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TAY LEVY FOR COUNTY

Commissioners Fix Levy for 1911 at Decrease of 21 Cents—Jury for September

Chief among matters of interest before the county commissioners in their regular sessions this week were the fixing of the tax levy for 1911. The levy for the county, with the exception of the special school districts and Marion township, was fixed at \$1.00, a decrease of twenty-one cents. In Marion township the levy is \$1.25, a decrease of twenty-one cents. The levy for school purposes was increased from 19 to 20 cents, as required by the recently enacted State law.

The commissioners ordered that C. C. Melton be allowed \$27.50 for damages to his land on account of a public road.

Chairman H. A. Tate was appointed a delegate to represent McDowell at the State Association of County Commissioners to be held in Asheville August 16th.

Jurors for the September term of Superior court were drawn as follows:

First week—W. E. Raburn, W. N. Ledbetter, R. A. Lawing, J. H. Gilliam, W. W. Owens, J. L. Nichols, T. B. Ledbetter, J. Q. Blackburn, C. L. Lytle, J. W. Grayson, R. N. Ellis, J. D. Blanton, D. C. Denton, J. H. L. Miller, G. G. Morgan, Wm. Wilson, H. B. Crawley, A. L. Cowan, W. R. McGee, J. L. Bird, W. H. Taylor, R. L. Bowman, Davis Bright, S. A. Poteet, W. C. Morris, Ivey Pyatt, A. L. Hicks, J. C. Conley, R. W. Tate, Curtis Tate, B. W. Harris, D. C. Brown, W. C. McCall, J. P. Wilkerson, W. E. Landis, L. J. P. Cutlar.

Second week—M. F. Tate, Jas. M. Gibson, J. D. Laughridge, J. M. Hensley, G. W. McCurry, J. B. Bird, T. L. Pendergrass, W. K. M. Gilkey, T. C. McPeeters, T. F. Wrenn, S. W. Davenport, G. M. Carson, E. W. Neil, Caleb Gibbs, G. W. Bradley, J. M. Tate, T. E. Satterwhite, W. J. English.

Letter From Georgia.

To the Editor of THE PROGRESS:

Toccoa, Ga., Aug. 4.—Will you allow me a little space in your good paper?

I have been here in northwest Georgia about one year, and I find it to be a healthy place, good water and good people. Also a good country to raise most anything you want to plant—corn, cotton, oats, sweet potatoes and peanuts. Irish potatoes, however, don't do so well.

This is a great peach growing part of the country, hundreds of acres of land in peach orchards. The late cold in the spring killed most all the fruit this year.

This is also a great summer resort with fine scenery. Toccoa Falls is grand, water falling 186 feet. We have fresh air most all the time. Toccoa is a small town of about 4,000 people. Old farmers tell me they never saw cotton as large and looking as fine at this time of year, and if nothing happens to it farmers will have to employ extra pickers.

Wishing the PROGRESS good success.
L. B. ELLIOTT.

Come to the farmers' institute next Thursday.

PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTES

The Subjects Which Will be Discussed at the Farmers' Institute at Marion.

As advertised, institutes for farmers and their wives and daughters will be held at Marion, Thursday, August 17th. The program for the institutes is as follows:

FOR THE FARMERS.
Morning session, 10:00.
Soil Improvement—T. J. W. Broome.

General Discussion.
Afternoon session, 1:30.

Corn Culture—J. T. W. Broome.

Care and Feeding of Farm Work Stock—Dr. G. A. Roberts.

Opening of Question Box and General Discussion.

Boys' Corn Club Contest Explained.

Appointment of Committees.

FOR THE LADIES.
Morning session, 10:00.

System in the Work of the Home—Miss Minnie L. Jamison.

Our Boys and Girls of the Country—Miss Lucie T. Webb.

General Discussion.
Afternoon session, 1:30.

Breads, Bread-making, Canning, etc.—Miss Jamison.

The Country Home; Milk and Butter on the Farm—Miss Webb.

Opening of Question Box and Discussion.

Appointment of Committees.

PRIZES TO BE GIVEN.

As these institutes are strictly for farmers and their wives and daughters, none but strictly farm questions and home topics will be debated. Hence every farm within reach of the institutes should be represented by the farmer or his wife or daughter.

Each should take a note book and pencil and make notes of ideas suggested.

To stimulate interest, a prize of \$1 will be given for the best five ears of corn exhibited, and a prize of \$1 for the best loaf of lightbread baked and exhibited by a woman or girl living on the farm.

The corn must be of one variety, uniform in shape, size and color, and the exhibiter must be able to give full information about the corn.

Boys and girls are cordially invited to all the institutes, and the boys especially will hear things of interest to them about the corn contest.

Marion will welcome the farmers and their families on August 17.

The institute for the farmers will be held at the court house. The women's institute will be held at the graded school auditorium.

Wreck on C. C. & O.—Engineer Killed.

Johnson City, Tenn., Aug. 7.—Early this morning near Penland, N. C., on the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, John McCarthy, an engineer, met instant death and Fireman Able sustained a broken rib, sprained foot and awful bruises. They were in charge of a big 200-ton engine hauling seven or eight freight cars and the trucks of the engine refused to take the curve. Before McCarthy, who formerly lived in Lynchburg, Va., could reverse the engine, it had turned over and down the embankment into the river below, McCarthy being pinned under the monster. Able was hurled into the stream and was able to wade out.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Increase of \$865,294 Shown in New Assessment of Property in McDowell.

The new assessment of property for McDowell county amounts to \$2,930,332, as compared with the 1910 assessment of \$2,065,038 an increase of \$865,294. In Marion township the assessment is \$1,118,450, compared with \$348,443 for 1910. This is an increase of \$270,007.

The following are the valuations of real and personal property by townships for 1911:

	1911	1910
Marion	\$1,118,450	\$348,443
Nebo	136,677	106,720
Glenwood	80,240	
Higgins	35,792	46,658
Montford's Cove	87,444	84,283
Dysartville	141,975	96,049
Old Fort	897,947	564,981
Crooked Creek	81,962	64,107
North Cove	259,219	180,061
Brackett's	25,878	24,707
Broad River	64,732	49,029
	\$2,930,332	\$2,065,038

Enthusiastic Road Meeting at Old Fort.

Bluemont, Aug. 4.—A committee on good roads went to Old Fort on Thursday and had a discussion of the central highway and a road from Terrell (Bluemont) to Old Fort. Talks in favor of getting to work at once on the Bluemont-Old Fort road and of taking every fair means to get it adopted as the route for the central highway were made by Squire Sandlin, Chief of Police Mauney, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Graham, Mayor Bradley and one or two others from Old Fort; those speaking from Bluemont were Mr. B. W. Spillman, C. C. Elzey, H. B. Craven, E. F. Mumford and Mr. C. Kerlee of Black Mountain. It was very evident that everyone present was in favor of the direct and short route from Old Fort to Bluemont for the central highway and it was decided to go to work at once for the road. Surveyors are now at work on the road and it is understood that they have made a very favorable report as to grades and ease in building. A good roads meeting is to be held at Bluemont as soon as arrangements can be made and the citizens of Old Fort and Black Mountain are to be invited. It is hoped that the six miles from this point to Old Fort will soon be a good broad highway and a part of the central highway.

Cotton Tariff Passes.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Supported by all the democrats and thirty insurgent republicans, the democratic cotton tariff bill, the third of the big tariff revision measures brought forward by the democratic house of representatives, passed that body early this evening by 202 to 91. The bill cuts the average tariff on cotton manufactured goods from 48 to 27 per cent. ad valorem, a 21 per cent reduction in duty that the democratic leaders estimate to reduce revenues by about \$3,000,000.

Not an amendment was offered to the bill, although the republicans attacked it vigorously on account of alleged increases in certain items over the rates of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

ENTIRE TRAIN DERAILED

Chair Car Turned Over—More Than a Score Injured in Wreck Near Salisbury Friday.

Spencer, August 4.—Eastbound passenger train No. 22, on the Southern Railway from Asheville to Goldsboro, was derailed seven miles from Salisbury this afternoon and 20 passengers injured, six of whom were seriously hurt. While making full time the observation car left the rails and all other coaches followed in quick succession, the chair car plunging down a 30-foot embankment and sliding to the bottom. The passengers were covered in a mass of timber, broken chairs and glass.

The train crew set to work at once to rescue the injured, who were conveyed to a Salisbury hospital. The injuries of all were considered slight with the exception of Richard Wilson, aged three years, and Attorney George H. Smathers, of Waynesville, whose condition is critical.

Physicians and nurses were rushed from Salisbury to the scene of the wreck on a special train, which conveyed the injured to a hospital. The wreck is said to have been caused by spreading of the rails.

That all were not killed outright in the car which was crushed like an eggshell is considered a modern miracle. The rails and ties were torn up for several hundred feet.

None of the passengers in the day coaches, nor any member of the train crew, was hurt. Had the less substantial day coaches gone down the embankment the loss of life would probably have been enormous. That the result was not more disastrous was probably due to the softness of the ground down the bank.

The rails were stripped from the ties for some distance, the train running probably 150 feet after the chair car broke loose from the adjoining day coaches and tumbled over.

Several parties reported the loss of money and jewelry. One lady passenger stated that somewhere in the wreck were two valuable diamond rings belonging to her. A gentleman's gold watch was found lying on the outer side of the chair car and returned to the owner.

The train had just rounded a sharp curve and must have been running at an average speed when the wreck occurred.

MAJOLICA WRECK VICTIM DIES.

Salisbury, N. C., August 6.—Richard Taylor Wilson, three and a half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark Wilson, of New Orleans, who was injured in the wreck of Southern Railway passenger train No. 22 at Majolica, Friday afternoon, died here this afternoon, at 1 o'clock in the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium.

The other injured at the sanatorium are steadily improving.

Combs Given 30 Years.

Statesville, N. C., Aug. 8.—Reuben Combs, was today sentenced by Judge Dadiels to serve 30 years in the state prison for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Bessie Combs, whom he poisoned on the night of May 25.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

All trains between Salisbury and Asheville now have ticket collectors. The change was made on August 1.

Gen. Julian S. Carr has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the annual reunion of Catawba Confederate veterans on the 17th at Newton.

The Seaboard and Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railways are engaged in erecting a union depot at Bostic recently ordered by the North Carolina Corporation Commission.

Hendersonville is now enjoying the most prosperous season in its history. It is estimated that not less than 7,000 private tourists are in the city with about as many more in the county.

The first general rain the Kansas City, Mo., section has received since April fell Tuesday morning. One to two and a half inches fell over western Missouri, much of Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas.

Hendersonville is to have another mammoth hotel, it is said, to be erected at Laurel Park, a private estate of wonderful natural beauty located just outside of town and owned by Mr. W. A. Smith, president of the Wantaska Trust & Banking Co.

The end of the extraordinary session of Congress will take place Saturday of this week, which is August 12th, provided, of course, President Taft vetoes the wool and farmers' free list bills. At least such is the opinion of Congress leaders just now.

Farm lands in sixteen Southern States has doubled in value on an average within the past ten years. The increase is from \$9.60 per acre in 1900 to \$19.71 in 1910. The same States have also doubled their values in farm buildings. The average value of farm lands in North Carolina is \$15.29, when in 1910 it was \$6.24, thus showing the increase in this State to be 145 per cent. The highest average of value is in Missouri, where it is \$41.76 per acre.

Fountain at Round Knob Will be Restored

Bluemont special to Charlotte Observer, 4th.

The fountain at Round Knob will soon be restored after being out of commission for years. A wealthy director of the Southern Railway has given orders for the fountain to be replaced and that the bill be sent to him. Surveyors have within the past two weeks resurveyed the line and it is understood that in a short time work will be started on the pipe line. After the building of the Western North Carolina Railroad the fountain for a long time was an attractive spot to travelers but after the burning of the hotel a number of years ago it was allowed to get out of repair and last year the pipe was taken up by the railroad company. At one time the fountain was among the highest in the world—about 240 feet.

T. A. English, of Spruce Pine, was in town yesterday advertising an excursion to Wilmington Aug. 17. The fare from Marion is \$4.17.