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FAIR OPENED YESTERDAY

Featured by Splendid Exhibits and Good Attractions McDowell Fair is Successful.

With ideal weather, the third annual McDowell County Fair opened here yesterday, and is proving to be one of the most successful fairs in the history of the institution. The number of exhibits in most all of the departments exceed that of former years. Entries have been received from all parts of the county and visitors are gathering in large numbers. The attendance yesterday was all that could be desired, and with fair weather prevailing large crowds are expected daily to view the exhibits and to enjoy the amusement features of the big exhibition.

The Educational exhibits are unusually good, a large number of the county schools being represented with splendid showings. Some very fine fruit is on exhibit and the collection of all kinds of farm products is the best the fair has ever shown.

The Midway, with varied attractions, is in full blast, furnishing amusement for the large crowd of visitors in attendance. The feature of the free attractions will be the balloon ascension daily. The fire works display will also be a pleasing feature of the night attractions.

Yesterday was McDowell County Day and Dr. H. Q. Alexander, President of the State Farmers' Union, made the opening address. Dr. Alexander is an interesting speaker and made a splendid address which was well received by the large audience present.

An interesting number on the program for today is the singing contest which takes place at the court house this morning at 11 o'clock. Friday is Educational Day and the grand parade scheduled for 1 o'clock promises to be one of the best features of the fair.

The program for the week follows:

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.

11:00 a. m.—Singing Contest.
3:00 p. m.—Auto Tournament.
4 p. m.—Balloon Ascension.
8:30 p. m.—Fireworks display.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23.

10:30 a. m.—Balloon Ascension.
11:00 a. m.—Address in court house, by Dr. L. A. Williams of the State University.
1:00 p. m.—Street Parade.
3:00 p. m.—Exhibit rooms open to school children.
4:00 p. m.—Balloon Ascension.
4:30 p. m.—Horseback Tournament, followed by Ox Race.
8:30 p. m.—Torch Light Procession.

9:00 p. m.—Fireworks display.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24.

10:30 a. m.—Balloon Ascension.
11:00 a. m.—Address in court house.
1:00 p. m.—Stock Judging.
2:30 p. m.—Horse Races.
8:30 p. m.—Grand Promenade.

There is nothing that will give any more pleasure for so long a time for so little money as the magazines we send our subscribers. Are you getting these magazines? It not, write or telephone us. You can get The Progress and three magazines all one year for \$1.25.

The Constitutional Amendments.

A State organization has been formed to carry on a campaign of information in behalf of the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on by the people of North Carolina on the regular election day, November 3rd. These amendments were proposed by a commission composed of representatives of both political parties and submitted to the people by the Legislature of the State representing all political parties. Consequently, both political parties are represented on the committees of citizens who have interested themselves actively in the adoption of the amendments. These amendments have been formally endorsed by the North Carolina Press Association, the Farmers' Union and other organizations. The proposed amendments, briefly stated, are as follows:

1. The first amendment would substitute the phrase "War Between the States" for "Insurrection or rebellion against the United States."

2. This amendment proposes to increase the pay of members of the General Assembly from \$4 a day to \$6 a day, and of the presiding officers of the House thereof from \$6 to \$8 per day.

3. The third amendment has for its object the restriction of local, private, and special legislation, with a view of having many of these matters referred to boards of county commissioners and the governing bodies of our towns. Every session of the General Assembly is congested with thousands of bills which should either be the subject of uniform legislation or of local self-government.

4. The 4th amendment changes the date of inauguration of the Governor to correct an error.

5. The 5th amendment empowers the General Assembly to provide for special or emergency judges of the Superior Court. The necessity for this ought to be apparent to every citizen.

6. The 6th amendment merely strikes from the Constitution a few obsolete articles.

7. Art. 7 strikes out the present Article on Revenue and Taxation and substitutes one designed to give the General Assembly power to reform our present inefficient taxation system. The new article holds the present rate at 66¢ on the \$100 for State and county purposes. It also fixes the rate in cities and towns for all purposes at 75¢ on the \$100. The only way to increase these rates is by popular vote. It is further proposed to enable the General Assembly to classify subjects of taxation—all subjects of a class to be uniformly taxed; also to assign one sort of property for local taxation and another for State taxation. Poll-tax is limited to \$2.

8. The 8th amendment would leave the incorporation of corporations to the Secretary of State, in whose office ample power is reposed.

9. The 9th amendment commands the General Assembly to provide by general laws for the organization of cities and towns, etc., instead of having each one to come up before it with a contest.

10. The 10th amendment fixes the minimum limit of the public school term at six months instead of four, as it now stands. This is a very important change.

BLANTON-NOYES

Pretty Home Marriage of Popular Young Couple Here Last Thursday Evening.

The social event of the season so far in Marion was the marriage of Miss Lucile Blanton and Mr. Robert Jackman Noyes, which took place Thursday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Minnie Blanton. The ceremony was performed amid a scene of rare beauty and before a large number of relatives and friends.

The parlors were tastefully decorated with ferns and white roses, and shaded lights radiating softly in many colors added much to the beautiful simplicity of the white and green color scheme.

Before the ceremony Mrs. J. W. Pless sang Guy d'Handelbot's "Because" with much ease and rare sweetness of tone. Miss Julia Burton in her own skillful way rendered the wedding march, and during the ceremony played softly and very effectively the "Venetian Love Song."

Promptly at 6:30 Rev. Lloyd D. Thompson took his place beneath the arch of roses and white ribbon to receive the bridal party. First came Misses Annie Laurie and Nelle Blanton, followed by the groom and his best man, Mr. Marvin Anderson, of Washington, D. C. Then the bride entered upon the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Winborne. The ring ceremony was used.

Miss Nelle Blanton wore a gown of blue crepe meteor, veiled with silver beaded Chantilly lace, with a sweeping panel court train. She carried an armful of yellow chrysanthemums. Miss Annie Laurie Blanton was gowned in yellow duchess satin draped with rich cream lace, made en train, and carried white chrysanthemums. The bride's wedding dress was of an exquisite quality of white duchess satin with a long skirt of red lace. The bodice was almost entirely of real lace and pearls, with collar in Medici style, but with deep girdle of satin. Her blond type was most becomingly set off by a cap of tulle wreathed in orange blossoms and long tulle veil falling over the longer panel court train. Her bridal bouquet was white roses with a shower of lillies of the valley, tied with flowered white tulle.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held. The house was beautiful in its decorations of many colored dahlias and other fall flowers.

Mrs. G. S. Kirby met the guests at the door. The following were in the receiving line: Mrs. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Noyes, Miss Blanton, Mr. Anderson, Miss Nelle Blanton, and Mr. Jack Newton. Mrs. W. W. Neal escorted the guests to the dining room where Mrs. Pescud Craig, Mrs. Gaston Justice and Mrs. Marvin Gilkey served ices. Mrs. Winborne then showed them to the present room which was crowded with beautiful gifts, attesting the esteem and popularity of the young couple. Miss Maud Barnard did the honors of the present room and Misses Rena Neal and Joyce Decker served punch.

Miss Blanton is the daughter of

Mrs. Minnie Blanton, and has always been a great favorite in social circles. Scarcely a week has passed since her engagement was announced last June without some social function being given in her honor. In her mother's home she will be greatly missed, having always been so helpful in maintaining the well known hospitality of this home. For two years she taught in the graded school, where she endeared herself to the children in her charge, and the school authorities very reluctantly accepted her resignation at the end of last year. In church affairs she has always been active, always rendering her services gladly and freely.

Mr. Noyes has been very popular ever since his first coming to Marion a few years ago. He is employed by the Government in Forest service.

Immediately after the reception the bride and groom left for Massachusetts, where they will make an extended visit at the home of the groom.

Marion is to be congratulated that for the time being Mr. and Mrs. Noyes will make their home here.

Lyceum Course for Marion.

Arrangements have been made with the Alkabeth Lyceum System, of Atlanta, Ga., for a series of entertainments to be given at the Graded School this winter for the benefit of the Library Fund. There will be five attractions, as follows: The Cartwright Brothers, a quartette in instrumental music; The Morrow Brothers, a quartette in vocal music; Rev. Roland Nichols, a famous lecturer; The Boston Lyrics, entertainers, furnishing music, reading, etc.; The Alkabeth Favorites, a concert company, one of the best known companies doing Lyceum work today.

For the five attractions, a double season ticket, admitting two and including reserved seats, is sold for \$3.50, and single ticket for \$2.00. General admission will be 50c for each attraction and 10 cents extra for reserved seats. All over and above the actual cost of the attractions will be placed to the credit of the school library fund and will be used to buy books for the children to read. It is hoped that all citizens will patronize the entertainments, which will not only furnish desirable amusement but will also help out a most worthy cause.

Union Revival Meeting.

There will be a union revival meeting in Marion beginning October 25. The preaching will be done by Dr. G. W. Belk, an evangelist in the Presbyterian church. Dr. Belk served as pastor in Charlotte a number of years and has lately been employed as traveling evangelist in the Presbyterian church. He comes highly recommended. The services will be held in the Methodist church. The hours for service will be 10 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m., during week days and 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sundays.

The combined choirs of the town will furnish music under supervision of a director.

Let all christian people pray earnestly for a great spiritual awakening.

W. H. MOORE,
B. S. LASSITER,
J. C. STORY,
LOY D. THOMPSON.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, Oct. 20.—Miss Belle Bright spent the week-end in Hickory.

Miss Cora Lou Butt of Buck creek visited Miss Carrie Tate last week.

E. P. and Kenneth Justice, George Hunter and Clifton Jarrett spent part of last week on Linville fox hunting.

Miss Essie Ray Conley of Glen Alpine was the guest of Miss Nora Ballew Saturday.

Beverly Boyd of Connelly Springs is here spending a few days with home-folks.

Clyde Parker of Glen Alpine was a visitor in Bridgewater Saturday.

Mrs. S. P. Tate spent Saturday in Marion.

W. P. Riddle of Burnsville is here visiting relatives.

The little Adams children who have been spending the summer here at their grandfather, S. P. Tate, have returned to their home at Lancaster, S. C. where they will enter school.

Miss Carrie Tate was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Riddle and niece, Tressie Ballew of Marion Junction spent Sunday here.

HANKINS.

Hankins, Oct. 20.—The rain last week caused the Catawba river to get out of banks, destroying corn on several farms to a heavy loss. The swinging bridge at Dysart's ford was damaged to such an extent that it can not be used until some repair work is done on it.

Mrs. J. W. Hall and Miss Daisy Barnes visited relatives and friends at Spruce Pine last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hopper spent last week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Epley and children of Marion Junction are visiting the former's parents at this place.

J. W. Hall of Spruce Pine is visiting home-folks here.

R. D. Barnes made a business trip to Marion Monday.

J. C. Burnett made a business trip to Altapass last week.

State News.

Fire at Monroe last Thursday morning, believed to be incendiary, destroyed several business houses.

Investigation is being made of an epidemic of hog cholera in Jones, Duplin and Onslow counties. Fifteen hundred animals have succumbed to the disease in one section of Onslow county.

A cyclone at Concord Thursday afternoon destroyed several houses and injured five persons. The storm did not pass through the main business section. The First Presbyterian and Episcopal churches were damaged.

Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, has at last aroused the local officers to their duty in Nash county and other counties where brandy stilleries have been operated in flagrant violation of the law. The sheriff of Nash is raiding these stilleries. One man had made 1,000 gallons of brandy.

Daniel A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, co-founder with J. P. Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer and for more than 25 years a central figure in the industrial world of the two Carolinas, died at his summer home at Montreat, N. C., Sunday afternoon, aged 62 years, his death following a general weakening for a week or more of his condition, which had been that of partial paralysis for about three years.