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## EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

School Will Adjourn Thursday for the Fair—School Ground Improvements.

[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. **ERROR.**]

The Graded School will adjourn Thursday at noon for the Fair, and will not reassemble until 12:30, Saturday, when all pupils are requested to assemble at the school building where they will be formed in lines and furnished with flags and banners for the parade. After the school children have been reviewed by the Governor and other state officials, the children will be at liberty.

Every child attending the Graded School will be represented in the School Exhibit at the Fair, and the parents are requested to inspect the exhibit carefully and note what kind of work is being done by their children at school. We shall endeavor to have some one present in the Educational Exhibit room to point out the work of the children to the parents and explain the nature of the work.

Work on the school grounds is progressing very satisfactorily. The larger boys are putting in two hours in the afternoon, and the little fellows work at recesses. The ground is being plowed thoroughly and we hope to get in good shape within the next few days.

The Tenth Grade had its class meeting Friday evening, and the programme as published was carried out in detail. It would require too much space to mention each number, and it would be unjust to make any special mention. Each member of the class performed creditably the part assigned him.

Mr. Webb, the photographer, has made a negative of the several classes, and the pictures may be had at 15c each. His work was well done, and the pictures will be on exhibition at the Fair.

Mrs. Bird, upon the advice of her physician, has given up her work until Christmas, and Miss Roberta Price, of Mount Airy, has been chosen to substitute for her. It is with much regret that we give up Mrs. Bird, even for this short time. She has, by her untiring efforts and never lagging interest, made herself invaluable to the school, and we trust that her rest will permanently restore her health. Her absence will be a distinct loss to the school.

Justice Harlan Passes Away.

Washington, Oct. 14.—“Good-bye, I am sorry I kept you all waiting so long.”

With these words Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, died today, after an illness lasting less than a week.

Justice Harlan left a widow and five children. His ambition was to serve on the Supreme Court bench until next June, when he would have exceeded the service of any other justice. As it was his service was longer than any other justice except Chief Justice Marshall and Associate Justice Stephen M. Fields.

Justice Harlan was born in Kentucky June 1, 1833.

## FAIR OPENS TO-DAY

Attractive Features for Each Day—Gov. Kitchin Here Friday—Fine Exhibits.

The prospects for a great fair in McDowell County have materialized, and nothing but extremely bad weather can prevent the fair from being a complete success in every particular. The agricultural exhibit room is artistically arranged, and many of the finest agricultural exhibits ever shown are on exhibit. The educational exhibit room is one of the most attractive things that the people of McDowell County will ever have an opportunity to see during the fair. The work in the room represents the school work of approximately 2,000 children, and will be of interest not only to school patrons, but to school children as well. The display of ladies' fancy work, and pantry supplies is more than worth anybody's time.

Besides all of these many and beautiful exhibits, there are other attractions here that will entertain and amuse the crowd that will attend. The balloon man is here and will make an ascension each day.

An attraction that has not been advertised for the general public, but that will attract more attention than any one thing, possibly, is the sensational slide for life, by Happy Jack Taylor. He will stretch a wire from a pedestal on the top of the Marianna Hotel, and slide to the street, more than a block away in a miraculous and wonderful way.

There will be shows and concessions up and down Main street that will interest every class, and there is no doubt but that the three days with any kind of ordinary weather will be three of the greatest days in the history of the county.

The parade on Friday of the old soldiers, will be interesting and attractive. The school children will meet at 12:30 o'clock on the school grounds of the Marion Graded school, form in line, march on foot carrying flags through the streets led by the Governor of the State, and other prominent citizens, in automobiles and carriages. This will be an attractive feature.

The Morganton band will furnish music for the occasion, and the Fiddlers' Convention on Thursday and Friday nights will be a rare treat to all who attend. The three days promise to be a great vacation season to all McDowell County, and the pleasure and profit and fun furnished them can be measured only by their enthusiasm and attendance.

Fire which originated from the bursting of an oil feed pipe Saturday almost destroyed the large blacksmith shop of the Southern Railway Company in Spencer, and seriously, if not fatally, burned Earl Goodman, a young white man employed in the shop. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000.

The Shelby Star says Rev. B. L. Padgett, the Holiness minister who was arrested in Atlanta, Ga., recently, charged with kidnapping young Miss Carrie Stockton, of King's Mountain, has been brought to Cleveland county for trial and will have a hearing at the November term of court.

## McDowell County Fair Program

### THURSDAY FARMERS' DAY

- 11:00 a. m. Opening Exercises in Court House, Speeches by Maj. W. A. Graham, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture; Mayor Carlton; J. W. Pless. Music and General Amusements.
- 1:00 p. m. Band Concert (Balcony Marianna Hotel).
- 1:30 p. m. Exhibit Rooms Opened.
- 3:00 p. m. Balloon Ascension.
- 4:00 p. m. Tournament, Races, and Tug of War.
- 8:30 p. m. Fiddlers' Convention and Wrestling Match in the Opera House.
- 10:00 p. m. Sensational Slide for Life.

### FRIDAY

#### OLD SOLDIERS' AND LADIES' DAY

- 10:00 a. m. Veterans Assemble in Opera House.
- 10:30 a. m. March to Court House, led by Band.
- 10:45 a. m. Addresses by Chief Justice Walter Clark and Mrs. F. M. Williams.
- 12:00 Dinner Served Veterans by Daughters.
- 1:30 p. m. Veterans and Daughters Parade.
- 3:00 p. m. Balloon Ascension.
- 4:00 p. m. Tournament Races and Attractions.
- 8:30 p. m. Fiddlers' Convention and Wrestling Match in Opera House.
- 10:00 p. m. Sensational Slide for Life—GREAT!

### SATURDAY

#### EDUCATIONAL DAY

- 10:00 a. m. Band Concert. Song Selections by Male Quartet.
- 10:30 a. m. Addresses by Gov. W. W. Kitchin, and Prof. M. C. S. Noble.
- 1:15 p. m. Parade of school children, P. S. of A., and Citizens; Automobiles, and Carriages.
- 3:00 p. m. Slide for Life—Sensational.
- 4:00 p. m. Tournament and Closing Races, Etc.
- 8:00 p. m. Grand Promenade up and down Main Street. Everybody get happy and have a good time.

#### McDowell's Taxable Property.

Register of Deeds R. L. C. Gibson has completed the tax book for McDowell for the year 1911. The work has been neatly done, too; it's in good form and complete in every detail. The book shows that McDowell county has \$5,452,046.41 taxable property, including corporations, banks and railroads. The total taxes to be collected by the sheriff amount to \$64,512.87.

For general purposes the state tax is \$7,274.50; general school tax, \$11,427.04; bank stock, \$1,575.25, and on railroads \$23,787.66.

Real and personal property total \$2,930,332, the total assessed value including railroads, \$5,291,461.19.

The given value of some of the principal items of the county property follows: 306,792 acres of land, valued at \$1,276,909; 109 lots, valued at \$724,762; 1774 horses, jacks and jennets, valued at \$96,063; goats, cattle, sheep and hogs, \$63,248; farming utensils, \$8,827; mechanics' tools, \$3,378; household and kitchen furniture, \$27,864; provisions, \$14,809; firearms, \$2,507; libraries and scientific instruments, \$4,264; money on hand, \$29,362; solvent credits, \$131,722; goods, wares and merchandise, \$310,565.

There are 2,023 polls, the total poll tax being \$4,046.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Wood will celebrate their golden wedding on the 23d at the home of their son-in-law, Editor J. J. Faris, at High Point. Dr. Wood is a well known minister of the Methodist Church, and father of W. F. Wood of Marion.

The heaviest rain since April fell here Tuesday—3½ inches.

#### Religion an Antidote for Insanity.

Replying to an inquiry about the announcement of insanity in his institution attributable to religion, Dr. J. B. Richardson, for many years in charge of institutions of the insane, the last being the United States hospital at Washington, says:

“You have asked me a very easy question. I have tested that matter thoroughly. There are only two patients in this hospital whose insanity has any relation to religion and, I think, from their predisposition to insanity, that they would probably have become insane on some other subjects if they had not on religion. Now, if you had asked me how many people in Ohio are kept by religion from insanity and out of these hospitals, you would have given me a hard question to answer, for they are a multitude.

“The good cheer, bright hopes, rich consolations, good tempers, regular habits, and glad songs of religion, are such an antidote for the cause of insanity that thousands of people in Ohio are preserved from insanity by them. But for the beneficent influence of religion, Ohio would have to double the capacity of her hospitals in order to accommodate her insane patients.”

Everything in all departments of the Downie & Wheeler Circus this year is positively new, refreshing and up-to-date. Artists, performers, producers of novelties from everywhere on the face of the globe, forming the most wonderful, diversified, and pleasing show the world has ever seen. The big show will exhibit in Marion, Thursday, October 26.

## THE S. S. CONVENTION.

McDowell County Interdenominational Association Organized at Marion.

On Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th, a meeting was held in the Presbyterian church of Marion for the purpose of organizing the Sunday Schools of the county into an association. An effort had been made to notify all the superintendents and the names of a goodly number of delegates appointed were sent in, however comparatively few of these attended, only ten churches from the county being represented.

Mr. J. Van Carter, General Secretary for the State, was here and on Thursday afternoon gave an interesting and instructive talk. On Thursday evening, after a song service and prayer, Mr. Carter gave an address, “The Adult Bible Class.” There was a good crowd out, but we were only sorry that more, especially more men, were not there to have heard of this wonderfully important and interesting phase of the work.

On Friday morning Mr. Collins of Asheville, came down to assist Mr. Carter. On Friday morning Mr. Collins' address dealt with the properly graded school. There were also open discussions, or Round Tables, on Sunday School Management, etc.

The afternoon session on Friday was given over to organization. After short speeches by Messrs. Hill, F. Chapman, Buffalo, Baxter and Long, and the brief expression of approval from several ladies, Mr. Long moved that the county organize. This was seconded by Mr. Story, and was carried. The officers for the year were then elected, and the place of next meeting chosen.

The last session, held on Friday evening, was one of the most interesting during the convention, many phases of the work, such as increasing attendance, holding the scholars, etc., were brought up and methods discussed. About \$50.00 was raised for the furtherance of the work in the county. The Executive committee hopes to have a meeting very soon, to perfect the township organization. They feel much gratified at the interest manifested in the movement and feel assured of ultimate success.

#### Successful Meeting at Sunnyvale.

Sunnyvale, October 14.—Rev. W. F. McMahan closed a most successful protracted meeting here September 6. The meeting lasted twelve days and during this time there were 35 professions. The baptizing took place last Sunday at 11 o'clock near the residence of Spence Elliott and was attended by a large number of people from the surrounding community. Immediately after the baptizing the assembly returned to the church for services, conducted by Rev. McMahan.

As a result of Mr. McMahan's forceful preaching the Sunnyvale Baptist church has been greatly revived. The church now has some 50 active members on the head of Buck Creek. Mr. McMahan's preaching was plain and simple but convincing, and he deserves much credit for his faithful services in both Sunday School and Church work.