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GRADED SCHOOL MATTERS

First Lyceum Number Will Be Presented November 11th—Class Meeting.

The Annual Lyceum Course, furnished by the Alkabet Lyceum Bureau, Atlanta, Ga., will open Saturday night, Nov. 11, with an entertainment by the Walden Co., the famous Magicians. In another column will be found press dispatches, telling of the great success of these entertainers in other places. They come to us from Davidson College.

Season tickets are on sale at the school building and at Supt. Giles' office. Double season tickets, each \$2.25. Single season tickets, \$1.50. General admission 75c.

The pupils of the ninth grade held their first class meeting Friday afternoon. A very interesting programme, consisting of declamations, recitations, music, and a debate, was carried out very successfully. The rendition of the several parts reflected much credit upon the class individually and as a whole.

Miss Price, who is substituting for Mrs. Bird, has her work well in hand and is giving universal satisfaction.

We would appreciate a visit from the patrons of the school very much. We need your co-operation. Come out to see the improvements we are making around the school premises.

Garden City School Notes.

Garden City, Oct. 30.—The number from Garden City school was seventy-five, who attended the fair. We believe the largest number from any country school. Don't think now because we have "city" to our name we really mean it; we only mean part. All had a grand good time, much more than we expected, and probably more than we deserved.

This has been a very busy week for the school. Not only has the school hours been well put to use, but also play time. Everybody though feel a great relief, that our wood is in shape so that it may be used without much effort. "Make hay while the sun shines."

Part of the school work has not only been satisfactory, but has been very pleasant. The United States History class, North Carolina History class, and General History class have done very good work indeed. Some of the students of these classes have not failed to recite during the term. We are now through North Carolina History and we can not praise the students who have put forth such an effort too highly, for they rightly deserve it. Other parts of our work have been also satisfactory but probably not so much so as our history classes.

The ball game Friday was very amusing. The girls playing the fifth and sixth grade boys. But "woe" to the girls for that game. The bell rang, 26 to 0 in favor of the boys. Wake up or you will lose.

The parents will be invited next week to a Friday evening exercise. All are expected and we intend to have a good time. Nothing can be more encouraging than to have them visit the school, and we hope to make it pleasant while they are here.

Attendance has been fair for the last two weeks, something of course we are glad to have.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson spoke at the Texas State fair at Dallas last week and in a political talk at a luncheon he declared Democratic success in the elections of next year a certainty, described the party as controlled by the real progressives of the country, and urged that if the Democrats acted wisely a large part of the Republican progressive vote might be gained.

Autoist Slays Farmer.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 29.—Because he allowed his prejudice against automobiles to carry him to the extent of drawing a pistol on a passing car this afternoon, Sam Whither a wealthy Cleveland county farmer, lost his life. Facing the drawn weapon in Whither's hand and believing that he intended carrying out his threat, Lucius Randall, a prominent Gaffney, S. C., business man shot Whither twice, killing him instantly. The tragedy occurred two miles from Shelby in Cleveland county. Randall who is a native of Cleveland, made the trip to North Carolina today to visit relatives. On a public road he met Whither in his buggy. The latter alighted, and, drawing a pistol, approached Randall's machine and announced that he was going to kill him. Randall plead with him but as he continued to approach, reiterating his threats, Randall drew his own weapon and put two bullets into the farmer's head. He then surrendered to the sheriff.

A Statement.

The Fair, that which we have been working for, trying to do everything to make it a success for the past several weeks, has passed. We, Representing the Association, wish to thank all exhibitors and friends who stood by us so loyally and contributed their influence to make the Fair a success.

We could not begin to give the names of those who have shown us courtesy, helped us in making exhibits and financial contributions, all of which we appreciate a great deal more than we can express. We feel that we want to especially thank Mr. D. C. Bateman and Mr. W. M. McNairy for helping us in placing the exhibits and carrying on the clerical work of the different departments.

We have had some critics and rightly so, no doubt, but we wish to say that we took the responsibility of trying to make the Fair a success knowing that what we did would not be satisfactory to everyone. In justice to ourselves, however, we wish to explain that our contracts for all the different concession shows, that were on the streets, were binding as contracts could be made to give a legitimate and clean attraction. If they failed to do this we feel that we need not necessarily be held responsible for it. Too, we wish to explain that we were imposed upon to some extent by these people in that their concessions were on the street instead of inside the Fair grounds, as we hope to be before we put on another Fair and in that case we can do such business as will guarantee the protection of everyone even of the most exacting taste.

We hope to put plans on foot sometime soon, with the co-operation of our friends, to organize a Fair Association here that will stimulate every phase of the Agricultural life and mean more to every part and parcel of our County. We have the feeling that the work of this Fair has done much to stimulate the Agricultural and Educational lines of our County, especially, and if continued and properly conducted it will advertise our County not only throughout North Carolina, but take our name far beyond the borders of our State.

We wish again to thank our exhibitors and those who helped us out so well and to offer our help in any way we can to explain the premiums awarded and give such other information as the public may desire.

(Signed) J. L. MORGAN, Pres.
J. W. PLESS, Vice-Pres.
D. F. GILES, Secy.

McDOWELL TEACHERS

Will Be in Session Here Saturday—McDowell Exhibit for State Assembly.

McDowell County teachers will be in session in Marion on Nov. 4th, being the second Teachers meeting of the school year. At this time the outlined work for the State Reading Course, which is under the direction of Prof. I. C. Griffin of the Marion Graded School, will be given to the teachers, books will also be given out and a close study of text books will also be given out and a close study of text books will be begun by those teachers desiring to take it. This work is a new feature in the professional development to the McDowell County teachers and each teacher taking it will no doubt get from it a great deal that will better prepare them to teach professionally.

At this meeting plans will also be completed for a McDowell County party of teachers in a special car to attend the North Carolina Teachers Assembly which convenes in Raleigh on Thanksgiving morning. At the Teachers Assembly last year in Asheville McDowell County had the largest number attending except Buncombe County, and this year judging from the reports coming in from the teachers the McDowell County party promises to be equally as large as last.

Supt. Giles has been required to prepare special McDowell County exhibits for both the Federal and State departments of Education. He also expects to put on an exhibit of the work of the children in McDowell County at the Teachers Assembly this year.

Mr. Bell Resigns.

W. B. Bell, who has had charge of the Marion Insurance & Trust Co. since its organization last April, has resigned as Secretary and Treasurer and has been succeeded by Prof. D. F. Giles. Mr. Bell expects to go to his home at Elkin for a few days after which he will spend the winter in Florida. Prof. Giles will be assisted in his new work by his brother Mr. Ged Giles. The company does a general fire and life insurance business and also handles real estate. The offices are located in the First National Bank building.

Mr. Bell made many friends during his short residence in Marion who will regret very much to know that he is going away and who will wish him well wherever he may go or what ever he may undertake.

Woodlawn Notes.

Woodlawn, Oct. 30.—Rev. J. C. Story preached for us Sunday and Sunday night. His sermons were plain and interesting.

We are glad to state that the corn crop in the cove is better than was first expected.

Charles Ward has bought Amos Hensley's interest in the saw mill and timber on M. V. Lackey's place. The firm's name is now Hensley & Ward in place of Hensley Bros.

Geneva Hollifield is improving and will soon be out again.

E. V. Huskins is visiting friends in the cove.

I am glad of the opportunity to read what the correspondents for The Progress write from time to time.

Griffin-Cobb Nuptials at Morganton

Morganton, Oct. 25.—One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized this morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Pauline Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cobb of this place, became the bride of Dr. Arthur T. Griffin of West Virginia. The ceremony took place in the First Methodist Church and Rev. H. H. Jordan pronounced the words which blended their lives.

The bride's family is one of the most prominent in Burke county, her father being the editor of the News-Herald. She is a lovable and attractive young lady, possessed of a charming personality which has won her a legion of friends. Dr. Griffin is a well-known young physician, rising rapidly in his profession. He is very popular both personally and as a doctor among his homefolks.

Indian Sentenced to Death.

Asheville, Oct. 27.—Perhaps the quickest time in which a capital case was ever disposed of in North Carolina was at Bryson City, Swain county, yesterday, when Ross French, a Cherokee Indian, charged with the brutal murder and criminal assault of little Miss Ethel Shuler, a 14 year-old lassie of the mountains, was tried, convicted and sentenced to electrocution in less than one-half day's session of court.

Judge Webb sentenced the Indian to be electrocuted November 24th.

Crooked Creek News.

Old Fort, Oct. 31.—Miss Lillian Byrd of Asheville is the guest of Miss Gertrude Byrd.

On October 22, George Moore and Miss Lillie Watson were married, A. W. Gilliam officiating.

Mrs. Hursel Lyda of Henderson is visiting her father, Will White.

Mrs. Mary Byrd has returned home after three weeks' visiting in Old Fort.

Mrs. Nancy Walton of Asheville is visiting friends and relatives on the creek.

Mr. Ewart and Earl Connor of Old Fort spent Sunday on the creek.

Mrs. Mary Smith was buried at Bethel cemetery last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bergin of Old Fort were visitors on the creek last Sunday.

The farmers would be glad if it would not rain until their grain is sowed.

O. M. Bradley has gone to Roanoke to take employment on the railroad.

All who went to the fair report a nice time.

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Old Fort, Oct. 31.—Allow me to say through your paper that Crooked Creek is rapidly coming to the front. Yesterday was a great day for us when we carried the election for a school tax by a good majority. This was brought about through the influence and able support of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stepp, who have just closed a successful school here, together with the co-operation of Supt. Giles, the school board and some half dozen or more of Crooked Creek's best citizens who are determined on bettering the conditions of things in our township.

We are doing some fine work on our public roads. The road commissioners are determined that all improvements shall be made to the very best interest of the public. We long to see the day when the other districts of our township will follow our example. Then we will soon have a good school of at least six months in each school district. You may expect to hear from Crooked Creek in the future.

Good wishes for our County Paper and every county enterprise.

CITIZEN.

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BILLYS.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Brief Record of Happenings of General Interest During the Past Week.

The Burke Poultry Association will hold its second poultry show in Morganton, November 22, 23 and 24.

Fire last Wednesday morning destroyed the plant of the Lexington Ice and Fuel company. The damage is estimated at \$2,000.

Mr. O. R. Cox, a prominent citizen of Randolph county, member of the last Legislature, died Friday at his home at Asheboro, aged 68.

The State convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was in session at Winston last week, decided to meet in Salisbury next year.

The conference of Governors and commissioners of agriculture of the Southern States with reference to the price of cotton began in New Orleans Monday.

The 23rd annual negro state fair held in Raleigh last week made a fine showing. The attendance was quiet large and the exhibits elicited high compliments.

It is reported that the Atlantic Coast Line will take over the Durham & Charlotte Railroad and that this big system will enter Charlotte by way of Troy.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina meets in the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte for the first meeting of the session Tuesday evening, November 7th.

Mr. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro and Mr. S. A. Woodward, of Wilson, are in New York to represent the tobacco growers of the State in the matter of the dissolution of the tobacco trust.

Monroe Vanhorn and Robert Hawkins were arrested by Sheriff Berry Wednesday night at a corn shucking in the South Mountains and are now in jail. A blockade still operated by Vanhorn and Hawkins was destroyed by the officers several weeks ago. In fact, the two men were seen at the still but made their escape. A short time afterwards an attempt was made to burn the home of Mr. Hallman Smith and it is charged that Vanhorn and Hawkins made the attempt, believing that Smith had reported their still. Vanhorn and Hawkins are being held on two indictments—for blockading and attempting to burn Smith's home.—Morganton News-Herald.

Additional Machinery for Cotton Mill—More Houses.

Mr. D. D. Little, President of the cotton mill, returned from Boston last week where he purchased additional machinery for the mill. The company will also start at once to build several more houses, etc.

The material for the houses is expected in a few days and work will start. The machinery will be furnished by the Saco-Pettee Company, Newton Upper Falls, Mass., Fales & Jenks of Pawtucket, R. I., and the Draper Company, Hopedale, Mass. These concerns are already interested in the Marion Mill and seem to show interest and confidence in the success and progress of the mill.