specimens of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, etc., etc., were in evidence everywhere, that cannot be surpassed, in the opinion of many, by any county in the State.

At the time appointed for the formal opening of the Fair, as many of the throng of visitors could possibly wedge themselves into the court house, were there to hear the splendid opening address delivered in a masterly way by Attorney E. S. Coffey, which was followed by short talks from others.

After the addresses, which were much enjoyed by all, the first real contest of the Fair, the Baby Show, came off, of which Miss Stringfellow, of Blowing Rock, was the sole judge. Many mothers were there, bearing in their arms little tots, any of whom, to the casual observer, was entitled to first prize, but the judge, after due deliberation, awarded the prizes to the little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Critcher, of Boone, and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes, of Blowing Rock.

The audience then joined the great concourse of people on the streets, and the Fair was on in all its glory. The stock show and the awarding of prizes to the various winners was first on the program, followed by single and double driving contests which lasted until the noon hour, when a heavy downpour of rain, which lasted for quite a long time, entirely eliminated all the sports on the program, that were to have been directed by Mr. W. W. Stringfellow in the afternoon. On account of the rain the Fair was declared off until Friday morning, and the people dispersed for the remainder of the evening and night.

Friday was education day, but owing to the rain on Thursday, the exhibits of farm and garden products, fruits, flowers, basketry, and handicraft of every kind and beggar description were put on exhibition at the school building on that day. The crowd was larger and the weather more inviting than on Thursday, and by 10 a. m., under the management of Prof. I. G. Greer, more than 500 pupils, representing 14 schools of the county, were in grand parade on the campus at the A. T. S., in review by the great audience, contesting for the premium offered to the school making the best appearance in the parade. It was indeed an inspiring sight to see this great gathering of young people under the leadership of their respective teachers, and was only an index to the great educational work that is now going on in Watauga as well as in every county in our great State under our splendid public school system. After the parade, the auditorium of the main building was packed

to its utmost capacity with the children and others, who were welcomed in a splendid address by County Superintendent B. B. Dougherty, who was responsible in a large measure, for this outpouring of the public school children to our County Fair from all sections of Watauga. The address was followed by a song, "Carolina," rendered by the student body of the A. T. S., the rendition of which was enough to make every North Carolinian proud of his or her native State. Then came a singing contest, directed by N. L. Harrison, Sandy Flat winning first prize on the rendition of "Dixie." After this there was a contest by the various schools on recitations and declamations, Sandy Flat again coming out winner.

After 30 minutes' intermission, the riding contests took place on the turnpike in front of the school campus. The first riders were young girls under 16 years of age, and they all acquitted themselves well. Velma Rivers won first and Fay Greer the second prize. Then the ladies came on the truck, a beautifully mounted and the riding was indeed fascinating, all save one, Miss Emma Shull, riding astride. Miss Jessie Shull was awarded first and Miss Otis Bass second prize. In the boys' contest which followed, Russell Hodges won first and Tracy Council second prize, immediately after which the President of the association, Mr. B. J. Council, formally announced the Fair closed.

A full list of the premiums paid and to whom will appear in these columns as soon as the list is made out and handed in by the Secretary.

NOTES.

One gentleman who has been a fair goer, both State and county, for many years, was heard to say that he had never seen the fancy work exhibited by our ladies equalled, not even at our own State Fair at Raleigh.

Another man was heard to say that he saw the great national fruit exhibit at St. Louis, and notwithstanding the fact that North Carolina apples carried the first prize at that fair, the ones exhibited in Boone were finer than he had ever seen, there or elsewhere.

A prominent stock dealer said to us that there was a large amount of the fine stock of the county not on exhibition here, and urged that we organize at once for a big county fair next year that will draw out all our best stock. He added that Watauga had the material for the best fair of any county in the western part of the State.

No exhibit called forth more praise than the basketry and other handiwork sent in from the Lees-McRae Institute at Banner Elk, in Avery county.

Now, all together, for a long, strong, hard pull for the big Watauga County Fair of 1913.

Governor Kitchin is a man of distinction, but he is distinguished mainly by his futile efforts to read men out of the Democratic party. But in his twelve years of service in Congress he was distinguished for nothing, so far as we can learn. He made the same charges against our beloved candidate for governor, claiming that he was no Democrat. No candidate for Governor in North Carolina was ever abused, vilified, misrepresented and belittled as was Lock Craig by the same man who now, by the same tactics, is endeavoring to destroy this faithful Senator. Lock Craig was nominated by acclamation as a rebuke to the governor. No man in North Carolina ever has or ever will rise to eminence by fomenting strife and causing factional contentions in the Democratic party.

The very charges made against Senator Simmons shows, when properly analyzed, his devotion to his great trust, and his ever readiness to cast his vote in the interest of the farmer.

Watauga is to be able to announce the season to be no longer any reason to doubt that our able and faithful Senator, F. M. Simmons, will be triumphantly re-elected to succeed himself at the coming primary. To be the leader of the Democratic party in the Senate is an honor not often conferred upon a Senator from the South, perhaps not since the days of Nathaniel Macon. Simmons has certainly proved himself to be a great Senator and a warm friend to the great agricultural classes.

A mining expert has for some time been making tests of the sand in the rivers in Burke County for gold and is convinced that much gold could be secured from the bed of the Catawba river with proper machinery. A \$25,000 suction dredge is now operating and results have so far exceeded expectations that the company is considering another dredge.

The puny efforts of a few individuals scattered throughout the state, to impugn the Democracy of Senator Simmons, reminds one of the gentleman who endeavored to pitch straw against a cyclone.

Right You Are, Brother.

The first Watauga County Fair held last week was a big success, exceeding the expectations of all its promoters. The people turned out in large numbers and the exhibits were fine. The display of Cattle, Sheep, Horses and other live stock was especially good, while the Apple exhibit was especially fine. The people of our sister county are thoroughly enthused with the success of their Fair and are determined to make it bigger and better for the years to go by.—Lenoir News.

Mother of Eighteen Children.

"I am the mother of eighteen children and have the praise of doing more work than any young woman in my town," writes Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va. "I suffered for five years with stomach trouble and could not eat as much as a biscuit without suffering. I have taken three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and am now a well woman and weigh 168 pounds. I can eat anything I want to and as much as I want and feel better than I have at any time in years. I refer to any in Boone Mill or vicinity and they will vouch for what I say." Chamberlain's Tablets are for sale by All Dealers.

Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as Administrator of J. F. Salmon, Dec'd., late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 3rd, 1912, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement and payment of the same. This October 3, 1912.

N. A. Salmon, Administratrix.

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M. E. BANNER.
Montezuma, N. C.
8-22-12.

RAIL ROAD ELECTION.

North Carolina, Watauga County.
Before the board of county commissioners of Watauga county.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners of Watauga county held in the court house in the town of Boone, N. C., on Sept. 30, 1912, the following proceedings were had:

E. S. Coffey and F. A. Diney presented to the board of county commissioners a petition, containing the names of one fourth of the freeholders of the county of Watauga petitioning the said board of commissioners to submit the question of subscribing the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the Watauga Railway Company, to a vote of the people of said county in accordance with chapter 411 public law of North Carolina 1905.

After due consideration of the said petition it is ordered by the said board of county commissioners of Watauga county that an election be held at the several voting places in the county of Watauga on Nov. 5, 1912 for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the qualified voters of Watauga county shall favor the county subscribing the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to the Watauga R. R. Co. The officers appointed to hold general election in Watauga county shall conduct the election at the several voting precincts and shall provide a box at each voting precinct in which the ballots shall be deposited, and all those who favor the subscription shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "For Subscription," and those opposed to such subscription shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Against Subscription." The said election for this purpose shall be conducted in the same manner and subject to the same rules and regulation as are provided for the election of county officers by the general election law of the state of North Carolina. That a majority of the qualified voters of the said county of Watauga vote for said subscription the said subscription shall be paid the said Watauga Railway Company by issuing bonds of the said county of Watauga to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, the said bonds to be the corporate coupon bonds of the said county bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum and payable twenty years from date of issue. That said bonds shall be given in exchange for fully paid up and non-assessable stock in the Watauga Railway Company at par value. Fifty thousand dollars of said subscription to be paid when the Watauga Railway company shall complete from North Wilkesboro or Lenoir a standard gauge rail road of not greater than a three per cent grade to the top of the Blue Ridge at or near Cook's Gap in Watauga county, provided the said rail road is so completed to said point within 21 months from Jan. 1, 1913. Twenty five thousand dollars to be paid when the said rail road is so completed to within one mile of the corporate limits of the town of Boone as it existed on the 5 day of March 1905, provided the said road is completed to this point within six months after it is completed to Cook's Gap; Twenty-five thousand dollars to be paid when the said rail road is so completed through the county, provided the same is completed through the county in twenty four months after it is completed to the town of Boone. The subscription to be paid only as the rail road is completed to each of the specified points and if the said company fails to complete the road to any of the above mentioned places within the time specified that part of the subscription is not to be paid to said company. None of the bonds are to bear interest until they are turned over to the company as the road is completed to each point. It is ordered that the secretary of the board make publication in the Watauga Democrat for thirty days of this order and that the Registrars and the several judges of the various precincts in the county be served with notice of this election. The time above specified may be extended by the Board of commissioners a reasonable time for any delay caused by strikes or any unavoidable delay in constructing said road. Done at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Watauga on this 30 day of Sept. 1912. Signed and sealed with the common seal of the Board of Commissioners.

L. A. GRANE

W. F. WINKLER

THOS. L. DAY

W. R. GRAGG
Clerk to Board.

Notice of Administration

Having qualified as Administrators of D. C. Ragan, Dec'd., late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before October 3rd, 1912, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement and payment of the same. This October 3, 1912.

Jont. H. Brown
Lula C. Ragan, Administrators
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Financial Report
OF THE COUNTY TREASURER OF WATAUGA OF
THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance June 30, 1911, brought forward.....	\$825.25
General State and county poll tax.....	2478.00
General property tax.....	5677.68
Fine forfeitures and penalties.....	710.75
Received from W. T. Hayes.....	139.20
Rec'd from \$125,000 appropriation (state).....	843.91
Rec'd from \$100,000.....	1398.39
Rec'd special from state.....	105.85
Rec'd Libraries.....	40.00
Rec'd private donations.....	60.00

Total.....\$12270.03

EXPENDITURES:

Paid co. superintendent.....	115.00
Paid white teachers.....	6207.05
Paid colored teachers.....	240.00
Paid Furniture.....	28.65
Paid Libraries.....	180.00
Paid installment on Loan Fund.....	173.80
Paid on new building.....	576.95
Treasurer's commission.....	152.35
Board of Education.....	72.70
Census.....	23.16
Sheriff's commission releases.....	511.72
Over charges, W. T. Hayes.....	100.00
Error, 1910.....	28.96

Total.....\$410.34

Balance in hands of treasurer.....\$3868.69

Perhaps there are enough outstanding vouchers to use the balance.

Very respectfully,

W. M. THOMAS, Co. Treasurer
T. P. ADAMS, Chm. Bd. Education
J. W. FARTHING
N. HOWELL
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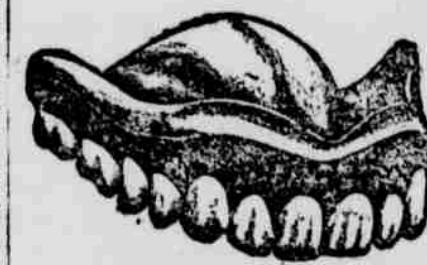
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