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The Atlanta races are over, Cook and Peary have disappeared from view, Taft has finished his swing around the circle. Verily it looks as if news will be scarce.

If you do not believe that the farmers of McDowell county are progressive and that the products they raise would take blue ribbons at any Fair just take a peep in the office of THE PROGRESS.

The controversy between Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries promises to be as interesting as the Cook and Peary racket. There will be something doing when these two men get together and if Johnson wins, well what's the use.

THE PROGRESS has received a neat booklet issued by the Greater Charlotte Club. The advantages of Charlotte are set forth in a neat attractive way and the opportunities offered investors and home-seekers is dwelt upon at length.

Winston-Salem business men will raise ten thousand dollars for improvements to be made in that county on the National Highway from New York to Atlanta. What would McDowell county raise for a highway from Asheville to the sea?

The Spartanburg Herald shows its enterprise by running an excursion over the C. C. & O. to Alta Pass on Thanksgiving day but it shows shortsightedness in not letting the excursionists stop in Marion. However we will hold up the train and take a few off anyway.

A Boost.

The Marion Democrat has changed its name to MARION PROGRESS and last week signalized Marion's progress by issuing an illustrated "Booster Number" of 18 pages, in which the story of Marion's progress, opportunities and possibilities is well told.—Statesville Land-mark.

New Road.

The petitions now being circulated which will be presented to the road commissioners ask that they make the new road to the C. C. & O. station by way of Elhanan. If this road is not built along this route it will greatly inconvenience the three hundred people who will be employed by the cotton mill and the other people who live in that section. It will add nearly a mile to their journey from the mill village to the station.

As He Was and is.

Josh Billings, in New York Weekly. An editor iz a make being whose buzziness it iz to navigate a nuz paper. He writes editorials, grinds out poetry, inserts detials and weddings, sorts out manescripts, keeps a wastebasket; blows the "devil," steals matter, lites other peoples battles and sells liz paper for a dollar a year, takes white beans and apple sas for pay when he can get it, raises a large family, works nineteen hours out of every twenty-four, knows no Sunday, gets damned by everybody and once in a while whipt by somebody, lives poor, dies middle aged and often brokenhearted, leaves no money, iz rewarded for a life of toil with a short free obituary puff in the newspapers.

Booster Number.

The Booster Number of the MARION PROGRESS called forth many complimentary comments from the press of North Carolina and from many people living in this and other territories. The Charlotte Observer says:

"The newspaper which for the last 14 years has been published at Marion, N. C., as the McDowell Democrat, with its last issue changed its name to The Marion Progress. It inaugurated the change by appearing in an eighteen-page edition devoted to the develop-

ment and upbuilding of its town and section. The first issue of The Marion Progress is a highly creditable one, handsomely illustrated with cuts of leading business houses and the handsome homes in and about the town, together with an interesting write-up of the town and county."

We greatly appreciate the following from the News and Observer, of Raleigh,

"The steady and solid growth of Marion is well portrayed in the 'Booster Number' of the Marion Progress, a live and effective town-builder as well as a bright and interesting paper. This 'Booster Number' will be a revelation to those who have not visited Marion in several years. It is growing, has a fine future, and the Progress is leading the way."

We know the interest that former residents of Marion naturally feel in the towns advancement and we hope that a copy of the Booster Edition will fall into their hands so that they will see the progress that Marion has made in recent years. If names and addresses are furnished us we will be glad to mail out free copies of that issue to former Marion and McDowell residents.

Few people consider the work, expense and time it takes to issue an edition of that size. A few facts however may prove interesting. The paper used in this edition weighed nearly one thousand pounds, the forms from which it was printed weighed fifteen hundred pounds. If the paper used in the Booster Edition was placed flat upon the ground it would make a solid strip of paper sixteen and one half inches wide and over ten miles long.

The Limit.

Practically for the first time in the history of automobile races a meet has been held in which no one was killed. Atlanta is the city which can boast of the safest speedway in the world. It is hard for many of our people living in this section who are not familiar with the high power racing car to believe that it is possible to drive a machine at the rate of over one hundred miles per hour. That is what Strang in a two hundred horsepower Fiat did at the Atlanta races. In the two hundred mile race Chevrolet driving a Buick made the distance in the remarkable time of two hours and forty one minutes.

The question that naturally arises in the minds of the people is "When will the limit be reached?" Many thought it was reached several years ago when Barney Oldfield drove his car in the Florida races at over seventy miles per hour. But at every meet new world records are established.

It is but natural to suppose that contests of the future will be between air crafts and not automobiles. A few years ago a person would journey thousands of miles to see a bicycle race. Today there are only a few who will walk around a city block to see a bicycle race.

The next great meeting of the air crafts will be held in the United States owing to Curtiss, an American, winning the International cup at the foreign meet. Already flying machines are being built at a great cost which will enter this contest. In Germany there is being built a balloon which will carry as many passengers as a train and which will travel hundreds of miles without replenishing fuel.

SUMMER RESORT.

Former Marion Man Who Lives at Sumter, S. C. Would Take Stock in Tourist Hotel.

George E. Woods, of Sumter, S. C., has written H. W. Dysart that he noticed, from the Marion Progress of, last week that the question of a summer resort was being agitated here and that he was coming to Marion soon and would be willing to take stock in such an enterprise.

"Mr. Woods owns property here and states that in his communication if Marion is progressing as much as shown by the newspaper here than he may return to this town and go into business. He is a former resident.

Free Paper.

Have you no relatives or friends who are natives of Marion or McDowell county who are now living in a distant city to whom you would like a copy of the Booster number sent to? Give us the names and we will send it free.

To the Democratic Voters of the Tenth Congressional District.

In reply to many inquiries from all parts of the district, asking if I will be a candidate for the Congressional nomination, I take this method of announcing my candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic party. We face a serious situation, and a time when every loyal, true democrat should be faithful to duty, guarding well the best interests of his party, in the selection of a candidate. The nominee should have the full confidence of the people of the district, a clean record, and a thorough knowledge of the district, with experience as an organizer, in order to obtain every available vote we hope to win the race. This fact is evident to every thoughtful man and needs no argument. This is a crucial moment in the life of the Democratic party, no time for experiments; practical reasoning and action must be exercised, if we expect to defeat the enemy. The conditions at this time are such, that in the selection of a man to lead the party in the great battle of 1911, many points of view must be considered; paramount in importance is availability, strength to poll the largest vote, and the capacity to do the most effective work for the district as their representative.

He who measures nearest to this standard is entitled to the support of the voters. I am deeply grateful for the loyal support given me in the past, and to all, I beg to say, if nominated, I will give my best efforts to restore this district to the party of the people. The results of the two Congressional races heretofore made by me, and my record, and work while in Congress, are well known to the democracy of the district, and after due and careful investigation, if your judgment approves my nomination, I will greatly appreciate your influence and support at this time.

Yours truly,

J. M. GIBBONS, JR.

Upbuilding the Town.

If a member of your family died, would you print the resolutions on a billboard?

If your wife entertained, would you send an account of it to the theater program man?

If you were going to enlarge your business, would you advertise it in a hotel register?

If you were going to have a wedding in your family, would you get out a handbill?

You would send such items to a newspaper, wouldn't you?

Then why don't you put your advertisements in a newspaper?

Every man who uses a billboard is adding to nature's faking.

The newspapers build up your town. Why not help build up the newspapers? There is no better advertisement in the world for a town than a good newspaper. A newspaper is the barometer of the town's industry. Show us a good newspaper, full of advertising, and we will show you a good town, full of live merchants.

Billboards are an eyesore, handbills are a nuisance, theater programs are worthless, hotel registers, from an advertising standpoint, are ridiculous.

Newspapers are town builders, town advertisers, fortune makers, news disseminators, sermon deliverers, prosperity forecasters. They are a necessity, not a luxury. They must be maintained. With out them we would retrograde to the mediaeval days.

Don't patronize them from a charitable standpoint. Patronize them because they deliver the goods—that is, if they are the right kind.

Cut out the foolishness and work for the upbuilding of your town and State by upbuilding your newspapers.—Minneapolis Star.

Rural Telephones.

The Asheville Citizen, of Wednesday, tells of the plans being formulated for the consolidation of the telephone systems of Western North Carolina and the establishment of rural telephones in this section of the State. It is also stated that exchanges will be established in all towns on the C. C. & O. road. The following exchanges, the article states, will soon be consolidated: Weaverville, Waynesville, Cherokee and Barnwell Telephone companies.

It is stated that Stromberg and Carlson Supply Company, of Chicago, are the financial promoters of the enterprise.

NEW ROAD.

To C. C. & O. Station May go by Elhanan.

A petition signed by a large number of our citizens will be presented to the road commissioners asking that the road to the new C. C. & O. station be built from Main street, down State street, and by Elhanan to the station.

Surveys have been made of this proposed road and it has been found that it will be one quarter of a mile longer and it is estimated that it can be constructed at one half the cost of the other proposed road.

The town authorities have been working for several weeks on the State street road and when this work is completed the grade from Main street to the railroad crossing will be only about eight percent. The grading on the new road therefore will begin at the end of State street.

A great many of our people who have signed the petitions to see the road run this way think that it is not only the nearest route, but that it will save a large amount of money and will benefit more people.

The three hundred citizens who will be employed by the plant of the Marion Manufacturing Company need and should have a good road to this station so they can reach it to transact their business. The company itself needs it, too. Should it be that the proposed road to the people at the end of one mile further. We believe there will be no trouble in securing the right of way.

This is a matter which should have the careful consideration of the road commissioners.

MAY LOCATE HERE

Booster Edition May be the Means of Bringing New Residents to Marion

Those doubting that a Booster Edition of a home paper does no good should read the following letter. The writers name and address is withheld as we believe that he would care for it to be known just at this time.

"MARION PROGRESS, Marion, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I enclose you a clipping from the News and Observer and a column which seems to be very complimentary of the "Booster Number" of your valuable paper. Find stamps enclosed for a copy of this edition which please send me and oblige.

I have had the pleasure of visiting your growing town recently with a view of locating there and establishing a business and was very much impressed with the prospects.

I will greatly thank you to forward me a copy of this issue of your paper and any additional information you can give me as to the situation that would be in coming to some business establishment casting my lot with you, would be appreciated.

Hoping to hear from you at once, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

The above letter was given immediate attention by the publishers of this paper and was also referred to several other business men of Marion.

CLUB MEETING

Called for Friday Night to Consider Question of Inviting Spartanburg People Spend Thanksgiving in Marion

A meeting of the Manufacturers Club has been called for Friday night to consider the question of sending invitations to Spartanburg people to stop over in Marion on Thanksgiving day when the Spartanburg Herald's excursion over the C. C. & O. is run from that city to Alta Pass.

Several members of the club have suggested that a committee be appointed to go to Spartanburg and come up on the train with the excursionists. It has also been suggested that advertising matter relative to Marion be distributed on the train.

Bridgewater and Muddy Creek News.

Special to Marion Progress: Bridgewater November 14. Sheriff Abernathy visited at Werry Sunday. Ben Seals had a fine row Thursday.

W. Walter Best, who has been visiting his mother here, returned to his work at Jacksonville, Fla. Thursday. He was accompanied by M. L. Hovle, a man who has accepted a position there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of Watauga, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Tate.

There are shakings are about over. All the farmers seem well pleased with their crop as it turned out much better than was expected.

Vance Hunter, Mast Hildebran and Robert Seals visited friends at New Saturday night and Sunday as usual. J. W. Brewer has returned to his home at Winston.

Mrs. A. A. Tate left, Sunday, to visit her mother, Mrs. C. A. McLeod, at Lenoir, N. C.

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J. D. BLANTON

Marion, N. C., Nov. 18, 1909. Mr. J. D. Blanton, Hardware, Furniture and Harness, Marion, N. C. Dear Sir: I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the proposed road to the C. C. & O. station. I am glad to hear that you are interested in this matter and I hope that the road will be built in the way you suggest. I am, Sir, very truly yours, J. M. Gibbons, Jr.

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