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NEW PROHIBITION LAW

Senator Giles Gives Summary of the Anti-Jug Bill and Other Measures of Interest.

The anti-jug law, which was passed by the General Assembly just adjourned, goes into effect April 1st, 1915. The effect of the act in substance is that no person, firm or corporation can receive more than one quart of spirituous liquor within fifteen consecutive days, this to be shipped in one package, and in one receptacle, and to be so marked and labeled. No person can receive any liquor except that shipped in his own name and signed for by himself. And in all cases it must be for his own private use. This bill further provides that not more than five gallons of beer may be received by any person, firm or corporation within fifteen days, and this to be for his own private use. The bill is very rigid in its provision that all spirituous liquors must be ordered and received for by the person to whom it is delivered, and further provides for the inspection of the books of the public carrier.

The Grier bill which provided in substance that no liquor should be received by any person, firm or corporation, except for medicinal purposes was held to be unconstitutional by the best constitutional lawyers in the Senate, and even the bill which did pass was held by some to be unconstitutional.

The State-wide Primary bill which passed provides for a State-wide Primary in June for all National, State and County officers. This bill applies to both political parties; the primary to be held for each party on the same day, with the same poll holders and under the rules and regulations that govern general elections. Several counties in the State were exempted from the provisions of the act in so far as county officers are concerned. McDowell County, however, was not exempt, McDowell being kept in at the instance of Representative Conley, who pledged himself in the campaign to a legalized primary.

The machinery act which provides the means for assessing and collecting taxes was amended in several instances. The present law is a compromise between the 1911 law and that under which taxes were assessed this year. The State Corporation Commission and the county commissioners in each county are given fuller power for the assessing and collecting of taxes, and the list takers are given more exacting duties and much more power than they have heretofore had. The machinery act adopted was not in full keeping with the recommendations of the State Corporation Commission, but Chairman Travis of the Commission says that under the present law he will be able to get more uniformity in the assessing of property than we have heretofore had in North Carolina. It was the general opinion by the joint finance committee of the two houses that the time is near at hand in North Carolina when agricultural lands, farming utensils and personal property on which men depend for a livelihood should be decreased in their assessed value, and solvent

credits should be put on the tax books at their actual value.

I am of the opinion that the next Legislature will provide for a schedule of fees in all the State institutions that will increase the income of the institutions and thereby greatly relieve the taxpayers of the State. I am also of the opinion that the next Legislature will do something that will change the way in which the present state farms and prisons are managed, and also place the management of the State's business on such footing that every department of State will be managed more efficiently and with greater economy. Resolutions were passed looking to this end and when it is worked out I am very strongly of the opinion that several hundred thousand dollars will be saved to the taxpayers of the state.

I am sure Representative Byron Conley's friends will be glad to know that he was looked upon as a safe and conservative member. He took a high stand in the councils at Raleigh, and McDowell County has every right to be proud of him as a representative. It was a pleasure to me to council with him as to local legislation, and to know that we could agree on everything that was done effecting the county.

D. F. GILES.

Nearly Half Million Dollars Distributed to Various Counties.

The state board of education apportioning the school equalizing fund for the state last Friday distributed \$409,630.45 with which to project the term to an average of 100.2 days.

The money allotted the several counties in the state comes from what is known as the state equalizing fund. It was provided for by the 1913 general assembly and raised by a five cent levy on each \$100 valuation and set aside from the state tax levy.

The term of 100.2 days lacks three and one-tenth days of equalizing the term of last year which went 103.3 days. On its face that would carry disappointment, but two contributing causes make it a source of strength. The salaries of the teachers have been raised and the compulsory school law has placed so many additional children in the schools that a larger number of teachers had to be employed. And while the term has been shortened by a half week, the number of children put in the schools runs into many thousands.

The apportionment for McDowell county is \$3,359.10.

Dysartsville School Closes 30th.

The Dysartsville School closes Tuesday, March 30th. Hon. W. T. Morgan of Marion has kindly consented to deliver an address at 11 o'clock of this date. We are very fortunate in securing Mr. Morgan.

In the afternoon the contest of recitations and declamations will be had. Lillie Landis, Willie Jarrett, Hattie Haney and Cola Daves are those who are contesting for the prize in reciting. Frank Glass, Cronje Laughridge and Key Landis are in the declaimer's contest.

In the evening at 7:30 the concert will be given. A large audience is expected.

W. M. McNairy has returned from Raleigh.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

BRIDGEWATER.

Bridgewater, March 28.—Mrs. M. F. Tate died here at her home on Muddy creek last Wednesday afternoon after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Tate was sixty-two years of age and is survived by her husband, four daughters—Mrs. T. W. Wilson of Glenwood, Mrs. Ben Conley of Hankins, Mrs. Wade Hennessee of Garden City, and Miss Carrie, who was at home with her—one son, John Tate of Marion, also a number of grand children and a brother, Dr. Sam Brown of South Dakota.

During her life she made a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will receive with deepest regret the news of her death.

The deceased was a faithful worker in the Snow Hill Methodist church of which she was a member.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by her pastor, Rev. Mann of Nebo, and interment was made at the Tate family burying ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey, A. A. Tate and family and Mrs. Bob Simpson of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, Clifton McCall, J. H. Tate, D. F. Giles and Roby Conley of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rowe of Glen Alpine, and Mrs. Kinney Kincaid of Morganton attended the funeral of Mrs. Tate, Friday.

Mr. Joseph Morrison, sixty-seven years of age, died Monday morning after a brief illness of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. D. Hemphill, near Bridgewater. Mr. Morrison is survived by two children, Mrs. C. D. Hemphill of this place and Mr. Billie Morrison of Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Huskins of Burke county. Interment was made at Snow Hill Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, the funeral service being conducted by A. P. Hunter. Mr. Morrison was a good christian man and leaves a host of friends who mourn his loss.

Miss Charlie Maye Hennessee and little sister of Glen Alpine spent the week-end here with Mrs. T. A. Seals, jr. Bob Seals spent Sunday at Marion Junction.

John W. Ballew has returned to his work at Elkhorn, Ky., after spending a few days here with his family.

Messrs. Roby Conley and Thad Hunter of Nebo spent Sunday in Bridgewater.

Misses Cecelia and Norah Ballew were shopping in Morganton Tuesday.

Mrs. T. A. Seals, Jr., has returned from Glen Alpine after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Scott.

Bill.

DOHE

Dome, March 12.—We are glad to see the farmers in the field ploughing again. We hope for a spell of fair weather for awhile as the farmers are getting behind with their work.

Miss Cordella Nesbitt of Fairview is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Ledbetter. J. H. Garrison made a business trip to Cedar creek this week.

J. W. Stroud is visiting homefolks here.

R. L. Clements made a business trip to Bald Mountain during the week.

J. Ledbetter made a business trip to Asheville during the week.

W. O. Ledbetter and G. C. Ledbetter of Marion are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ledbetter.

SUNNYVALE

Sunnyvale, March 13.—We are having nice weather and the people are making gardens and planting potatoes.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Percy Hollifield and Bernard Elliott of Sevier were visitors here last week.

Roscoe Shuford of Busick was here on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Padgett.

Jeese.

An oyster and pie supper will be given at Greenlee school on Friday night, March 19.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

School Notes.

Every school committeeman, every school teacher and every school child is expected to take part in the county commencement March 27th.

State Supervisor L. C. Brogden of Raleigh is visiting the Nebo High School this week.

The school at Hankins closed last Saturday. The patrons seem well pleased with the good work done by Misses Byrd and Gibbs.

Supt. Moss announces that Nebo High School Commencement exercises will be given April 15th and 16th.

The school at Chapel Hill closed last Wednesday. That night a very interesting program was rendered.

Woodlawn school closed March 5th with a very pleasing entertainment given by the pupils.

The seventh grade examinations were given on last Friday to all pupils wishing to receive their public school diploma at County Commencement.

County Commencement March 27

The parents and representatives of the different schools are requested to assemble on the court house lawn with the school children from all schools in the county at 10:30 o'clock. From this point the parade will start, and the march will be made to the graded school building where the following County Commencement program will be carried out:

Invocation—Rev. W. H. Moore.

Recitation Contest.

Declamation Contest.

Composition Contest.

Spelling Contest.

Educational Address.

Presenting diplomas to those passing the course of study prescribed in the seventh grade.

At 2:30 p. m., the Athletic contests will take place on North Main street. The following events will be contested in by representatives from all the schools: Fifty-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440 yard dash. Running broad jump. Running high jump. Shot put. Pole vault. Sack race. Potato race.

The Marion Band will furnish music for the occasion.

Entertainment at Hankins.

It has been some time since I had the opportunity of attending a public school closing, but I feel safe in saying that there is not a school in McDowell county that has had a better entertainment than the one given at Hankins on March 13, under the supervision of the efficient teachers, Misses Maggie Byrd and Dora Gibbs. It is a credit to the community and the county to secure teachers like Misses Byrd and Gibbs.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated in evergreens and narcissus. The songs, drills, recitations, plays, etc., were exceedingly well rendered. Cicero, the negro character in the play "My Jeremiah," was exceptionally good and the Good-night drill by eight little girls was also very interesting. About 300 visitors were present and all enjoyed the entertainment.

A VISITOR.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Dr. C. W. Bain, head of the department of Greek at the University, died at Chapel Hill Monday.

Swain county highway commissioners have decided to issue \$100,000 of bonds for public road work.

P. L. Green, of Shelby, was struck and killed by a Southern Railway train near Charlotte Wednesday.

The voters of the city of Asheville Tuesday adopted the commission form of government for the management of the affairs of the city by a majority of 692 votes.

Rev. George Jackson, erstwhile colored minister, closed a checkered career Saturday by receiving a death sentence in Burke Superior Court at Morganton on the charge of committing a criminal assault on Ella Deal, a colored woman.

According to figures issued Tuesday by the British admiralty fifteen British steamers were sunk out of a total of 8,734 vessels of more than 300 tons which arrived at British ports or departed from them from January 31st to March 3rd by German submarines. The total number of lives lost was 29.

The Albemarle Normal and Collegiate institute, located at Albemarle, Rev. George H. Atkinson, principal, will be moved to Salisbury and will occupy the uncompleted building of the Salisbury Military School, an institution which failed to materialize. This property was offered the State for the school for the blind and was given to Mr. Atkinson on the same terms offered the State.

Snow Three to Five Feet Deep in South Dakota.

"We had seventy-two consecutive hours of snow and then some later. Three to five feet deep. You don't know what that much snow means," writes Dr. A. J. Buffalo, of Mitchell, S. D. to his brother, Mr. A. R. Buffalo, of Marion, telling him of a winter that exceeded all records for snow in that State.

"I was in the country the last day of the snow," he continued in his letter. "It took me nearly an hour to go three miles. I never saw it just this way before. We had more snow in February than usual. I rode on a sleigh 150 miles during the month.

"Trains have been out of commission part of the time. One good thing—there wasn't much wind during the long snow and it didn't drift as much as usual. The days are now longer and the sun goes higher, so we are hoping that the snow will soon all melt. If it goes fast the streams will overflow their banks.

"It has been a hard, cold winter and the earth is frozen five to seven feet deep. Ice is twenty-five or more inches thick on the lakes and rivers—you can drive right across with a load. Not much work can be done. People take care of their stock and some have large bunches up fattening for market. Grain, however, is getting too high to leave any margin for the stock people."

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