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Entrance examinations at each county seat on the 14th of July. B. H. HILL, President, 716-30 West Raleigh, N. C.

## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Interesting Items of News Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

The Boone Democrat says eleven sets of twins have been born in one township in Watauga county since Christmas.

The Southern railway will run an excursion from Washington, Lynchburg and intervening points to Asheville on Saturday, 20th.

J. B. Allison, convicted in Buncombe Superior Court for the murder of Floyd McGhee, was sentenced by Judge Council to die February 24 next.

The wheat and corn mill, planing mill and lumber plant of Mr. J. E. Coulter at Connelly Springs was destroyed by fire last Thursday. The origin of the fire is not yet known. The loss is estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000, with no insurance.

Newton News, 9th: The strangest deed possibly ever made in the county is now on file in the register's office. It conveys a lot near Randy's store to the Pentecostal church, otherwise known as the "Holy Rollers." In addition to the usual provisions, this instrument sets forth the doctrines of these people and gives Scripture references therefor.

Burke county Democrats have named the following ticket: For the Legislature, J. F. Spainhour; for Clerk of the Superior Court, A. C. Avery, Jr.; for Sheriff, E. C. Berry; for Register of Deeds, J. B. Holloway; for Treasurer, S. S. Lane; for Surveyor, J. P. Bumgarner; for Coroner, F. E. Cook; for Commissioners, J. A. Dickson, J. M. Brinkley and F. P. Cook.

Glenn to Stump for Stedman. Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Former Governor R. B. Glenn has written to Major C. M. Stedman, Democratic candidate for Congress from this district, volunteering to stump the district in Major Stedman's behalf in October, says The Greensboro Telegram. Mr. A. Wayland Cook, in behalf of Major Stedman, wrote Governor Glenn thanking him for his generous offer and accepting his services. Among others who have offered their services and whose offers have or will be accepted are Senator Lee S. Overman, former State Senator Whitehead Klutz, Walter Murphy, George H. Hastings, A. W. Graham and Victor S. Bryant.

"Corn King of North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 10.—In the Chincopie section of Duplin county there lives G. B. D. Parker, a prosperous farmer who, his friends say, is entitled to the rank of "corn king" in North Carolina. He has this year 300 acres in corn in addition to cotton, tobacco and other crops, and expects on a conservative estimate, to gather 20,000 bushels of corn from the field. One section, embracing 50 acres seems likely to yield at the rate of 80 bushels to the acre. Corn throughout that region is said to be very fine. Indeed the corn crop all over the state is the finest ever grown.

Hookworm Examinations.

(From Raleigh News and Observer.) Out of 97 children of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage examined, 59 were found to be infested with the hookworm disease, and in the First and Second N. C. Regiments, the percentage of those having hookworms was, respectively, 37-8 and 58.

An examination is soon to be made by Dr. Ferrall of both races in various parts of the state to determine the comparative prevalence of the disease.

## MOREHEAD ELECTED STATE CHAIRMAN

Duncan Withdraws and the Fifth District Congressman is Elected Chairman by Acclamation.

The Republican state convention at Greensboro, named Congressman John Motley Morehead as chairman of the state executive committee by acclamation, the other candidates, Hon. E. Carl Duncan and Maj. J. E. Alexander, having withdrawn from the contest after their names had been placed before the convention. The keynote of the campaign has been the abolition of the former reform system under which the Republican party has been operated with reference to federal appointments, and that idea was emphasized in Mr. Morehead's speech of acceptance.

The convention also endorsed and heartily commended the administration of the retiring state chairman, Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, a ringing resolution of thanks for his faithfulness and fairness and eminent services being unanimously adopted.

The convention was organized for business by the election of Hon. Thos. Settle, of Asheville, as permanent chairman. He received 737 votes to 378 for Hon. E. G. Ewart, of Henderson county, and the election was made unanimous. T. J. Harkins, of Asheville, was elected permanent secretary.

For the office of Chief Justice T. T. Hicks, Judge R. M. Douglas and Judge W. P. Bynum were placed in nomination.

First Ballot: Hicks, 481; Douglas, 357; Bynum, 248.

Judge Bynum's name was withdrawn.

Second ballot: Hicks, 671; Douglas, 420. Hicks' nomination was made unanimous.

For associate justice: Judge R. M. Douglas and Judge E. W. Timberlake were nominated by acclamation. Judge Douglas declined, and Hon. Harry Skinner was nominated in his stead.

For corporation commissioners: James H. White, of Madison, and G. M. Hoover, of Davidson, were nominated by acclamation.

Proposed New Train on Western Road.

Citizens in this section of North Carolina and along the main line and Asheville divisions of the Southern Railway Company are greatly interested in a report that a solid vestibule train is to be operated by the Southern Railway through from Washington to Memphis by way of Salisbury. The report has it that the schedule of the present trains will be so changed that one of the vestibule trains will reach Salisbury from the west in the early morning providing connection for points north. It is said that travel is now greatly crowded on the western lines and that accommodations are not to be had some days on account of the heavy traffic. Express cars are now being run through from Washington to Memphis, being transferred from the main line to the western road at Salisbury.

The editor of this paper took a trip up the western road last week. The trains both ways were "packed and jammed" and from 25 to 40 people had to stand up all the way from Salisbury to Asheville. It was impossible to get a seat in the Pullman. Such a condition should be remedied and the public has a right to reasonable accommodations. The condition above mentioned exists every day, we learn.—Concord Times.

Laurel Hill News.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Price, of Cassett, S. C., visited friends and relatives here last week.

Alney Elliott is in very feeble health.

John Foster and son are on a fishing trip.

E. L. Walker will move to Glenwood to operate a sawmill.

There will be an ice cream supper at the residence of L. L. Walker on Saturday night, Aug. 20th, for the benefit of the Dyartville Baptist church. Everybody invited.

## ASHEVILLE IS CHOSEN

Commissioners Select Mountain City for 1911 Convention—Important Resolutions Adopted.

Charlotte Observer, 12th.

Out of six invitations from cities as far east as Wilmington and as far west as Asheville, the State Association of County Commissioners in final session last Thursday afternoon decided to hold its next meeting in the mountain city. Mr. E. C. Foy of Newborn was elected president for another term although he stoutly protested and went so far as to tender his resignation after the motion had been put and carried by Mr. D. McEachern of New Hanover, but the members would not give an ear to his withdrawal and proceeded with other business. When Mr. McEachern of Wilmington was nominated for vice president several jumped to their feet to second the motion. He was elected unanimously.

The sturdy commissioners, over half-a-hundred strong, representing a majority of the 98 counties in the State, completed the most successful convention held in the life of the association at 4:30 yesterday and left the city for their respective homes. On every hand they uttered praise of the Queen City, Mecklenburg county and the local board of which Mr. W. M. Long is the efficient and popular chairman. These commissioners came here primarily for the discussion of problems that confront them in the administration of the affairs of their counties, for the exchange of ideas and for social intercourse.

In the State there are nearly 500 commissioners and they know, perhaps better than any other men or set of men, the needs of the people because they are fresher from them. What they know about questions was learned in the school of experience and practicality. With a finger on the pulse of the people they feel a need for certain legislation and suggestions were made yesterday on vital subjects which will probably be presented at the next Legislature.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Growing out of a discussion on the first day of the convention about the needed legislation to correct the unfair and unequal valuation of properties, a committee was appointed to make such recommendations as they deemed wise. Messrs. J. F. Womble, N. B. Mills and D. T. Johnson, composing this committee, offered the following at the opening business session yesterday afternoon:

1. We recommend that this convention adopt plans to get our representatives in the Legislature to give us improved laws on the following subjects, adopting such amendments and changes as will allow us to administer the affairs of our counties in a more business-like and economical manner.

2. The matter of assessment of property for taxation.

3. Legislation in regard to petty crimes.

4. Law providing the appointment to an auditor or tax lister in the discretion of the county boards.

5. We recommend that a permanent legislative committee of five be appointed to have charge of all matters of legislation, submit their report at this meeting and furnish a copy of their report to each delegate here and send a copy to each chairman of all the county boards.

6. The attention of the corporation commission be called to the importance of equalizing the values throughout the State.

Embodying several important recommendations, this precipitated a discussion which led to the tabling of a motion to adopt the committee's report. However, the discussion of various phases of questions enlightened the commissioners and proved of considerable value.

Asheville was selected as the

## RAILROAD FOR YANCEY

C., C. & O. Road Planning Route from Boonford to Cane River via Burnsville.

From Asheville Gazette-News.

The outlook for a connecting link between the C., C. & O. railway and Asheville is considerably brighter; it will almost shine if Yancey county votes \$100,000 in bonds to the Black Mountain Railway company. At the meeting of the commissioners last week at Burnsville it was ordered that an election be held September 24 to decide whether Yancey county shall exchange \$100,000 in bonds for a like amount of stock in the Black Mountain railroad, which is proposed to be built from a point near Boonford, Mitchell county, on the C., C. & O. railway, through Burnsville to a point near the Cane River postoffice. The conditions call for the beginning near Boonford, crossing the North Toe river, running thence to the valley of the South Toe, thence down South Toe river to the mouth of Crabtree creek; thence from Crabtree creek to Burnsville; thence west down the valley of the Pine swamp to Cane river, and thence to Cane River postoffice. The line will be about 15 miles in length and is to be completed within a year from the time the bonds are issued. Further conditions require the issue of \$300,000 in bonds when the line is completed and in operation from Boonville to Micaville, \$20,000 when the link from Micaville to Burnsville is operating and the remaining \$50,000 when the road reaches Cane river. The average grade is to be one per cent, in two places a grade of three per cent is permissible.

What most interests Asheville people in this line is that when Cane river is reached, there is only about five miles remaining to be built to reach the Buncombe county line. The company has definitely decided to build, if the bonds are issued, from Boonford to Cane river. It has tentative plans for building the line across into Buncombe, coming to the forks of Ivy, thence down Ivy and across the Leicester section of Buncombe to Canton. Even should the road be built only as far as Cane river, then much of the Yancey part of the proposed extension of the Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad company from Weaverville to connect with the C., C. & O. will have been accomplished. The extension of the line from Weaverville will, therefore, become a somewhat simpler matter, as Mr. Howland has an understanding with the Black Mountain railroad people that he can connect with their line either at the forks of Ivy or Cane river.

Railroad talk, which has always been more or less prolific in this section and so far fruitless, is again holding the public's attention: Transylvania county last week by a majority of 396 voted to subscribe \$100,000 to the capital stock of the Greenville & Knoxville railroad company, which is to build a line from Greenville to Brevard. It is proposed to extend this road through the Pink beds into Haywood county and down the Pigeon river, via Canton to Knoxville. This is the road of which W. H. Patterson of Atlanta is president. Mr. Patterson some months ago outlined a proposition to the Asheville board of trade bringing the line through Asheville, but so far no report has been forthcoming from the committee appointed to investigate the matter.

next meeting place. H. A. Tate, of McDowell handed in an urgent invitation from the Manufacturers Club at Marion for the convention to be held at Marion next year. Invitations also came from Gullford, New Hanover, Iredell, and Buncombe. The executive committee thinking it best to choose a western county recommended Asheville and unanimously it was chosen.

One of the most enjoyable social features during the convention was an automobile ride over Mecklenburg's public roads.

## NEARER HOME.

One sweetly solemn thought Comes to me o'er and o'er; I am nearer home today Than I have ever been before; Nearer my Father's home Where the many mansions be; Nearer the great white throne, Nearer the crystal sea; Nearer the bound of life Where we lay our burdens down; Nearer leaving the cross, Nearer gaining the crown! But lying darkly between, Winding down through the night, Is the silent, unknown stream That leads at last to the light. Closer and closer my steps Come to the dread abyss; Closer death to my life Presses the awful chasm. O if my mortal feet Have almost gained the brink, If it be I am nearer home E'en today than I think, Father, perfect my trust; Let my spirit feel in death That her feet are firmly set On the rock of a living faith. —Phoebus Cary.

Adieu.

I am regret very much to bid my good neighbors and school-masters adieu, but it gives me the greatest of pleasure to return my sincere thanks to you all who have proved to be such noble friends, both in sickness and health. Neither distance nor time will blot your kind deeds from my memory. But under the circumstances I feel it essential to make this change, which at my earliest convenience will be explicable.

Furthermore, if I left owing any one any thing, please write me and the full amount will be forwarded by return mail. Address E. R. BROWN, Army & Navy Gen'l Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark.

He Had No Eye for Color.

There came to the home of a negro in Tennessee an addition to the family in the shape of triplets. The proud father hailed the first man who came along the road and asked him in to see them. The man, who was an Irishman, seemed greatly interested in the infants as he looked them over, lying in a row before him.

"What does yo' think!" asked the parent.

"Waal"—pointing to the one in the middle—"I think I'd save that one."—Everybody's Magazine.

It's easy to love our enemies—after the undertaker gets them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR TREASURER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell county, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention. I am crippled and probably for life, and I am not able to perform manual labor. I promise if nominated and elected to give all of my time to the duties of the office, and will serve all the people with the best of my ability. M. G. POTRAY.

FOR TREASURER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell County subject to the action of the Democratic convention and if nominated and elected will try to serve the people to the best of my ability and conduct the office in a safe business manner. J. D. LECHUYER.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of McDowell County, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention. T. Y. LITTLE. Old Fort, July 5, 1910.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of McDowell County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic convention, promising the people if nominated and elected I will serve them faithfully and elected I will serve them faithfully. Respectfully yours, W. M. GOODSON.

For Register of Deeds.

At the request of voters of various parts of the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Democratic primary or convention. If nominated I will use my best efforts to secure my election, and if elected will strive to faithfully do my duty and fill the office as well as any Register the county has ever had. Aug. 2, 1910. H. L. C. GIBSON.

For Clerk.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of McDowell county, subject to the action of the Democratic convention or primary. THOMAS MORRIS. August 4, 1910.

For Clerk.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court for the county of McDowell. Aug. 6, 1910. J. J. BURTON.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of McDowell county subject to the action of the Democratic convention. F. M. BRADLEY.

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