ROWAN COUNTY SCHOOL RALLY WELL ATTENDED

All Classes of Mountain People Manifest Interest In the Campaign

JUDGE BARKER TALKS

Mrs. Charles P. Weaver and Mrs. Nannie G. Paulconer Also Speak

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MOREHEAD, KY., May 15—The Rowan County Better Schools rally was closed this evening, after one of the largest and best attended of its kind ever known in this or any other section of Kentucky. During the week the public schools of this county opened.

Never was so much genuine interest shown by all classes of people, regarded as the campaign by influential citizens, doctors, lawyers, ministers and teachers. Hired rigs and at their own expense went out over hill and stream to every school district, beseeching the people to "arise in their might and give the children a fair, strong education.

People Attend Rallies.

To these rallies the devoted mountaineers came in numbers from around. They came on foot, by wagon, and in carriages. The enthusiasm was evident and has made the word useless obsolete. It is no longer bloody Rowan of Martin Follier fame but blessed and joyful Rowan, with a real march of progress in rural education.

Early Saturday morning streams of children, teachers, parents and professional men, each armed with a United States flag, marched to the Morehead Normal School. The procession marched through the streets and to the Morehead Normal School campus.

There a platform was erected from which the people were entertained during an all-day session. The meeting was opened by the principal, Dr. D. C. Cotterill, of the Morehead Normal School. The superintendent, Cora Wilson Stewart, introduced Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. Weaver introduced a substitute for one of the teachers, Mrs. P. Weaver, who was working under the direction of the State Department, organizing the school Improvement League of the State. Her work was described with much interest.

Rowan county at one time held the record for the greatest number of school-leaves and more successful ones than any county in the State.

Mrs. Weaver was followed by Miss J. P. Coates (Superintendent of Fayette county, Kentucky). She introduced her audience to an hour and a half with a brilliant address. The audience was well pleased.

Then the crowd of some twenty-five hundred people required to read the records and discuss the session opened with several selections from the orchestra.

Mrs. Fautconer speaks.

Mrs. Fautconer then introduced her two co-workers and their lieutenant in education. She is the Superintendent of the Fayette county schools. Mrs. Fautconer was introduced at the outset by declarative the "Rowan County School has a bolder, a bolder patch," her ancestor having come through the Cumberland gap.
Gap over a hundred years ago to linger many years among the rocks of its foothills.

She won them by her pathos, her wit and her sympathy, declaring that “her own blood people seemed all awake, yet half asleep” in their indifference to rural conditions.

She was followed by Judge Henry S Barker, president of Kentucky State University. He gave his listeners a brilliant and profound address upon “The Future of the Mountains.” The enthusiasm of the county superintendent of Rowan and of her devoted followers made an impression that is likely to be statewide. No county has done better in the fight for better educational conditions.