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## ROBBERS DYNAMITE C. C. & O. STATION

Windows Shattered and Safe  
Demolished and Robbed

## FIERCE BATTLE AT OLD FORT

Mashburn and Connor Wounded  
While Attempting to Arrest  
Suspicious Character.

The station of the C. C. & O. railway at Marion Junction was dynamited last Sunday night about 1:15 a. m. by some unknown parties, and the safe, the windows, and the entire building was wrecked. Only a small amount of money was received, as the agent had removed all the money but two checks and some small change. The work was done evidently by inexperienced men, as too much explosive was used. The burglars left no clew, but the place was securely guarded until the blood hounds were brought from the convict camp; but they failed to locate the trail.

Since this occurrence all suspicious characters along the railway lines have been arrested and searched for clews. One is still being held in the jail here for further information. Monday night about ten o'clock three men were reported walking along the railroad west of Marion. Immediately Sheriff Laughridge and Chief Finley set out in pursuit. They boarded a passing freight train, instructing the engineer to stop his train should he discover the three men along the track. The train was stopped at the 107 mile post and the Sheriff and the Chief both jumped from the train and immediately saw the three men close by. Upon the command to halt, the men threw up their hands and submitted to a careful search. Nothing of an incriminating nature was found upon their person, and since they gave a satisfactory account of their presence here they were set free.

The officers at Old Fort had been notified to search all passing trains. About the time the above mentioned freight was due at Old Fort, Chief Mauney and ex-Sheriff Mashburn, with two citizens, started to the station. On the way they met an unknown white man who, upon being halted, began to fire upon the officers at short range. The fire was returned by the officers and a regular battle followed, in which ex-Sheriff Mashburn was shot in the ankle and Mr. Connor in the shoulder. When Chief Mauney had emptied his gun he began throwing rocks at the man, but he held his ground until he had emptied the chambers of two pistols at officials. Then he escaped into the mountains, followed by nearly all the men in Old Fort. At this writing no trace of his whereabouts has been discovered, though parties have been organized and the surrounding mountains carefully searched.

It is not believed that the desperado had anything to do with the dynamiting of the C. C. & O. station, but it is very certain that he is an escaped criminal. Only the uncertain light of the moon prevented a more disastrous result of the battle.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

County Board of Education Names  
Committeemen for McDowell  
County Schools.

At the regular meeting of the county board of education Monday, July 3, school committeemen for the school districts in the county were selected for the coming year as follows:

MARION TOWNSHIP  
District No. 1—Graded School.  
District No. 2—B. F. Corpening, G. P. Poteet, John England.  
District No. 3—S. L. Dobbins, George Poteat, Charles Carson.  
District No. 5—J. E. Jimison, J. G. Patton, George Carson.  
District No. 7—F. A. Hall, John Stroud, Henry Gibson.  
District No. 8—H. L. Lytle, Mr. Frye, Arthur McCall.  
District No. 9—R. D. Barnes, James Hemphill, J. H. Epley.  
District No. 10—G. C. Conley, Daniel Lucas, J. M. Brown.  
District No. 11—S. P. Curtis, D. E. Snipes, Tom Gowan.  
District No. 12—J. P. Padgett, G. W. Johnston, W. I. McMahan.

OLD FORT  
District No. 1—Hugh A. Tate, George Dobson, W. R. McCoy.  
District No. 2—A. L. Hicks, L. J. Allison, Ben Tisdale.  
District No. 3—Graded School.  
District No. 4—A. L. Beach, Charles Kelly, George Carver.  
District No. 5—J. N. Bartlett, Sid Quinn, Dr. F. W. Ihne, W. L. Quinn, W. R. Allison.  
District No. 6—Wiley Morris, C. C. Lindley, Stacey Kelly.  
District No. 7—Jasper Souther, Tom Porter, G. F. Miller.

NORTH COVE  
District 1—Jasper Hollifield, Fred Burnett, Elridge Hollifield.  
District No. 2—Frank Suttles, Sam Good.  
District No. 3—Will Gouge, John Lowry, John Buchanan.  
District No. 4—Elwood Mace, Joe Washburn, Jasper Williams.  
District No. 7—Joe Conley, Ed. English, Suel Brown.

MONTFORDS COVE  
District No. 1—John Bird, B. W. Harris, G. M. Harris.  
District No. 2—Will Wilson, R. P. Morris, A. W. Hogan.  
District No. 3—John Lail, Rassey Burgin, George Morgan.  
District No. 4—J. W. Mathes, Risco Reel, Vance Lawing.

NEBO  
District No. 1—J. K. Stacy, T. W. Stacy, J. J. Lewis.  
District No. 2—W. A. Conley, A. D. Erwin, H. G. Arrowood.  
District No. 3—D. W. Dobson, J. W. Holland, Frank Randolph.

BROAD RIVER  
District No. 1—W. H. Grant, B. C. Marlow, C. J. Lytle.  
District No. 2—J. Ledbetter, J. N. Dobson, C. J. Owensby.  
District No. 3—I. V. Stroud, J. I. Nanney, W. R. Garrison.  
District No. 4—W. H. Morris, M. A. Burgess, W. L. White.  
District No. 5—B. L. Nanney, W. H. Hudgins, J. A. Taylor.

CROOKED CREEK  
District No. 1—J. L. Bird, H. J. Burgin, H. M. Croom.  
District No. 2—A. W. Gilliam, J. H. Vess, Lonnie Burgin.  
District No. 3—A. B. Halford, James Gibson, J. I. Banning.

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## SOUTHERN RAILWAY GOOD ROADS TRAIN

At Marion Next Monday—Two Government Road Engineers Accompany Train and Will Answer All Questions

The citizens of this section will be given a fine opportunity to learn about the importance of good roads and the best methods of building and keeping them in repair, when the "road improvement train," being operated by the Southern railway and affiliated lines, working in conjunction with the United States office of public roads, visits Marion on Monday, July 17, at 2 p. m.

The train consists of lecture and demonstration coaches equipped with a stereopticon, exhibits and working models, and is accompanied by Messrs. D. H. Winslow and W. N. Fairbanks, two government road engineers, who from wide experiences are qualified to give the most valuable information on good roads building. W. J. Hurlbut, of the land and industrial department of the Southern railway, goes with the train.

It is the object of the "road improvement train" to not only stimulate interest in the good roads movement but to give practical instruction in the building of roads and their repair. President Finley, of the Southern railway, is an ardent good roads advocate and realizing the vast economic importance of a system of improved highways to the people of the South, made it possible to have this "good roads school on wheels" visit all the territory served by the Southern railway and allied lines in order that the people might have the opportunity to receive the information as to the improvement of roads which it affords.

The Southern railway, at great expense, is handling this train without charge to the government or the people, and all the lectures and demonstrations are free. The lectures and exhibits are bound to prove helpful to all interested in good roads and the experts will be ready to answer all questions whose solution may be puzzling the individuals as to how best to improve his road.

The working models will be shown in actual operation, the motive power being furnished by a gasoline engine installed for the purpose, and with these the experts are enabled to explain what materials make the best roads and how they are made and repaired at the smallest necessary cost.

Those in charge of the train extend a cordial invitation to the people of this community to attend the exhibition. All county officials and road supervisors are asked to take part and the ladies will be especially welcome.

The board of directions of the Western North Carolina Fair association held a meeting in Asheville last week and decided to hold the fair from October 24 to 27, provided these dates do not conflict with the Haywood, Jackson and McDowell counties fairs.

The experts are estimating that the cotton crop this year will be the largest in the history of the country—fourteen and a half million bales.

## McDOWELL TEACHERS

Who They Are and Districts to Which They Have Been Assigned for Year.

The McDowell County Teachers' Association was in session in Marion Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The examinations were given during the three days, and certificates issued. The remainder of the time was devoted to discussions of such questions as will be helpful to the teachers when they begin their work in the respective districts. The meeting was possibly the most enthusiastic and well attended ever held in McDowell county for the length of time.

State Supervisor J. A. Biveus was with us for one day, and delivered two most splendid addresses to the teachers.

The following teachers were assigned to work in the different districts for the coming year:

MARION TOWNSHIP  
District No. 1—Marion Graded School.  
District No. 2—Miss Florence Hunter, Mrs. Charles Stepp.  
District No. 3—Cordelia Camp, Miss Carrie Tate.  
District No. 5—Julius Parker, Miss May McCoy, Miss Effie Gibson.  
District No. 7—William Nanney.  
District No. 8—Teachers to be selected.  
District No. 9—D. W. Crawford, Miss Eddie Young.  
District No. 10—Miss Effie Lynch, Miss Lurline Hicks.  
District No. 11—Miss Maude Elliott.  
District No. 12—Charles Poteat.

OLD FORT  
District No. 1—A. T. Ledbetter, Misses Mary Burgin, Della Williams.  
District No. 4—Miss Margaret Stepp.  
District No. 5—Ged Giles, Miss Pearl Beck.

CROOKED CREEK  
District No. 1—Winter school.  
District No. 2—Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Stepp.

BROAD RIVER  
District No. 1—Miss Pearl Ledbetter.  
District No. 2—Miss Maggie Bird.  
District No. 3—F. A. Hall.  
District No. 4—Miss Lizzie Croom.  
District No. 5—Ben Horton.

BRACKETTS  
District No. 1—Miss Ada Brown.  
District No. 2—Miss Pearl Williams.

DYSARTSVILLE  
District No. 1—Winter school.  
District No. 2—G. D. Taylor.  
District No. 3—Miss Olen Yelton.  
District No. 4—Miss Maggie Goforth.  
District No. 5—Alonzo Davis.  
District No. 6—Miss Vera Corpening.

NEBO  
District No. 1—Miss Cordelia Camp.  
District No. 2—Nebo High School.  
District No. 3—J. A. Gettys.

MONTFORDS  
District No. 1—Winter school.  
District No. 2—Jimmie Hunter, Miss Grace Finley.

NORTH COVE  
District No. 1—Z. C. Camp.  
District No. 2—Teachers to be selected.  
District No. 3—Edwin Corpening.  
District No. 4—Edgar Kanipe.  
District No. 5—Miss Ola Giles.  
District No. 6—E. H. Morgan, Miss Mary Greenlee.

District No. 7—Miss Louise Brown, Miss Lula Kincaid.

A lady in Accomac county, Virginia, has a servant who has been with her forty-six years. Hats off to that mistress and that servant.

## SAUL REPLIES TO DAVID

A Tender Spot Touched in David's Reference to Last Years of the Civil War.

Dear Mr. Editor and readers of THE PROGRESS:

In last week's PROGRESS we saw a comment on the "Glorious Fourth" in which the writer drew the Fourth of July orator "over the coals" and condemned his "singular and almost pathetic optimism" in regard to our social and economic conditions. He seemed to be in a mood to criticize every thing from the way our women dress to the creeds of our denominations, most of which I for one readily agree, but our friend David touched a tender spot in the last paragraph of his article when he said the South should be ashamed of the part she bore in that "four years of hell" known in history as the Civil War.

Now I don't know who this fellow David is but unless he is a Yankee I cannot figure out where he stays, where he was born, or where he expects to live, and what his religion and politics are (if he has any). If he is a Southerner he certainly should be proud of the place the South holds, not only in the history of this nation but in the history of the world. Who is it, born in Dixie's sunny land where every heart is as warm as the Southern sun and every home is a temple of love, can fail to realize that the man who bore arms in the lost cause were peers of the proudest that ever marched under any banner or illustrated the annals of any land? Are the old Confederate veterans who stand among us, so few in number, with amputated arm or leg like solitary oaks in a fallen forest, to be denounced as unworthy of trust and devoid of honor because their voice once sounded in the charge of Stuart and Forest's invincible battalions? Are the men who meet every year on old battlefields to renew the old camp associations and sing again those old songs chanted during the pauses of the battle on the hills of old Virginia, to be stigmatized, as disloyal because their heart beats with a quickened pulsation when they hear again the strains of Dixie? If so, they will die disloyal men.

Are the dear old grandmothers to be denounced as rebellious because they tell our children the true stories of bravery and courage which make the history of the South brighter and more glorious than the wildest dreams of fancy that were ever woven into fiction. If so, they too will die as they have lived—Rebels.

As I have already said, if David is a Yankee we can forgive him for we can see why a Yankee with the prejudices of his people for many generations having been brought to bear upon him can have such views, but if he is a Southerner we cannot forgive him or begin to understand why he should ever raise his voice against a section which being outraged by another had the manhood and courage to rebel.

I would not presume to dictate to Brother David, but would suggest if he has any more such stuff as the last of his article he had better send it to some Yankee journal.

Sincerely,  
SAUL.