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## THE LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS.

LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C.

REV. P. R. LAW. EDITOR.

The annual debate at the Southern Presbyterian College in Red Springs Monday night attracted a great crowd of the best people of the State. The spacious and splendid auditorium lit up brightly with electric lights and more brightly still with about four hundred lovely girls and crowded to its utmost with elegant and cultured folks presented an exceptionally fascinating spectacle and made up a pleasant memory. There was a thrill of delightful animation in the halls and the great gathering felt the contagion. It was a college day exercise by the Epsilon Chi and Zetesian Societies. Few if any, days except the last of the passing years so stir and fill the student body with glad life. The exercises were opened with prayer by the President Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell who presided with the ease and grace that is natural and matured by experience. Miss Clara DeVane played a number with exquisite touch and Miss Sadie Gardner delighted the audience with a beautiful song and then the debate opened. The subject was: Should the National Government Regulate Railroad Rates? The debaters were Misses Lillian Wells and Esie Bethea for the affirmative, and Misses Sallie Shaw and Aedraide Murphey for the negative. This is a query of current and burning interest. Over it the greatest minds of the nation are struggling. No issue of the day is eliciting more study. In the clash of opinions it may be in the near future the paramount issue on which the Chief Magistrate of the nation is chosen. It is interesting to see clearly that it involves fundamentally the divergence of views held and advocated with signal ken and ability by the fathers Hamilton and Jefferson as the plinth of our republic was laid. The discussion reflected great credit upon the young ladies. The research their addresses showed was worthy of unstinted praise. The decisions of State and United States Courts, of classic Political Economists, were quoted with rare appositeness and force. Most of the intelligent audience were instructed as well as entertained by felicitous and clear definitions of the technical terms of railway nomenclature. The exposition of the subject was remarkable for its elaborateness in view of the time allotted and that it was at the hands of Juniors in a college for girls. The whole range of argumentation to date on the intricate questions was traversed with a learning and an ability that did at once great credit to the speakers and the scholarship of the College. It were too invidious to say which of the speakers did best where all did so well and points of superiority were so small. The Judges were Rev. W. M. Fairley, J. G. McCormick, and Hon. J. W. McLaughlin. The decision was that the arguments in behalf of the negative side were stronger by an infinitesimal degree. This no doubt was a just as well as gallant judgment. While the judges were making up their judgment the girls en masse marched upon the rostrum and entertained the audience with a number of College and popular songs that were enjoyed richly and called forth many rounds of applause. A general reception followed at which the young people of this section and older ones were given an entertainment that has perhaps never been before equalled. Refreshments were served by the girls and the proceeds were devoted to Pine and Thistle, the College Magazine. So another annual College day devoted to the flourishing Literary Societies has gone into history and marked, it deserves to be said, great progress in the work of the institution.

According to the table of the Corporation Commission's last report Robeson county has 640,000 acres of land being a greater number than in any other county in the State. Sampson county follows next with 583,000 acres. The

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### Lumber Bridge Locals.

The Spring communion services at Shannon will be conducted next Saturday and Sunday and Rev. L. Smith, of Dunn, will preach for the pastor.

Mrs. N. Shaw is convalescing very nicely and is expecting to start home next week.

The organization to effect the Great Home Coming Week of Robesonians in August 21-27 at Red Springs, is as follows: "President D. P. McEachern, Recording Secretary R. B. Branch, Corresponding Secretary Rev. P. R. Law, Executive Committee Martin McKinnon, R. F. DeVane, Dr. J. L. McMillan, J. W. McLaughlin, Col. N. A. McLean, A. J. McKinnon, A. L. Bullock, Dr. J. P. Brown, M. L. Marley and J. B. McCormick. Finance and Advertising Committee A. T. McCallum, J. G. Williams, R. W. Livermore, Railroad Committee, W. F. Williams, J. Allen Huggins and H. S. Toon. Entertainment Committee B. W. Townsend, A. B. Pearsall and Hamilton McMillan. Program Committee Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell, Dr. B. F. McMillan, Hamilton McMillan and A. P. Spell.

Fayetteville Presbytery meets at Carthage Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., April 11th. The road from Cameron to Carthage will charge 60 cents for round trip. The Aberdeen and Rockfish railway will charge for only one passage or the round trip from Hope Mills to Aberdeen and return for \$1.25. We get no rates on the Southern, A. C. L. or S. A. L.

Miss Carrie McEachern returned Monday from a delightful visit to Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Rev. J. D. Graham, of Perry, Fla., is visiting his old home and reports the Robesonians in Taylor county well and doing well. Of course they will all be in Robeson at the great Home Coming in August, which is to be held at Red Springs.

Mr. Make McCormac, of the St. Pauls section, died suddenly last Saturday night while visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Brown, near here. He was widely known in this part of the county. We sympathize with the sorrowing ones.

Miss May Conoly, who has been visiting her father, Mr. James Conoly, returned Wednesday to her home in Tampa, Fla.

### Prison Cell for Mrs. Chadwick.

Unless the higher court interfered, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will spend the greater part of the next ten years in the Ohio State penitentiary. A sentence of ten years was imposed upon her by Judge Robert W. Taylor, in the United States Court in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday evening. When ordered to stand up and receive the sentence Mrs. Chadwick did not hear and was assisted to her feet by Deputy United States Marshal Clobitz. The court asked her if she had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced. She looked around in bewilderment. She was not certain what was taking place and had not the slightest idea what the court said. She was then led forward, nearer the bench, and the court shouted the question.

Mr. Chadwick said there was nothing she cared to say herself. Her attorneys made no appeal to the court and the sentence was imposed.

Mrs. Chadwick was convicted under an indictment in which she was charged with conspiracy with Beckwith and Spear, president and cashier of the Oberlin National Bank, to certify her checks when she had no money in the bank. This is a transaction prohibited by the government for the protection of the depositors and stockholders of a national bank.

By good behavior, Mrs. Chadwick can reduce the time of imprisonment to eight years and four months.

Wanted.—W. O. Thompson. See his ad.

### Daniel Sully Reappears.

A recent dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says, Daniel J. Sully, who did more last year to send the price of cotton upwards than any other man, and who has again made his appearance in the market, with strong backing, for the purpose of once more boosting the price, has written for the press bureau of the Southern Cotton Association relative to the present cotton situation. Mr. Sully says that the Southern farmer now has it within his power to control with intelligence the cotton trade of the world. He praises the work of the Southern Cotton Association to further the interests of the Southern farmer, and says that the work is a great blessing not only to the farmer, but to the world.

Mr. Sully contends that a fair price for cotton does not mean speculation, nor injury to manufacturers, but a blessing alike to all. He urges the farmers to muster their forces and stand out for their own betterment. The following is what Mr. Sully wrote to the press bureau:

"Under the present momentous problem which the South is now endeavoring to solve, and which undoubtedly, it will solve to its own profit and to admiration of the whole world, the means adopted by the Southern Cotton Association to further the interest of the Southern cotton farmer, in educating him up to the possibilities of what the cotton raising in the South can be made to mean to him, is a great blessing, not only to the farmers, but to the entire world. The world has now learned to realize the financial strength and backbone of the merchant and farmers of the South as never before. There is absolutely no question but what the Southern farmer has it within his power to control with intelligence the cotton trade of the world. He has unquestionably shown in the past four months the qualities he possesses in being able to unite for his own protection. He has at last become fully aware of the cotton requirements of the civilized world, and he realizes that to his labor and patience and perseverance the world is looking for its supply of this staple. Every dollar that the Southern farmer makes, over and above his cost of production, means the enrichment of himself and also the enrichment of every one else. Upon the Southern farmer, and he practically alone, will really rest the advancement of civilization, for clothes are essential to civilization, and the South must furnish the bulk of the world's cotton clothes. It has been well said, by Henry Grady, I believe, that every missionary of the Gospel as he penetrates the wilds of Africa or the isles of the sea, is an advance agent for Southern cotton. It, therefore, resolves itself to this one fact, that as the South raises about eight-tenths of the cotton of the world, upon it devolves the great problem of furnishing enough all the millions not now civilized may become clothed and civilized. The South should realize at once that there is no safer investment than its own cotton; that the financial world to-day considers cotton one of the safest securities known, and especially if it is in good condition and in merchantable warehouses. To this end, therefore, the interests of the South should muster their forces, and provide a reservoir that will hold their surplus cotton in such shape that the farmer, the merchant and the banker of the South can invest his surplus money in that security which is acknowledged by the

world, to be the best. The South hold the command of the world's cotton trade, a monopoly such as no other country possesses, and yet a monopoly almost without profit as compared with the profit that should be realized. The time has now come for the South to act on these facts and without speculation but on sound and conservative lines so establish and planting, the handling and the marketing of this unequalled staple that the Southern farmer who, by reason of the South's monopoly, ought to be the most prosperous farmer in the world, can attain this condition, and in doing so, add to the prosperity of every other industry, for low price cotton means poverty for everybody. Who is complaining because Birmingham is selling pig iron at \$13.50 a ton against \$9 a ton six months ago? This advance has quickened every iron interest in America just as \$9 iron meant dullness and lack of profit throughout the coal and iron world. Let us look at the matter sensibly and see that a fair price for cotton means not speculation, not injury to manufacturers, but a blessing alike to all. The South holds this power in its own grasp. Will it use it to advantage, or will it let slip the opportunity of a nation's life?"

"Daniel J. Sully."

### Echo Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Echo, N. C., March 29th.—The truckers of this section have had good success with their truck. Hope them much success from now on.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McCallum were in town shopping Wednesday.

Mrs. W. W. Rowland, of Hamer R. F. D. spent Thursday afternoon with relatives here.

Miss Mabel Ward spent Thursday night with Miss Linnie Miller.

Mr. W. O. Williams made us a pleasant call Thursday.

Mr. W. L. Hall, of Norfolk, Va. was in town Thursday.

Mr. John W. Ward spent last Thursday in Fayetteville on business.

Mr. T. B. Ayers was in the city Saturday.

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

Mr. Ed. McKinnon and two of the beautiful charming young ladies of Rowland, passed through here Saturday.

Miss Edith Ward spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Gaddysville.

Misses Florence and Dora Bracy accompanied by J. W. Burns, passed through here Saturday on their way to Mr. J. R. Burns.

Miss Annie Donaldson spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Messrs. Frank Edens and B. Edens spent Sunday with Mr. Allen Edens.

Mr. Jay Hammond was in the city Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. C. F. McGirt and E. B. Ward attended services Sunday at Pleasant Grove.

Mr. A. M. Bracy was on our streets Sunday afternoon.

Hurrah! for Dr. L. R. E. He went to see his Black Ankle girl Sunday afternoon. He dealt out Chocolate Bon Bons the whole afternoon and courted on the strength of it.

Rev. W. C. Wallace and family were in town shopping Monday.

Mr. Bristow, of Rowland, was here Monday writing up insurance.

Mr. R. H. Miller was in town Monday.

The handsome residence erected by Mr. A. E. White has been completed, and presents a most attractive appearance. Mr. H. B. Jennings, who will occupy it, commenced moving yesterday.

Mr. Jim. McLeod, of Rowland, was on our streets yesterday.

### St. Pauls Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, N. C., March 29—Prof. McNeill spent last Saturday at his home at Spring Hill and returned Sunday morning accompanied by his niece, Miss Hattie Watson, who is attending school here.

Rev. Jos. Evans and wife of this place visited Mrs. McNair a few days last week.

Senator Shaw and wife, of Lumber Bridge attended church here last Sunday.

Several of the St. Pauls people attended the closing exercises of the school at Buck Horn last Friday night.

Mrs. A. B. Williamson, of Parkton, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Fisher a part of the past week.

Mr. Walter Parham, of Parkton, spent last Sunday with his parents at this place.

Little Neill McEachern has been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Rev. Baker filled his appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.

We wish to correct a mistake that was made last week about the spelling match between St. Pauls and Centerville. The tallys made by rounds were twenty six to twenty-six instead of twenty to twenty-six made by sounds.

Mr. Malcom McCormic, a prominent citizen of this neighborhood, was found dead in bed last Sunday morning at his son-in-law's, Mr. Jno. Brown's.

### Ashpole Happenings.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Messrs. F. W. Pitman and P. R. Floyd are setting a good example which we hope will be followed by others in cleaning up the lots near them. It is a great improvement.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson is suffering with a severe attack of la-grippe.

The children of Mr. P. B. Thompson are the latest victims of Measles.

Miss Kate Saunders arrived Thursday night from Baltimore to take charge of the millinery department of Mitchell & Floyd. She is gladly welcomed by her many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown went to Wilmington last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Carter spent Sunday with Mrs. Thompson, in Lumberton.

Messrs. Tom Grantham and Norbitt Grimsley went to Elrod Friday and attended a pleasant school closing exercise that night.

Misses Passmore and Smith, two of Orrum's popular young teachers, were welcome visitors in town last Saturday and Sunday.

We are sorry to learn that our genial friend, Capt. Henry Britt will leave for a new post in A. G. L. office in Wilmington. He will move his family at once and they will be greatly missed.

Mr. Travis Grimsley has opened a nice little stock of groceries in the store on Main St. formerly occupied by H. S. Floyd.

Rev. Mr. Jackson is expected to preach in the Baptist church next Sunday.

Mr. Tom Hutchison was here last Tuesday doing some repairing for Dr. J. P. Brown.

Miss Kate Saunders and the pretty new hats are the two most important subjects to the girls just now. Mitchell & Floyd have, we suppose the largest stock of millinery ever brought here.

The beautiful yellow Jessamine is blooming and we feel like Spring is really here. There's not a flower in the world sweeter or prettier.

The protracted meeting being held at the Gospel Tabernacle by Evangelist Hopper, has been largely attended and much interest has been taken. The meeting will close Sunday night.

Mr. Alf. H. McLeod spent yesterday in Maxton on business.

### To the Public.

We desire to call attention to the circular recently issued by us to which there has been some objection made.

In the first place the circular was not issued to the general public, but to our customers, whom we addressed as "Friends holding Cotton".

In the second place it gave a plain statement of facts in regard to the port receipts of cotton. Those facts showed that there was being received, each week, about three times as much cotton as was received the corresponding weeks of 1904.

We called attention to the daily receipts at New Orleans and Houston, which was running from nine thousand to twelve thousand bales, daily, against daily receipts in 1904 of about twelve hundred to three thousand. (The receipts at these ports are still running much larger than last year.)

We called attention to these large receipts in the face of the fact that so much cotton was being held off the markets, which would seem to indicate that there is an enormous quantity of cotton to come on the markets sometime.

We also mentioned that some people well posted on economic questions considered seven and one-half cents a good price for a 18,000,000 bale crop, and we said we would sell cotton rather than take the risk of lower prices, which would come in April and May if the cotton being held should be rushed on the markets at that time.

Now all these facts are beyond control, except the possibility of the future referring to putting so much cotton on the market in April and May is not beyond control. We think our circular had in it the very item for thought and action to save the misfortune of a great decline in price.

A great many of our customers to whom we sent this circular came to see us about selling their cotton, but we believe not one sold cotton as the result of their consultation with us, because we know the price of cotton, at all times, to be so uncertain we cannot take the responsibility of advising—we can only state our opinion.

We want to state that we are with the farmers and business men in their organization and efforts to save our southern country from the disaster which another year of large acreage in cotton and consequently large investments in the cotton crop of 1905, to be met with disastrously low prices in the fall of the year.

We are daily counseling and advising, in our office, reduction of acreage as the most effective means of making a profit on the cotton crop of 1905.

Respectfully,  
Caldwell & Carlyle.

March 28

By being misinformed, it was stated in a former issue that Mr. S. W. Phillips, book keeper for Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle, had been obliged to resign his position on account of writer's cramp. He consulted a physician in Fayetteville, who pronounced it rheumatism, and although he is still suffering from it, he is able to discharge his duties as book keeper.

Rev. A. E. Baker, who has been visiting his family in Baltimore, will arrive this week, and conduct services as usual at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Material is being hauled for the erection of a handsome residence by Dr. Vampil, on the corner lot opposite the residence of Mr. W. W. Carlyle.