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The County Fair.

The exhibits at the Fair surpassed the expectations of those most intimately connected with it. The Agricultural exhibit room was more than a credit to McDowell county, and the remark was frequently heard coming from strangers that these exhibits compared well, and in many cases surpassed the Agricultural exhibits at the best fairs and expositions throughout the country. The Educational exhibit room was a surprise to everyone in its brilliancy and the work and development which it represented. Some of the state's leading men did not hesitate to say that it was the best that they had ever seen. This was in itself but a lesson to us of what the McDowell county girls and boys can do with the co-operation of superintendent, teachers and patrons.

That the Fair was a dazzling success is not questioned by anyone. What has been done to stimulate the county and community development in every line will more than repay whatever expenditure will be necessary to meet the expense. Plans for a permanent fair organization should be perfected at once. Such plans will mean agricultural, commercial and educational development for our county. A Fair each year will advertise us even beyond the borders of North Carolina and no stone should be left unturned by any citizen whoever or wherever he may be to contribute his mite to the organization of the Fair Association that will promote this most worthy enterprise for our county.

We want it understood that THE PROGRESS is ready to do anything it can to help to perfect this organization and has faith in the results of such an attempt.

During the Fair Marion and McDowell county entertained some of the State's most prominent officials and citizens. Gov. W. W. Kitchin was here as guest of the Fair Association and delivered an address on Saturday that was heard by an immense audience. His speech was a great one and commensurated with his strength of character as a statesman. His address was along moral lines entirely and carried with it a plea for character building and general moral uplifting of the community. North Carolina has a right to be and is proud of her great Governor.

Hon. Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and one of the South's greatest lawyers, delivered an address in the court house on Saturday to the McDowell County Confederate Veterans. Judge Clark is one of the State's leading statesmen; he having given a large part of his life to public duty and his most notable work being the compiling of records of Confederate soldiers during the war. Judge Clark served with many of the McDowell County Confederate Veterans,

who were glad again to see him. His address and visit to McDowell will long be remembered. The coming of such distinguished men as these into our county can but make it better and stimulate us as citizens and a community to greater and higher things.

One of the attractive features of the Educational parade Saturday was the marching with the children in full uniform, the Order of Patriotic Sons of America, composed of some of the best citizens of the county. One of the fundamental principles of this order is to stimulate education and it was an inspiring sight to see these strong and able bodied men marching in line with the hundreds of children, as a token of their interest in the educational development of our county. The Fair officials appreciated the presence of the Patriotic Sons very much and the public generally was very much delighted to see them in the parade.

The officials of the Fair were extremely fortunate in being able to get Mr. Mason and his wife to co-operate with Mr. A. Cannon, who is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, in judging all the different exhibits. Mr. Cannon judged the Agricultural and Live Stock exhibits with the assistance of Mr. Mason, Mrs. Mason judging the ladies' Fancy Work and Pantry Supplies; all three together judging the Poultry and Special exhibits. Mr. Mason is from Washington, D. C. and is a specialist in the Agricultural and Farming work; he being at the head of the Agricultural and Extension work for the Southern Railway, and having studied farming work in all its parts at the best agricultural schools throughout the country. Such men as Mr. Mason are rare in these lines.

Broad River News.

Broad River, Oct. 19.—It is rather early for me to appear, but I shall just give you a "pop" call now in order that you may be prepared to see me in November. The farmers of Broad River say that they have already seen my cousin, Mr. Frost, so, you see, I am not so very far away.

The people of this section are very busy making molasses and gathering apples. Both crops are good.

J. Ledbetter made a visit to Marion last week and also went to Asheville for a part of the fair.

Ben Horton and Frank Hall, teachers of Bald Mountain and Stone Mountain schools, took a pleasure trip to Chimney Rock last Saturday.

Miss Pearl Ledbetter, who teaches near Fairview, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ledbetter. She reports good news of her school.

Messrs. Myron and George Bailey, Bert and Bryan Ledbetter all went to Flat Creek Baptist church last Sunday. They brought favorable reports of the new minister, Rev. Phillips.

The Carolina Baptist Association has promised to pay \$6,000 for the construction of a new building at the Fruitland Institute.

Robert Clements made a business trip to Black Mountain today.

Frank Dotson has left us to take a position in one of the southern cotton mills.

We believe in standing for the "right" and we are very glad indeed to welcome to our community the Wright family.

Broad River school is progressing nicely under the guidance of Miss Maggie Byrd. New students are still coming in. We now have three Wrights and, of course, nothing goes wrong.

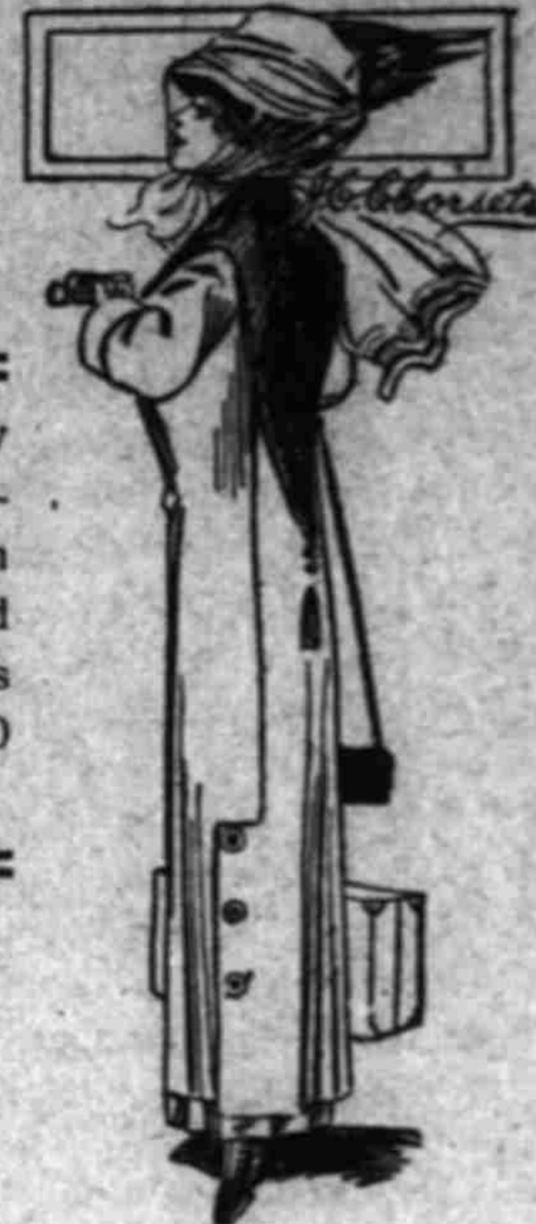
I shall not freeze you all this time, but will call again at a more suitable season.

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