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The battle of Mukden has been fought and the Russians routed. It was at once of the greatest and bloodiest battles of the ages. It carried ice-locked rivers and ice-covered plains and wild rugged hills and mountains. The battle line was eighty miles in length. Between four and five hundred thousand men were engaged. The Japanese were the aggressors after the struggle opened. The Russians were outgeneralled at all points. They were deceived in the general plan and were outwitted in the field of action by all subordinates. The advantages were all on their side in the matter of position and fortifications. The strategy and fearless onslaughts of the Japanese proved irresistible. They fought with unsurpassed recklessness. With the daring and stoicism of fatalists and armed with the best guns and directed by the best military skill of modern times, they bore down all opposition, sacrificing at times, needlessly, thousands of lives in assaults upon impregnable heights. The Russian army was driven backward and demoralized, losing enormous army supplies of all kinds and reduced in number to one hundred thousand men. The precise losses of the two armies are not yet known. When we remember that eighty-five per cent. of the Russian people can not read and write, and then the superior training of the Japanese, it is easy to understand why victory should come so often to the Japanese.

We are unable to answer all the questions asked us. We wish we were well enough informed and had the ability to answer half of the questions put to us. Here are some of one class of questions put to us, the answer to which is beyond our ken. Yet they can be answered, no doubt, in a way to satisfy all reasonable men. For instance, why the county commissioners have elected a road superintendent, at the regular meeting in March. And why the Election was not advertised, so that the claims and prices of others might be considered. And why notice of the Election of Supervisors, also, was not advertised beforehand for the same reason. And how it could be legal to give notice of an election under a law before the law was enacted. And why special counsel should be employed by the road, when it has an attorney. These questions are so public and prevalent we may refer to them in this way freely. No doubt, they can be answered and should be. We have an intelligent board.

We fear our farmers are not conforming their acreage of cotton and purchase of fertilizers to the reduction suggested by The Cotton Growers' Association. If our fears are well founded, it is a dangerous year upon which we have entered for the smaller farmers. An average crop in the fall will mean a low price for cotton and this means a small income with which to pay for fertilizers. By the way, the price of fertilizers keeps up to previous rates. And guano bills must be paid, though it takes all the cotton made to pay them. It appears to us that the reduction named by the Cotton Growers' Convention is the best thing to be done. There is great danger in disregarding it.

We presume it is hardly needful this spring to warn farmers not to neglect their corn crop for cotton. If cotton was fifteen cents a pound there would be a great temptation to plant cotton in corn fields. But when cotton is seven the temptation is less. Whatever the temptation, to the contrary, it is dangerous to substitute anything for a corn crop. We can find no path so safe as this one. All our breadstuffs should be raised on the farm. The same is true with reference to our meat. Except the inexcusable neglect of wheat sowing; our farmers are pursuing this same policy more than before.

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. J. H. Malloy is not only engaged in a large and lucrative secular business, but he is also attending most commendably to the things of the Kingdom. He is raising money to build a church. If anybody is looking for a place where they can put a few dollars that will do great good, let them send the money to Mr. J. H. Malloy, Perry, Fla.

Venus is now an evening star and we never saw her half so large and lovely. Go out and look at her, if you have not already done so.

Miss Alice Shaw is visiting at Mr. Neill Shaw's.

Everybody hears gladly that the Bank of Fayetteville is to be re-organized and reopened at an early day.

Mr. S. H. Keyfauser is to occupy the building used heretofore as a hotel. It has been overhauled and repainted is now a fine looking dwelling.

Mrs. N. Shaw continues to improve. Mrs. L. C. Hubbard is yet with her.

Dr. Frank McMillan and his daughter, Miss Genevieve McMillan, returned Friday from a delightful trip North.

Mr. D. P. McEachern, who has been down South riding on automobiles and eating fine victuals, has gotten back looking happy and bringing more fat.

Acreage and Holding.

It seems reasonably certain that there is to be a material reduction in the acreage put in cotton this spring. Whether there is to be that general holding of last year's crop for 10 cents that had been hoped for, appears to be doubtful. A very considerable amount of cotton was unloaded in this State last week at 7½ to 8 cents, and we see a statement that a quarter million bales were sold in Texas in three days. Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle, leading merchants and cotton buyers of Lumberton, have issued a circular letter to their customers advising sales as long as prices stand around 7 cents. There is no doubt of the fact that the combination made among the farmers to hold the crop and reduce acreage has been a potent influence in raising prices within the past few weeks, but there seems reason to doubt that the purpose to hold is as general and as definite as had been supposed. We have said before, what is apparent to everybody, that the farmers are in position to control the situation. Whether they will continue to exercise their power to that end is another matter—they can make or break the market if they will.—Charlotte Observer.

The Proposed New State.

Three Republican members of the house from the South have ambitions to break into the senate and their plan is a portion of eastern Tennessee, part of Southwestern Kentucky, which they believe would be strongly Republican. These pipe dreamers are Representatives Slomp of Virginia, Brownlow of Tennessee and Edwards of Kentucky. Their scheme is only in an embryo state just now, but the plan is to include a strip of western North Carolina. The sections of the states mentioned would make a strongly Republican state, and while there would be only two senators to elect, the three statesmen who father the idea are willing to take chances and declare their intention to press it at the next session of congress. The proposed state, exclusive of any part of North Carolina, embraces 45 counties and is said to have a population of 750,000.

Miss Myrtle McNeill who holds a position in Wilmington, spent several days here last week with relatives, returning Sunday.

Cotton Acreage Reduced.

We see from the Roanoke-Chowan Times that the negro farmers of Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties will meet in Rich Square on the 25th instant to organize a cotton growers' association. It has been said that the negro farmers would not join in the movement to reduce the acreage of cotton. Heretofore it has been difficult to get them to do so, but now they have become convinced that it is to their advantage to join with their white neighbors in this matter and thousands of them throughout the South are pledging themselves to the movement.

Up to very recently the small farmers and the tenants have been at the mercy of the merchants who furnished them supplies for making their crops and the latter could dictate to them what they should plant. Cotton being a cash article and always saleable, these small farmers were forced to plant largely of this crop in order to secure credit for supplies. Now there are not so many entirely dependent on these men for advances or credit and more can act as they please in regard to how much cotton they shall plant.

All conditions are favorable to the plan this year of reducing the area to be put in cotton. The farmers are more in earnest and more determined to make the movement as near universal as possible. The fact that the negroes have been won over to their side will greatly aid the promoters of the plan. It begins to look like the cotton planter would be in the saddle next fall, and the man who wants cotton will not be able to get it at his own price, but the sellers will have something to say about it.—Wilmington Messenger.

Ashpole Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Ashpole, March 18th, 1905.—

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon McLean and little daughters, of McDonaldis, were down Wednesday to see Mr. I. T. McLean who we regret to report sick.

Mrs. Tate and daughter, of Chadbourn, spent part of the week with Mrs. F. C. Jones.

Mr. Upsher, General Agent of The Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Richmond, Va., is here looking after business interests. Esquire B. L. Page is the efficient agent of this well known company.

We are glad to learn that the enterprising firm of Mitchell & Floyd have bought a nice stock of Spring millinery and are expecting a trimmer from Armstrong & Cator, Baltimore, Md. next week. They hope to have Miss Kate Saunders sent them, who is already well known and very popular here. The ladies are all glad to hear this and we hope they will make a great success.

Mr. George M. Whitfield went to Wilmington on business Wednesday.

Messrs. G. E. Rancke Jr. and D. K. Gregory spent Thursday night at Pates visiting friends.

Dr. T. A. Norment and wife and little daughter, Lula, spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Miss Sidney Godwin, of Clayton, arrived Friday for a visit to the family of Mr. B. Godwin. She is a daughter of Mr. Perry Godwin, who has been here for some weeks past.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, came Sunday to see Mrs. Johnson who is still here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Rachel Memory, and who has been sick for a few days with grip. Rev. Mr. Johnson left Tuesday.—Whiteville News.

Fine Prospects.

The lettuce and beet crops this spring are particularly fine. A leading truck farmer stated yesterday afternoon that the crop was much finer than last year and that the acreage has been greatly increased.

If there is another large strawberry crop this spring, and there is every prospect that there will be, eastern North Carolina will be thousands of dollars richer within the next 90 days.

The first lettuce shipped from here this season was shipped several days ago by Mr. R. C. Kennedy to the firm he represents, S. T. Darmon, commission merchants, Philadelphia. He received a telegram yesterday stating that the shipment had reached Philadelphia and that it was bringing \$5.00 per basket. This lettuce was shipped from the farm of Mr. R. W. Smith, near Castle Haynes. Mr. Kennedy said he told a truck farmer yesterday who has eight small beds and whose lettuce is nearly ready for shipment, that if he could get his lettuce on the market within the next two weeks he would clear him \$1,000 on it.

Mr. Kennedy is of the opinion that lettuce will not bring less than \$2 when the season is at its height and that the prices will be any where from \$2 to \$4.—Wilmington, Messenger of Sunday.

Mr. Bryan's plan of capturing the next national election is that every Democratic voter pledge himself to attend the primaries so that an expression of the whole Democracy may be had on the various issues. His plan makes no issue paramount but its purpose is to secure an expression of the will of the people in order that a platform may be adopted such as will embrace as nearly as possible their views. Under any circumstances such advice is wise for whatever is politically wrong today is wrong because the people wish it so and because they have not exercised their right at the primaries of the people to make it otherwise. That is not a republic in which the will of the majority does not rule and the failure of our people, on the whole, to perform their duty in this behalf has placed our Government in the hands of a few. Mr. Bryan's plan is a good one and it is not too early to look forward to putting it in operation.

Judging from the immense spring stock our merchants are buying, they have no fears as to the spring trade. We have never seen larger or handsomer collections of goods than they are now displaying. Lumberton has become a market where almost anything can be bought, consequently it is keeping money made here, at home, which explains its prosperity and substantial growth.

The Presbyterians are making arrangements to build a manse. The location of a lot has not yet been decided on but it is their purpose to secure a desirable place and then erect a handsome building. Both the other churches own homes for their pastor, but the Presbyterians have never owned a manse of their own.

Mr. L. B. Townsend spent Sunday in Whiteville.

Miss Dora Faulk leaves to-day for Rowland to visit her parents who live near there.

Mr. I. T. Brown, of Red Springs, dropped in to see THE ROBESONIAN while here on business Friday.

Messrs. Whitfield & French are among our new advertisers to-day. They handle groceries wholesale.

Mrs. Morrow, who has been the guest of her sisters, Messdames Norment and Durham for the past two months, returned to her home in Gastonia Wednesday afternoon.

Red Springs.

To the regret of their many friends Mrs. McKay McRinnon's family have moved to Maxton.

The preachers and church people in general must work overtime this year, as there are 58 Sunday in 105. This will not happen again for 110 years.

The fire on Saturday night is a forceful reminder that the town is in need of a water supply. The heavens poured fourth its waters on this occasion and saved us.

The game of baseball played on Friday last between the N. C. M. A. and Lumberton was rather a one-sided affair, the score being 18 to 2 in Red Springs' favor.

Mrs. Colon Edens left Wednesday morning on the freight for Bennettsville, having been summoned by the death of her sister, who died at home near that place.

Enthusiastic Cotton Growers.

Reports come from various sections of the county that the townships meetings of the cotton growers held Saturday were the most enthusiastic which have yet been held. At the meeting held at Raynham in Thompson township, there was considerable discussion as to why merchants throughout the county were manifesting so little interest in the movement and there was considerable feeling that the merchants were not giving the farmers their co-operation. As a result of this discussion a resolution was adopted pledging the members of that organization to give those merchants who co-operated with them the preference in the matter of their trade. The expression of such sentiments indicates that the farmers are desperately in earnest and have made up their minds to brook no opposition in their effort to perfect such an organization and to adopt such measures as will give them complete control in the matter of handling and marketing their cotton.

Miss Annie Boone Dead.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of Miss Annie Boone which occurred at the home of her brother, Mr. George Boone, four miles north-west of here, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, after being seriously ill for some time with pneumonia. Miss Boone was well known and held the respect and admiration of her friends. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church at this place, and seldom, notwithstanding the distance, was she absent from a service. Her loyalty to her church was a subject of comment, as was her eager willingness to do anything possible to help the poor or distressed. She was a good woman, and has gone to the rest for which she has been preparing for several years past. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Paris, and the interment was made in the family cemetery.

The re-appointment of Mr. A. T. McCallum to serve another six years term on the State Board of Agriculture, and Dr. J. L. McMillan to succeed himself on the Board of Directors of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, will meet the approval of all citizens who have kept up with them during their term of office. Gov. Glenn, recognizing their peculiar fitness for so high positions of honor and usefulness, made the appointments without hesitation.—Red Springs Citizen.

We learn that Mr. D. S. Pool will publish a paper at Raeford. He has been editor of the Rockingham Anglo-Saxon, which has been purchased by Sheriff Hinson, of Rockingham.

Miss Daisy Courtney is expected to arrive Sunday from Baltimore and will take up her duties as milliner for Mrs. Peterson and Miss Braece. She will receive a cordial welcome from our people.

Court Calendar.

Below we give a calendar of cases for trial at April term of Robeson Superior Court which convenes April the 3rd and lasts two weeks. His Honor G. S. Ferguson will preside.

Monday—Sallie G. McCormick vs. State Life Ins. Co. (2 cases); J. C. McCaskill vs. Stephen McNair; Mary C. Byrd, et al., vs. Neill Britt; M. H. Bruner vs. Southern R. R. Co.; J. W. Carter vs. Jno. Sanderson; Currie & Patterson vs. Peter McQueen; A. M. McNair vs. Nancy McEachern; Junius Hall vs. Anna Belle Hall; Bank of Maxton vs. J. W. Guiton, et al.

Tuesday—Va. Car. Chem. Co. vs. Daniel Leach; W. H. Blount vs. Western Union Tel. Co.; Peggie Anderson, et al., vs. Kate Harper; A. L. Jones vs. D. A. McKellar; Southern Live Stock Co. vs. J. Walter Smith; S. R. Townsend vs. S. A. L. R. R. Co. (2 cases); I. J. Flowers vs. C. C. R. R. Co.; T. R. Tolar vs. C. C. R. R. Co.; David F. Israel vs. C. C. R. R. Co.; H. T. Flowers vs. C. C. R. R. Co.

Wednesday—J. C. McCaskill vs. Sarah E. Walker, et al.; W. S. McNair vs. Daniel Locklear. (Protest); Armour Packing Co. vs. W. S. McNair; E. S. Walters vs. Butters Lumber Co.; Marion Iron Works vs. L. H. Townsend; Robert Leggett vs. Isabella Leggett; J. A. Branch vs. C. C. R. R. Co.; J. W. Dillon & Son vs. D. C. McIntyre; Park Regian Hail Ins. Co. vs. S. M. Oliver.

Thursday—Neill Alford vs. W. E. McGirt; E. N. Monroe vs. J. W. Alford, et al.; Margaret Ann Johnson vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.; Joe A. McBryde vs. Wm. Purnell; Bank of Suffolk vs. L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co.; Mack Page vs. Standard Oil Co.; J. J. Mescham vs. S. A. L. R. R. Co.; D. L. Blue vs. J. L. Higgins.

Friday—McAllister Hdw. Co. vs. C. C. R. R. Co.; A. J. McKinnon vs. S. A. L. R. R. Co.; C. W. Wiggins vs. J. A. McCormick; A. L. Shaw vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.; R. G. Thompson vs. C. C. R. R. Co. (2 cases); Gaston Britt vs. J. P. Wiloughby; C. T. Pate & Co. vs. J. C. Turner; McAllister Hardware Co. vs. C. C. R. R. Co. (2 cases); H. B. Ashley vs. Robeson Mercantile Co.

Mr. "Billie" McCormick spent yesterday in Rowland.

Mrs. Will. Ward, although still very ill, is somewhat improved.

Messrs. J. W. Crawford and J. Hammond, of Rowland vicinity, here visitors here Saturday.

Gov. and Mrs. F. A. Bond, of Moss Neck, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McLeod yesterday.

A picture of Marion, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen came out in the Charlotte Observer of Sunday.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell has been kept at home by sickness for the past ten days. We are glad to learn that he is improved.

Mrs. S. N. Dick and daughter Miss Sallie Dick returned Thursday evening from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Wilmington.

A message received yesterday reports the condition of Mrs. N. A. McLean about the same. She will probably return home this week.

Since the warm weather, the trees of all kinds are budding forth; the fruit trees are covered with blossom; Spring is bursting forth in all her beauty. Miss Dottie Boone has been absent from the store of Mr. L. H. Caldwell, for the past week on account of the sickness and death of her aunt, Miss Annie Boque.