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WITH THE LEGISLATURE

Debate Yesterday on Giles' Bill—
House Votes Into Law the
Hobgood Law.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The house today voted into law the act of Senator Hobgood, giving women the right of petition in local elections.

Of chief interest in the senate today was the discussion of Senator Giles' bill to provide for the uniform examination and certification of school teachers, which he presented clearly and forcefully. Senators Hobgood and White also gave the measure good support, while Senators Ballou and Speight spoke against it and one or two other senators indicated by questions that they would vote against the measure, the senate adjourning to 10 tomorrow without reaching a vote.

Bills passed final reading as follows: Amend the road law of Marion township, McDowell county; amend the revisal relative to appointment of trustees for holding property of benefit orders.

Representative Conley introduced in the House Monday a bill to authorizing the town of Marion to issue bonds to pay its indebtedness, also a bill to amend the charter of the town of Marion.

Fine Attraction Tonight.

In persuading these three great artists to appear together on the lyceum platform the coming season, the affiliated Lyceum Bureaus feel that they have accomplished a notable achievement. Each of these musicians, pre-eminent in his or her own sphere, has been considered a brilliant attraction. The combination of their talents has produced what is unquestionable one of the finest musical organizations in America.

Madame Grace Hall-Riheldaffer is recognized by both press and public as one of the greatest American sopranos. Bruno Steindel, the world-famous solo cellist of the Thomas Orchestra of Chicago, says of her: "Grace Hall-Riheldaffer is a thoroughly reliable artist with a beautiful voice and a charming personality. Her singing makes it plain why audiences everywhere adore her."

Alexander Von Skibinsky, the noted Russian violinist, has worked with the great masters of Germany and Russia. The famous Prof. Hugo Heerman, of Berlin, under whom Prof. Skibinsky studied for several years, predicted a splendid career for his talented pupil. Prof. Emil Krause, of Hamberg, Germany, said of him: "Alexander V. Skibinsky, the highly talented young artist, possesses a great deal of temperament combined with a magnificent tone reach in beautiful modulations."

Harold A. Loring is well-known throughout musical America. Mr. Loring studied under the famous teacher, Carl Faeton, of Boston, and has won distinction as a brilliant concert pianist. Because of his unusual musical ability he was commissioned by President Roosevelt to study the music of American Indians for the purpose of recording and preserving the best of their aboriginal music and folklore. Mr. Loring plays with a fine conception of tone quality, delicacy of shading and flexibility of movement.

This entertainment will begin at

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

School Notes.

Miss Cora Lou Butt has taken charge of the sixth and seventh grade work in the Nebo High School. Miss Butt is a teacher of several years successful experience. She was principal of the Glenwood Graded School this year.

The school at Ashford closed Friday, February 5th, with a short literary program consisting of a debate, songs, recitations, etc. The people are pleased with the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Hampton this year.

Mr. Jesse Corpening and Miss Ellen Carson completed their school work at North Cove school last Friday and the community enjoyed the very interesting program rendered by the pupils that night. North Cove has made a number of improvements this year. Patent desks, teachers' desks, and high-plate blackboards have been purchased for both rooms.

The Siloam school closed Friday, February 5th. Mrs. Hester Stepp reports a pleasant and successful year as principal.

Miss Annie Stacy, of Nebo, has gone to Broad River to teach the Bald Mountain school.

The Spring Normal Course opens at Nebo February 22 and continues for six weeks. The work will consist of a review of the common school branches and modern methods of teaching these. Supt. I. C. Griffin will have charge of this work. All the work of the primary grades, together with the demonstration and observation work in these grades, will be given by Miss Barnard.

Harmony Grove School will close with an entertainment Thursday evening, the 11th. A very attractive program consisting of songs, readings, plays, etc., will be rendered by the pupils.

County Commencement.

The Commencement for McDowell County schools has been scheduled for some time near the first of April. The County Superintendent has appointed the following committees:

Examinations—N. F. Steppe, Z. V. Moss and I. C. Griffin.

Athletics—Dob. McCurry, Clifton Kurfees and Miss Grace Finley.

Contests—Julius Parker, Misses Eva Keeter and Edna Wells.

Entertainment and Arrangement—Misses Maggie Hudgins and Margaret Winslow, Mrs. J. W. Pless, Mrs. John Decker and Mrs. B. B. Price.

Prizes—Mrs. Pescud Craig, Miss Barnard and Miss Rosa Stacy.

Attorney General Bickett will be invited to make the leading address.

Mrs. M. E. Turner, of Nebo, was shopping in Marion yesterday.

7:30 in order to give an opportunity to all patrons to attend the Motion Picture Show afterwards. Mr. Self has arranged to give a matinee and a night performance, the night performance to begin after the entertainment at the Graded School has been concluded. General admission, 50c.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HANKINS.

Hankins, Feb. 8.—The prayer meeting at Capernaum church is progressing nicely under the leadership of John C. Burnett. Let's all co-operate with our leader in making the prayer meeting here an "Evergreen" one. The lamp for the church has been purchased and will be put up this week.

Mrs. J. Y. Finley of Marion spent last week here with relatives.

Leonard Epley of the west is visiting homefolks here.

Miss Carrie Tate of Bridgewater spent last week here with her sister Mrs. J. B. Connelly.

John Garden, of Lynch, was a business visitor here last week.

Mrs. Chas. F. Barnes of Sevier spent one day last week here with relatives.

There will be services at the Methodist church here next Sunday at 3 p. m. conducted by Rev. J. M. Ridenhour of Marion.

Our school here is expected to close at an early date, a very interesting program is being prepared.

Misses Maggie Byrd, Delia Gibbs and Carrie Tate was the guests of the Misses Barnes last Sunday. Doo Little.

GLENWOOD.

Nealsville, Feb. 8.—Forest L. Ellis of Shelby and Briscoe B. Brown of Asheville attended the commencement exercises here last week.

Mrs. F. J. Warrick has returned to her home in Erwin, Tenn., after spending several days with Mrs. M. L. Poteet. Miss Cora Lou Butt has accepted a position as teacher at Nebo.

Delbert and Roland Morgan, who have been attending school here, have gone to their home at Asford.

Robert Rayburn witnessed the closing entertainment of the East Marion school last Friday night.

Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Hunt of Cliffside spent the week ending January 31st with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Gardin.

Mrs. Lee Rayburn has returned from Cliffside, where she spent several days with her parents.

Mrs. Clara Ramsey of Erwin, Tenn., is at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morris.

NEALSVILLE.

Nealsville, Feb. 9.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pyatt, on the 29th, a son. A. P. Poteet made a business trip to Knoxville, Tenn., last week.

Miss Laylas Nannoy of Thermal City spent last week with her cousin, Miss Vina Raburn.

Misses Ada Brown and Ethel Pyatt attended the closing exercises of Sugar Hill school Saturday night.

Young Jordan of Old Fort was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. T. W. Brackett has returned from a visit to relatives at Old Fort.

A. R. Bird was in Marion, Saturday. A. C. Mashburn of Nebo was in Glenwood last week.

Misses Ida Cannon, Nelle Morris and Ola England have entered school at Nebo.

Boyd Pyatt was in Marion, Monday.

STROUDTOWN.

Stroudtown, Feb. 8.—On last Sunday morning Arthur Poteet and Miss Carrie Gibson were united in marriage, Rev. Charles Stroud officiating. Their friends wish them a long and happy life.

Mrs. S. M. Hawkins is on the sick list. Grayson Norton of Morganton spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. M. T. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have returned from Berea, Ky.

F. C. Collins of Asheville spent Sunday here with homefolks.

Simpson Richard spent last Wednesday night here with his sister, Mrs. S. M. Hawkins, on his return home to Charlotte from City Point, Va.

Miss Annie Biggestaff was the guest of Miss Emma Hensley Saturday night and Sunday.

Chester Hensley has returned home from Virginia.

SUNNYVALE.

Sunnyvale, Feb. 8.—Weather conditions are no better. It has been sleeting all day.

M. J. Padgett is visiting friends in Yancey county.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. D. Sowers have returned home after several months' visit at Lynn and Saluda. They were accompanied by their grandson, Oscar Sowers.

Zeb, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, fell in the fire Wednesday and was badly burned.

Steve Shuford of Yancey county was a visitor here this week.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Miss Dora Sheehan were guests of Mrs. Josephine Shuford last week.

Mrs. N. A. Padgett is suffering with rheumatism.

Mrs. Oscar Elliott is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. Elliott.

NORTH COVE.

North Cove, Feb. 8.—North Cove School wishes to correct the error made by the Ashford correspondent in last week's issue of The Progress. The members of the North Cove Debating team deny forfeiting the decision of the joint debate and will deny it until Ashford wins it.

North Cove school closed Saturday night, February 6, and a large number of the patrons and friends of the school were present and enjoyed a three hours program which was well rendered.

GARDEN CITY.

Garden City, Feb. 9.—The new and pretty home of Galen Sparks was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of the 8th while the family were away from home. The cause of the fire is unknown. Noticing an unusual amount of smoke from the chimney, Mr. Sparks, who was chopping wood not far away, hurried to the house to find the interior all ablaze. Only a very few articles of furniture and clothing were saved. We learned, however, that there was some insurance on the house and furniture.

Newton Sparks has sold his cozy hill-top home to Charles Wilson, of the Buck Breek neighborhood, who is moving in this week. Immediately after the sale Mr. Sparks was besieged with real estate dealers, but after a week's inspection of various properties he appeared to decide in favor of Garden City, and, with his son, Harrington, has located for the present in the "Mt Ephraim cottage" with a view to buying there.

Revs. Tipton and McMahan are conducting a two weeks' meeting at Clear Creek church in which much interest is taken. Already there have been a dozen or more converts. The church is soon to have a new roof of metal shingles.

Rutherfordton News.

Special to MARION PROGRESS.
Rutherfordton, Feb. 9.—Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of the Rutherfordton Baptist church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mt Olive Baptist church located about 80 miles from Wilmington. Your correspondent is informed that Mr. Herring will move to his new field April 1st.

We are sorry to learn that R. L. Taylor had the misfortune to break his arm a few days ago. He was taken to the Rutherford hospital and we learn that he is doing all right.

Robert E. Taylor, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte Sanatorium, is reported to be improving.

Miss Alice Morris of Sugar Hill recently underwent an operation at the Rutherford Hospital, and we learn that she is getting on nicely. Gordon.

Look over The Progress carefully and see if it is not worth what we ask for it—\$1.00 per year. If you are not already a subscriber, let us put your name on our list. Note our great clubbing offer.

Let us be thankful that our own gunmen do not use dum-dum bullets.

It's better to be up and doing than to be down and done.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Boone Democrat says the Avery hotel, at Elk Park, Avery county, owned by Mrs. Rose, was burned recently. The loss is said to be well covered by insurance.

The news comes from Washington that ex-Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers, of Macon county, will in all probability land as director of the census at a salary of \$6,000 per annum.

In Craven county Superior Court Monday Judge Frank Carter fined Solicitor Abernethy \$50 because the solicitor didn't sit down when his honor told him to. The solicitor was ordered into the custody of the sheriff and given a limited time to pay the fine or go to jail. He paid.

Attorney General Bickett has given out a statement that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the 1916 campaign. Mr. Bickett says that he knows of no other avowed candidate, but that he is in the race in earnest and will make the contest against all comers.

Twentieth Century Club Meeting.

On last Friday afternoon the regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Guy, Mrs. A. Blanton being the hostess, and though the afternoon was exceedingly stormy a large number of the members were present, lending inspiration to the program. With Keats and Shelley as the subject, roll call was answered by quotations from these noted English poets. Mrs. Kirby gave a review of Keats' life and his foremost works, among them being Endymion, a poetic romance; The Eve of St. Agnes, and Isabella. Keats was a young man, only 26 years of age, when he died in Rome where he had gone for his health. He was noted for his fine mind and clear cut features, and his own efforts crowned his success as his people were very poor in purse and with no social position. Mrs. W. C. McCall read his Ode to a Nightingale.

Shelley, unlike Keats, came from people of high position and much fortune. Among his best known writings are Queen Mob and Solitude. In search of inspiration he went to Italy where he was drowned, supposedly through treachery. His body was burned and ashes buried in the protestant cemetery in Rome, not so far from Keats' grave. Mrs. W. W. Neal reviewed Shelley's life, and Mrs. J. G. Reid gave his poem "To the Clouds" and "To a Skylark." The Keats and Shelley memorial was told by Mrs. Burton.

A dainty tea was served after the program, Mrs. Blanton being assisted by Mrs. Winborne and Mrs. Noyes in her hospitality.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. C. McCall with Queen Victoria's reign and her famous descendants as the subject.

The four room dwelling house of Higgins Hall, about four miles north of Marion, was destroyed by fire Monday night. Very little household goods were saved and there was no insurance on the building.