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## THE LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS.

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That meeting of the Executive Committee resulted as was expected by all thoughtful and disinterested outsiders. The tide in the State is against the evils of whiskey sale and manufacture. The legislature is fresh from the people and know it. Most of them were chosen on account of their pronounced views on the subject. Much of the opposition to the Ward law is stirred up by paid representatives of the whiskey interests. The numbers arrayed against this class of legislation is altogether out of proportion to their noise. Senator Simmons has done his State great service and himself great credit by his bold and courageous stand in behalf of the rights of the people to protection from the vitiating consequences of whiskey. The masses see his noble stand in their behalf and he is enshrined truly as never before in their affections. There is no need for us to add to what we have said repeatedly that no part of the legislation of this Assembly enacted to restrict the evils of whiskey will hurt the Democratic party. Everything done so far will rather help than hurt it.

Varied are the impressions made on us by the news in the morning dailies that come to our table. On the front and telegraphic page of the Charlotte Observer Wednesday morning for instance there came the pleasing statement that the Ward bill was to be reported favorably to the house with an almost unanimous vote and that Russia and Japan were negotiating for terms of peace with probability of agreement. Next came the shocking story of the great loss of life in the Alabama mine. Then the report that the railway rate bill will have to go over to the next Congress for lack of time. Following this the prospect that the Swayne impeachment court will reach a conclusion Saturday with the probability of acquittal. And then the introduction of a bill in the legislature of the State to work the penitentiary convicts on the public roads and sell the State farm. It is no wonder anybody wants to read every day a morning daily.

By the explosion of dust in the Virginia city mine near Birmingham, Alabama Monday, 160 miners lost their lives and were entombed in its abysses. It was a dreadful yet unavoidable catastrophe. The spectacle was heart-rending beyond description. The echoing report from the earth had an appalling and frightful sound to the ears of the mining families and hundreds promptly and excitedly rushed to the mouth of the main slope. The work of rescue with pick and shovel in the hands of high and low with no recognition of hours night and day. Hundreds in excess of the 100 families and 800 children left destitute, surged in commingled hope, fear and gloom. Up to Tuesday 89 bodies had been rescued from the line of the main slope. They were brought to the surface blackened, bruised, twisted and mangled beyond recognition and laid out in a row on an extemporized platform. It was a harrowing and gruesome sight. Our day presents so many pen pictures of frightful holocausts in its purveyors of news this spectacle so sad and sorrowing and great will only make a perceptible ripple to pass quickly away to be forgotten.

Within two days two men in our State are reported to have killed themselves. Suicidal death appears to be on the increase. It is an enormous wrong. Tremendous guilt is incurred by the thoughts and doings which culminate in self-slaying. Disgrace and disparagement is grounded in unbelief the chief and all embracing sin against God. The preservation of our own, and our neighbor's as well, involves all the duties of temperance and hygiene. To injure our own and our neighbors health of body or mind without cause is a sin against life. Impairment of life is as truly

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### Bale News.

Miss Mary Ray returned home from Dillon, S. C., Sunday, accompanied by her mother. Miss Ray has been very ill, but we are glad to state she is much improved. Her mother had been with her for the last few days.

Messrs. Morris Pate and Neill Smith, of Rowland, spent Sunday here.

Mr. R. A. Melvin spent Sunday at Rennett.

Miss Laura Covington, of Rockingham, is visiting at the home of Mr. Chas. Terry.

Miss Belle McQueen, the popular and well known dress maker of Red Springs, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Capt. D. W. Sherrell went to Lumberton Monday on business. He has discontinued his saw mill business and as yet is undecided what he will do. We hope he will remain with us as he is a good citizen and we feel he would be missed very much.

The concert given at Philadelphia Wednesday night the 22nd, was a most enjoyable event. The recitations were nicely recited with the exception of a few, which due to the short period of time the students had to learn them had to be omitted.

There will be an oyster supper here March the 10th, music will be furnished by a string music band. Messrs. Neill Smith and Jno. S. McRae, two well known musicians of Rowland, have promised to be with us then and doubtless it will be enjoyed by all who attend. The public is cordially invited.

There will be preaching here next Sunday at three p. m.

### Floral College Items.

Farmers are behind this year on account of bad weather and low price cotton.

Corn growers will realize a benefit from planting, fertilizing and cultivating.

Mr. A. D. McGirt, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat improved.

Mr. Thos. B. Russell, who has been sick for several weeks of typhoid fever, is improving.

Hauling fertilizers is all over. The quantity is very much reduced this year.

We are glad to hear Rev. Wm. Black, synodical evangelist, will conduct a series of meetings at Laurel Hill church, beginning about the second Sunday in March.

We are sorry to hear of the sickness of Mr. Wm. Bowden's son.

How about making a cheap crop this year?

Mr. Jos. K. Graham continues on the sick list.

Cotton rises, but still it is down. We hope that much less is put in the ground.

Miss Elton White, who was called to the bed side of her sick brother in Newport News, Va., has returned home.

Mr. Arnold A. McKay, of Rufford Institute, was home a few days.

### For Improvement of Public School Buildings.

The Association for the improvement of Public School Buildings of Robeson county will meet on the fourth of March at Lumberton. It is the desire of those in charge of this important work to make the meeting entertaining and helpful and it is earnestly requested that each member of the Association will attend. A cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of the town to meet with us.

Three bales cotton brought ten cents per pound on the Charlotte market Wednesday.

Judge T. A. McNeill was in Charlotte yesterday.

### Ashpole Happens.

This community was shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Pate the well known traveling agent of the Dillon Marble works. He was much liked by our people and they regret his death very much.

Miss Carrie Page and Miss Addie Page, of Marietta, are welcome visitors in town the guests of Mrs. Caroline Floyd who we regret to state is not improving.

Mrs. Carter is spending some days at Raynham.

Dr. A. G. Floyd, of Fair Bluff spent last Sunday here.

Mr. Draughn, one of the most popular drummers who visits our town, was here on Monday.

Mrs. Emma Kirby spent last Sunday with home folks at Gurley, S. C.

Some of our townsmen began gardening last Monday, and we wish them much success and plenty of good weather.

Miss Lydia Passmore spent Friday night here on her way to Orrum to take up her work after a needed rest at home.

We are glad to report Miss Polly Hillable to be taken to Purvis last week for a visit to her sister Mrs. McLean. Her health has been quite poor all the winter.

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed a party out at the hospitable home of Mrs. Katie Mitchell last Friday night.

Mr. Mark Floyd and bride, of Lumberton, with other friends spent Sunday with his father and attended service at the Methodist church at night.

Mr. Neal Smith was married last Sunday to Miss Lewis daughter of Mr. Frank Lewis, who lives on the Lumberton road. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Smith and wish them good luck. They will keep house on Cottage Street.

Another accident on the S. E. Ry., disorganized things in general last Tuesday and caused our morning mail to get here at 4:30 p. m. We are glad to know a disabled engine was all the trouble.

We are sorry to report the serious sickness of Mrs. N. W. Perry who has grippe.

Mail agent B. Jackson's family are all sick with measles.

Resolutions have been introduced that the General Assembly conclude its work Saturday at noon. Some contend that they will not be able to adjourn before Tuesday and others predict that they will be there till the tenth. Pay stops on Saturday.

Messrs. G. W. Wrenn, J. Stanley and E. L. Crumpler, Committee, issued a goodly number of invitations to friends at Pembroke and elsewhere to attend an oyster supper given at the Thaggard Hotel Thursday night. The crowd was chaperoned by Messdames G. W. Wrenn and T. A. Norment.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. James D. Proctor, Manager of the Wake Forest Glee Club and Orchestra, saying that he will be here and show in the Opera House Friday, March the 17th. This Club is well known throughout the State, and only the mention of it is sufficient to bring a large crowd out.

Mr. McIntyre, of Union county, is visiting the home of his son, Mr. S. McIntyre.

We regret to learn that Mr. G. B. McLeod has been quite sick for the past week.

Messrs. S. McIntyre and R. C. Lawrence left yesterday afternoon for Washington to attend the inauguration.

Mrs. Norwood, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Lawrence for several weeks, left yesterday for Waynesville, on account of the illness of a relative.

Robert, the little grand son of Rev. J. B. Bridger, continues very ill.

### Echo Items.

We are glad to see a few pretty days. The farmers of this section are making good use of them. As we pass the fields, we see the whistling coons between the plow handles.

We are glad to see Mr. C. P. McGirt on the streets again, after being confined to his room for a few days.

Miss Flora McGirt spent Wednesday night with Mrs. J. W. Ward.

Messrs. J. W. Ward and Frank Williams spent Friday down Black Ankle section on business.

We were glad to have Miss Annie Donaldson, music teacher at Centenary, to spend two nights at Echo last week. She returned to her usual boarding place Friday afternoon.

The school boys at Centenary have organized a baseball team and expect to be in the fight later on.

Misses Edith and Mabel Ward attended services at Pleasant Grove Sunday morning.

Messrs. R. F. Stewart and T. B. Ayers were in town Sunday.

Messrs. Townsend and Edens, of Rowland, spent Sunday with Mr. Allen Edens.

We recently learned some of the boys are using up-to-date grammar.

Jno. Ward left Monday for Lumberton where he will spend some time on business.

Rev. W. C. Wallace passed through here Monday.

Mr. D. B. Ayers made us a pleasant call Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford spent Sunday afternoon with their father Mr. J. D. Crawford.

### Finding Homes for Children.

A year ago this month the North Carolina Children's Home Society, of which Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, is president, was introduced to the people of Charlotte, and their subscriptions for the support of the work of the society solicited. Since then, the society has been the means of rescuing over 50 needy and neglected children and providing for their loving care in Christian families. Many of these children are well known to the people of the State, and each has an excellent home in a good family, supplied with every comfort, a mother's protecting care and counsel, and access to every advantage necessary to the development of their talents.

The society began work in September, 1903, received the first child October 12th, 1903, and has received and provided for 73 children up to date, the last one being those left homeless by the burning of the Belle Green Orphanage, at Montreat, some time ago. Seventy of the children are still wards of the society and under supervision. The society receives any normal white child under 15 years of age, and provides for it a home in a Christian family. It denies help to no needy white child, but can accept guardianship of those that are normal only, and does not wish to receive any child that can be cared for in an orphanage.

The support of the society's entirely the voluntary contributions of those who wish to help save needy children. A generous subscription was made by the citizens of the State last year, and the society both gratefully acknowledges this and solicits a continuance of support—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. E. S. McNeill, a former Lumbertonian, now living in Rowland, was here yesterday.

### NOTES OF INTEREST.

The next meeting of the Teachers' Assembly will be held at Greensboro June 18th.

Jim Sheffield was killed last week near Star, Montgomery county, by accidental discharge of his gun.

Ex-Sheriff Ramsay, of Madison county, has been appointed a pay clerk in the navy, salary \$1,200 a year.

Will Phillips, who shot and killed John Pratt, colored, last September, was tried in Anson Superior Court last week and acquitted.

Sam Stallings, about 23 years old, fireman of the oil mill at Wilson, was caught in the shafting of the mill Friday and torn to pieces.

Henry Wise, a negro about 20 years old was found dead in the hay loft of a livery stable in Winston Sunday morning. Death supposed to have resulted from exposure and excessive use of whiskey.

W. P. Allen, of Alamance county, unmarried, 40 years old and living with his parents, committed suicide Monday by hanging himself. He had been in poor health and the deed is supposed to have resulted from dispondency.

The Jefferson Record says and Ashe county school teacher "expelled a young woman" from school on the ground of immorality. She appealed to the county school board and was represented by two attorneys, but the board sustained the teacher.

R. L. Jordan, of Kernersville, was last week bound to the Federal Court in the sum of \$1,000 on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Jordan sold dogs and it is alleged that he had a printed form of pedigree which he furnished with every dog sold, thus giving them all the same pedigree.

In Wayne county the other day a man who was hauling logs drove through a stream of water when his horses lay down in the water and was drowned. He then tried to haul with a team of oxen and one of these became sullen, lay down in the water and was drowned. Then the teamster abandoned his hauling in disgust.

The Bynum Memorial Gymnasium at the University has been completed and is now in use. The gymnasium was presented to the University by Judge William P. Bynum, of Charlotte, as a memorial to his son, William P. Bynum, Jr., a member of the class of 1893, who died while a student in this institute. It is probably one of the handsomest and most completely equipped in the South.

In Hickory Saturday night Chas. Morrison, colored cut the throat of Lindsay Smith, a white man, and one that would have proved fatal but for timely assistance. According to the Mercury's report Morrison was drinking and his attack on Smith was practically without provocation. That paper says if Smith had died Morrison would have been lynched. The negro was arrested and sent to jail.

Edward Yarborough, aged 45, committed suicide in his home in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon by blowing part of his head off with a shotgun. He was a member of a prominent Wake county family. His grandfather built a house here leaving the next week for Baltimore, where he was married on the 14th. We learn he has retained the cottage now occupied by Mr. T. M. Grayard, who expects to move the first of April into his new home, which is nearing completion in North Lumberton.

### That Debate.

Collins and Hendree, you better look out. Add be very careful what you're about. Your colors look like they did on Friday night.

Very pale and, oh, so white! You got your points from the affirmative side.

About that horse Mr. Bethune did ride, Mr. Britt's speech was very nice. Sounded like it was flavored with spice.

And once again, P. O. I., you had better take heed. For the M. L. C. boys will now always lead.

Now or my great speech, help I'll surely get. Said F. O. I. boys. So they wrote to Roosevelt.

Well to them he sent books and papers enough. To furnish all the debates with their "stuff."

You won it honorably, it is true. But still the Melke boys don't feel "blue."

But liquor, you made the judges think. Was what we boys always drink. For whiskey and wine we never touch. Even if we have ever so much. It was just by chance that you won this time.

And heard the bells of victory chime. The judges all retired and decided. That the debate was very much divided. But they kept on the negative side. For fear they would have cried, Had the Melke boys won.

M. E. of Robeson Institute.

### Mrs. Sallie Stubbs.

On February 10th, 1905, the subject of this sketch gently fell asleep in the arms of Him who says, "I am the resurrection and the life." She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Prevatt, being born November 4th, 1873.

At the time of her death she was a member of Back Swamp Baptist Church, having professed faith in Christ at a very early age.

March 6th, 1896, she was married to Mr. J. F. Stubbs, of McCall S. C. Her personality was charming; her life was as gentle and pure as that of a babe.

Her engaging manners made her attractive. There were no clouds in her spiritual sky, and no trembling of doubts in her soul, for she possessed a growing faith and a steadfast hope.

It is simply beautiful for one to live that those around can give such a tribute of love and esteem, as has been paid to her. "At rest forever in the haven of her Lord." What can be better! The funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Paul, and her remains were interred in the family burying ground.

She leaves a heart-broken husband, three step-children (to whom she had been a mother indeed), a father and mother, three brothers and three sisters, a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her departure. May our kind Heavenly Father comfort her stricken family, and through this sad dispensation draw them very close to Him.

"Oh! not in cruelty, not in wrath. The Resper came that day. 'Twas an angel visited the green earth, And took our loved one way."

Longfellow.  
J. M. FLEMING.

Lumberton, N. C., March 1st.

### Mr. Junius Townsend Loses in Hot Springs Fire.

Mr. C. D. Townsend on Wednesday received the following letter from his brother, Mrs. Junius Townsend, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was swept by an immense fire Saturday.

"Perhaps you have already learned through the papers of the disastrous fire here Saturday morning. It started about three o'clock a. m. and only checked itself about nine o'clock. In six hours time, fully one fourth of Hot Springs was reduced to ashes. Many business houses, hotels, residences and colleges were swept away by the cyclone of fire. Our court house and jail also went. and all records with it. The burned district covers 24 blocks. Nothing remains of my house but a few charred stumps of trees in the yard, and a heap of brick and ashes. The hotel in which the fire originated was my property. I have some insurance but not enough to cover my losses."

Mr. Townsend owned an immense store building, which was saved. We are glad to learn that he and his family escaped injury.

Mr. Joe Blaker who for some months past has been in Laurinburg looking after the mercantile business of Messrs. Blaker Bros., at that place, will spend Sunday here leaving the next week for Baltimore, where he will be married on the 14th. We learn he has retained the cottage now occupied by Mr. T. M. Grayard, who expects to move the first of April into his new home, which is nearing completion in North Lumberton.