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## COBB-SWINNEY WEDDING.

Beautiful Home Wedding of Mr. P. D. Cobb and Miss Nelle Swinney.

In its issue of December 27th The Asheville Citizen has the following account of the marriage there of Miss Nelle Swinney to Mr. Perry D. Cobb:

"The wedding of Miss Nelle Swinney, the youngest sister of Mrs. Sinclair, to Mr. Perry D. Cobb, was solemnized Monday afternoon, December 26, at 3 o'clock at the residence of Dr. J. A. Sinclair. It was a quiet home wedding of marked simplicity and beauty. Only the nearest relatives and a few most intimate friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony. The bride is a strikingly handsome girl of the brunette type and has been very popular among Asheville's younger set since her residence here with her sister the past two years. The parlors and library presented a lovely scene, decorated with the Christmas greens of holly and mistletoe. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Fannie Wheeler, the little ring bearer, dressed in a white lingerie frock with white ribbons and slippers, entered the library and slowly marched into the front parlor. Little Miss Edith Sinclair was followed by the bride and groom down an aisle festooned with ropes of green to an arch of mistletoe in the bay window of the front parlor. Under the mistletoe boughs Rev. B. F. Campbell performed the ring ceremony according to the Presbyterian church code. The bride chose the color of her mother's wedding gown for her own going away suit, and was married in a cloth coat suit, the color of which was "ashes-of-roses," wearing a beaver hat, furs and gloves to match. Her only ornament being the groom's bridal gift, a brooch of amethysts and pearls. Following the ceremony a light collation was served, after which the happy young couple left amidst showers of rice for an extended Southern honeymoon. The wedding gifts from the family and intimate friends were unusually handsome and included a chest of silver, a tea service of silver and smaller pieces of silver, also a large number of pieces of cut glass, china and many useful household articles. After January first Mr. and Mrs. Cobb will be at home to their friends at 128 West Chestnut street, where Mr. Cobb had prepared in perfect readiness their new home for occupancy upon their return."

The bride is a sister to Mrs. H. W. Dysart, of Marion, and is quite popular. Their many friends here wish for them much happiness.

### Miss Herron to Wed.

Mrs. Charles Herron announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Rose Mary, to Edmond J. Walsh, of New Orleans. The wedding will be an elaborate church event during the first week in February. Both the young people are very well known in Chattanooga, Mr. Walsh, although now a resident of New Orleans, having formerly resided here. At present he is the representative of the Casey-Hedges company at New Orleans. He was connected with that company for several years while living in this city. The wedding will be celebrated in early morning at the Catholic church of St. Peter and Paul.—Chattanooga Times.

Miss Herron will be pleasantly remembered by friends here, having visited Mrs. A. Hall Johnston during the summer.

### For Rent

Ten-room dwelling with lights, water and bath and all conveniences, on Logan street, now occupied by W. P. Howard. Apply to W. P. Howard.

## BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

Holiday Dance Given by Cotillion Club at the Club Rooms on Last Friday Night.

The Holiday dance given Friday night, December 30th, by the Cotillion Club was the most brilliant of the series of dances given this winter by this club. The large ball room of the Manufacturers' Club was handsomely decorated with Christmas greens of holly, pine and laurel, while festooned around the entire sides and ceiling were garlands of green ivy, and Christmas bells, and large Japanese lanterns which lent a glow of radiant light and made the scene a bower of true Christmas beauty and significance.

Behind a screen of pine boughs The Marion Orchestra played music which made light the hearts, and still lighter the steps of the happy throng.

At nine o'clock the ball was opened with the grand march led by the president of the Cotillion Club, Mr. H. F. Little with Mrs. Little. Some twenty couples participated in the stately march down the ball room where Mrs. Burton and Mrs. M. Blanton presented the ladies and their escorts with favors for the German. These beautiful favors were flower like wands, in pale shades of lavender, pink, blue, and yellow, with rosettes of dainty ribbons to match and were used in many of the new figures of the German. Dancing continued until 12 o'clock with many round dances intermixed with the German.

In the adjoining Club parlor Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Pless, Mrs. Bird and Mrs. M. Blanton presided at the Punch bowl. This was an attractive resort during dance intermissions and delicious punch was served with dainty cakes from a table spread with a handsome lace piece and ornamented with greens and a basket of wrought brass filled with poinsettias.

Among the guests were seen a number of out-of-town visitors with the club members, including the following list: Attorney and Mrs. Coleman of Rutherfordton, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cobb, Miss Murphy and Mr. Wasty of Asheville, Miss Guy of Saunton, Va., Miss Turner of Statesville, Miss Marguerite Link and Mr. Mouser of Hickory, Messrs. Chadwick of Wilmington, Williams of Columbus; Misses Winslow, Pratt, Wait, Giles, Nan Guy, Anna Laurie and Nellie Blanton, Marguerite Grant, Julia Burton, Bruce Landis, Mrs. M. Blanton, Mrs. Roscoe, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. S. Yancey; Messrs. Hemphill, Smith, Edwin and W. W. Guy, W. K. M. Gilkey, L. J. P. Cutlar, Will Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pless, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Winborne, Prof. and Mrs. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dysart, Mr. and Mrs. Howard.

### Vess-Moore.

Miss Bertha Moore and Mr. Oran Vess, both of Old Fort, were married in Marion, Saturday evening, December 24th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Ira Erwin at the Methodist church.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Held Regular Meeting Monday and Made Annual Apportionment—Other Matters.

The County Board of Education was in regular session Monday and Tuesday of this week. All of the members of the Board were present. Besides the routine work of the Board, several important matters were heard.

A petition was presented from the citizens of Districts No. 3, Nebo, No. 6, Dysartville, and No. 3, Higgins, asking for a consolidation, and the erection of a modern school building. This petition was discussed at some length by the Board, and it was finally decided that all the local committeemen of the three districts involved be called together at Nebo on Jan. 27 to discuss this consolidation. The County Supt. was also ordered to be present at this meeting, and the following committee was appointed to advise with the local school committee: Messrs. Crayton Pyatt, J. B. Lawing, J. A. Hensley, Wm. McNeil, and Frank Randolph.

A petition was presented from some of the citizens of Bracketts township, District No. 1, asking for some consideration as to the use of the school-house for public meetings. This petition was referred back to the local committee, and they advised to act under Section 4147 of the School Law.

County Supt., D. F. Giles, was ordered to conduct a six weeks Normal course at Nebo, for the benefit of teachers who are there in the high school department. Mrs. D. F. Giles will give instruction in primary methods and school music. It was ordered that this course begin Jan. 23rd.

The annual apportionment was made by townships, one dollar and fifty cents was apportioned per capita, this being the largest apportionment ever made in McDowell County. The Board hopes and expects that each school in the County will be able to run more than four months this year. In fact, it is expected that all schools will run four and one-half months. This depends somewhat on the amount of money the county will get from the state from the second \$100,000.

District No. 6, Marion township, was consolidated with Districts No. 3 and District No. 5, Marion township, the division being equal. This will make Stroudtown school a better school, and will also make the school at Garden City better. It was ordered by the Board that a new modern school building be erected at Garden City provided the proper arrangements could be made with the committee and citizens of that district.

### Commissioners Meet.

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday and transacted the usual amount of routine work. The finance committee appointed to audit the accounts of the various officers is composed of D. F. Giles, W. W. Neal and T. W. Stacy. Jurors were drawn for the February term of court. The list will be published next week.

St. Elmo is billed to appear at the opera house here February 9.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Reception and Supper Given by the Ladies at The Marianna—Christmas Parties

One of the most enjoyable affairs given during the holiday season was the Reception and Supper given by the ladies on Tuesday evening. From eight to ten o'clock an informal reception was held at the Manufacturers Club. These rooms still wearing their Christmas decorations were most attractive, and after a pleasant social hour here the guests repaired to The Marianna Hotel. The dining room was a scene of beauty; garlands of red from which were suspended green and red bells, drooped gracefully from the ceiling and side walls; on the beautifully appointed tables galax and the gorgeous poinsettia were used with charming effect.

About sixty guests enjoyed a most bountiful supper served in five courses. Mr. J. Q. Gilkey was toastmaster and called on the following gentlemen, each of whom responded in a happy manner: L. L. P. Cutlar, toast to the "New Year"; D. F. Giles to the "Occasion"; W. F. Wood to "Our Town"; J. W. Winborne to "The Marianna"; and J. W. Pless, "Our Sweethearts and Wives." It was nearing the midnight hour when the guests departed, each assuring the hostesses of a pleasant evening.

### Christmas Party.

Quaint invitations were received by a number of friends of Misses Hallie and Pearl Gibbs reading as follows:

"Christmas comes but once a year. Let's make merry while its here. At our home Tuesday night, December 27, 1910."

The spacious rooms of this country home provided ample room for the thirty-two invited guests. All were greeted at the door by Miss Hallie Gibbs, who ushered the younger guests into the parlor while the older ones were invited into the dining room where cheerful log fires furnished a place for the toasting of marshmallows and corn popping. Games and refreshments prepared by the hostess were greatly enjoyed and the crowd truly made merry until a late hour.

Miss Maggie Morris entertained a few friends very pleasantly at her home on Morgan street last Friday night.

### Walker-Stanford.

Thursday afternoon, December 29, at 11:30 o'clock Miss Carrie Stanford and Dr. Walter E. Walker of Graham, N. C., were married at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleming. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Murray, of Graham, and the marriage was a quiet one, only a few relatives and friends being present. One of the guests was Jos. G. Walker, a brother of the groom. Miss Stanford was a teacher in the graded school, she is an estimable young woman and has many friends here. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Asheville. They will make their home in Graham.

C. N. Baber has removed his family to Morganton.

## ATTEMPTS HIS OWN LIFE

Judge Spencer B. Adams Cuts His Throat With A Razor.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 2.—News from Judge Spencer B. Adams at noon is that he is doing fairly well. He attempted suicide last night at 9 o'clock at Keeley Institute, where he was a patient for nervous prostration, slashing his throat with a razor, severing half of the windpipes. He had been despondent for some time, but no one expected suicide. He had recently returned from Florida where his actions excited suspicion and was placed in Keeley. Barring complications, it is thought he will recover.

### W. C. Dowd The Speaker—Other Officers.

The following have been elected officers of the house of representatives for the year 1911:

Speaker—William Carey Dowd, of Mecklenburg.

Principal Clerk—T. G. Cobb, of Burke.

Reading Clerk—G. Scott Poole, of Robeson.

Engrossing Clerk—M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood.

Sergeant-At-Arms—G. L. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms—D. H. James, of Halifax.

Other positions are filled by appointment.

### Death of Mr. Landis.

The death of Mr. John Landis, an uncle of W. E. and John Landis of this place, occurred at his home in Spartanburg, S. C. on Dec. 30th, 1910.

The deceased was about eighty-one years old and was one time a resident of this county.

W. E., John and Clinton Landis attended the funeral on Saturday.

### Corn Crib Burned.

A corn crib on J. P. Ray's farm near town was destroyed by fire last Saturday night together with its contents. The crib contained about 200 bushels of corn and other roughness which belonged to Mr. Ray and his tenant, Charles Padgett. The origin of the fire is not known.

Rev. W. B. Magnan, of St. Louis, Mo., will preach at the Episcopal church next Sunday, both morning and evening. The members of St. John's church are fortunate in securing Mr. Magnan as permanent rector and he will be welcomed as a resident to the town.

E. G. Goforth, of Nealsville, was in town Tuesday.

### "The Merry Widow"

Henry W. Savage's magnificent production, "The Merry Widow", will be presented at the Auditorium, Asheville, next Tuesday night, January 10. It is generally conceded that "The Merry Widow" is the most artistic, daintiest and altogether captivating light opera produced in the last decade. The fact that this is Henry W. Savage attraction is a guarantee in itself that everything will be as represented.

Prices Lower Floor, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Balcony 50c, 75c and \$1.00. All mail orders for tickets should be addressed to J. F. Arnold, Manager Auditorium, Asheville, N. C. Postoffice or Express money order must accompany letter. All orders filed in the order received.