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TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Here Saturday Well Attended and Excellent Program Given—Officers Elected.

The McDowell County Teachers' Association met at the Graded School building last Saturday at 10:30. The opening exercises, designed to serve as a model for all schools, were very effectively conducted by Miss Barnard. Superintendent Giles then took charge of the meeting and called upon the teachers present to explain their reports. It was clearly developed that those teachers who visit the homes of the children always make the best reports.

At 11 o'clock the teachers were divided into three groups—primary, grammar grade, and high school—and these groups met in separate rooms. Each group organized and elected officers as follows:

Primary Teachers' Association—President, Miss Mattie Hicks; secretary, Miss Margaret Winslow. Grammar Grade Teachers' Association—President, N. L. Hampton; vice-president, Dobson McCurry; secretary, Miss Grace Finley.

High School Teachers' Association—President, Z. V. Moss; vice-president, Mrs. J. L. C. Bird; secretary, Miss Annie Stacy.

The primary teachers had an excellent program, as follows: "Discipline and Seat Work," Miss Maggie Hudgins; "A Lesson in Spelling," Miss Elsie House; "A Lesson in Language," Miss Maud Barnard; "Some Suggestions in Drawing," Miss Ola Giles; "Number Work in the Primary Grades," Miss Mary Burgin. All the discussions were apt and instructive, and the presence of the children, who were taught the model lessons given, added much to the value of the program.

In the grammar grade department Mr. Hampton talked interestingly on the subject of Arithmetic. Mr. Parker gave an excellent outline on School discipline. Supt. Griffin outlined the work in Spelling, all of which was followed by a round table discussion of some problems peculiar to the grammar grades.

The high school teachers listened to a discussion of teacher training in the high schools by Supt. Griffin, and this was followed by some excellent suggestions along the line of domestic science for all the schools by Mrs. Bird. Miss Green presented the subject of English, and her plea for appreciation and correlation on the part of the pupil was very effective.

At one o'clock the sections reassembled in the auditorium and Supt. Giles presented the proposition to hold a County Commencement some time this Spring. The teachers voted almost unanimously for the proposition and all entered at once upon the necessary preparations. This will be one of the most important educational events in the history of the county. Details of the proposed commencement will be published later.

The Association adjourned to meet again February 27.

More than sixty teachers were present and all agreed that the meeting was one of the best yet held.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

Clinchfield School Closing.

Our school at Marion Junction closed on last Friday night with a very interesting entertainment. The program consisted of songs, drills, pantomimes, recitations and a short play. Altho' the teachers and children had only a little over a week in which to prepare for the occasion the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one, the children showing the effect of good training throughout the school term. Prof. Giles made a very interesting address upon "The Responsibility of the Parent."

Prizes were awarded the nine children who had been present every day, in spite of the rain, snow and sleet which has kept the attendance of the school rather low at times.

We feel that our teachers, Misses Stacy and Lonon, have done very good work this year and we hope to be so fortunate as to secure their services again next summer.

A PATRON.

From Sugar Hill.

Our school work will be finished here Friday, February 5th, and the commencement exercises will be presented Friday and Saturday evening. The public is invited.

Glenwood Commencement.

The Glenwood school which has enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable session under the joint leadership of Misses Cora Lou Butt, Ada Brown and Ethel Pyatt closed last Friday. The patrons and visitors describe the exercises on Friday and Saturday evenings as the best ever given at the school. The children acquitted themselves well and did credit to the good training of our popular teachers.

On Saturday morning Mr. B. B. Price of Marion delivered a very able and entertaining address on "Training the Young."

Good News from Greenlee.

We have organized a ball team for the boys, which is keeping them interested in school as well as giving them exercise. We have money for a tennis outfit and hope to have the court made soon. Our average attendance since Christmas has been sixty. We consider this pretty good for the bad weather we have had. The Sewing class is doing good work. The girls have made curtains for the windows and have done some sewing for some of the ladies of the community besides the other work of the class. Belk Bros. of Charlotte sent us a large box of remnants, etc., the first of the year which has helped the class a great deal. The curtains were made of some of this cloth.

The school will give an entertainment and box party about the 22nd to raise money to pay for the machine. K.

Schools Close.

Ashford and North Cove schools both close on next Friday. At Ashford a program will be given in the afternoon. The exercises at North Cove school will be given Friday evening.

Read "The Million Dollar Mystery," and see it at Grand tonight.

BIG THINGS FOR NEBO

Stock Being Subscribed for Knitting Mill—May Have a Bank—Vote on School Bonds.

Nebo, Feb. 1.—The citizens of Nebo school district will hold an election early this spring and it is believed will vote favorably on a \$10,000 bond issue for the purpose of erecting a modern school building and to otherwise make Nebo high school a modern one. It is already one of the best state high schools but the additions are necessary to accommodate the ever-increasing number of students.

Prof. George H. Weaver, for the past six years principal of the Nebo high school, has resigned to engage in other lines, and has been succeeded by Prof. Z. V. Moss, formerly principal of the Clyde high school. Professor Weaver has been an able principal and occupies a warm place in the hearts of the Nebo people, young and old. When he made it known to his pupils that he had resigned, many were visibly affected. Professor Moss is said to be a very proficient instructor in modern methods and promises to use every means in his power to see this school placed in the class of the most modern schools.

Bruce G. Gettys, a former citizen and business man of this town, has purchased the general merchandise stock and good will of J. L. Padgett, who has done a successful business and been one of Nebo's most progressive citizens for the past eight years. Mr. Padgett will engage in other business here, and it is rumored will be at the head of a new enterprise, the details of which are not yet made public.

After a long delay due to bad weather, the town aldermen have ordered the work completed on the sidewalk running from the depot north, which was needed on account of the condition of the street caused by grading the central highway which runs through the town.

Most of the stock has been subscribed for a large knitting mill in Nebo, the necessary site secured, and it is said work will begin on the buildings at no distant day.

It is reported here today that Nebo is to have a bank and it is said that one of the leading citizens and business men, formerly otherwise engaged in business, will be at the head of it.

Work on the new Baptist church which has been delayed on account of bad weather, has been resumed and the church will be completed in two weeks.

In order to comply with banking laws, rules and regulations, the First National Bank and The Merchants & Farmers Bank have issued instructions to the effect that on and after March 1st no check, draft or note shall be accepted for payment and charged to account of maker of such check, draft or note, unless sufficient funds have been placed to the credit of such person, firm or corporation's account to protect same without causing an overdraft. The resolutions and agreement in full appear in this paper.

But the income of every married man is already taxed to the limit.

Change of Principal for Nebo High School.

Nebo, Feb. 1.—It was with sincere regrets that the people of our village learned last week that Prof. G. H. Weaver, who for nearly five years has taught most successfully here, had tendered his resignation as principal of Nebo High School. When it was positively known that Prof. Weaver could not serve longer an effort was made to secure a man to take his place. Prof. Moss, a well-known and successful school man of Clyde, Haywood county, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Prof. Moss has received a hearty welcome from every one. We wish for him a smooth and prosperous spring term.

The very best wishes from his many friends will go with Prof. Weaver wherever he may go and in whatever work he may be engaged. B. W. J.

Mr. Bryan in Raleigh—Social Service Conference.

Mr. Bryan spoke to a great audience in Raleigh Saturday, in the auditorium, this address being a part of the programme of the Social Service Conference. Immediately afterward he spoke before the General Assembly in the Hall of the House; and Saturday night he spoke at Durham under Y. M. C. A. auspices. In talking to the legislators Mr. Bryan advocated the initiative and referendum, the recall and women suffrage.

The Social Service Conference, which was in progress in Raleigh for three days, heard addresses from many able speakers on subjects relating to the social welfare of the people of the State. At its conclusion officers for next year were elected as follows: A. W. McAllister of Greensboro, president; E. K. Graham of Chapel Hill, Mrs. W. R. Hollowell of Goldsboro and W. H. Swift of Greensboro, vice presidents; Warren Booker of Raleigh secretary and treasurer.

Spelling Contest at Vein Mountain.

Vein Mountain, Feb. 1.—The spelling contest at Vein Mountain school house Friday, January 22, was between Macedonia and Vein Mountain schools, and not Sandy Flat school. Macedonia school won and Vein Mountain school would not spell any where except in the part of the speller in which they had been preparing for the past month.

Provision for an amendment to the State constitution to extend the right of suffrage to women is contained in a resolution adopted last week by the Tennessee House of Representatives, 70 to 14. The resolution had passed by the Senate, 26 to 3, but it must be approved by the next Legislature and the voters in a State election before the amendment can become effective.

James Gist, of Florence, S. C., and Miss Olive Huskins, of Sevier, were married at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday evening, Rev. J. C. Story officiating.

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STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The next reunion of Confederate veterans will be held in Richmond June 1-3.

Bart M. Gatling has been selected to succeed Willis G. Briggs as postmaster at Raleigh. Mr. Briggs' term expires on February 16.

Miss Marianna Justice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Justice of Greensboro, and Mr. Kenneth Hardison were married last Wednesday at the home of the bride's grandfather, Judge M. H. Justice, in Rutherfordton.

L. R. Whitener, Confederate veteran, former member of the board of directors of the State Hospital at Morganton and former Representative in the Legislature from Catawba county, died Sunday in Hickory from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, aged 78.

James J. Britt, congressman-elect from the Tenth congressional district, has announced the appointment of Walter R. Voyles, of Cherokee county, as his clerk. He will assume his duties as secretary to the congressman the fourth of March, which time marks the beginning of Mr. Britt's term.

Wreck Near Nebo.

Nebo, Jan. 30.—A bad wreck occurred last night one mile West of this place when Southern railway freight No. 66, east-bound, derailed 12 freight cars loaded with corn, hay, salt, lumber and coal, throwing them topsy-turvy down an embankment from 50 to 70 feet below and some of them 50 to 75 feet from the track, completely demolishing the wooden cars, and badly twisting the steel coal cars. The track was torn up for a distance of 100 yards or more, bending the rails as if they were wire and tearing cross-ties into splinters. Coal, corn and lumber were thrown 100 feet from the track right and left in one conglomeration.

Had it been a passenger train many people might have been hurt. Fortunately, however, the engine and two or three cars passed safely over while three cars and the caboose remained on the track behind the wreck, which saved the train crew, who were badly shaken up but uninjured.

Next Lyceum Attraction.

The management of the Lyceum course regrets the unavoidable cancellation of the number advertised to appear at the Graded School last Friday night. The Morrow Brothers' Quartette was detained by a wreck until too late to appear.

The Alkahest Lyceum System has offered to send as a substitute the Riheldaffer-Skibinsky Company, a very high class entertainment, costing more than twice as much as the Morrow Brothers. There will be no extra charge to the patrons, the Alkahest Co. being only too glad to make up for the disappointment caused by the wreck. Full particulars of this company will appear next week. In the mean time the people of Marion may look forward to a rare treat next week, Thursday night, February 11.