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LITTLE DID NOT GET SQUARE DEAL, SAYS JOHN GARY EVANS

Tells What Happened at Meeting When New President for Marion Manufacturing Co. Was Elected.

The Herald, Spartanburg, S. C.
The story appearing in Sunday morning's Herald about the election of Reginald W. Baldwin, of Baltimore, as president of the Marion Manufacturing Company, of Marion, N. C., succeeding D. D. Little, of Spartanburg, has aroused considerable interest and comment. Mr. Little organized the company, and under his direction it had made wonderful success, and a change in the executive head caused considerable surprise.

Hon. John Gary Evans, a minority stockholder in the Marion Manufacturing Company, attended the meeting on February 1st at which Mr. Baldwin was elected president, succeeding Mr. Little. Asked yesterday about the meeting by a representative of The Herald, Mr. Evans gave the following interview:

Mr. Evans Talks of Meeting.

In your issue of Sunday morning, February 6th, I read a statement concerning a meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Manufacturing Company held in Marion, N. C., Tuesday, February 1st, at which meeting a new board of directors was elected, and Mr. Reginald W. Baldwin elected president of the mill to succeed Mr. D. D. Little.

It might be of interest to the public and to our cotton manufacturing industries at large to know just what happened. As a minority stockholder in the Marion mill I attended this meeting having been acquainted for sometime with certain demands of the majority stockholder made upon the board of directors and upon the officers of the corporation during the year 1920. The majority of the stock of the corporation is owned and controlled by a northern lady. The minority of the stock is owned by the citizens of North Carolina and South Carolina largely in the City of Spartanburg, S. C., and the City of Marion, N. C., where the plant is located.

Matter of Dividends.

As you have written about a disagreement existing for sometime as to the management of the property between the majority stockholder and the board of directors, I will state that the whole difficulty arose as to the advisability of paying dividends to the stockholders that had been earned by the company, and the right of the directors to manage without dictation the business of the corporation. On or about April 1st, 1920, the directors declared a cash dividend of 25 per cent to be paid to the stockholders. This seemed to meet with the approval of the majority stockholder but on May 10th a communication was addressed to the president signed by the majority stockholder demanding that a meeting of the stockholders be called for June 2nd, to consider the payment of further dividends and demanding among other things the resignation of the superintendent, secretary, auditor and assistant treasurer, and to elect a new board of directors. Further demanding of the president that he should deposit the cash of the corporation in a bank in New York City, and that only \$5,000 or less should be deposited in any bank in the City of Marion, the seat of the corporation, or elsewhere with the further demand that the vice president who lived in New York should be consulted as to the distribution of the excess funds of the corporation. These demands were to be answered by the president before June 1st. A meeting of the board of directors was called by the president and these demands presented to them for action. The board considered the matters carefully, and

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SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES NEXT MONDAY

The February term of McDowell Superior court will convene here next Monday with Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, presiding. Solicitor Garrett D. Bailey, of Burnsville, will prosecute the docket as solicitor. The first week of the term will be devoted to criminal cases, which include two capital cases, and a large number of minor cases.

The second week will be taken up by the civil docket, a calendar for which has been arranged as follows: Thursday, Feb. 24th—Hattie Dalton vs C. G. Morris, A. Blanton Grocery Company vs W. L. Crisp, Robert Hensley et al vs Hall and Jonas, Greene Brothers vs Southern Railway Company.

Friday, Feb. 25th—W. J. Ballew vs J. S. White, Connelly and Teague vs Melton Rhodes Company, Hutton and Bourbonnais Co. vs Shelton Brothers, Rasen Monumental Company vs John M. Houck, A. Blanton Grocery Co. vs Southern Railway Co. and L. A. Peacock, Blanton Feed Co. vs Asheville Grain & Feed Co.

Monday, Feb. 28th—J. N. Yelton vs Mamie C. Furgeson, Mary C. Hungerford vs W. W. Dysart et al, N. M. Arrowood vs Noyes Land & Lumber Co., Marshall Lumber Co. vs J. W. Rutherford.

Tuesday, Mar. 1.—Marshall Lumber Co. vs Melton Rhodes Co., B. G. Hensley vs C. M. Holland, Gibson Land Auction Co. vs W. T. Brittain, Gibson Land Auction Co. vs B. L. Robbins, D. E. Hudgins vs E. J. Gunter, Catherine Greene vs William Clark.

MORGANTON VARSITY DEFEATS MARION TEAM

In what was considered the fastest and roughest basket ball game ever played in Morganton, the Morganton Varsity defeated the second team of the Marion High School by a score of nine to three on the Morganton floor last Friday night. The Morganton team played four players that had taken part in the struggle between Asheville and Morganton the night before. They were on an average of about 30 pounds heavier than the Marion lands. The Marion boys held the lead for the first ten minutes 1 to 0, and fought with every effort to the last whistle.

The feature of the game was tight guarding by Atkins and Whitener who held their opposing forwards to one field goal each. Raider and McMahan displayed some good pass work, while Neal played a remarkable game for a lad of his size. The Morganton guards weighed so much that it was almost impossible for the Marion forwards to shoot goals.

The Morganton team will play a return game as soon as the Marion indoor court is completed, and the Marion boys are waiting with blood in their eyes for sweet revenge, which they are sure will be theirs.

The line up was as follows: Morganton—Bolick, R. Forward; Brendle, L. Forward; Pickens, Center; Gurie, R. Guard; Walker, L. Guard.

Marion—Neal, R. Forward; McMahan, L. Forward; Raider, Center; Whitener, R. Guard; Atkins, L. Guard.

Summary: Field Goals—Bolick 1, Gurie 1, Neal 1. Foul Goals—Perkins 3, Whitener 1. Substitutes: Rhyne for Brendle.

CLINCHFIELD MFG. CO. ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company held in Marion on February 1st, W. A. Hart, of Tarboro, N. C., was elected as chairman of the board of directors and first vice-president. J. W. Pless of Marion was also elected a member of the board of directors, and Pless & Winborne chosen as attorneys.

Officers were re-elected as follows: D. D. Little, president; J. L. Morgan, vice-president; Hugh F. Little, treasurer; W. L. Morris, secretary and assistant treasurer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 15.—At a preliminary debate in which all high school students participated four students were chosen to represent the school in the triangular debate of April 1st. This debate is an annual feature participated in by most of the high schools of the state. Those winning both sides of the question, "Resolved, That the policy of Collective bargaining thru trade unions should prevail in American industry," will go to the University of North Carolina, April 15, when all winners will contest for a silver cup. The preliminary of April 1st will be between Glenwood and Nebo High schools. Those on the affirmative Nebo team are Misses Lena Spencer and Myra Quinn. Those on the negative are Miss Charline Brown and Mr. Douglas Jamison.

Nebo high school pupils making the honor roll during the fifth month, in spite of sickness and weather, are: First grade, Burley Snipes; second grade, Ferry Parks and Clara Brown.

On Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock the members of the two literary societies of Nebo High school will give a play, "The Little Clodhopper." Everyone should see this. The interest is held thruout the play and furnishes much amusement to the spectator. An admission fee of twenty-five and fifteen cents will be used as a gift for use in furnishing the new school building.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Feb. 15.—Mrs. C. E. Mackey, an aged and respected lady, died at her home near Greenlee, Monday night, Feb. 14. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her death.

Miss Emily Mashburn of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort.

Robt. Davis is very ill with meningitis. He is not expected to live.

Rev. R. L. Foster went to Asheville Tuesday afternoon to hear Rev. Billy Sunday.

Mrs. James of Tennessee is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Davis.

Mrs. S. M. Hoffman was reported quite ill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moffitt spent the week-end with G. L. Fleming.

Prof. Easley of Concord and Rev. Huffman of Hickory, both blind, gave an entertainment last Tuesday night in the school auditorium.

Jasper Conner and Miss Daisy Searcy were married at the home of Ed. Silver last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. R. L. Foster officiating.

Mrs. Geo. Sandlin entertained at her home Thursday night in honor of Miss Everett of Asheville.

A party of young people gathered at the home of Dr. Johnson Monday night and enjoyed the Valentine night.

Dr. and Mrs. Savage, after spending a month in Old Fort, left Monday for Murphy to visit relatives.

Mrs. Fred McCoy of Asheville spent Saturday and Sunday in Old Fort. Her son, Fred, Jr., accompanied her.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Feb. 14.—J. E. Snipes, who holds a position with the Union Telegraph Co., spent the latter part of the week with homefolks on the head waters of Buck creek.

We have been having some very rough weather for the last few days but we are praying for a change in the future. The roads in this part of the county at the present time are very rough.

Miss Lennie Greenlee is very ill. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Will Hennessee and C. D. Glenn were in Garden City Saturday on business.

G. B. Woody and son, Dillon, of

Marion, were here on business Saturday.

We had a great sermon at Clear Creek church Saturday by Rev. P. C. Holland.

The Garden City school is progressing nicely.

We are glad to welcome new neighbors into the community—Mr. H. Sparks and family from Yancey county.

S. D. Glenn made a business trip to the head of Buck creek Saturday.

W. D. Long made a business trip to Nebo the latter part of last week.

J. E. Snipes and Misses Bradley and Agnes Snipes from the head of Buck creek were the guests of Mrs. C. H. Wilson, Sunday.

NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Feb. 14.—Billie Logan of Rutherfordton was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nanney visited homefolks at Union Mills during the week.

Mrs. Louise Morris and little son, Theodore, and Miss Edna Schenck were guests of Mrs. J. A. Swann yesterday.

Mrs. Martin Bruner has returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. T. M. Witherow, at Rocky Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills Hicks were guests of Mrs. Frank Mode Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. Eva Roberts were shocked to learn of her death which occurred at Rutherfordton. She was a daughter of Mrs. John Morris. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

Miss Geneva Allison spent the week-end with homefolks.

Miss Edith Lonon spent the week-end with homefolks at Pitts.

Nathan Reel was in Glenwood Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely.

We expect to start the ball a-rolling in a few days for another \$10,000 bond issue for complete equipment. We feel assured that our good people will do their part.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Morris and children visited relatives at Spindale last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse England visited homefolks Sunday.

Jesse England made a business trip to Spindale Monday.

Mrs. Fred Thomas has moved to Morganton.

Nealsville, Feb. 15.—Marion Morgan spent Monday in Marion.

Miss Edith Lonon spent the week-end with homefolks in Pitts.

Miss Ola Ward was shopping in Marion last Friday.

Miss Vina Rayburn left Sunday for New York City where she has accepted a position in the Bellevue Hospital.

John Brown of Charlotte visited his parents here the latter part of the week.

Fate Pyatt was in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Brown and Miss Bessie Rayburn of Erwin, Tenn., spent the week-end with their mother here.

Mrs. D. J. Hunt and children of Cliffside are visiting the former's parents here.

Mrs. J. H. Rayburn is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Neal, in Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. L. Miller of Marion were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gardin last Sunday.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Feb. 14.—Miss Hattie Gilbert spent the week-end visiting relatives near Nealsville.

Lee Lavender made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

George Condry spent Sunday at J. S. Lavender's.

Miss Margery Walker of Marion is spending some time with homefolks here.

Miss May Gilliam of Broad River is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. A. Davis.

Robert Pyatt had the misfortune to fall and break his leg one day recently.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, presiding officer of the fourth circuit of the United States court of appeals, is reported to be critically ill at his home in Asheville.

Morganton will issue \$75,000 in school improvement bonds as a result of the election held there Saturday. Of the 755 votes cast only five were against bonds. The registration books were beaten by a good majority.

Burke county Superior court convened in special session Monday, and is expected to hold on four weeks to dispose of criminal cases. Judge H. C. Lane is presiding. It is expected to wind up the Lippard murder case, another murder case, about 50 liquor cases and at least two arson cases.

GEO. CATHEY KILLED IN A HOTEL AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Feb. 14.—George Cathey, one of the most widely known and dangerous men in Buncombe county, was shot and almost instantly killed here tonight at 10 o'clock in the lobby of the Langren hotel by the house detective, J. V. Reily, who is under guard pending the coroner's inquest.

Cathey is said to have registered at noon and was drinking. The occupant of the room next to his complained to the clerk that Cathey was creating a disturbance and Cathey was ordered out. The detective says that he went to Cathey in the lobby and asked him to leave quietly. He claims that Cathey reached for his gun and the shooting started. Each fired three times, and despite the fact that 30 or more guests were in the lobby at the time no one was hurt and only one shot took effect in Cathey, this bullet entering his body over the right lung.

COOK BILL NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

The title of this bill, "A bill to be entitled an act to coordinate the prohibition law of the State with the eighteenth amendment to the Federal constitution and the laws of congress enacted in pursuance thereof and to provide for the enforcement of the same," indicates its purpose. We, the Committee on Legislation appointed by the Law-Enforcement convention, have read the bill and conferred with Mr. Cook and say to the patriotic citizens of North Carolina that we believe this bill, if enacted into law, will help the matter of law-enforcement throughout the state. It provides for the legislation asked for in the memorials of the various church bodies and of the Law-Enforcement Convention held in Greensboro February 2-3.

The bill harmonizes the state and federal laws and it provides that any county that desires to do so may establish an emergency rural police force whose duty it shall be to "enforce the criminal laws of that county" and that this force shall be paid out of a fund created in each county by taxing each convicted blind tiger twenty-five dollars and each convicted distiller fifty dollars. This machinery for law-enforcement, we believe, will be effective. It will not put a penny of cost on any patriotic citizen, but will tax liquor maker and liquor seller to pay for their own convictions.

Therefore, we hope that friends who are interested in this matter will drop a line to their representatives, and other members of the General Assembly, asking them to support it.

R. L. Davis,
W. L. Poteat,
W. T. Shaw,
Clarence Poe,
A. D. Wilcox,
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Committee on Legislation.