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ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE ELSE THAN PASSAGE OF LOCAL BILLS

Legislature Devoid of Fruitful Results as Regards Measures of State Wide Import.

Special to THE PROGRESS

Raleigh, Mar. 8.—It was agreed to adjourn sine die at 11:30 a. m. this morning. The legislature of 1911 will be noted in the records as a busy one but decidedly fruitless of results as regards measures of state wide import put upon the statute books.

The provision for a new state building to afford relief from the congestion of the state official forces and adequate protection for its records; the wiping out of ni-beer joints; the provision for an establishment to care for feeble-minded persons; to establish a training school for teachers in the western part of the state and to pay Mr. Schenck extra for the 56-step journey he took to start the lighting and ventilation apparatus in the legislature chambers are matters of some moment each in its special way.

The attempts to get the Torrens land title system established; to have a State wide primary law, to have in force a "biting" anti-trust law; to have a state game and fish commission; to tax dogs and raise the license tax on lawyers were uniformly abortive.

A close study of the procedure from day to day would cause the student to almost conclude that there was a "gentlemen's agreement" in force in the Senate among a group sufficiently active and alert to so control affairs as to keep such matters as were apparently demanded by the people-at-large from becoming laws.

However, the laborers were voted an extra 50 cents per diem. So also the pages, and yet further, Washington time is standard and legal now in this state.

The closing hours were enlivened by gift-making, self felicitation, singing, etc.

Hankins School Closing.

Hankins, March 7.—Last Friday was the last day of Hankins graded school and on Saturday evening the school gave a free entertainment which was one of the grandest and most interesting entertainments we ever witnessed here. A large audience filled the house and a pleasing program was rendered. Good speeches were made by the little folks, followed by songs, dialogues, etc. by the fifth and sixth grades. The closing number on the program, "John Brown's Indians," by the third grade boys and led by Miss Jennie Hunter, was indeed a feature of the entertainment.

Prof. Z. C. Camp tendered thanks to both pupils and patrons for their efforts in making the school a success, and was followed by Supt. D. F. Giles, who made a short but interesting talk in behalf of education. Hon. W. T. Morgan was present and delivered an able address dealing with facts concerning the work of education and a higher standard of citizenship.

T. C. Morgan is in Morganton on a business trip.

Mrs. Bertha Larmon, who has been ill for two weeks, is improving slowly.

J. H. Epley tells us that he drove out to Marion last Friday and instead of having to put his shoulder to the load to help the team, he rode all the way. He went the new road.

Quarterly Meeting will be held next Saturday and Sunday at the Methodist church. Come all who will.

HUSTLER.

\$300,000 TIMBER DEAL

The Famous Murchison Boundary in Yancey County Passes Into Hands of Pennsylvania Men.

Asheville, March 8.—The famous Murchison boundary of 12,000 acres of timber lands in Yancey county was sold today by the Murchison Lumber Company, Lewis Carr, Joseph Keys, et als, to Ward F. Brown, of Punxutawney, Pa., for \$300,000.

Less than a year ago the Murchison heirs, of Wilmington, sold the property to Carr and associates for \$200,000. The price today of \$25 per acre is the highest record here for timber lands. Included is the northeastern slope of Mt. Mitchell, the boundary passing near the Elisha Mitchell tomb. The passing of this boundary into hands of operators strengthens the belief that the Black Mountain railroad now under construction in Yancey county, will be built to Asheville, connecting with the C. C. & O.

The Murchisons purchased this land in 1877 for less than \$25,000.

For State Street Improvement.

Contributed.

The chaingang force will move next week to the new road to be opened through the property of the Marion Manufacturing Company, connecting the old Dysartsville road with State street and the road to the C. C. & O. depot. This is an improvement that has been needed for some time, and now that the chaingang is in that section of town, it might be well for us to call the attention of the city council to the fact that there is some work which was started on State street two years ago but never finished, and has been allowed to wash away until the street is now in very bad condition. The street committee and the commissioners should give this matter attention and not let go to waste the work and improvement that has already been done on this street.

There is a large investment of money in the cotton mill plant and in addition a large number of dwelling houses. A number of our own citizens have their money invested there and this company is a very large taxpayer. In fact the cotton mill section is a large and important part of our town and the town officials ought to cooperate with the township road commissioners and build a good street from the town to the cotton mill.

Lumber Outlook.

While it can be said that the lumber industry in western North Carolina has not been featured by any great activity during the last two years, there are signs that it is about to take on new life. The local correspondent of The Manufacturers' Record has read the horizon, and he can see no ground for a continuance of existing conditions. This of course will cause great satisfaction, not only in lumber circles but throughout the western section of the State. It is a generally accepted fact that when the lumber interests of this section are "on the boom" all other lines of industry prosper and the funds turned loose through lumber channels reach every avenue of trade.—Asheville Citizen.

LAUGHRIDGE-BROWN

Mr. Claud E. Laughridge and Miss Katherine Brown Married at Linville Falls, Tuesday.

At the home of Mr. J. W. Brown at Linville Falls station, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, his daughter Miss Katherine M. Brown, was married to Mr. Claude E. Laughridge of Marion.

It was a quiet home wedding; only a few of the closest friends of the bride and groom being present.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Laughridge took the C. C. & O. train for Jacksonville, Florida where they will spend a few days, after which they will return to Bostic, N. C. where they will make their home.

Miss Brown is from one of the best homes in the North Cove section and is very popular wherever she is known. She was dressed in a gray going away suit.

Mr. Laughridge is a son of Sheriff J. A. Laughridge of McDowell county. For two years he has been in the employ of the C. C. & O. Rail Road. He is now chief clerk in the road master's office at Bostic. He is a young man of good business ability and has made good wherever he has worked. He has most friends in Marion where he is known best.

Rev. Edward Long of the Baptist Church of Marion performed the ceremony.

Mr. Laughridge was accompanied to his wedding by his father, Sheriff Laughridge; his sister, Miss Lela Laughridge, W. Lester Morris, James W. Crawford, of Marion, and Mr. J. R. Honeycutt, of Bostic.

Court Adjourns.

The February term of McDowell Superior court adjourned last Friday afternoon. As stated last week, in the case of State vs Vance McCurry the jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. The court sentenced McCurry to six months on the chaingang.

The case of McCurry is a most pathetic one. Fifteen years ago he received a blow on the head, which fractured his skull, twenty-two pieces of the skull being removed, in addition to part of the brain. Since that time he has been subject to epileptic fits, which come on at intervals of from two weeks to one month. He is a married man and has five children. His family are entirely dependent upon him for support. The jury found him technically guilty and could not do otherwise than return a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter."

Recommendations were passed Saturday by the Marion bar, commending Judge Lane for his excellent work as presiding judge. Solicitor Johnston also acquitted himself well as a prosecuting officer.

Concert at Glenwood.

The Brass Band and Orchestra of Round Hill Academy, under the leadership of Professor W. B. Blanton, will render a musical program at the Glenwood School building on March 18. Also some quartets, duets, and solos by local talent. Admission, fifteen cents for children and twenty-five cents for adults. The proceeds will be divided between the band and the two churches at Glenwood.

ACCIDENT AT GREENLEE

Ed. Lavender Jumps from Moving Train and is Badly Injured.

Ed Lavender, a passenger on train No. 21 last Wednesday afternoon and holding a ticket from Marion to Greenlee, leaped from the rear end of the train about 200 yards before it reached the passenger station at Greenlee. The cause of the rash deed is unknown, but it is supposed that he became excited and losing control of himself, temporarily, took the leap. He fell upon the tracks and was badly bruised. His arm was broken above the elbow and his scalp lacerated. He was taken to Old Fort and attended by the company physician, Dr. McIntosh. He was employed at a sawmill and is a married man having two children. He is expected to recover.

Complimentary to Mr. Davis.

The farewell party given J. Robert Davis by his Sunday school class Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. S. F. Wetmur was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people of the town. Mr. Davis has been the efficient prescription clerk at Hunter's Pharmacy several years.

He leaves in a few days to take charge of the Griffin Pharmacy which he purchased several days ago. The new concern will be known as the Davis Pharmacy and is situated in the heart of the town in front of the handsome new Marianna hotel which was completed last year.

Mr. Davis has made many friends while in the town who regret very much to see him leave but wish him success in his new fields.—Hendersonville Hustler.

Mr. Davis and mother and aunt arrived last week and are domiciled in the Greenlee dwelling on Garden street. We welcome them to the city.

Nebo News.

Nebo, Mar. 7.—Miss Carrie Tate, who has been attending the Normal Training Course at Nebo, has returned to her home near Bridgewater.

Miss Nannie McCall spent Saturday and Sunday in Bridgewater as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Giles, who have been conducting the Normal Course here, have returned to their home in Marion.

Misses Mary Greenlee, Vera Corpening, Donnie McGimpsey, Pearl Beck, Ethel Wilson, Fay Conley and Lula Kincaid spent Saturday with homefolks.

Miss Madge Brown has gone to her home in North Cove to attend the wedding of her sister, Katherine, to Claud Laughridge.

Mrs. W. M. Goodson of Marion was the guest of Mrs. G. A. Masters, Friday.

Misses Lillian Lonon, Estelle, Vallie and Essie Wilson were shopping in Marion, Saturday.

Several Marion boys spent Sunday with friends in Nebo.

Prof. James McCall is a frequent visitor in Nebo here of late.

S. E. Whitten made a business trip to Nebo, Friday.

The new depot is now completed and adds much to the appearance of the town.

Miss Lou Giles visited friends and relatives at Linville, Saturday and Sunday.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

Forest fires in the vicinity of New Berne last week resulted in great damage to timber.

The head camp of Jurisdiction "20" Woodmen of the World, comprising the State of North Carolina, meets in Greensboro, March 14 and 15.

James H. Ramsey has been re-appointed postmaster at Salisbury, thus bringing to a termination a contest that has been on for more than a year. The appointment is made out of compliment to Senator Overman.

The Treasury Department has accepted the offer of a site for the public building at Wilkesboro. The site is on corner Main and Church streets, is 120x130 and the price is \$2,000.

Official announcement is made by Congressman J. M. Gudger, jr., that Mr. Owen Gudger, democratic chairman of the tenth congressional district during the last campaign, is appointed his private secretary.

Sugar Hill News.

Sugar Hill, Mar. 6.—Dear readers, I have sad news this week. Old Snowball has passed to the happy beyond. He has crossed the river Jordan Upon a sycamore log; We saw not the hand that met him, Nor the chariot, for the fog. It was a foggy morning. The "grip" layed him low. We hope he is in heaven, And not down below. We thought it was lagrippe That made him get slow; It was Death's grip, Who had come for him to go. The neighborhood doctors, Which includes both sexes, Couldn't give him medicine For the length of his neck. I'll not say much about him, Nor anything very wrong; We'll remember him in our prayers As often as in song. So much for him. Now I will introduce myself. Well, I'm just plain "Cy" or "St" and my surname is Cyclone. If any one wants to know my father or grandfather's Christian, I will tell them, then they can guess at mine. News is scarce because most everybody is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. F. Jones of Marion is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crawford, who have been confined to their rooms for some time.

Miss Lizzie Wilson is spending the week at the home of T. W. Wilson at Nealsville.

G. B. Morris of Newport News, Va., and mother, Mrs. Lee Morris of Union Mills, were very pleasant visitors last week.

Rev. J. E. Womack failed to fill his appointment at Pleasant Grove the first Sunday on account of sickness.

CYCLONE.

The article on the seventh page of this issue telling how to treat the San Jose will be of interest to farmers and fruit growers. Those who succeed in the fruit growing business must study the best methods of combating diseases common to trees.

Experts from Holland are introducing the diamond cutting and polishing business in New York. This may make the gems a bit cheaper. Americans buy every year in Amsterdam alone \$10,000,000 in polished diamonds and only \$500,000 in rough stone.

Liberty is not the right to do as we please but the right to do right.