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Parkton is now to be enrolled among the townships of the county. Senator Shaw got his bill to form it through safely. It is the baby township in the sense of being the last born, and not the smallest and in any sense the weakest. Its boundary begins at the Bladen line, at the Gaul Berry bridge, and runs by the McGeachy mill, up the marsh along the western line of Col. Cobb, the Calvin Malloy, Dobbin McNatt, John McNatt, Sinclair and McArtan places, and thence along a straight line to Big Rockfish Creek, and thence with the county lines of Cumberland and Bladen to the beginning. It is quite a nice township. The people inside it will henceforth have less distance to travel to a voting booth. This is one of the chief advantages. It has a new and growing capital, and the county may well feel proud of its youngest born and Senator Shaw may be congratulated upon his good work.

The merchants may do much good at this time by effectually dissuading some people, at least, from loading themselves down with debt for fertilizers. All sorts of silly arguments are employed by folks to satisfy themselves and others that it is a good business venture to buy as much or more fertilizers this year than they bought last year. We cannot find space for these false notions. One man said he must somehow make enough more cotton than he made last year to make up for the reduction of price from ten to seven cents a pound. We venture to say that less cotton may be made, and at greater cost, by the planting and culture of cotton by the independent farming of negroes and some white folks who are run by merchants than would be made if this class should be engaged instead in cotton growing under the wiser management of intelligent farmers.

We see that the press is disposed to give Governor Glenn full credit for the final settlement of the bond matter which has filled so large a place in the public mind for weeks. That is right. The Legislature equally with the Governor deserves credit too for the spirit and manner in which the question was taken up and handled. The State, no one thought seriously, would act dishonorably in the matter. The affair is gone into history and no discredit attaches to the State to be read by after generations. The Governor, by the way, has been a disappointment to all who know little about him. He has shown a degree of sound judgment and patriotism that has surprised agreeably. He, we know, has the instincts to do noble things and acts always for the best interests of the State.

The poorest speech we have seen from President Roosevelt is his inaugural address. Neither the matter nor the literary form measures up to his standard. It must have been dashed off before breakfast. It was neatly brief. Let him be praised for that. There was no occasion for a long address. Every body knows what he stands for in so far as an elaborate speech would have enabled them to know it. Few men can do themselves great credit in brief speech making. Our President must have space. When he is unlimited his abilities shine, and they are not mean by any means. We reserve the best set-off for the last. It was pleasing to read in it such ennobling sentimentality. There is a moral ring in it that delights the ear.

If our Legislature had done nothing else, it would still deserve to be remembered gratefully for one thing—the overthrowing of the manufacture and traffic of whiskey in Richmond county. Leastwise, this is the way the good people in this part of the State, who know so well the great evil arrested, feel about it. We have been told that about \$1,400 worth of whiskey is sold at Hoffman daily. One man told us that in

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. Chesley McCaskill, of Maxton, was on our streets Monday on business. He charged upon us as a huge joke that we did not know him because we asked who that was in a dark store with his back to us. We assure him we would know, with a fair view, in Jerusalem. But he has grown in physique and good looks these last days.

Mrs. J. A. P. Conoley is now visiting her son, Charlie, in Alabama. She has said nothing yet about coming home.

We had occasion last Saturday to look at the cross-way which Robert Lancaster is building with the chain gang on Raft Swamp, near Shannan. This crossing was needed, perhaps, worse than any other in the county. The work is well done so far. It lacks much of being finished. It needs more sand on the Shannon side and more clay on the other side. But this will be remedied, no doubt, at the end.

Miss Lila Love, of Cumberland, is a visitor at her sister's, Mrs. L. M. Love.

There is to be one road supervisor to each township, according to the new road law for Robeson. The making of the appointments to fill this office should be done with great care. Very much turns upon these appointments. The superintendent for the county may be equipped exceptionally to make orders. He may know all about how to build roads and give directions therefor, and yet his acquisitions and orders will go for naught, largely, unless the supervisor executes his orders well. The superintendent is to cover in his work the entire county, and it is a large one. It is evident that he can be in any one place but little. There is need, therefore, of the highest sort of proficiency for township supervisors—men who are quick to learn, and quick and faithful to carry out the instructions of the chief. Let us have good men as supervisors, as a thing of necessity.

Senator Shaw reached home Tuesday morning on the local freight from Fayetteville. The Legislature adjourned at 1 p. m. Monday. He stayed to the end. The Senator is glad the ordeal is over. He filled the place at a sacrifice to himself. That he has served his people faithfully and usefully no fair minded man will deny. The good sense and practical business judgment he had shown through life were employed successfully, as was manifested by the votes he cast and the influence he wielded just where most useful work is always done in legislative bodies. He voted and labored at no time and concerning no measure as a self-seeking politician. He acted according to his judgment as to what would be best for the county and State, and not merely to popularize himself with the people. This is in accord with the theory of our government. Such men we should ever choose to make our laws.

The legislative delegation from our county did as well as any other delegation that might have been chosen would have done. We never knew a delegation to give universal satisfaction. It is impossible to please everybody. Among the number in high prominence, no doubt, are the members of the delegation themselves who are not entirely satisfied. The cry of ring or local rule, and excessive and selfish influence in one quarter or another is true, and so old and so generally used by sore heads and office seekers that the people, in their soberer moments, discount it all as it deserves, until it amounts to but little in the end.

Rev. Mr. Hicks, who on account of bad health is shut out of the regular ministry and is selling books for a living, has been at work in this community. He preached an excellent sermon, we hear, at the Baptist church last Sunday night.

Miss Ella Smith had not been at home home many days from Marietta before she had a call to teach another school at Huntersville, in Mecklenburg county, which she accepted. She is now at work there. Good teachers are always in demand.

Asbpoite Happenings.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry died Tuesday and was buried here Saturday. Their friends sympathize deeply with them in their deep affliction.

Mrs. J. M. Inman is very sick this week, but we hope is improving.

W. C. Brown has accepted a position as timber buyer for a large lumber firm in South Carolina.

Mrs. Britt, of Wilmington, spent a short while last week with Conductor Henry Britt, who, we are glad to report, is able to go to work again.

Dr. J. P. Brown went to Lumberton Monday on business with the county commissioners.

Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Raudie returned from Durham last Thursday. They were accompanied by little Miss Janet Smith, who will visit her aunt, Mrs. Brown.

John W. Graham Esq., of Red Springs, was a welcome visitor in our town last week.

The merchants are all opening up spring goods in spite of low cotton, hoping each day for an improvement in the market.

We have begun gardening, but will not report "First" of anything, we fear.

There is no abatement of the measles epidemic, but we have one thing to be thankful for. There will be few left to have it next time.

Mrs. John D. McLean came down from Ryuham this week and she will keep house on Center Street. We are glad to welcome Mrs. McLean and hope she will like our town as a home.

Mr. Joe Bostic is suffering from a severe attack of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pool, of St. Georges, S. C., arrived in town last Monday night and are the guests of Mr. D. W. Galloway for a while.

Miss Rosa McKaughan was here Tuesday.

The lodge at this place, "including wives and sweethearts," is invited to attend a masonic banquet at Boardman next Friday night.

Cortelyou Takes Oath of Office as Postmaster-General.

Washington, March 7.—Geo. B. Cortelyou took the oath as postmaster general to-day. He at once assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Cortelyou announced that in a few days, as soon as he can arrange some minor details, he will retire from the chairmanship of the Republican national committee. He will be succeeded by Vice Chairman Harry C. New, of Indianapolis, Ind., who will become the acting chairman of the committee. It was announced that Frank H. Hitchcock, of Massachusetts, would be appointed first assistant postmaster general. H. O. Weaver, of Ohio, was appointed Mr. Cortelyou's private secretary.

The above comes as a special to the Wilmington Messenger. President Roosevelt retains his same cabinet officers of the past administration with the exception of that of Postmaster General, who is to be replaced by Mr. Cortelyou. President Roosevelt is the first one to enter upon an administration with a Cabinet of nine members, the Department of Commerce and Labor having been created since March 4, 1901. Mr. V. H. Metcalf, of California, is Secretary of this department.

Evans to Succeed Baker.

Washington, March 7.—Rear Admiral Evans will succeed Rear Admiral Baker, on March 18, in command of the North Atlantic squadron, at Pensacola.

Cotton Growers' Meeting.

The Cotton Growers and Business Men's Association of Robeson county met in this town on the 8th inst. While the attendance was not very large, it was a representative body and indicated the fixed purpose of the cotton growers to hold their cotton and reduce acreage.

Eleven townships were represented in the meeting and steps were taken to secure organization and canvass of the townships not represented. The secretary made a report of partial statistics furnished him from which it appeared that the reduction in acreage in nine townships is 2152 acres—over 20 per cent, and in fertilizers a reduction of over 600 tons—about 30 per cent.

A full report, it is confidently believed, would show that the reduction in both acreage and fertilizers will be much larger than these figures indicate.

It was resolved that all the townships in Robeson be requested to meet on Saturday, March 18th—those that have elected chairman and secretaries to perfect their organization by electing an executive committee of five, and those that have not yet organized to do so by electing chairmen, secretaries and executive committees, and immediately after the meeting send the names and addresses of all the township officers to Mr. J. A. McAllister, secretary of the county association.

Mr. J. A. Brown, of Columbus, a member of the executive committee of the Association of Cotton Growers and Business Men, was present and made an admirable address, for which the convention gave him a vote of thank.

The president, Mr. A. J. McKinnon, is an intelligent business man, thoroughly in sympathy with the movement, and makes a capital presiding officer.

Passed Into Eternity.

Houston, Tex., March 6.—Judge John H. Regan, surviving member of the Confederate cabinet, died to-day at Palestine, Tex., of pneumonia. Judge Regan, who was 86 years old, had been in failing health for a year or more.

Judge Regan was in this city Thursday transacting business. When he returned home the family physician was called, Judge Regan complaining of pain in the lungs. On Saturday pneumonia set in and Judge Regan grew rapidly worse. Gathered in the death chamber were his wife and daughters and W. Greenwood, his son-in-law. Hundreds of telegrams of condolence are being received from all parts of the United States. The funeral will take place at Palestine on Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Regan was postmaster general in the Confederate cabinet. After the Civil War he was elected district judge in Texas and later to the United States Senate. After retiring from the Senate, Judge Regan was appointed chairman of the State railroad commission, but from this he resigned a few years ago. At the time of his death he was engaged in writing his autobiography.—Morning Star.

As the above was placed in the hands of the printer General F. A. Bond happened to be in the office and stated that he was on parole in Greensboro, making his way homeward, when Judge Regan passed through at the close of the civil war, and sold the judge his horse and saddle, on which the home journey was made, for sixty dollars in gold.

Miss Mary McDuffie, of Raeford, has charge of the Shannon school, and she is doing most successful work. The school is flourishing as never before.

Echo Items.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, who has been away for the past month, filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon at Centenary.

Miss Linnie Miller spent Tuesday night with Misses Edith and Mabel Ward.

Messrs. R. S. Bond and J. B. McLeod passed through here Tuesday.

Mr. O. F. Bracy spent Wednesday night in Echo.

Mr. Neill Smith made us a pleasant call Thursday.

Mr. Will Thompson and Miss Emma Williams was in town shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams gave an entertainment that was enjoyed by all that were present.

Mr. Frank Williams went to Pembroke Friday on business.

Mr. Ed. Faulk was in town Friday.

Miss Edith Ward spent Saturday and Sunday in Rowland.

Mr. H. L. Carter was here Friday on business.

Mr. Grady McCormic, of Rowland, was in the city Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. E. B. Ward and C. P. McGirt spent Saturday afternoon at Gaddysville.

Mr. A. M. Bracy spent Sunday night with the boys at the hotel.

Green-Gaynor Case.

An Associated Press dispatch from Montreal, Canada, to the Charlotte Evening Chronicle, under date of the 7th, says:

"Judge LaFontaine, before whom Greene and Gaynor were brought, refused to allow the prisoners to be given into the care of Detective Carpenter, as suggested by Attorney Tashereux. Governor Valle, of the jail, was in the court room, and Gaynor and Greene were turned over to him and driven to prison.

The case was remanded until March 14, to allow the prosecution to prepare its case. It is not unlikely that an application will be made to a Superior Court judge for a ruling on Judge LaFontaine's decision that he has not the power to accept bail."

It will be remembered that some time ago Capt. Carter, along with Messrs. Greene and Gaynor, was implicated in a charge of fraud against the United States government—misappropriating funds which were to go to improve the harbor at Savannah, Ga. Capt. Carter was tried, convicted and has served his sentence. It now looks as though Messrs. Greene and Gaynor will have to "face the music."

Power of Prayer on a Train.

The Reidsville (N. C.) correspondent of The Charlotte Observer says that Rev. P. S. Elsom, Baptist revivalist, is a firm believer in prayer, and those who agree with him will not be surprised to hear of this incident: Mr. Elsom went to the ticket office at Danville and called for a ticket to Franklin Junction. The agent politely informed him that all but the fast train had departed and that it would be impossible for that train to stop there. Mr. Elsom told him that he was assisting in a revival and had an appointment for 3 o'clock that afternoon at Franklin Junction. His persuasive powers were of no avail to the ticket agent, but when No. 86 pulled out of Danville it contained the Rev. Mr. Elsom as a passenger, who when the train was leaving the city, fell upon his knees and began to pray. As soon as he completed his prayer he arose and peeped out of the window to find that the train had come to a standstill just opposite the place at which he had an appointment. It was learned that the train was stopped on account of a hot box.

THE DEBATE.

We'll always remember last Friday night. Because we were with the Orrumites. For on that eve, as the sun went down, They came a-riding into town. When at eight o'clock the curtain ascended, Cheers and music were harmoniously blended. First on the affirmative was Mr. Britt, Who always displays much wisdom and grit. He certainly convinced us that party ties Were not on what a wise man relies. Next came Hendren on the stage. Whose pants were certainly short for his age. His speech was long and very tiring. As I not very many were admiring. Then came jolly Mr. Bethune, Whose speech and wit put us all in tune; Now came Collins, whose important look Showed he'd learned his speech from a book. Hendren's father was supposed to be author of his speech. But into our hearts it failed to reach. While on the stage he acted cool, But it didn't affect Robeson school. They were much delighted with their success. Although it proved to be a mess. They scribbled upon all the boards That Robeson Institute affords. Because they wrote such a miserable hand. It took us a while to understand. But after trying for a spell. We read what they dared not tell. While we gazed upon their signposts. We all felt ready to assure: "Fools' names are like their faces. Often seen in public places." After they left the Institute They marched down street for a cheeroot. For they felt so grand and important, too. They could think of no thing else to do. And now, before we say good-bye, We'll challenge you for a reply. We hope you'll regard this challenge as one. And not as just a bit of fun.

—Contributed.

Rowland Items.

[DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY'S ISSUE.]

Mr. J. E. Dick returned to Fair Bluff Friday night.

Prof. Brooks, of Hamer, S. C., was in town Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Dixon, after spending a few days with her parents at Red Springs, returned home last Monday.

Mr. Geo. K. McNeill and Mr. John McCallum came home Saturday from Red Springs.

Mr. J. W. Ward was in Fayetteville a few days last week.

Mr. Clyde McCallum, of Florence, S. C., came home last Friday to stay a few days.

Dr. T. Lewis, of Hamer, S. C., was in town Friday afternoon.

Misses Myrtle Muse and Sallie Gillespie and Messrs. Arrowood, Cottingham and McKenzie attended the teachers' meeting in Lumberton, Saturday.

Mrs. Powell, of Fair Bluff, returned home Friday night.

Mr. Douglas Buie, of Red Springs, spent Friday night in town.

Rev. J. W. Bradley preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mr. J. D. Ferguson went to Lumberton yesterday on business.

Messrs. C. D. Smith and C. H. Lennon went to Lumberton yesterday.

Dr. Geo. M. Pate spent Friday night at Elrod.

Confederate Flags to be Returned to North Carolina.

Trenton, N. J., March 7.—In the House to-day Mr. Coyne introduced a resolution authorizing the Governor to return a Confederate flag to the Governor of North Carolina, captured by the Ninth New Jersey volunteers at the battle of New Bern. The flag was presented to the Beaufort Plow Boys by the ladies of Beaufort, N. C. The reason for this resolution is the fact that New Jersey has appropriated \$5,000 to erect a suitable monument at New Bern in honor of the Ninth New Jersey volunteers.

"Kuroki's plan to end the war within a month," says a London cable. Oyama may decide to shorten the time.