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A GREAT ROAD MEETING.

Columbia Was Alive Last Friday With Dixie Short Route Enthusiasts

COUNTIES ALONG LINE REPRESENTED.

One of the most enthusiastic road meetings ever held in Adair county was the gathering of the people at the court house, in Columbia, last Friday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to effect a permanent organization, looking to the building of the Dixie Short Route from Chattanooga Tenn., to Louisville, Ky. All the counties along the line were represented by business and professional men.

Judge H. C. Baker, of Columbia, in a well worded speech, stated the object of the meeting and at the close of his remarks Mr. Henry S. McElroy, of Lebanon, was elected Chairman, and Mr. J. R. Thomas, of the Lebanon Falcon, and J. E. Murrell were chosen secretaries.

In taking the chair Mr. McElroy made a strong speech, favoring the short route, telling the people of the great benefits to be derived by them when the road is located and completed. The speaker was enthusiastic and when he closed the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions:

H. C. Baker, Adair county.
Rev. A. M. Zoeller, Marion county.
H. D. Fitzer, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Wallace Brown, Nelson county.
H. H. Gocke, Jefferson county.
T. G. Dillon, Clinton county.
J. E. Gowdy, Taylor county.
Joseph Polin, Washington County.

While the committee was out Eld. W. K. Azbill, of Cleveland, Ohio, addressed the meeting, stating that he had come from his home in Ohio for no other purpose but to raise his voice in favor of the great enterprise.

Mr. Azbill was followed by a number of other gentlemen from the various counties along the line, and also by Prof. H. D. Fitzer, of Chattanooga, a personal friend of Mr. C. E. James, the prime mover of the project, who declared that he knew that Mr. James' heart was in the work and that the Short Route would be built.

Capt. E. M. Shelley and Mr. W. A. Garrett, of Jamestown, Tenn., spoke for their end of the route. Both gentlemen stated that the counties in Tennessee through which this road would pass, had voted bonds and that their people were alive to the proposition.

Mr. S. L. Jarvis spoke for Clinton county, Ky., saying that his people would vote to bond the county, and the day for the voting had been named.

Mr. Charles C. Wheeler and Mr. J. R. Gains spoke for Jefferson county, and Judge Wallace Brown represented Nelson county. Other short talks were made, all the speakers favoring the Dixie Short Route via Columbia to Louisville, taking in Taylor, Marion, Washington, Nelson and Bullitt counties.

At this juncture the committee on resolutions entered the court room and reported the following:

Resolved, That we heartily favor the construction of the short route highway from Louisville to Chattanooga through the counties of Jefferson, Bullitt, Spencer, Nelson, Washington, Marion, Taylor, Adair, Russell and Clinton to connect with the Tennessee road on the same line and that it be named the Dixie Central Highway Short Route.

Resolved, That said road shall be located as follows: Beginning at Louisville, thence along the old State pike to Bardstown, known as the Bardstown road via Mt. Washington to Bardstown—thence by the State pike to Springfield, thence by the pike via Lebanon, Campbellsville to Columbia, thence through the counties of Adair, Russell and Clinton as shall be agreed upon by them and the association known as the Dixie Short Route, at some future meeting.

Resolved, That we hereby express

our appreciation of the efforts of Mr. C. E. James in the promotion of this great enterprise, and we pledge him our hearty support in the effort to make it a success.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. James.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion the temporary organization was made permanent, and Mr. C. E. James, by a unanimous vote became an honorary president of the organization.

During the meeting a telegram was received from Mr. W. S. Knight, Jamestown, stating that business engagements prevented him from being present, and inviting Adair to join Russell on the route to Cincinnati.

All present were highly pleased with the meeting, and those who are close to Mr. James, one of the delegates being here at his request, say that there is not a doubt but the road will be built if Adair, Russell and Clinton do their part.

The following representatives were present, nearly all taking part in the proceedings.

Taylor county:—J. E. Gowdy, T. W. Buchanan, W. R. Lyon, J. E. Durham, Jo Hurt, R. D. Fitzer.

Marion county:—J. A. Burton, Rev. A. M. Zoeller, H. S. McElroy, T. M. Estes, J. K. Kelley, W. P. Myers, A. S. O'Daniel, J. R. Thomas.

Washington county:—L. A. Burnes, H. M. Moss, W. K. Marks, N. G. Marks, L. W. Campbell.

Nelson county:—Judge Wallace Brown.

Jefferson county:—Jo Russell Gaines, Charles C. Wheeler, Frank Docher, Judge H. H. Gocke, Fred Hancock.

Clinton county:—Mr. T. G. Dillon, Mr. S. L. Jarvis.

Russell county:—F. M. Fiatt, Tom Higgenbottom.

Jamestown, Tenn.:—W. A. Garrett, E. M. Shelley

Henry McElroy Chairman,
J. R. Thomas } Secretaries,
J. E. Murrell }

A Home Wedding.

Monday morning, June 14 at eight o'clock, Miss Helen Upton and Mr. G. W. Turner were united in marriage at the bride's home, near Columbia. The attendants being Miss May Upton, sister of the bride, and Mr. Olen Rosenbaum, a close friend of the groom. The parlors were beautifully decorated in pink and white. The bride was looking her loveliest in a dainty gown of white crepe de chine, the bridesmaid wore a beautiful blue messaline. The groom and best man were at their best in conventional black.

The music was gracefully rendered by Mrs. Ernest Flowers and as she struck the first strains of Mendelssohn wedding march, the bridal party entered the parlors where Eld. Z. T. Williams very impressively pronounced them husband and wife.

Miss Mattie Young, life long friend of the bride, and Miss Ruth Upton, the brides younger sister, attired in blue and cream, received the guests in a very charming manner.

Many handsome and useful presents were received, consisting of linens, china and silverware.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Louisville, Cincinnati and other points of interest, carrying with them the best wishes of their hosts of friends.

For Sale.

An 8 room dwelling, on two acre lot. All necessary out buildings. All the buildings are new and on the premises are two good wells. A new business house fitted for a grocery store. It is the best location in Gradyville, Ky. Terms right. Come at once.

J. A. Parson, Gradyville, Ky. 33-4t

Bob Johnson, in attempting to cross Glensfork Tuesday morning, made a narrow escape. The horse and buggy which he was driving belonged to Mr. W. H. Wilson. The horse was rescued, but the buggy went down the stream.

Rev. G. W. Perryman at Liberty Church, 4th of July. At Russell Springs July 5, for a temperance rally.

The Parlor Circle has closed for the summer.

The Bible School of Methods.

The Bible School of Methods, which began last Monday morning at Christian church and closed on Thursday evening was a splendid success. It was one of the first schools of the kind that had ever been held in this part of the county. So was entered upon with some misgivings, but it was not long until those who had entered were satisfied of the good it would accomplish. Twenty-six names were registered in the school and 11 were awarded certificates or diplomas.

The following are the names of those who were granted diplomas: Misses Mary Lucy Lowe, Kate Gill, Sallie Williams, Aileene Richerson, Mrs. Maggie Ruberts, Mrs. Robt. Rowe, Dr. U. L. Taylor, Z. T. Williams and wife Robert Reed and Mrs. Annie S. Sanders. Roy K. Roadruck, of Louisville, Ky., who is one of our State Bible School workers, and Mrs. J. A. Asbury, of Louisville, who is the Elementary Superintendent of Bible Schools in the State and F. M. Tinder, of Lancaster, who has been pastor of that church for nine years, were the teachers and conductors of the school. The subjects discussed were 'The Bible, Bible School Origination, Religious Pedagogy, Missions, The Rural Church, Elementary Bible Work and Special addresses. We were sorry and very much disappointed that Mr. Tinder was called home the second day of the school. He gave four splendid addresses: "The Bible Every Bodies Book," "God's Idea of Community Life," "The Bible Wisely Used by Teachers and Leaders," "The Co-operation and Unity of Rural Life Forces." W. G. Montgomery gave us three fine addresses on Wednesday. Mrs. Asbury was considered by all who heard her one of the best teachers in her department that we have ever heard. She commands the attention of all her hearers at once and holds it through the entire time. Mr. Roadruck's lectures on Bible School Organization and Missions in Bible Schools were good and brought new methods and enthusiasm to the class. It was the universal expression of those who attended the school of praise to the whole program.

It was a busy time with the country people and but few of them attended. Then that character of school is new here and the people did not learn what it really meant until toward the close. We are indeed much gratified with its success.

Z. T. Williams.

A Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors who assisted us so faithfully through the sickness and death of our husband and father.

Susie Hadley
Oliyer Hadley.

Invitations have been received at this place to attend the marriage of Miss Rebecca Mitchell Read to Mr. John Merriek Moore which is to take place in the First Presbyterian church, Fort Smith, Ark., at 8 o'clock p. m., June 24. The bride is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. F. Read, her father having been born and reared in Columbia.

The Adair County News should be a popular paper with some newspaper correspondents. Weekly, after The News is printed, correspondents make up letters to other papers from it. This is certainly a compliment to this publication and the management appreciates it.

We have received a long obituary on the death of Mr. Leslie Wilson which we can not publish for lack of space. He was twenty-eight years old, a man who stood high in the Sparksville country, and he has been greatly missed.

Mr. Nat Walker has sold his one-half interest in the grocery store which has been conducted over the firm name, Flowers & Walker, to Mr. Tom Patten, the latter now being in charge.

Mr. L. T. Neat has filed his petition with the Assistant Secretary of State, as a Republican candidate to represent Adair and Cumberland in the Legislature.

A Talk to the School Teachers of 1915.

The time is approaching when you will begin your schools, and when I will begin to see by my annual visits, how the schools are getting along.

As more will be required of you this year as respects sanitation, than has ever been required before, I thought it not amiss to have a little confidential talk with you before the schools open. If I could have kept my class of teachers at what it was 12 years ago, the task would be very much easier on me, and more profitable to you. But many who taught at that time are out of the business now. A few, very few have died. A considerable number have married, many have gone to seek greener pastures, and are teaching in other places, and all these places have had to be filled by new beginners, and will have to learn sanitation from the beginning. More things will have to be done this year than formerly. And I am giving you this talk to indicate to you what these things will be. In the first place I shall want the school grounds to be kept in better condition than ever before. The play ground is just as important as anything pertaining to the school. The yard around the school house if permitted to grow up in briars and bushes to the very door of the house always indicates a careless teacher on the inside. The development of the bodies of the children, is just as important as the development of their minds. Let the play ground then, be looked after at the very beginning of the school. If the house has been built in the woods, and old rotten logs and stumps and brush are still there, put the larger boys and the larger girls to work to have them piled and burned. If you will manage to make the children think it is play instead of work, the task will be very much easier. In the school house a broom should never be used. A mop costs very little more than a broom, and mopping off the floor is more in accordance with modern sanitation, than sweeping. Mop the floor and dust off the furniture with a wet rag and you keep the dust out of the lungs, and if there are any disease germs in the dust of the school, you avoid scattering the disease by using the mop instead of the broom. The law in Kentucky does not require this, but it does in many of the States, and it is only a question of a very little time when it will be required in Kentucky, and the teacher who will make this change at the beginning of the coming term, will stand out prominently as one of the progressives of the county. The law does not compel me to make this change, and if I should do it, it will be purely as a matter of modern sanitation. When I visit your schools as I shall do beginning early in July, I shall be pleased to find that many of the teachers are in the front progressive rank. And then in the house one of the first things to be done is to look after the ventilation. Ventilation is just as important, or more so in summer as it is in winter. The new houses that have lately been built, are nearly all deficient in ventilation. The upper sash in nearly all the new houses, and in many of the old, cannot be lowered at all. You must remedy this evil, if you have to carry with you from home a chisel and mallet for this purpose. When I come to see you I don't want to find your house in this unsanitary condition. I shall prepare myself with these tools, and when I find that this has not been done, I shall with your assistance do it myself, and then I will know that it has been done.

Then there is a question of lights from the windows. Kentucky has never kept up with the general procession in the matter of school sanitation. It is not best for the light to come from both sides of the house, and yet all our houses are built that way. The light should be so arranged that it will strike the pupil over the left shoulder, but the teachers can overcome this difficulty by shading with some cheap material the windows on the right side. Then the teachers should always be watchful of their children's eyes. They should never permit them to hold their books too near their eyes. By carelessness or ignorance with respect to these little things, many a child from a simple habit has become permanently nearsighted. Teachers should see that

WILL HELP STATE IN A VITAL WAY.

Supporter of V. O. Gilbert Tells What He Can Do for Kentucky's Good.

"What Kentucky needs sorely," declared a pastor of Louisville, who is vitally interested in the subject, "is good schools. We have had the taunt of our illiteracy flung in our faces too long, and the man who seems to be the most likely to wipe out the blot is Prof. V. O. Gilbert, who is a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"Prof. Gilbert is qualified to fill the highest position, he is a true Kentuckian, he has made himself what he is, and a better scholar, more clever gentleman or sounder business man does not exist in our borders.

"I feel," continued the speaker, "that with Prof. Gilbert at the helm our educational system will become well-nigh perfect. He understands our needs, our defects, he has the work close to his heart, he is a fine speaker, a tireless worker and one of the best Democrats in Kentucky, whose labors speak for him and attest his loyalty to the party.

"The man who aims to make good citizens of our children and arm them for the struggle of maturer years is a citizen of citizens, and you may say for me that I am for him every time and will be delighted when the coveted nomination is given him."

the children should have the proper position on their desks. They should not be permitted to grow up with crooked backs. The desks should be of proper height. The children's feet should rest firmly on the floor, and the desks should be adjusted with a view to this end. No common drinking cup should be allowed in any school. Every child, or at least every family should have an individual drinking cup, and the teachers should see that this rule be observed by all the school. I will give further direction as to heating before time to begin to use the stoves. Then I want every teacher to keep a close watch for every one of the common contagious diseases among children. If any one of these should make its appearance in the neighborhood of any school, I want to be notified of it at once. I do not intend for any of these diseases to spread, nor do I propose to suspend any school on account of them. I will hold myself in readiness to obey any call in any part of the county, to look after these things, and the teachers have only to command me. This may be an innovation, if so it will soon be the real thing. I shall make a determined effort to keep these pests out of the county. And I want the people, the great common people to help me at least by their encouragement. There is more sense in allowing measles, mumps, scarlet fever and whooping cough to destroy our children, than to allow smallpox to do the same thing. If you are not teaching on a telephone line, a notice to me by postal card will cost you only one cent, and any teacher can afford that little expense, for the good that is likely to spring from it.

Death of Rev. Tom Hadley.

Our readers will be sorry to learn of the death of "Uncle" Tom Hadley, who passed from the busy walks of life last Tuesday morning, aged 70 years. The end came at his late home, near Esto, in Russell county.

For many years he had been a correspondent to The News, writing from Rowe's X Roads. He wrote like he talked and his blunt way of expressing himself, made his letters quite enjoyable. In fact, his letters were greatly missed during the three months he was ill. The question was often asked, "What has become of your Rowe's X Roads correspondent?"

He was a minister in the United Brethren Church, was a gallant Union soldier in the war between the States, was a kind hearted man, one who will not only be missed by the surviving members of his family, but by all his neighbors and friends.