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CLOSING OF OUR SCHOOLS.

On last Thursday and Friday
nights the programs arranged
for the final exercises of the
Public Schools were given at
the Southern Methodist Church.
Notwithstanding the fact that
the school has labored under
the greatest disadvantages this
year, an exceedingly creditable
showing was made. While in
their crowded quarters teachers
and children seem to have
realized that hard work would
be necessary to accomplish a
good years work, and with few
exceptions all measured up to
the demands of the circumstances,
and in the final wind up realized
the benefits of their zeal and energy.

The school has not only been
kept in good organization during
its waiting for the new building,
but it has advanced and is now
even in better condition than it
was when fire destroyed the old
building. There is now no question
but that it was wise to continue
the schools even though in cramped
quarters. It has saved just
eighteen months in the lives of
the children, at least in the
majority, since some of the
more wealthy could have hired
private teachers for their children;
the exercises clearly showed
that the children have progressed.
A larger per cent of promotions
were made than ever before.
This was because the schools
are more carefully graded than
ever before, making promotion
possible for the average child
with studious habits. If he
attends school. Many of the
children are more regular in
attendance than ever before.

The fact that every graduate
of the school attended some
college or finishing school last
year goes to show that the
influence of the school is to
inspire our young people to look
forward and to try to make
something of themselves. Many
of those who have not graduated
have taken good rank in college
and other schools, and some have
become prosperous in business.

We do not hesitate to say
that we have a good school,
well managed and very successful,
and that if the Board and
Principal shall receive proper
support, we shall have in our
midst the best town school in
the State of Virginia.

Let everybody rally to the
support of the school, and continued
success is inevitable.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Editor Post:
Slemp, Va., May 19, 1906.—
I notice in the Post of last
week a communication from
Crab Orchard, Va., representing
the establishment of R. F. D.
service in our section a great
mistake and blunder by the
postoffice department. This
route was inspected and favor-
ably reported upon and the de-
partment of course acted upon
this report. This is a new thing
under the sun to our people
here and some of them are slow
to accept it, being told by some
that the R. F. D. service will be
rescinded and the Star Service
succeed it. After it gets into

operation properly I think the
people will be delighted with it
and will find that it is not a
mistake or blunder at all.

It is of great convenience to
those living on the route direct
and those living remote from
the line have still as good fac-
ilities for reaching their mail as
if the postoffices continued.
I consider this service as bring-
ing in closer touch and relation-
ship with the expanding and
growing world of business. We
are living in an age of wonder-
ful progress and I am bound
to think that this is a progres-
sive bound in the postal ser-
vice. It increases the volume
of business through the mails
by awakening an interest in
people for literature brought to
their homes.

And now let us all bid R. F. D.
God's speed and give it a fair
and impartial trial and look
for great results. Our govern-
ment transmits mail at a furious
rate under ground and above
ground and may be in the near
future transmitted through the
air. No doubt in the near future
letter postage will be reduced
to one cent per half ounce
letters will be shot directly
from the postoffice to business
houses, hotels, etc., by the
pneumatic tube system, the
parcel post and the postal sav-
ing's bank will be introduced
and greatly developed and the
telegraph in the hands of the
government will be a highly
useful sister to the postal ser-
vice.

The government has made
this service a judicious study
before introducing it to the
public, and wherever it has a
test it has proved satisfactory
even in thinly settled localities.
With the wonderful achieve-
ments of the last century who
can tell what will be during
the present. And if "Uncle Sam"
can, through the increase of
postal business, which R. F. D.
service will, no doubt, bring
about, carry every man's
mail to his home it will be
"Free Delivery" indeed and a
great blessing to our country.
W. R. R.

FROM APPALACHIA.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bently
are happy over the arrival of
number one, a little girl. Mother
and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have a
little son at their house.

Appalachia has a nice new
library, with about 75 books,
the work of Mrs. Pattison.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson,
with three of their children
spent last Tuesday night in
town, enroute to Greenville, S. C.
to visit Mr. Richardson's sister.

Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Muddiman
went to Coeburn last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers spent
Sunday at Stonega.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone re-
turned from their eloping tour,
and are with the groom's par-
ents at Preacher, Va.

Dr. A. F. Pruner returned
from his week's visit to Ports-
mouth. Dr. J. C. Pruner, the
senior member of the firm, had
charge of the office while his
son was away.

Legal forms of all kinds for
sale by the Wise Printing Com-
pany.

FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

The J. A. L. Minor Construc-
tion Company commenced work
on the Kokee Mining Co's.
coke oven plant last Friday.

The firm of Gates and Legg,
dealers in general merchandise,
was very busy preparing their
store house and hauling in their
stock of goods from Appalachia
last week.

Deputy Collector of Internal
revenue, John Catron, together
with other U. S. officials and
Lee county officials were around
here Saturday looking after
some liquor dealers that was
reported as being violators of
the U. S. and Virginia State
Laws. This trip here among
the people of this community is
a warning to those engaged in
the liquor traffic here. Those
offending and violating these
laws had better reform and get
a more paying job. If they
don't they will soon be confined
in the jails and prisons of this
government. XX

All kinds of legal blanks for
sale by the Wise Printing Co.

THE CLOSING EXERCISES.

A large concourse of friends,
patrons and students of the
school gathered at the Southern
Methodist Church on Thursday
night to hear the musical given
by the pupils of Mrs. Rogers'
class. Where all did so well it
is hard to describe the excel-
lencies of the individual number.

The following young people
took part and rendered an en-
joyable program: Mollie Den-
nis, Zollie Palmer, Virginia
Beverley, Callie Templeton,
Blanche Kilbourne, Mary Kil-
bourne, Mabel Willis, Madge
Muncy, Margaret Pettit, Peter
Wolfe, Sarah Lovell, George
Moore, May Reynolds, Ald-
wyth Rogers, Mary Bunn,
Katie Horsley, Josephine Kelly
and Madge Dingess.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

On Friday night the closing
exercises proper of the school
took place. A large crowd, fill-
ing the entire house, came out.
America was sung by all, and
then came the concert reading
of the twenty-third psalm,
after which Rev. J. A. H. Shu-
ler lead in prayer. Misses
Madge Dingess, Bessie Ramsey,
and Lizzie Nickels rendered a
Turkish March in a pleasing
manner.

One of the features of the
evening was the graduating
essay of Miss Gracie Graham.
Her subject was "Purpose and
Ideals," a paper full of thought
and well presented. Miss Gra-
ham's paper showed her to be a
pains-taking and intelligent
student and was equal to the
production of many wiser
heads. We congratulate her
on her success in school and
predict great success for her in
her future life. Next year she
will go to Farmville to prepare
herself for teaching.

The great feature of the oc-
casion was the fine address by
Rev. J. C. Orr, of State Street,
Bristol, Va.-Tenn. The address
was forceful, inspiring to the
young people and enjoyable to
the older ones. His subject,
Christian Education, was treated
in a masterly way, showing
that the speaker had been along
the way and knew his ground.
The discourse was an appeal
and an argument that young
people should prepare them-
selves in school for the better
performance of their life duties.
All were delighted with the ad-
dress.

Before the address Miss Ada
Ramsey played, with graceful
touch, Good night from Nevins.
After the address Miss Sarah
Lovell and Beatrice Gobble
gave the beautiful duet, "The
Wind and the Tide."

The promotion list is too long
to publish, but may be had in
pamphlet form by application
to the board or Mr. Sheppe. The
following are the golden honor
pupils: Primary Grade, Nellie
Horsley; Fourth Grade, Zollie
Palmer; Fifth Grade, Mattie
Jervis; Eighth Grade, Retta
Thompson; Tenth Grade, Gracie
Graham. Nellie Minor Hors-
ley was publicly presented with
a beautiful silver ring by her
friend, Mrs. J. A. L. Minor.
The present was to Nellie "for
being a good girl at school."
Nellie's father had promised her
a gold locket and chain if she
would get on the honor roll
every month during the year.
Nellie carried out her part of
the contract and won the locket
and chain, which Prof. Sheppe
presented to her in a neat
speech. Prof. Sheppe, accord-
ing to his custom of presenting
all of his graduates with neat
bibles, presented in a few well
chosen words, to Miss Gracie
Graham, a beautiful volume, of
the holy scriptures.

The doxology and benediction
closed one of the most success-
ful sessions of our school.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING.

The Republicans of Wise
County held their mass meeting
at the court house on last Sat-
urday the 19th, a large crowd
being present from all parts of
the county.

The meeting was called to
order by Chairman W. S. Rose,
who stated the object of the
meeting and called for nomina-
tion for a temporary chairman
and secretary. There were
three nominations for tempo-
rary chairman of the meeting
and after some confusion a bal-
lot was taken resulting in the
election of Dr. R. W. Holly, of
Inman, for the position. C. A.
Vance was elected temporary
secretary without opposition.
On motion the chairman ap-
pointed a committee on resolu-
tion composed of a chairman

and one member from each of
the four districts.

This committee reported in
favor of endorsing the admin-
istration of President Roosevelt,
commending the course of Con-
gressman Slemp, and instruct-
ing the delegates from this
county to cast their votes for
him in the Marion Convention
which meets on June 20th, and
thanking W. S. Rose, the re-
tiring chairman, for his faith-
ful and efficient service to the
party.

The resolutions were adopted
without opposition.

Next came the election of a
county chairman and a large
sized rumpus. It seems that
some of the brethren at Wise
have not been dwelling in peace
and harmony for some time
past, and on this occasion owing
to the fact that some of them
had been in companionship
with John Barleycorn, some-
thing "got started." However
no blows were struck and the
trouble was soon over and the
business of the meeting pro-
ceeded in regular order. Mr.
G. G. Isaacs, of Coeburn, and
Mr. J. D. Dorton, of Wise, were
placed in nomination for county
chairman. The election was by
ballot and resulted in the elec-
tion of Mr. Isaacs.

The meeting then on motion
resolved itself into district
meetings, when those present
from each district elected their
quota of delegates and alter-
nates, and the members of the
county committee to which
they were entitled. The meet-
ing reassembled and received
the reports from the various
districts and adjourned.

The new chairman is a prom-
inent attorney, and a native of
Russell county, where he grew
up a farmer and studied law.
Some six years ago he opened
an office in Coeburn, where he
has built up a lucrative prac-
tice.

MEETING OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Athletic
Association will be held in the
Tech Hall on Wednesday night
at which every member of the
association is requested to be
present. Important business to
attend to.

TIMBER NOTES.

Large Tract Purchased in Grayson
County.

The Iron Mountain Lumber
Company, Troutdale, Virginia,
through its president, Mr. Da-
vid T. Carter, and associates,
of Baltimore, has begun the de-
velopments of about twenty
five million feet of rich Grayson
and Smythe county and timber
lands and the construction of a
large new double band mill near
Troutdale is being begun.

The company put a circular
mill in operation at Troutdale
several months ago, and this
mill is still in operation and will
be operated along with the large
band mill.

The Iron Mountain Lumber
Company is composed of
Messrs. David T. Carter and
Thomas Hughes, comprising
the firm of Carter, Hughes and
Company, wholesale lumber-
men, of Baltimore, and the ne-
cessity for more extensive
source of supply rendered im-
perative the opening of opera-
tions in Southwest Virginia.

The company recently made
an additional timber land pur-
chase of eight thousand acres,
and this being in close prox-
imity to the new mills will be
cut along with the other twenty
five million feet tract.—
Wytcheville Enterprise.

FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

Crab Orchard, Va., May 16.—
R. S. Pierpont and the chief
engineer and some others who
are stockholders in the Kokee
Mining Company, have moved
into the R. C. Ballard Thruston
office near J. S. Marcums.

The work of peeling tan bark
was closed out here on the
Kokee Mining Company's
lands last week.

Rev. C. A. Barker, of Dryden,
the great Missionary Baptist
revivalist, was at Gum Hill
Church at Holmes school house
and here at Pleasant Hill Church,
Saturday and Sunday at his
monthly meetings at each place
and preached some very inter-
esting sermons to some large
attentive audiences.

Several wholesale salesmen
from Bristol, Tenn., were
around last week seeing the
merchants here. XX

Visit Our Store.

We have received a nice line of Ladies and Children's
SHOES. See them before buying.

MILLINERY.

Do not fail to visit our Millinery Department when
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sure we can please you in styles and prices.

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ity, and is most carefully pre-
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