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TEACHERS MEETING

McDowell County Association Convened in Marion Saturday—Large Attendance.

The second meeting of the McDowell County Teachers' Association convened in Marion Saturday November 4th. Quite a large number of the members were present.

The meeting was held for the purpose of planning and outlining the Teachers Reading course for the year.

Supt. D. F. Giles delivered a brief lecture from which many helpful suggestions were gleaned.

Various business matters were next attended to. Following this was a very important part of the program—a discussion: How to teach children to study. By Prof. I. C. Griffin.

The next regular meeting of the Association will be held in March.

FLORENCE HUNTER, Sec'y.

Garden City School Notes.

Much interest was taken in the Friday evening exercises given by the school Friday afternoon. The pupils did their very best, and no one can do more. The first and second grades recited and sang well, also the third, fourth and fifth grades acted well their part. The journals, compositions, and recitations rendered by the sixth, seventh and eighth grades reflected much credit upon themselves. A number of the parents were present, who we feel enjoyed the evening.

The portraits that we have just received, are the very best that can be had at a small cost of some of our great men. No school can do better than to place portraits, wall pictures and maps where they can be seen each day by the pupils. This is one way to make our history, geography and other lessons real, and in fact the school a reality, and not a dream-land.

Let us urge, once again, the patrons to visit the school. Some wait until they receive a written invitation, some do not come at all. You can not come when you are not wanted.

Round Hill School.

The dormitories are all full and the work in the school and on the field is doing well.

We will be glad to have others. We will open another house when needed. I have one third of the amount to be raised and have hardly made a start on the territory to be canvassed.

Two of our best teachers, Misses Calie Nanney and Bessie Rayburn, went to Grover Saturday to teach school. We feel confident that they will do honor to themselves and to our school.

Miss Eva Edgerton and Mr. Joseph Powell were married at the home of Eld. Long in Morganton Thursday. They spent Sunday with her mother and sister who live in Montford Cove. The bride and groom have our best wishes.

The minutes of the Green River Association for the churches in McDowell are at B. B. Price's store. They are excellent minutes. Call and get them for your church. D. J. HUNT.

President Taft has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Wait! Watch! Be ready. Special announcement in THE PROGRESS next week.

Our Town Library.

Now that the summer days are gone and in their place comes the early twilight and the long evenings when we have more time and inclination to read and study, we naturally turn to our town library for this pleasant diversion.

The books in our library have been most carefully and judiciously selected and is a collection that must please every taste. The fine Stodard's lectures contain a liberal education in travel and the noted points of interest in every part of the world. These magnificent illustrations are found in no other books.

The Standard Works—Dickens, Scott, Thackeray, etc., may be many times re-read. Also a wide variety of histories, especially selected because they are entertaining and enjoyable, miscellaneous reading matter of all kinds and in fiction, the very best of our present day writers.

Over twenty new books have been ordered and will soon be ready for distribution among which are "The Iron Woman," "The Long Roll," "Kennedy Square," "The Broadway," "The Legacy," "The Iron Master," "The Colonels' Story," "Adventures of Aresene Lupin," and many others. A complete list will be printed at an early day.

It is now over 12 years since this library was organized and few towns of this size can boast of so fine a collection of books and well furnished rooms.

It is earnestly hoped that every family will feel a personal interest in our library and become members. The rooms will be opened on Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m. Miss Margaret Winslow, a most efficient librarian, will send catalogues to any desiring them.

Walden and a Funny Story.

The Greenwich (Conn.) Graphic, in an article giving an account of one of Walden's mysterious entertainments, says:

"While coming from Florida recently he met a gentleman who lost his teeth while parting company with his dinner; the magician's power having been doubted, he volunteered to return the teeth to their owner. Walden first asked for a line, hook and a piece of meat. On receiving these he baited the hook and cast it overboard. In a few minutes he felt a tug and on pulling it in a fish was found on the end of the line. Walden then turned to the man who had lost the teeth and commanded him to cut the fish open. On doing so the teeth were discovered."

Graded School Auditorium, November 11.

Bears Plentiful.

Linville Falls, Nov. 2.—Three bears in one morning, the first day's hunt and before 10 o'clock, is the record made by Mitchell Burleson and his son, Commodore, famous bear-hunters of this place with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Martin, of Canton, Ohio. The chase was not a very long one, for the bears were fat from the heavy chestnut mast and the hounds were fresh. The game was taken on Steel's creek, about ten miles from this place. The hunts start from here, where the guides and hounds are. Mr. Burleson says there are more bear and also wild turkeys.

PARENTS AND TEACHER

Supt. Joyner Urges Co-operation Between Home and School, Parent and Teacher.

The following from Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of education, should be read and studied by every parent who has children in school or of school age:

I wish to make an earnest plea to your readers who are patrons of the public schools for the active co-operation of the home with the school, of the parent with the teacher, in securing increased and regular attendance upon the public schools and in enforcing discipline and faithful and conscientious performance by the children of assigned school duties.

Statistics show that only 45 per cent. of the total school population between the ages of 6 and 21 is in daily attendance upon the public schools; and that only 63.7 per cent. of the total number of children enrolled in the public schools attend daily during the sessions of the schools. It is impossible for any teacher, however interesting he may make the work of the school, and however faithful he may be in the performance of his duties, to secure regularity and punctuality of attendance or the faithful performance of school duties, especially of school hours, without the hearty co-operation of parents at home.

Many parents do not realize that after a child begins to attend school going to school should be and is the main business in life. As childhood is the habit-forming and character-forming period of life, the manner in which he does his school work, and the business habits that he acquires in the performance of this main business of the formative period of his life, will determine the manner in which he will perform the main work of his life in the world as a man, will fix the business habits on his life and the most potent in the shaping of his character.

If he is allowed to be irregular in his attendance upon school, careless, slovenly and unsystematic in the performance of his other school duties, he will not only be unsuccessful in his school business, but he will almost certainly form and fix business habits that will doom him to failure in manhood in an exacting business world, where competition is growing sharper every day. The child that is allowed to stay away from school upon the pretext of bad feeling, bad weather, or the placing of a day's pleasure before a day's duty at school, will almost inevitably grow into a man or woman that will put pleasure before duty, that will be frequently found absent from his business and his post of duty upon the slightest pretext, that will lack grit and strength of character that will enable him to overcome obstacles and to perform unpleasant duties for duty's sake.

In the name of the child, for his future welfare, therefore, I most earnestly appeal to every parent to co-operate with the teacher of the child in securing regular and punctual attendance, prompt and faithful performance of every school duty, and prompt and cheerful obedience to reasonable requirement of properly constituted authority in childhood; in the formative period of life, for the formation of habits and the development of that strength that alone can give any reasonable assurance for success and service in manhood.

Means New Railroad.

Asheville, Nov. 3.—C. A. Dickey and J. C. Campbell have bought several tracts of land near Black Mountain, along the Southern railway to comprise a mill site which will be connected with the large timber tract on Mount Mitchell that they recently purchased from S. Montgomery Smith and his associates.

A deed for a right of way was also filed in which Maggie C. McDonald, J. S. McDonald and G. C. McDonald, transfer to them a right of way 40 feet wide across their lands in Black Mountain township "for the purpose of locating and operating a railroad from some point on the Southern railway, near Terrell's station, to a gap in the mountains at a point on the line between Buncombe and McDowell counties."

All this means that Mr. Dickey and Mr. Campbell are rapidly getting things in readiness to build their railroad from Black Mountain, or near there, to the top of Mount Mitchell and operations on a big scale seem to be scheduled for the near future. The completion of the road to the summit of Mount Mitchell is not contemplated for this winter, although the owners hope to get it built through the Toe River Gap, a distance of 144 miles. The grade will not exceed 5 per cent. at any point and this will make it perfectly safe for passenger trains.

Veterans Pleased.

To the United Daughters of the Confederacy:

I want to thank you all in behalf of myself and fellow comrades for the good dinner which you gave us October 20. You Daughters don't know the enjoyment we veterans get out of meeting together and discussing the times of the 60's. We never tire, and by your thoughtfulness of us we had the honor to meet with you all and enjoy a pleasant reunion. And since you could not please an old soldier better than to feed him well, for it seems that we've been hungry since the war, we can't say enough to express our appreciation for the bountiful dinner so nicely served to us by you all.

I am indeed proud of the fact that our county has an organized chapter of Daughters, and I can assure them as one of the veterans that we feel honored by their kindness and will look forward to our meeting again in the near future when we will be given our crosses of honor.

S. P. TATE.

State Building Contract.

Raleigh, Nov. 1.—The state building commission tonight awarded the contract for the new state building to John T. Wilson and company, of Richmond, Va., the complete bid being \$188,000. This was not the lowest bid. The highest bid was \$225,000. It was decided to have the entire building constructed of Indiana limestone and to have all the window frames, sashes and doors of metal, making the building almost absolutely fire-proof. There were many bids handed in and considered.

The best offer yet will be announced next week. THE PROGRESS.

Wm. Avery Gibbs.

Wm. Avery Gibbs was born in Burke county, this state, March 10th, 1852. When about twenty years of age he went west where he remained till about two months ago when he returned to this section. While in the west he was engaged in mining. On June 19, 1889, in the state of Idaho, he was married to Miss Nellie Tillabury who survives him. For the past few years he has been in declining health and returned to the place of his birth thinking that possibly the change would materially help him, but about two weeks ago he contracted a cold which deepened into pneumonia because of which he died at his rooms at Mr. Jas. Morris's on Garden street, Friday morning, November 3rd. He leaves to mourn his death besides his devoted wife two sisters, Mesdames Todd and Theodore McGimsey of Burke county, one half-brother, Mr. Harrison Gibbs of this county, an adopted daughter, Mrs. A. V. Moore of San Deigo, Cal., and many friends.

He was an earnest Christian and spent much of his time in his last years doing purely religious work. These words from the First Psalm were among the last in his mind upon his lips, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." God has simply taken one of his choicest.

Funeral exercises were conducted from the home of Mr. Morris by Revs. Edward Long and J. C. Story and the body was laid to rest in the city cemetery.

Bald Mountain News.

Dome, Nov. 4.—Well, you all know that the little bird skips around just after a snow-drift, and guess I had better give you my first chirp.

The farmers of Bald Mountain have a wonderful good apple and corn crop. It is the best they have had for several years.

Bald Mountain school is progressing nicely, with B. F. Horton as teacher. He has had a good attendance, and all have taken an interest in school, and every student has advanced rapidly. But we all know that is due to having a "good" teacher. I am sure no one will welcome the close school, but it is coming soon.

Pearl Ledbetter and Maggie Byrd, and a number of other girls and boys from Broad River visited Bald Mountain last Sunday.

Frank Hall, Ben Horton and Tharrel Taylor made a pleasure trip to Chimney Rock and report having had a good time.

Misses Ethel and Bertha Dalton and Mardith and Myrtle Nanney were guests at the home of B. L. Nanney last week.

Am glad to report another romantic wedding. Mr. Robert Hodgins and Mrs. Sarah Dimsel of Bat Cave were married last Saturday. SNOWHED.

Rocky Pass News.

Rocky Pass, Nov. 6.—Farmers have been and are yet busy gathering corn and sowing wheat. Lots of fine corn has been raised on Muddy creek this year. Corn shucking time is here but the people are so industrious that they all seem to do their own shucking this year. The apple crop is almost a failure. Irish potatoes are also very scarce in our section.

Fates Brown of Asheville is at home for a few weeks. Miss Ada Brown of Nebo High School was also visiting home folks Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. White and children spent Sunday in Marion with her daughter, Mrs. Affie Walls.

W. W. Huskins was in Marion on business Saturday, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. C. M. Huskins. BOSS.