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FOR THE BIG

INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

NORTH WILKESBORO

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30.

THE CHRONICLE.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sherman visited in Statesville last week.

—F. B. Hendren Esq. is attending court at Dobson this week.

—Dr. Baity is spending a few days in Ashe on professional business.

—Mr. A. W. Beach, of Boone, spent Sunday night with his son Willard Beach.

—Master Julius Hubbard is visiting his uncle, Mr. R. L. Hubbard at Elkin.

—Miss Ethel Triplett, of Boomer, visited at Mr. T. J. James the first of the week.

—Mr. W. E. Elliott and children returned last week from a visit to relatives in Iredell County.

—Mr. T. B. Finley and family are on a trip to Blowing Rock and other parts in the mountains.

—Hon. H. M. Wellborn, of Transou, Ashe Co., returned last week from an extended trip to New York and Canada.

—The box supper at Union Saturday night was well attended and \$17.50 was raised for a ball for the school.

—Chap. Minton has a fine field of corn, planted the 17th of June, and is said to be the finest young corn on the river.

—Miss Annie Carrigan, who has been spending her vacation with her sister in Asheville, returned home last Wednesday.

—Mrs. R. N. Hackett and her sister, Miss Marie Long, came in from Statesville Monday and went out to the Lithia springs to spend a while.

—Mrs. J. A. Boldin, of Lake City, Fla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. E. Carlton, of Boomer. Mr. Boldin went to Tulsa, Okla., to look after some business interest.

—Dr. Vineberg, the Eye and Ear specialist will again be with us Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27, 28 and 29.—BRAME DRUG CO., North Wilkesboro, N. C.

—Rev. R. L. Davis, Supt. of the State Anti Saloon League, preached a strong sermon in the Methodist church here Sunday night on the relation of Civil government to Divine Law and the obedience and enforcement of all Law.

—The ice cream supper on the court house lawn last Friday night was another enjoyable occasion. Something over \$20 was realized for the piano fund for the graded school.

—Mr. Jas. C. Hubbard and family and Miss Annie Hubbard left Sunday for a few days visit to relatives in Independence Va.

—Rev. W. M. Bagby P. E. of the Mt. Airy district will preach at Lebanon this county next Saturday and here at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. Sunday. This is Mr. Bagby's last round on the district.

—The Baptist Sunday School of this place, in charge of their Superintendent F. B. Hendren, Esq., went to the Lithia Springs for a days outing last Friday. Several wagon loads left here early in the morning, and it is needless to say that the children all had a fine time.

—Mr. Elisha Edmisten near Ready Branch is reported to be sick with fever.

—Mr. W. C. Winkler and family are visiting in Caldwell this week.

—Mrs. J. T. Stover, of Albemarle, is visiting her daughter Mrs. T. P. Bumgarner.

—If you want to buy a good little farm call on A. A. Leach near Moravian Falls.

—Rev. M. McNeil assisted by Rev. Parks Gwaltney is conducting a revival at Edgewood this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gilreath have been visiting Mrs. Gilreath's parents over on the Iredell line for some days.

—We learn that Mr. Ed Foster who lives near Champion Post Office is very low with typhoid fever.

—Mr. R. L. Hubbard has returned to his home at Elkin, after a few days visit to relatives in the county.

—Mr. N. B. Smithey left last week for New York, where he goes to purchase goods for the Smithey stores in the two towns.

—If you want the best plow made, buy the Chattanooga from C. F. Morrison.

—A box supper will be given at the court house lawn Friday night, Sept. 2nd for the benefit of the McIver Loan Fund.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mr. R. B. Pharr and Misses Sloan and Jessie Smoak returned from their mountain trip Saturday.

—Dr. Turner has a number of typhoid fever cases in the country. The doctor's health is somewhat better than for a while.

—Miss Bettie Spicer, of Kendall, left today for Asheville to take special treatment for her health. Miss Spicer's many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

—Maj. J. W. Lenderman has been in extremis for several days and cannot live much longer. He is quite old and has been in feeble health for some time.

—Mrs. M. L. Chatham, of Oakwoods, has sold, since the last week of April, one hundred and three pounds of butter from one cow, besides what the family has used.

—A copperhead bit the dog of Mr. William Eller, of this county, last Thursday, and the dog bit the only horse he had Saturday night and the horse died Tuesday morning.

—Miss Blanche Ferguson, who has been visiting home folks at Kendall for some time, left for Panama last Monday to resume her work as nurse in the employment of the government.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, will be in North Wilkesboro at Blumont Thursday, Sept. 2nd one day only. His practice is limited to medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glass es.

—Jim Anderson, known as "Tub Jim," tanked up with new brandy or blockade moonshine last Sunday, went across Mr. Grant Hendren's pasture and got into a tussell with a bull and was gored almost to death. Reports Monday says that he is in a serious condition and is not expected to live.

The Road Question Again.

Do we need better roads in Wilkes? Do the people of Wilkes want better roads? We suppose there is not a man in Wilkes county so ignorant or selfish as to deny that we need better roads and need them almost above all things else in this world. Our roads are positively a disgrace to the county. They grow worse and worse each year. Agriculture will never pay as it ought to pay until we get better roads. The very thought of marketing a crop over our roads, especially during the winter, is a horrid nightmare. The social condition of our people will never be what it ought to be while we have such roads as we now have. To travel over our roads is demoralizing. Our people cannot with any satisfaction visit each other. If they have to go far to church they are not in a devotional frame of mind when they get there. When they come to court they look careworn and jaded. Ask the average citizen when he comes to town how the roads in his community are and he hangs his head and looks like scandal had happened in his family. Do the people of the county want better roads? Nine out of ten do. Now and then you will hear an old cuss say the roads are as good as they were when he was a boy and that they were good enough then. Such men are not worth the raw material it took to make them. It would have been better for them and their country if they had been drowned before they got their eyes open. The man that can see anything can see that it will be very much to his advantage to have better roads. He has learned this in the hard school of experience. Even a fool can learn in that school. There is no doubt but that a large majority of our people favor better roads by almost any means they can get them.

The last question is, can the people of Wilkes get better roads? We ask this question with a sigh. We are afraid they cannot by any ordinary means. The county commissioners had a fine opportunity to do something, started to do it, and then crawled. It seems that the very top round of their ability is reached when they grant a half-dozen petitions for country cross-roads per year and take the hands off the main thorough fares to make them and keep them up. We are not saying this because the county commissioners are republicans. We would say it just as quick and emphatically if they were democrats. They are public servants and amenable to criticism. Last week seven or eight able-bodied men were sent off to work on the public roads in Iredell county. The aggregate of their terms represents twelve years of labor. Labor cost something now-a-days, yet here is all that labor lost to Wilkes county. The excuse has been heretofore that the county did not have the necessary equipment to work convicts and therefore it did not pay to work them. The commissioners levied a special tax of ten cents on the hundred, as it turns out, for some unknown purpose. Less than half the amount that will raise would be amply sufficient to buy all the equipments the county

would need to work a convict force. They simply have no good excuse for their failure to do a little something to improve the roads of the county.

Gill-Weaver.

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. H. Starr last Wednesday, when Mr. George E. Gill, of Chicago, and Miss Gussie B. Weaver, of this place, were married in the presence of a few relatives and friends. This was a continuation of a long time friendship, being sweethearts since childhood. Mr. Gill was raised at Snow Creek, and Miss Weaver at Olin, Iredell county. Mr. Gill is now a conductor on a railroad leading into Chicago, and they will make the great windy city their future home. If sincere wishes may avail, no cloud will ever darken the new life into which they have passed with mutual love and trust "until death do us part."

The Wilkesboro High School.

This school together with the graded school is destined to be one the leading schools of the state with up to date school building with all modern equipment, a good faculty and a wide awake school board, our boys and girls of this section will have every facility for laying good solid ground work for higher education. Boys and girls may go direct from this school to any of the leading colleges of the State. The school board is preparing dormitory room and boarding accommodations for all who come. The school will open Oct. 4th.

We have surely fallen upon queer times. The President of the United States, whose actions set the examples for the actions of the people of the entire nation, has seen proper to ignore the injunctions of the Bible to keep the Sabbath holy, and has turned it into a day of business and pleasure—a day on which to hold his cabinet meetings, and indulge in his intemperate passion for playing golf. This may be good Unitarian doctrine and practice and may suit the President's conscience, but it is a bad example to set before the nation. Not so many years ago, Vice President Fairchild, about the cleanest man in the Republican party, at one of his fashionable dinners, served a course of wine to President Roosevelt and the foreign ministers. That killed Fairchild politically. The religious world pretended to be horrified. Now what are they going to do with Taft, who ignores the Bible, and "fiddles while Rome burns"—plays golf while the strikers at Pittsburg are being shot down, and holds cabinet meetings to determine the "minimum and maximum" tariff rates the trusts may charge on the burial clothes and coffins of these dead strikers, while their bodies are being buried in the "Potter's field"? We look for silence—Taft has some offices to distribute, and nothing "horrifies" this hypocritical age, when an office is in sight.

—Mr. Parks Ray is putting on the plastering in the school building, and the work of finishing up the rooms is being hurried along so that there will be no delay in opening school, October 1st.

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