

the Manufacturers Record who is familiar with all that region wrote concerning the extension from Dante to Elkhorn: "This new line means more to the South and to the North than does the Panama Canal. The traffic that will flow back and forth on the rails connecting in a direct north and south air line the Ohio River and the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge will be many times the volume that will pass the Panama Canal. It is doubtful whether there is any single line of transportation in the land that will serve so large an area and so many millions of people. The wonder is, and always will be, that its completion was delayed so long. The undeveloped resources along the line are gigantic."

It is anticipated that an early result of the opening of the Clinchfield extension, which, according to the estimates now made, will take place within two years, will be the building of a second track along the Chesapeake and Ohio's line from Elkhorn northward for the provision of adequate facilities for the great coal traffic which will be turned over to it.

A PROMINENT VISITOR.

An interesting feature in the programme of exercises during the meeting of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions which begins in Louisville on Friday evening, May 31, will be the address of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart on Sunday morning. Mrs. Stewart is the District President of the Board and is a very pleasing speaker. In her fertile brain was conceived the "moonlight school" idea, the development of which has been such a tremendous success. It is thus spoken of in a recent Cincinnati Enquirer:

In the South, the establishment of "moonlight schools," which are rural night schools for adults, is arousing much favorable comment. The idea was conceived by Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, superintendent of schools in Rowan county, Kentucky, and president of the Kentucky Educational Association. She is herself a mountain woman, and under her leadership and supervision, the public school teachers of her county are conducting these free night schools. Fifty schools have been in session every moonlight night since September, 1911. The mountaineers have eagerly embraced the opportunity; the smallest school now has ten and the largest more than fifty students. The superintendent travels over the rugged roads at night, visiting two or three schools each evening, directing the work and encouraging the teachers and students. One hundred persons learned to write during the first two weeks, and many of them sent Mrs. Stewart touching letters of gratitude. While some of the pupils are in the twenties, many of them are fifty, sixty and seventy years of age. The oldest pupil—a woman—is eighty-six years old. Many entire families go to school, the children dur-

ing the day and the parents at night. Every member of one family of fifteen is enrolled. The movement has been commented on enthusiastically by the Kentucky press and other newspapers. It has been endorsed by educational associations in Kentucky, and was commended in the resolutions of the Southern Educational Association at Houston, Texas, December 2, 1911, as a practical plan for reducing illiteracy in the South.—Mrs. J. B. Peers.

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES.

The Children's Day program will be rendered at the M. E. Church South Sunday evening, June 2, at 7-45. All members of this Sunday school and church are especially invited to attend. Those of other denominations are also invited and will be welcome.

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