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McDOWELL COUNTY FAIR

It Was a Great Success—Fine Exhibits in All Departments and Attendance Large.

Well, the long looked for, much anticipated, McDowell County Fair has come and gone. To say it was one great, grand, shining success does not express it. From beginning to end in every detail there was no note or discord. For weeks Prof. Giles with his able corps of assistants have been hard at work that nothing pertaining to the fair should be overlooked and, here I should like to say that the whole of McDowell County should arise and "doff their hats" to Prof. Giles for his untiring interest for this grand success. Also to each exhibitor for putting forth their best effort and very best handiwork. On reaching the town the first to attract was the Live Stock Exhibit—beautiful Jersey cows, fine horses and mules, prize sheep and a band of Shetland ponies that gave the children such generous pleasure.

Proceeding up Main street where the stores, windows and the court house were festooned and decorated in bunting and flags, the music of the band and the merry-ground gave the jolly assembly of people the holiday spirit. The entire lower floor of the Eagle Hotel had been converted into booths for the various exhibits but even these were inadequate and it was found necessary to put the Poultry exhibit in front of the Fleming Hotel. This exhibit was especially fine—chickens the finest of each breed—turkeys, ducks, geese, poufowls, guineas, pigeons, along with "Brer Rabbit" and "Brer Possum" made the splendid display of poultry especially interesting to every visitor.

It is impossible to mention each display and exhibit in the Agricultural Hall, all were very fine and good in quality. The judges I am sure had no easy time in deciding which of each exhibit was the best—pumpkins, squash, yams, turnips, parsnips, cabbage, potatoes, and all other agricultural products. Nothing seemed to be omitted that grew on the farm or in the garden. The jellies, preserves, canned fruits and vegetables, apples, fine honey, butter, lard, cakes, cookies, etc. were all artistically arranged. Special attention should be called to the display of delicious cakes entered by Mrs. J. L. Morgan. In this room the display of dahlias by Mrs. Tate of Greenlee, Mrs. Pless and Dr. Reid attracted much attention. Mrs. Tate well deserves the reputation she has made as a grower of fine dahlias. Also in this room were exhibits from the Western and Blue Ridge Furniture factories and the Cotton Mill. The Cotton Mill exhibit showed the growing cotton plant in each process until the cotton is made into cloth. Also in this room were the commercial booths of Gaston & Tate and P. A. Reid & Co., both of which were beautiful in design and arrangement. Gaston & Tate's electric man, advertising "Walk-Over Shoes" attracted a great deal of attention. In the rear of this exhibit room was a display of home-made wines in a booth beautifully designed by John M. Houck which attracted much attention.

The first in the next department

was the Educational exhibit which must have proven a revelation to many in the rapid advancement of our schools. In this department very noticeable was a primitive Indian village with its wig-wams and the lake with canoes, also drawings and illustrated essays of the higher grades, various kinds of map making, drawings of fruits, nuts, flowers, leaves in delicate tint and color, all of which asserts a permanent broadening and refining influence on the future life of the child, teaching them to become close observers and admirers of symmetrical detail in all that is beautiful. This Educational exhibit represented the work of approximately two thousand school children and deserved the highest praise for each teacher and pupil that contributed to it.

Also in the Educational room was an exhibit of foreign coins which was very attractive; another very interesting one of confederate bills. Then there was a large display of fine minerals which in arrangement and display attracted no little attention.

Then came the most feminine display of all in the gorgeous array of fine needle work and seemingly nothing lacking. Exquisite embroidery, crocheting, knitting, netting, tatting, hand-made lace, silk quilts, bed-quilts and hand-woven counterpane designed by our grand mothers. In this beautiful display the one piece most worthy of notice was a crocheted table-cover designed and made by Mrs. Von Eberhardt, an elderly lady living on Morgan street. In the border of the table-cover she had crocheted the words "McDowell County Fair Association." In the ladies department The Peerless had a very attractive booth.

Thursday morning the opening exercises were held in the court house, Mr. J. L. Morgan, president of the Fair Association, presiding. Mayor Carlton welcomed the visitors to the city. Mr. Pless spoke for the Fair Association. Hon. A. Cannon, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, represented the State department and spoke to the farmers. Mr. Cannon is one of the best farmers in Western North Carolina and is a farmer in a modern way in every particular and amply able to speak on any subject that pertains to agricultural development. Mr. Cannon's presence here was not only to make an address representing the State's department of Agriculture but also to judge the Agricultural and Live Stock exhibits.

Friday was Old Soldiers' Day. Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey, president of the local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, had planned and executed well every detail for the entertainment of the veterans. The veterans assembled in the opera house where they formed in line along with the Daughters and, led by the band, marched to the court house for the Veterans' Day exercises. Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey introduced Mrs. F. M. Williams, who is president of the North Carolina division of the Daughters, who delivered a most beautiful and much appreciated address to the veterans. Chief Justice Walter Clark, himself a Confederate Veteran, delivered an address grand in scope and beautiful in delivery, one that will long be remembered by the McDowell County veterans and all those who heard it. The veterans' parade in the afternoon headed by Chief Marshall J. Q. Gilkey and conducted by the other marshals in regalia was beautiful in every detail.

Saturday was Educational Day. Early in the morning long before the hour of the opening address the court house was packed to the doors, so much so that it was decided that the speaking should be held in the open air. A temporary

platform was made from which Gov. W. W. Kitchin delivered to the immense throng a most powerful address holding the closest attention of his open air audience and speaking in such a grand and statesman-like way as to instill enthusiasm and patriotism into the hearts of every one who heard him. Truly he is a great Governor of a great state. Gov. Kitchin was followed by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina, who was here to represent the State department of Education. His address was a gem of its kind and created educational enthusiasm in McDowell County which without it could not have been created.

At 1:30 in the afternoon the school children from many of the county schools and the Marion Graded School, carrying flags and banners, formed in line and marched. They were led by the Chief Marshal, the band, the Governor and his escorts and also the Board of Education in gaily dressed carriages, the Patriotic Sons of America—and truly patriotic they looked with their bright regalia and flags—all of them strong, sturdy citizens of America, the greatest country in the world. Then came the children—bright eyed, rosy cheeked, happy, care-free children—how happy they were, how beautifully and gaily they marched making us all think of their possibilities and what they will do as they grow to manhood and womanhood. The last of the line in the parade was a beautiful float in yellow and black bearing aloft the graduating class of the Nebo High School—beautiful was this class dressed in white and each member carrying a large bunch of yellow chrysanthemums. They had as their escort our genial friend Mr. Jim Hemphill, who was radiantly happy at his appreciated honor and place. The parade was beautiful in every detail and one that will long be remembered.

The balloon ascension each day with high wire act by Happy Jack Taylor and many other attractions were indeed most interesting to all. The fiddlers and banjo pickers were also here to furnish amusement for their many friends and admirers.

The great success of these three perfect October days will always remain Red Letter days for McDowell County.

(Signed) COUNTY VISITOR.

Nebo School Notes.

Nebo, Oct. 23.—The all important topic of conversation here for the last month has been the fair. We are glad that it is over with and we can devote all of our time to our school work again. 'Twas an enjoyable occasion and we feel that we were greatly benefited by it.

Miss Blair, the music teacher, has organized a Glee Club which has twenty-seven members. We hope it will be beneficial to all. Miss Blair is director, Miss Young president, and Miss Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cuthbertson of Asheville visited their parents here last week.

Miss Wells' father and sister visited her last week. Henry Ledford of Asheville spent Sunday in Nebo.

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McDOWELL FAIR PREMIUM LIST

Premiums in the different departments given by the McDowell County Fair Association, as announced by the judges, follows:

DEPARTMENT A

Wheat, first, T. J. Gibbs, \$2; second, W. A. Houck, \$1.
Oats, first, T. O. Curtis, \$2; second, W. A. Houck, \$1.
Rye, first, J. M. Haney, \$3; second, W. A. Houck, \$1.
Black-eyed peas, first, Ben Gurley, \$1
Clay peas, first, W. A. Houck, \$2; second, C. D. Waycaster, \$1
Turnips, first, A. B. Gilkey, \$2; second, J. H. Turner, \$1
Popcorn, first, Mrs. W. C. James, \$1.50; second, Moses Hensley, \$1
One-half bushel ear corn, first, W. A. Houck, \$2; second, J. Z. Page, \$1
Sweet potatoes, first, J. D. Blanton, \$2; second, J. A. Mason, \$1
Irish Potatoes, first, W. F. Wood, \$2; second, Mrs. W. C. James, \$1
Pumpkins, first, Mrs. P. J. Bates, \$2; second, Mrs. M. B. Poteet, \$1
Cabbage, first, Mrs. G. C. Conley, \$2; second, A. M. Hensley, \$1
Tobacco, first, G. C. Conley, \$2; second, T. O. Curtis, \$1
Garden vegetables, first, T. O. Curtis, \$4; second, G. C. Conley, \$3
Dozen ears corn, first, James A. Pyatt, \$2; second, W. W. Hemphill, \$1
Six stalks of corn, first, J. Z. Page, \$2; second, W. A. Houck, \$1
Best collection, greatest variety and most artistically arranged farm products from one farm—first, W. A. Houck, \$25; second, G. C. Conley, \$20; third, William Clark, \$10; fourth, T. O. Curtis, \$5
Walnuts, first, Mr. Greenlee, \$1.50
Molasses, first, A. P. Sorrels, \$2; second, J. H. Turner, \$1
Beets, first, Marion Good, \$1.50; second, T. O. Curtis, 50c
White beans, first, W. A. Houck, \$1
Red beans, first, W. A. Houck, \$1
Sunflower, first, Carl Weise, \$1.50; second, J. M. Clay, 50c

DEPARTMENT B

First prizes, one dollar each:
Barred Plymouth Rocks, J. S. Hopper
Buff Plymouth Rocks, Miss Lennie Greenlee
White Plymouth Rocks, Mrs. A. C. Hewitt
Brown Leghorns, John G. Yancey
White Leghorns, Mrs. C. M. McCall
Black Minorcas, Paul Banner
Silver Laced Wyandottes, D. C. Bateman
White Wyandottes, D. C. Bateman
Silver Spangled Hamburg, E. G. Arrowood
Brown Red Game, G. F. Chaffin
Black Buckle Game, G. F. Chaffin
Black & White Bantams, Paul Banner
Japanese Bantams, Mrs. Eliza Reid
Peafowl, W. A. Houck
Guineas, W. A. Houck
Turkeys, Moffitt Sinclair
Geese, Mrs. Dysart
Ducks, G. F. Chaffin
Rhode Island Reds, Dr. J. F. Jones
White Orpingtons, D. C. Bateman
Pure Neal Down, Will Blanton
Red Mangwamps, T. C. McPetesters
Richland Roundheads, W. W. McConnell
Knob comb and Allen Game, Seagle Halliburton
Red Quill and War-horse, Seagle Halliburton
Buff Orpington, J. L. Biddix

DEPARTMENT C

Combination stallion, first, E. A. Porter, \$5.
Brood mare and colt, first, G. C. Conley, \$3; second, J. D. Blanton, \$2.
Gelding or filley, under 3 years, J. A. Parker, \$3; second, A. P. Poteet, \$2.
Colt under 1 year, first, G. C. Conley, \$3; second, J. D. Blanton, \$1.
Draft horse or mare, first, E. G. Goforth, \$3; second, G. T. Hawkins, \$1.
Combination horse or mare, first, E. A. Porter, \$3; second, J. Z. Page, \$2.
Mule, first, W. Hollifield, \$4; second, A. J. Simmons, \$2.
Pair of mules, first, Bob Padgett, \$5; second, Hugh Little, \$2.
Mule colt, first, G. T. Hawkins, \$3; second, W. D. Long, \$2.
Pony, first, Charles Carson, \$2.

DEPARTMENT D

Loaf wheat bread, first, Mrs. W. M. Goodson, 50c.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson denies rumors afloat to the effect that he had handed his resignation to President Taft, to take effect November 15 or as soon thereafter as suitable.

Attorney General Bickett thinks the Federal plan for dissolving the American Tobacco Trust is without merit, and files a protest in behalf of the tobacco growers of North Carolina.

Reductions in transportation charges by the Southern Express Company, effective early in 1912, were Saturday decided on by the railway commission. The changes consist mostly in the creation of another class of shipments, making five classes in all, besides some reductions in particular rates.

There are rumors concerning the blooded cattle that were killed Monday night in the derailment of a freight train near Terrell, to the effect that they were extremely valuable stock; in fact, it is said their owners considered them to be worth about \$10,000 each. As there were nine killed in the derailment, the damage will run into some money.

The beautiful fountain at Round Knob, N. C., which was the admiration of all tourists to Western North Carolina several years ago, is being reconstructed and within a short while will be sending a column of water 250 feet in the air. Mr. Geo. F. Baker, of New York, is having the work done at his own expense, and the restored fountain is to be in honor of Col. A. B. Andrews, first vice-president of the Southern Railway.

What is believed will be one of the most beneficial moves in advancement of the efficiency of the rural public schools of North Carolina yet inaugurated is the organization of the county boards of education and the district school committees in each county into aggressive united forces as a county unit for school betterment. This work is undertaken by C. L. Brogden, supervisor of elementary rural public schools under the direction of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner. The first county organization of the sort is Duplin county and Mr. Brogden has engagements for Johnston, Columbus, Craven, Beaufort and other counties and will push this work into all sections of the State just as rapidly as possible, he says. The number of district committeemen to the county ranges from 200 to 300 in this State. Definite plans for co-operation and improvement are provided for these organizations and as frequent conferences as possible are arranged for when organizations are formed.

In his address last week at the State Fair in Raleigh Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, who is a strong Democratic presidential possibility, treated not a single national issue, confining himself to felicitations of North Carolina with greetings from Ohio and the discussion of State problems, such as agricultural development, unification of taxation, etc. Governor Kitchin, in introducing the speaker reviewed Harmon's remarkable career.