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Lumber Bridge Locals.

The Legislature of the State convenes Wednesday, 4th of January.

Miss Margaret Kelly, of Valdosta, Georgia, is visiting Miss Nella Shaw.

Mr. Tom Shaw, of the National Bank force in Fayetteville, spent last Sunday at home.

The passenger trains from the North may be expected to be often late till the holiday season is over.

Rev. P. R. Law preached in Fayetteville last Sunday and Rev. R. D. Cross filled his appointment at Red Springs.

Mr. C. B. Pats has sold his farm, the old Little place near here, and bought a farm in Sampson county to which he expects to move in January.

Cards are out announcing the marriage in the Presbyterian church at 5 p. m., December 21, of Miss Nella Shaw and Mr. L. C. Hubbard, of Clinton.

Mr. Dan Malloy and his sisters are to have the residence (the hotel) on front street which has been overhauled and so much beautified recently both inside and outside, and are expected to occupy it early in 1905. A very cordial welcome awaits the prospective occupants on their return after a sojourn so far from home down in Florida.

In the matter of the Hubbard-Shaw marriage that is a brilliant reputation to be given Tuesday night, 20th, at the home of the prospective bride to the numerous friends of the popular young couple. The marriage will take place next day in the Presbyterian church at 5 p. m., and the twin made one will go at 5:30 to Wilmington via Maxton enroute to the home of the groom in Clinton, North Carolina.

The Lumber Bridge Eight Infantry had a target practice last Saturday. Thirty men shot in the contest. The score showed an average of 19.4. The following five made the best average. Messrs. J. D. Jackson, Charlie Usher, J. E. Clifton, Bob Hayes and John Barlow. Mr. J. D. Jackson hit the bull's eye every time and therefore made 25. We are sorry we did not get the average of the other four who were victors, but with a lower score.

Brantley-Castlebury.

The following invitation has been sent to friends:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Castlebury,
invites you to be present at the marriage of their daughter,
Nettie Cain,
to
Mr. John Calvin Brantley,
on Wednesday afternoon, December the twenty-first at two o'clock,
at H-see,
near Raleigh North Carolina.

The bride-elect is a beautiful and accomplished young woman and is very popular in a large circle of friends. Mr. Brantley for four years has been with the H. T. Hicks Drug Company and for the past year has been the manager of the uptown drug store. He is the son of Mrs. J. M. Brantley, of Ma Abbia, and a half brother of Dr. W. A. Dee, a prominent physician of that place. He is a clever young man with many friends.

The above is taken from the Raleigh News and Observer. Miss Castlebury is most pleasantly remembered here having spent some weeks in our town during the past summer visiting her brother, Dr. F. D. Castlebury.

John W. Gilbert, of Marion, S. C., was arrested at Greensboro Monday night on a charge of bigamy. He is charged with marrying a Miss Thomas, of Marion, S. C., at the same time of having a living wife in Raleigh.

Death of Capt. W. S. Norment.

Captain William Stokes Norment died at his residence here Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. He was in his seventy-second year and was one of our oldest citizens. He belonged to one of the oldest, most influential and most esteemed families of this place the lives and characters of the members which have left their impress on the community.

Captain Norment was educated at Wake Forest College and at the University; from the latter graduated in 1858. After his graduation he studied law, was licensed in about three months and began the practice of his profession which he continued until the opening of the war when he was called from the peaceful pursuit of his profession to the patriotic duty of defending the State he loved, on the field of battle. He enlisted in Company D and in four months was elected Captain of Company F, 51st Regiment. He served faithfully in this capacity winning the admiration of his soldiers, the esteem of his fellow officers and the approval of his superiors until May 1864 when he was wounded at Fort Harrison. His wounds were so serious that he did not again return to the army.

Just forty years ago from the date of his burial he was married to Miss Emma Harris, of Wilmington and after the war they moved here. Of this union seven children were born, Mr. J. D. Norment, Mrs. A. T. Parmalos, Misses Emma and Laura Norment who survive him and three others who died in childhood. Three sisters, Mrs. A. E. Higley, Mrs. V. P. McDiarmid and Mrs. C. E. Bryan and a brother Mr. O. C. Norment are the survivors of his father's family. Captain Norment continued the practice of his profession and in 1872 was elected a member to the House of Representatives from this county. In 1876 he was elected Solicitor of this district after which he removed to Wilmington remaining there until his term of office expired when he returned here and associated himself with Col. William Foster French for the practice of law under the firm name of French & Norment. This connection continued until the death of the former. Since that time the Captain has not practiced regularly except as attorney for the Board of Commissioners, which position he held until the first of this month when the new board came in and his successor was elected.

Captain Norment was a strong advocate before a jury and his arguments were characterized by a clear and forcible presentation of his case which was him a large practice and the firm of which he was a member enjoyed the reputation of being one of the ablest and most successful throughout this section of the State. He was always active in politics and some of his speeches on the stump take high rank among the best which have been delivered in the county. Personally he was an attentive man, courteous, honorable, gentle and affectionate in his home, loyal and true to his church, in which for a number of years he has taken an active interest and of which he was a deacon and Sunday School Superior, a member of the church. From the shock of his wife's death, which occurred about four years ago, he never recovered and since that time, his interest in life faded. His death was due to no particular disease, only a wearing of vitality, until life spark became extinct.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Walker, at his late residence, and the remains were interred in the new cemetery.

Attorney Cook Dead.

The sad news reached here Tuesday of the death of Attorney John H. Cook, which occurred at his home in Maxton at 10:05 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had been in wretched health for several months past, and although he had been confined to his room but a short time, doubts as to his recovery had long been felt by his friends. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. A. T. Cook, and was born at Timmonsville, S. C. For a number of years past he had been a practicing attorney in the town of Maxton, where he was held in the highest esteem and confidence by its citizens. He was a man of excellent qualities, of a happy, cordial disposition and generous nature, and before him was spread a brilliant future in his profession in which he had rapidly risen to prominence. His presence will be much missed by many throughout the State. He leaves to mourn their loss his mother and one brother, Mr. Leon T. Cook.

Wreck Near Warsaw.

One mile north of Warsaw Tuesday, passenger train 41 in charge of Conductor Twining and Engineer Guilford Horne was wrecked, resulting in the death of the engineer, who is one of the oldest men in point of service in the employ of the Atlantic Coast-Line, and his fireman, S. Chock, colored. Mail Clerk Hollingsworth was painfully but not seriously injured. All the passengers escaped any injury. Engineer Horne was buried under the wreck; every effort had been made to recover the body, but it was not found until a wrecking crew arrived. It seems that the wreck was caused by projecting lumber on a car of a freight train which passed the switch at an early hour that morning. The top of the high targe was struck by the lumber and knocked down and the switch was thrown by accident.

To Organize Traders' Association to The Robesonian.

Everybody interested in trucking is asked to meet at the court house Saturday, the 17th, immediately after the meeting of the Cotton Growers, for the purpose of considering the organization of a Traders' Association at this place. We deem it an extremely important thing to secure effective co-operation necessary to making this important industry a successful and profitable one. This notice is made at the request of several who are in the trucking business and it is urged that every one who is interested will be present.

Organize a Hospital.

Guilford Council No. 22, Jr. O. U. A. M., took definite action on the matter of locating a hospital at High Point a few days ago. They have decided to locate a hospital at once. They will begin with a building of twelve rooms which will be added to as circumstances and conditions will permit. It is an enterprise warmly welcomed by the people of that town, and has the support not only of the 600 Juniors there, but of a majority of the citizens.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre spent Thursday in Rowland on professional business.

Mrs. T. C. McNeely has gone to her former home in Tennessee to attend the marriage of her sister. —Marion Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Entertain.

Beneath we give clippings from Columbia, (Ala.) Breeze, which will be of interest our readers:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis entertained complimentary to Miss Mary McNeill of Lumberton, N. C. and Mr. W. L. Crawford of Donaldsonville, Ga. The spacious double parlors were thrown together and presented a most beautiful appearance. The decorations were green, and were most tastefully arranged.

Miss McNeill, the fairest of honor, was gowned in a most bewitching costume of white net over blue silk. The Columbia Orchestra which was stationed in the rear parlor surrounded by luxurious decorations discoursed music throughout the evening. At eleven o'clock the guests were invited to the elegant dining room where most delightful refreshments were served in courses.

The guests departed at a late hour after having spent an evening most delightfully, as is always assured when bidden to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Complimentary to her guest Miss Mary McNeill of Lumberton N. C. Miss Mamie Parcell entertained very charming on Friday evening from 8:30 till 11 o'clock.

After the arrival of the guests daintily perfumed little papers with tiny pencils suspended by blue ribbons were distributed, bearing on the upper cover the mysterious heading, "Hidden Cities." The first prize a beautiful vase was won by Jno. Morgan who presented it to Miss McNeill. The consolation prize, a box of stick candy was won by Mr. Camp Blackwell.

After the contest Mr. Arthur Davis with Miss McNeill who was beautiful gowned in point d'esprit over blue taffeta led the way to the dining room where delightful salad and cream were served. Miss Parcell was assisted in receiving by Miss Alford.

A member of the junior class in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute was dismissed from the Institute as one of the party who hung in effigy the commandant of cadets. He confessed, but said it was a job; the faculty refused to accept the excuse. The president held that such license impaired the discipline of the institution, in result of which the class composed of 150 juniors, took a stand, contending that the decision was unjust, and left the institute in a body.

Fire Caused Little Damage.

Tuesday evening about six o'clock the barber shop of "Uncle" Wash McQueen narrowly escaped burning. The alarm soon brought a number of people on the scene; the hose was turned on and the fire soon extinguished. It originated from the stove fire.

Mrs. D. B. Hill, widow of the late confederate general D. H. Hill, died at her home in West Raleigh Sunday. She was sister of Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Mr. A. W. McLean, who has been confined to his room since Sunday by sickness is no better. Drs. Prince, Shaw and Reiser held a consultation over him yesterday.

Mr. John Williford, a worthy citizen of Fies Hill, Cumberland county, died Saturday at his home in his 85th year; his death was the result of a fall three weeks ago from which he never rallied. He is the father of St. Gra Williford of Roanoke.

RED SPRINGS DEPARTMENT.

RED SPRINGS, N. C.

REV. S. E. MERCER, EDITOR.

The reckless and immoral gambling in cotton futures has placed in jeopardy the only commodity on which the South had and applied monopoly. There is no single product of the world, excepting those used for food, upon which the comfort and happiness of the millions of earth's population is conditioned as cotton. It supplies millions of poor people with clothing and most of the wealthy people use it in one form or another. The world's annual production is 16,000,000 bales of 500 pounds each. The increase in production has been about 100,000 bales a year, but so rapid has been the rate of consumption on account of the increase of population, and also the various uses made of it every year, that consumption has kept close on to the heels of production. Until recently the world was entirely dependent upon the cotton grown in the South for its supply of cotton.

Cotton is a very tender plant and is easily injured by unfavorable weather conditions and is often attacked by various insects. The little boll weevil is as much dreaded under present conditions by cotton raisers as were formerly the coast pirates by sailors and fishermen. At any time under favorable conditions they could make a crusade against the cotton crop that would cause a worldwide panic and leave millions of people to shiver in worn-out clothing. These natural perils keep the world in sight of a possible deficiency in the supply of cotton, and when in addition to these natural perils we have the effects produced in the markets by immoral speculation, it is no wonder all the leading countries of earth are experimenting in the growth of cotton.

A great many people are like the thermometer which does not indicate anything inherent in itself but merely registers the conditions about it. So many people instead of having convictions and opinions of their own which they abide by as all hazards, just simply register the views and opinions of those about them. People as a rule, like to be in the majority even sometimes if the majority is wrong. We shrink from the humiliation of standing alone. The primary question always should be when a choice is to be made "What is right in this matter," not "what is expedient or popular?" Expediency often compromises principles and exchange conviction for convenience or popularity, but right never compromises. Too many of us live a sort of shameful type of life, reflecting the changing conditions about us in our own moral life. The tribe of people who "swear to their own hurt and change not" does not increase at a very flattering rate.

For the benefits of the large number of Methodists in Robeson County who read the Robesonian, we desire to say that Robeson County's five charges all made very fine reports. Each charge in the county paid the salaries in full and we are not sure but think they all paid their pastors a good per cent. above the assessment. Each charge paid a nice surplus above on Home and Foreign Missions. For the first time in its history Rockingham District paid all its Conference collections in full. Our own Red Springs charge paid and average of about 88 per cent on all collections combined. When we consider that there were some who contributed nothing of very little it makes the record still more creditable for those who did pay.

The Treasury deficit is now only \$80,000,000, but the Congress is pledged to the policy of expansion.

We were pleased to have a call from Mr. John W. Ward, of Rowland, yesterday.

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