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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

What Some of The Pupils of The Marion Graded School Are Doing.

[NOTE:—This column will contain each week the news of school as reported by the pupils and teachers, and any announcements that the school authorities may have to make from time to time. EDITOR.]

This week finishes the work of the first school month, and the monthly reports will be sent out next Monday. It is hoped that the Report Book will receive more than a mere passing notice. Read carefully the letter of the Superintendent to the parents printed on page 1. If your child is marked "Unsatisfactory" in any subject, be sure to call at the school building at once for a conference with the teacher and the superintendent.

It appears that our first month will show a record of 11 tardies and 2 unexcused absences. Next month we hope to have no tardies and no unexcused absences.

The children of the Fourth Grade are busy making wigwags, Indian weapons, and many other things to illustrate the story of Hiawatha. The best of this work will be preserved for the exhibit at the Fair.

The Fifth Grade is making a special study of the Old North State and illustrating their work in a very unique way.

The First, Second, and Third Grades also are busy during "study periods," making many interesting things to illustrate the stories they are reading.

In the other grades, map drawing seems to be the most interesting occupation for the pupils during spare moments. All are contesting for the several prizes offered for the best maps. This is producing good results, for the children are learning more about the geography of McDowell county and North Carolina than could possibly be learned from a text book.

300 Killed in Explosion on French Battleship.

Toulon, France, Sept. 25.—More than half her crew of 793 officers and men met death early today when fire broke out in the ammunition hold of the battleship Liberte, one of the finest vessels in the French navy. Explosions which followed wrecked the great ship.

The fire was discovered at 5 o'clock. At first it was not thought serious, but the flames gained great headway, although the sailors fought them desperately. Suddenly fire reached the magazine which had not been flooded owing to the apparently slight nature of the blaze. The explosions were terrific, shaking the vessel fore and aft, each seemingly stronger than the preceding. Great fissures were opened in the armour and framework. The vessel immediately became a mass of fire and smoke and soon sank to the bottom of Toulon harbor.

The latest official estimate places the number of victims of the Liberte disaster as 235 dead and 160 wounded, 40 dangerously. It is believed this estimate is very near the correct figures, as it is the result of an exhaustive examination of the muster rolls and a roll call of those who survived the explosion.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Railroads Fined \$500 for Operating Freight Trains on Sunday—Lytle Gets Four Months.

The two cases on the criminal docket last week that attracted most attention were the Lytle murder case from Old Fort, which resulted in a conviction and four months sentence, and the four cases against the Southern Railroad for operating freight trains on Sunday, and three cases against the C. C. & O. Railroad Company for the same offence. The statute provides that freight trains cannot be operated on Sunday except to transport fruit, vegetables, live stock and perishable freight. This law has been abused by the railroad companies to the extent that freight trains have been operated promiscuously on Sunday with utter disregard for this law. So open has been the violation that as the cases came up for trial the attorneys for the roads plead guilty in each case. Judge Long fined each road \$500 for one offence each, and suspended judgment in the other cases.

It is safe to suppose that this enforcement of the law will cause the railroads to stop the violation, and that no freight trains will be operated on Sunday unless they are carrying such perishable freight as the statute allows. This is right, for better off would our country be if all laws were enforced. President Taft was in measure right when he said that so much of the commercial unrest was caused by the delay in enforcing the laws upon the statute books.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Whitt Godfrey and Sam Head, affray, guilty, fined \$5 each and costs.

Robert Parker, Lee Miller and Ben Smith, affray, fined \$25 each, and costs.

Charles Lawing, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Tom Largent, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior.

The grand jury made their report to the court last Wednesday and were dismissed by Judge Long, the presiding officer for the term. All the county offices in the court house were found in excellent condition, and the officers reported courteous and obliging. The only recommendation made by the grand jury was in regard to the jail. They recommended that a strong door and partition be placed on the stairway leading up to the cells as a safeguard against prisoners getting away. Eight inmates were found in the county home, all of whom were reported unable to work.

The civil docket was taken up Thursday and the following cases have been disposed of:

Whitson vs Wrenn, judgment for plaintiff for \$150.

Elizabeth Godfred vs Gus Godfrey, judgment for defendant.

Conley et als vs Floyd Gardner, judgment for defendant.

Myers vs Southern Public Corporation, judgment for plaintiff for \$2421.

Burchard et als vs Sandlin et als, judgment for plaintiff.

J. B. Gibbs vs Southern Railway Company, judgment for plaintiff for \$75.

71ST ANNUAL SESSION

Green River Association at Mountain Creek Baptist Church Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

The seventy-first annual session of the Green River Association will be held with the Mountain Creek Baptist Church, beginning Thursday, September 28th, and closing October 1st.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Elder T. H. Posey or J. R. Whitesides at 11:00 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday afternoon will be given to organization and the discussion of the Orphanage and Periodicals.

After Thursday the association will meet at 9:30 a. m.

Friday morning will be devoted to the discussion of Sunday Schools, Woman's Work, and Education.

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Ministerial Relief, State Missions and Education will be discussed Saturday morning. Be sure to hear Pres. Wm. Louis Poteat's address on education.

Livingston Johnson will deliver a great address on Foreign Missions Saturday afternoon and preach for us Sunday morning.

This is a great opportunity. Come and share the feast of good things with us.

D. J. HUNT, Moderator.

Enlistment Day of Baptist Sunday School.

The Sunday School of the Baptist church observed enlistment day last Sunday. A special program consisting of songs, recitations and addresses had been previously arranged. Everyone rendered his part well and the exercises were in every way a success. One of the most unique features of the program was the addresses by Mr. Wm. M. Blanton and Mr. B. B. Price. Mr. Blanton is one of the oldest and most respected residents of Marion, having lived here for more than thirty years and for this entire time has been teacher of the bible class in his Sunday School. During this time he has been absent from his post but a very few times. He has made a record for himself that anyone might well covet. In a very interesting way he gave us a short sketch of his experience as teacher during these years.

Mr. Price has also been a resident of the town since boyhood. While he cannot count quite so many years as Mr. Blanton, yet he has spent more years in the service of his Sunday School. For thirty-three years he has been one of the most faithful attendants and has with the exception of a few years been the efficient superintendent. He has had a rich experience as a Sunday School worker, about which he talked in a charming way.

The enrollment was a third larger than it has ever been before.

The present superintendent, Mr. D. L. Carlton, and the pastor, Rev. Edward Long, contributed no small interest to the success of the program.

The house was comfortably filled with parents and children and friends of the Sunday School.

HOMICIDE IN YANCEY

Three Petersons Charged With Killing and Neither Has Been Apprehended.

Asheville Citizen 25th.

News has been received in the city that the man who was killed at Burnsville a few days ago was Robert McKay, who was at that place in the interest of a railroad in Tennessee, having gone to Burnsville in search of negroes to work at construction camps. It is charged that he was killed by Parm, Robert and Zeb Peterson, and that the trouble which cost the white man his life arose between the Petersons and some negroes, who had agreed to work for McKay.

It is said that the Petersons had taken out a warrant for a negro, charging him with disorderly conduct and that the magistrate deputized them to serve the warrant. The negro was seen standing near McKay and the trouble began, some of those familiar with the surroundings declaring that McKay took a hand in the affair and rushed at the possessors of the warrant and that the killing was done in self defense. Others declare that McKay had nothing to do with the matter but was shot through the back as he held up his hands and asked that he be allowed to take no hand in the trouble.

The Petersons have not yet been apprehended.

Plan to Beautify Round Knob.

High Point, Sept. 21.—At the first directors meeting of the Round Knob Park Company, held today at their offices in this city, the following officers were elected: J. M. Manpin of Washington, president; T. K. Maupin, vice president; J. W. Tomlinson, of High Point, secretary and treasurer. Mr. J. M. Maupin is also general manager of the company.

This company owns about one thousand acres at Round Knob which they will develop and beautify at once. A civil engineering corps and a topographer have been engaged to survey and lay out plots of from one-half to two-acre lots, on which tourists will erect bungalows. The famous artificial geyser, which for years was a great attraction to the passengers on the Western Carolina railroad, and which has been out of operation for some time, will again be made to spout forth its high stream. A new pipe line will be laid from the head of Long branch to the base of the fountain. The Park will be greatly beautified, and a modern and up-to-date hotel will probably be erected.

The Marion Methodist Sunday School will observe next Sunday as Rally Day. The officers and teachers earnestly desire the presence of every scholar on the roll. All parents and friends are invited to attend the session of the school at 10 a. m. and Rally Day exercises at 11 a. m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath, October 1st, at the eleven o'clock services. Preparatory services Friday night at 7:30, and Saturday morning 11:30. Rev. J. G. Garth, of Hickory, will assist the pastor in the preparatory services.

CRIME BESTS THE LAW

Murder of Myrtle Hawkins at Hendersonville Goes Unavenged—Investigation to Go On.

The second inquest into the death of Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found in Osceola lake the morning of Sunday, September 10, and who was killed, it is believed, Thursday, the 7th, has ended. The authorities know as much about who did it as they did at the first—no more. The coroner's jury rendered the same verdict that followed the first, namely that the girl came to her death at the hands of an unknown person or persons in some manner unknown to the jury. Scores of witnesses were examined, a detective from Washington employed by the dead girl's family was constantly at work, the solicitor represented the State assisted by other attorneys but no evidence was adduced which seemed to warrant the arrest of any parties. The murder remains as deep a mystery today as it did the day the body was found in the water. It was ascertained that the girl was not drowned and the belief is that she died under a criminal operation.

It is announced from Hendersonville that the citizens of that town were sorely disappointed at the second verdict of the coroner's jury and that the matter will by no means be dropped. The investigation will be continued. The governor has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties and an effort will be made to add sufficient to this to make the reward total \$2,000.

Suit Removed from McDowell.

The transcript in the case of I. H. Green, administrator of Elam Corpening, against the Southern Railway company, which was brought in McDowell county, has been filed with Clerk W. S. Hyams, of the United States Circuit court, the case having been removed, on motion of the defendant company, from the Superior court of McDowell county.

The plaintiff, who is represented by R. S. McCall and C. C. Lisencee, is suing the Southern for \$8,000, alleging that Corpening was killed while employed as brakeman on a freight train between Asheville and Salisbury.

The Southern is represented by Matley, Henderson & Womble, W. T. Morgan and S. J. Ervin.

Garden City News.

Garden City, Sept. 26.—Fred Sorrels, who has spent the past three weeks with his sister, Mrs. Geo. Chapman, has returned to his work in San Antonio, Texas.

The quarterly meeting at Carson's Chapel last Saturday and Sunday was well attended and the Elder delivered two fine sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chapman and three children, Vernon, Ruth and Robert, went to Asheville a few days last week on pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown and family spent a few days in Johnson City, Tenn., last week.

David Fleming and Mr. Patton, of Colorado City, Colo., are here on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Sorrels is here for awhile with her daughter, Mrs. George Chapman.

School has re-opened after suspending two weeks for fodder. B.M.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tate, September 18th, a son.