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Commissioners Proceedings.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday Morning, with all commissioners present with the exception of Chairman, R. R. Barnes, of Barnesville.

Those in attendance were Messrs. J. W. Carter, chairman, pro tem, C. A. Oliver, A. R. McEachern and J. A. Hodgin, commissioners. The following business was transacted:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved; regular pauper list allowed; ordered that bill of E. J. Kinlaw for $82 79 for lumber for bridges on Big Swamp and Jackson Swamp, be allowed; ordered that the order passed at last meeting with regard to the public road in Red Spring, township, from Cromartie on the A. C. L. road to Red Springs, be rescinded, and the matter held open for further investigation and that J. T. Denny and the road supervisor of Red Spring, township, and W. G. Allen, Road Superintendent, be notified that this matter is held up.

Ordered that Assessors (2 years ago) for Thompson township, to wit: L. R. Hamer, H. K. McCormic and J. E. Price, be requested to meet the Board on the 1st Monday in July; ordered that J. W. Hall be allowed a rebate of $955.00; ordered that W. G. Allen, Road Superintendent, be instructed to trade the old road machine owned by Thompsons township, for a Champion Machine on the best terms obtainable; ordered that report of A. A. McLean, County Treasurer be recorded and filed; ordered that bill of Mrs. W. J. Pate for $9.75, for boarding jurors, be allowed; ordered that bill of Dr. J. C McKenzie for small pox patient, $28.00, also bill of $10.00 be allowed; ordered that bill of Dr. D. C. McIntyre for $5.00 services to Joe Ross and Jno. McKay, be allowed; ordered that bill of Dr. H. T. Pope & Co., $88.85 for medicine for county, be allowed; ordered that chaingang be worked on the Creek Road in Britts and Lumberton townships, when they are through in White House and Sterlings; ordered that R. W. Long be allowed a rebate in Blue Springs on $275 00; ordered that bill of W. G. Allen, road superintendent for $144 87, salary for May 1905, be allowed; ordered that bill of D. W. Biggs be allowed $144.35 for keeping county jail for May, 1905; ordered that J. W Willis be allowed $7.68, material hauled for Beaver Dam, out of county funds; ordered that R. D. Lancaster be allowed $50 86, for guarding chaingang during May, 1905; ordered that J. A. Hodgin be allowed $67.58, for supplying chaingang; ordered that M A. Buie be allowed a rebate on $1,775.00 in Red Springs township; ordered that McAllister Hardware Company, be allowed $17.10 for repairs for road machne to be paid out of Alfordsville township funds; ordered that Rowland Hardware Company be allowed $16.35, tools for roads in Alfordsville township, to be paid out of Alfordsville road funds; ordered that Good Roads Machinery Company be paid $225.00 out of Red Springs and Blue Springs road funds: ordered that McAllister Hardware Company be allowed $17.93 on tools for road work in Back Swamp, to be paid out of Back Swamp funds; also to be allowed $5.85 out of general road fund; ordered that bill of W. H. Humphrey, C S. C., for $6.15, for recording jurors, etc, be allowed; ordered that Mr. Wade Wishart be appointed a member of the Finance Committee of Robeson county in place of K. M. Barnes; ordered that A. Nash be paid $18 00 for acting on Finance Committee; ordered that Wade Wishart be paid $12 00 for acting on Finance Committee; ordered that D. W. Bullock, register, be allowed $[illegible].85 for supplies for register's office, recording officers, bonds, etc; ordered that bill of F. J. Meares $85 00 for keeping county home for May, be allowed; ordered that F. J. Meares, keeper of county home, be allowed $6.50 per month for each inmate, the increase to take effect June 1st; ordered that bill of G. E. Rancke, coroner, $9 95, for holding inquest over Wm. Townsend, be allowed; ordered that bill of $10.00 be paid Dr. A. B. Croom, for holding post mortem examination over body of Wm. Townsend; ordered that bill of Lumberton Electric Light Department, $9 10 for lights for court house from April 1st to June 1st, be allowed; ordered that bill of Walker Evans & Cogswell for $14 35 for civil cost docket, be allowed; ordered that bill of A. Nash for $10 00 for making a list of land sold for county taxes, be allowed; ordered that Dan Reid be allowed $12.50 for transportation and clothing for Jacob Crutchfree; also the same amount for the transportation and clothing of Mahala Arnett, Greensboro, N. C.

On motion it was ordered that Joe Ross be hired by H. C. McNair for the remainder of his term for the sum of $100.00. Said sum to be paid before the said Joe Ross is released from the county jail; ordered that the chain gang work be discontinued for the present and the convicts now in the chaingang be brought in and confined in the county jail. Further ordered that the keeper of the chaingang be notified and that he is relieved from further services as keeper of the chaingang until notified; ordered that bill of Jno D. Currie $10.46, lumber and painting be paid by Maxton road fund; ordered that bill of Norman Stewart $22 83 for work on public road, be paid out of Maxton road fund; ordered that the board borrow from the Bank of Maxton the sum of $500.00 to be due on October 15, 1905, and paid out of the road funds of Maxton township, and to pay necessary expenses of working the public roads in Maxton township; ordered that bill of D. W. Biggs, $6 90, supplying jail be allowed. The board then adjourned to meet again Monday, June 13th, as they were unable to finish the business this week.

Gaddysville Items.

Mr. John McKenzie, of Gaddy, S. C., spent Sunday in town with relatives and friends.

Mr. Pete Page, of Moore county, was on our streets a few days ago shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Page settled in our county a number of years ago, but as he couldn't give up his childhood home he returned, where he has resided ever since.

Mr. E. Whaley, of Lumberton, passed through our town last week. We are always glad to see this clever gentleman.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. F. F. Miller. He has been confined to his room for several days with fever.

Mr. Marion Oliver received a very painful wound in his head a few days ago, which took four stitches to sew it up. He was trying to hold a cow and was jerked to the ground. As yet we have not learned the particulars.

Mr. Isham Butler, Sr., died Sunday afternoon. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell spent Wednesday at Buies on business.

Mr. Casper Smith, of Trinity Park School, is home for vacation.

Miss Maidie Porter, of Emerson, is the guest of Miss Dora Smith.

Mr. John Russ, of Ten Mile, has been in town several days this week.

Miss Winnie Rowland attended the Townsend—Gibson marriage at Gibson Wednesday morning.

Miss Anna Bethune and Mr. A. A. Bethune, of Barkers, were among the shoppers here Tuesday.

Mr. J. A. Boone, of A. & M. College, Raleigh, returned here Tuesday to spend vacation at home.

Messrs. W. D. McIntyre and Dr. McIntyre spent yesterday on the old home before Back Swamp.

Mr. J. A. Duke, superintendent of Kingsdale Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company, was in town yesterday.

Too many street talkers take respiration for inspiration.

Outlook for Peace.

Paris, June 6.—Information reaches here giving a decidedly more hopeful view to the peace outlook. This is particularly true concerning the unity of the foreign pressure which is being exerted. Although it is not yet evident that Russia will yield to these influences, the exchange in which Berlin is taking an important part are considered likely to exert a strong tendency towards the initiation of peace negotiations. It is the understanding that Germany and the United States are taking the foremost part in the effort toward peace with the other powers lending them strong moral support.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—Russia has practically agreed to the interment of the Russian warships at Manila.

From all over Russia comes reports that agitators, especially among the socialists, are urging manifestations and a renewal of the strikes.

Emperor Nicholas, according to report, has returned the resignation of Interior Minister M. Bouligin, having declined to accept it. M. Boulgin tells his friends that with the power conferred on General Trepoff as assistant minister of the interior, his position as untenable.

Washington, June 6.—Pending the decision of the Czar regarding war or peace in the far east, the president and the European ambassadors with whom he is daily conferring have agreed that silence regarding their activities is necessary and word to this effect has been passed along, lest Russia take offense and go contrary to what the neutral powers believe to be for her own advantage.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, remains without advices from St. Petersburg that throw any light on the possible policy of the czar. The ambassador has not yet received an acknowledgement of his long cablegram of last week regarding the conference with the president. It is expected that later on the Russian embassy here will be informed whether the result of the battle in the Sea of Japan has affected the determination of the St. Petersburg government to continue the war. Any information on this subject will be promptly placed.

Peace talk was temporarily supplanted in diplomatic circles today by comment upon the resignation of M. DelCasse. Commenting on this to-night a European diplomat said:

"While M. Del Casse was at the head of the French foreign office his intimacy with Lord Landsowne gave to London and Paris a splendid opportunity for concerted action that would induce Russia and Japan to talk of peace. The retirement of M. Del Casse must necessarily have an effect upon the Anglo-French entente as well as the French-Russian alliance. Not only was M. Del Casse largely responsible for the former, but he was generally recognized as the best friend Russia possessed in France. The radical party which is now in power is not as friendly to Russia as was M. Del Casse's assistance Lord Landsowne can hardly hope to accomplish much toward peace."

Berlin, June 6.—Crown Prince Frederick William and Duchess Cecilia, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, were married in the palace chapel this afternoon. While the clock on the plaza marked five here and every garrison town in Prussia and every sea where German warships floated, began firing twenty-one gun salutes at the same moment. In the chapel one of the most distinguished assemblages that could be gathered in Europe, saw the simple wedding service of the Lutheran church.

Echo News.

We notice the Echo Items did not come out in the last issue of the paper. Several readers were asking why, and said they could not account for it unless it was on account of a special lady friend of our correspondent that has arrived at home from college to spend the summer vacation. We are glad to know that this beautiful young lady has returned home, and we hope to have her to visit our little town. We are also glad that most of the other girls of Rowland have returned home from other colleges and seminaries much to the delight of their many friends. We wish them a pleasant vacation, but we want to ask our writer to still keep up his correspondence with the Robesonian.

Childrens' Day exercises were held at Centenery Sunday afternoon, and a delightful program of recitations and songs were well rendered by the children. They deserve much credit, not only upon themselves, but upon those who had their training in charge. At the close the pastor made a short, but interesting talk.

Mr. N. F. Bullard passed through here Thursday.

We regret to have to give up Mr C. P. McGirt. He has gone back down in Black Ankle. Hope to have him back with us again soon.

Miss Stranda McCormac spent Thursday with Miss Blanche Ward.

Mr. John Hammond made us a pleasant call one day last week.

We hear that a certain man near Rowland has so much grass in his cotton that he has been grazing his cow on it. But still he makes fun of his neighbors for having so much grass. Ask our clever route agent and see if he knows anything about it.

Mr. J. W. Ward, Jr., went to Huntersville Friday on business.

Miss Florence Edens, of Clio, S. C., is visiting Miss Tillie Edens.

Mr. L. H. Martin was in town Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Bradley must have thought that he got all of us Echo boys 'dough" when he was around some time ago, by not asking us up to the ice cream supper they had at Rowland for the benefit of the church.

Mr. Frank Williams has purchased a new buggy, and traded his horse for a high stepper.

We notice in last week's issue that Mr. J. W. Burns, of Gaddysville, was on the sick list, thought to be caused by crossing Ashpole and finding it higher than he expected. We would like to ask the Gaddysville correspondent to ask him why was he down in the foot of the buggy.

Mr. B. T. Sparks, of Dillon, S. C., passed through here Tuesday.

Mr. J. L. Gaitley and Miss Sallie McCormac spent Sunday with friends at Carolina, S. C.

Messrs. Frank Edens and R. S. Bond, of Rowland, spent Sunday with Mr. Allen Edens.

We hear that Messrs. J. F. Graham and R. A. G. Gaddy passed some big compliments on Mr. Frank Williams' grass. Wonder if they are like the man that was grazing his cow.

We are sorry to hear of the sad accident that happened to two little boys, sons of Messrs. R. L. McCormac and D. B Ayers. They were playing around the mill, and young McCormac got caught on the shafting. He was badly cut and bruised, and several bones were broken. Mr. Ayers' little boy in trying to get him out was caught on the end of the shaft and badly hurt, but not so serious as the other one. Drs. Reedy and Evans were called at once and dressed the wounds.

Mrs. T. A. McNeill and daughter, Miss Cammie McNeill and Col. N. A. McLean attended the burial of Mrs. J. F. L. Armfield at Maxton Wednesday.

Misses Jessie Fuller and Lula Humphrey expect to leave today for Greensboro to attend the commencement exercises of Greensboro Female College.

Hope is the oil that calms the trouble seas of sorrow.

Marietta Items.

Joining the ranks of matrimony seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. D. DuBose, of Page's Mills, was on our streets Wednesday.

Misses Civil, Maggie, Lizzie and Rachael Oliver visited at the home of Mr. H. L. Edens last Sunday.

Miss Irma Ayers visited at the home of Mr. Oscar Page last Sunday.

Messrs D. J. Oliver and H. O. Edens attended services at Bear Swamp Sunday morning, and spent the afternoon at different places of interest.

Miss Ethel Oliver spent Thursday afternoon with the Misses Atkinson.

Mrs. R M. Oliver spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. N. A McQueen.

Miss Lila Roberts and Mr. Allen Blue, of this place, were married last Sunday afternoon at Florence, South Carolina.

We were glad to see Mr. L. B. Ford on our streets last week.

Sheriff Barker was in town last Monday.

Mrs. Fred Brown, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, for the past two weeks, returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. Muse and Misses Frostic and Ida Anderson, of Fair Bluff, were visitors in this community last Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Biggs, of Dillon, S. C., is visiting at the home of Mr. N. A. McQueen.

Misses Lanie Oliver and Elva Scott visited at the home of Mr. J. S Oliver Monday afternoon.

Messrs. Carl Oliver and Johnnie Roberts were among the W. O. W. who attended the unveiling of the monument of the late J. D. Biggs.

Boys, we are surprised at you for letting so many of our girls marry and go to other places to find homes. We like to have marriages, but we don't want Marietta to loose every time instead of gain.

If anybody has not got a good stand of grass, our farmers say that they will furnish them some plants free of cost.

Overpower the Jailer.

Wilmington, June 5.—Twelve of the twenty odd persons in the New Hanover county jail, seven of them under final sentence, made their escape this morning between one and two o'clock. They are all colored and were confined in a cage together.

One of the number feigned sickness, and when Jailer Ed Capps, who had been aroused from his sleep, went to hand one of them a glass containing medicine through the cell door, they made a rush upon him and choked him down. The negroes then fled out through the residential portion of the building. Five other colored prisoners in the same cell did not care to escape, or could not find their way out in the darkness.

One of the escapes is "Jimmy" Burns, the noted negro money order forger, who operated at a number of places in this State and Georgia, having been recently brought here from Savannah by United States Inspector S. H. Buck, of Atlanta, for trial in the Federal Court this month.

The aggregate sentence of five of the State prisoners, who escaped, is 11 years. Two of the number were held for trial only last Saturday on a charge of store-breaking. He was one of the number who escaped from the city prison a few hours after he was arrested, by breaking out of a wooden cell and attempting to dig under the wall of the outer corridor.

ROWLAND DEPARTMENT,

ROWLAND, N. C.

GEO. K. McNEILL, NEILL SMITH, Editors.

These are busy days in the surrounding country, but the town is not idle by any means. It has a reputation to sustain, as well as some rebuilding to do. Much of this has been done, however, and in a short time the visitor could not discern that we once had a storm. It only takes a bit of adversity to show a community the absolute necessity of constant thrift and a reasonable amount of economy, and Rowland has shown her ability to stand alone under any conditions not too far beyound the pale of the ordinary. Her citizens have recognized this fact and a movement is now on foot to launch an enterprise that will enhance its growth to no small extent. Of this we will have more to say later.

With the gubernatorial candidates warming up a year before, the primary in Georgia promises to be a hot one. There are two editors and a congressman in training up to date.

A West Philadelphia saloon-keeper committed "somnambulistic" suicide in trying to shave himself while asleep. That is one way to curtail the liquor traffic.

Wonder if President Loubet said, "After you, my dear Alphonse!", when the opportunity of being blown up was presented him and the young King of Spain simultaneously.

The best yet came from the man who recently asked if Lewis and Clark had opened their Exposition.

The American yacht builder seems to be "the only", judging from the races of the past few years.

Every breeze is singing, "In the good old Summer-time."

The lightning bug's motto: "Let your light so shine."

A Gloomy Note from Robeson's Grass and Water.

Mr. W. R. Culbreth, of Robeson county, writes as follows to the Progressive Farmer:—Messrs. Editors:—It is so wet down here in old Robeson we can't do anything but wonder and complain, but I think I will send you a crop report. In this flat section we cannot boast of as good a stand of either cotton or corn, as Mr. McCallum of upper Robeson. Our stand of corn is bad and our cotton so grassy we don't know whether we have any cotton or not. But two things we have got down here—grass and water. Our crops have been and are now all drowned, and even with good season from now on we can't hope for so much improvement as to make 75 per cent of a crop. Lots of our fertilizer has been exhausted and lots of acres will never be cleaned out; for the fact is, we have not labor enough to ever get our crops clean again or catch up our lost time that has passed. I am sure 20,000 bales will cover the cotton crop of Robeson for 1905, whereas the 1904 crop went over 36,000 bales. The acreage was cut to start 15 to 25 per cent from 1904, and the continuous rains has cut both acreage and bales, so nobody can figure on more than 20,000 bales for 1905 for our county. If anybody should figure for more you may put him down as a clear reporter in your columns.

Watermelons have begun to come from Georgia and other points.