

THE LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS.

LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C.
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A witty and worthy friend suggests to us to indicate to the President that he could do no better, if as well, than to enlist our Croats in the digging of the Panama canal. A compliment indeed to this exceptional folk among us. Those who know them will readily admit they are worthy of every word of it. In all matters connected with ditching and road building they are experts. Some of their works are really monumental. The county owes them a debt of gratitude, not only for the practical utility of their road building, but also for the example they have set and the higher ideals they have created for us. As to their going down to Panama we do not look upon that favorably. We have no surplus among them to spare. The President has the wide world before him and plenty of money and we shall make therefore no suggestions of the kind.

This is the opening of the season for drumming for schools. The heads of schools or their agents are to be in the field in search of students. There is one evil in this work we think should be corrected. The colleges are so anxious for students they are luring students in preparatory schools to go to college unprepared. This is most unfortunate. The young man enters the first class without proper training and is soon overwhelmed with a sense of unpreparedness and consequent discouragement. The result in many cases is that the young man retires from college and enters upon a business career and the world loses another college bred man. If the young man should pluckily continue at college he barely passes from class to class on to graduation lacking in nicety of scholarship. The college suffers thereby and the preparatory school gets no addition to its reputation. Every after interest calls for better preparation before going to college.

One of the sources of evil among us is pie crusts. They are generally if not quite universally defective. One or other of several misfortunes overtake them. They are raw, tough, thick or something else. The short comings, whatever they may be, are promotive of dyspepsia. How to correct the evil is a knotty problem. It is a thing that one can scarcely risk himself to talk about to anybody on account of the danger of falling upon the wrathful tongue of a thick, tough, raw crust. We would be glad to serve well this and future generations by arresting the vice, if we knew how. Our safety, we are persuaded, consists in having nothing to do with the matter. Thin, crisp, well cooked pie crusts throughout this whole pie belt would be a boon we know, but we feel for our part we can scarcely afford to sacrifice ourselves to obtain it. The matter will probably take care of itself amid the revolutions through which we are passing.

The Home Coming for Robesonians at Red Springs calls for much preparation. The arrangements are not yet complete. Workers have the details in hand. Committees are busy. It takes time to elaborate so large an enterprise. Some of the items call for patient and persistent service. Nowadays one meets often a road strewn with red tape. Red tape is inexorable and impedes. One of the important, if not the most important provision to be made is reduced rates over the railroads and an attractive time limit. If the terms enforce a return too early very many will not come on that account. The final decision both as to the rates and the time limit will be ready for publication we trust at an early day. We have good reason to think now as never before large numbers from the great host of Robesonians abroad will come provided the inducements are sufficient.

He is a benefactor to the masses who portrays for them most vividly the purity of the

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mrs. John Hughes is visiting her old home in Georgia.

Rev. J. W. Cobb returned Monday from Sampson county where he preached Sunday.

The school committee of the Lumber Bridge district is looking around for a teacher.

Mr. J. E. Clifton after making additions to the residence he purchased of Rev. P. R. Law has moved into it and now he has one of the most desirable dwellings in town.

Mr. John McCormick is giving the finishing touches to his new residence in Parkton. It is a handsome building and would grace the residential portion of a much larger place.

We were pleased to fall in upon Mr. Gilbert Hughes at Parkton Saturday. Florida appears to suit him. He was looking well. He had brought his wife and son up to spend several months. We were glad also to see them looking well. He returned to his work in Florida on the afternoon train.

The new train on the Bennettsville branch of the Atlantic Coast Line is doing well. It is giving satisfaction both to the company and to the people. There is one lamentable defect. It does not make connection with No. 32 at Fayetteville. If it could be changed so as to make this connection it would be far more convenient to the public and much more profitable to the road. We are informed by one of the officials that efforts are being made to effect this improvement and it may be expected ere long.

John Taylor McNatt, a precocious youngster, son of J. C. D. McNatt, was made as happy a laddie as has lived since Adam perhaps last Saturday by finding, when he reached home with his mother that his father had bought him a real goat wagon and harness. The Duke of Wellington at his victory of Waterloo or Admiral Togo at his triumph on the sea of Japan were not happier. The boys of the vicinity of all colors must see him and ride with him and every home in town visited. A little money spent with discretion may go very far in producing happiness in our little ones.

Colored Brother Not Wanted.

It is a matter now generally known that negroes are not permitted in Pinehurst, the town founded in Moore county by Mr. Tufts, and peopled entirely by Northerners. In Southern Pines, and adjoining town, the negro is also excluded. We get it from The Raleigh Times that two negroes have recently bought some property there and had planned to erect residences for themselves and their families for immediate occupancy. There was a howl and a petition, signed by twenty of the citizens and property holders of Southern Pines, was presented in which they described the proposed acts of the negroes, and stated without beating about the bush that "we believe that they can truly be declared a public nuisance, and that they will militate against the best interests of the town and its future government. By permitting these buildings to be erected and occupied by their owners, and others whom they will induce to occupy them, the property owned by citizens in that section of the town will be made to greatly depreciate in value, and the loss in assessed valuation there will be far greater to the town than can possibly be gained by permitting them to be built." The colored property owners, both preachers, acted very sensibly in the matter. They addressed a letter to the mayor in which they stated that "it is not our wish to thrust ourselves as unwelcome citizens upon the town, and, under existing conditions, will, for the worth of our property, dispose of it, and relinquish our intention to become property owners within the corporate limits of Southern Pines."—Char. Chronicle.

GENERAL NEWS.

After twenty-four hours entombment in the Cameron mine, in Pennsylvania, during which time they were almost smothered, two miners were rescued.

Mrs. T. M. Rollins, an aged lady in Durham, was badly hurt by stepping from a street car while it was going at a rapid rate of speed, Tuesday. She saw a freight train standing on the railroad track and thinking they were going to collide, jumped from the car and was thrown with considerable force to the ground.

Mr. Henry Walters, a retired business man from Brooklyn, N. Y., was found dead in his room at the Orton, in Wilmington, Tuesday afternoon. Some hours before his death he had an attack of acute indigestion.

At Gloucester, ten miles from Brevard, during church services Sunday night, two men were shot and perhaps fatally wounded by another man.

Unable to endure the thought of a long separation involved in the foreign service to which he was ordered, Henry Eichenrodt, band master of the U. S. battleship Alabama, and his wife of less than a year, committed suicide Monday. They were entertaining a number of friends, and excusing themselves went to their room, and were found later with their arms clasped around each other. Examination showed that after turning the gas on, both had swallowed carbolic acid.

The last two places in Johnston county to vote on the question of the sale of liquor acted yesterday and both by large majorities went for prohibition. These places are Clayton and Kenly.

A jack fish was caught in the French Broad River, eleven miles above Asheville, that measured three feet in length and weighed twenty pounds. It is said to be the largest fish ever taken from the French Broad.

Mrs. M. S. Ramsey, an Asheville lady 80 years of age, was knocked down by two dogs fighting on the sidewalk on the outskirts of Asheville Saturday night and sustained injuries which the doctors say will prove fatal.

While the funeral services of little Jessie Gribble were being held at the residence of her parents in Charlotte Saturday, the front porch gave way and a dozen or more people were thrown violently to the ground, a distance of ten feet. While none were seriously injured, several received painful wounds.

A sensation was started in Asheville when Saturday Fred W. Thomas was appointed to take depositions for defendant in a \$50,000 damage suit for breach of promise, the plaintiff being Miss Lola Walker, of Asheville, who sues Millionaire Edwards, of Tennessee. The papers were served on society people in Asheville.

Mrs. M. F. Hodges is spending this week visiting relatives at Lowe.

Dr. Thompson has returned from a few days trip to Whiteville.

Mrs. N. A. Brown, of Red Springs, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nina H. Gley.

Misses Ethel Johnson and Margaret Gaddy, of Red Springs, are the guests of Mrs. J. R. Poole.

Mr. C. M. Fuller and little daughter Epste, will return home today from a visit to Randolph county. Little Miss Annie Nell Fuller will remain for a longer visit to her grandmother.

Marion Butler a Back Number.

Those hide-bound republicans who are engineering the scheme for the establishment of "The Industrial News," in Greensboro are beginning to side step the idea of having Marion Butler for the editor of their paper. They are beginning to see that the plan won't work. If the rumors that he would be at the head of this reform republican paper were started in order to feel the public pulse the way they have been received by the people of the state has been sufficient notice to the promoters of the enterprise that the plan would not work. We do not believe there is a citizen of this state whose stock stands so low with the public as Marion Butler's. He has no party following and can never again build up any. No one, democrat, republican or populist, has any confidence in his political integrity. He has tricked every party with which he has affiliated. To put him at the head of a so-called reform political paper in this state would at once insure the complete failure of the movement and the utter defeat of the promoters thereof. There is not a republican of mediocre standing in the state who would not receive better support from his party and greater consideration from the democrats. If there is a movement in this state to reorganize the republican party and establish it on a sound basis the surest way of those opposed to such movement to secure its defeat would be to have Marion Butler placed at the head of that movement or given a prominent part in launching it. He is surely a dead cock in the pit in his state and one which has been dead too long during this hot weather for any attempt at resurrection. There is no embalming fluid or other preservative process known that would preserve his carcass to the extent that it could be exhibited to decent, self-respecting people as an example of rejuvenated republicanism.—Wil. Messenger.

Barnesville Items.

We are sorry to note Mrs. R. R. Barnes in feeble health.

Misses Lydia and Flora Frink and Mittie Hilbron, from Orrum, visited relatives and friends in this community last week.

Miss Amy Turner came home Friday from Williamston S. C. where she has been going to school.

Miss Frances Walters, who for several weeks has been very sick is, we are glad to say much better.

Little Miss Berta Butler, of Tolarsville, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Walter Murray.

Messrs. Gillespie and Dix Floyd spent Sunday at Fair Bluff.

Mr. K. M. Barnes has gone to Wilmington to have her eyes treated.

We regret to report the death of that lovable woman, Mrs. Bud Floyd which occurred at her home last Thursday. She was 68 years old; and had been pitifully afflicted for many years; but for the last two weeks it was seen that her days on earth were few. She had been faithfully and tenderly cared for, but nothing availed. Death came to relieve her sufferings. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethesda Friday. A short but very impressive funeral was preached by Rev. Ashby. She was survived by her children and by her husband who had died 16 years ago. To the bereft children our deepest sympathies are tenderly extended.

Russian Staff is Hopeless.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—Advices have reached the general staff of the withdrawal from Vladivostok of three regiments to the number of 12,000 men. This is part of a rearward concentration necessitated by the advance of General Kasagawa's sixth Japanese army across northeast Korea from the Tumen river. General Kasagawa's force has developed unexpected strength, numbering over 100,000 men although his vanguard numbers only 5,000. Knowledge that the enemy is so strong in the secondary seat of war has spread a hopeless feeling among the staff in regard to the coming operations. It is concluded now that Field Marshal Oyama has a greater preponderance over General Linievitch than he has ever had over General Kuropatkin.

An intelligence officer remarked that the Japanese had hitherto adhered to the principle of concentrating all of their forces on the main point. The most serious feature of the present situation is that the Japanese are able to spare Gen. Kasagawa's powerful army from the chief seat of war in Manchuria.

LINEVITCH REPORTS SKIRMISHES.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—General Linevitch telegraphs:

"The enemy's outposts on our south front refused the offensive June 24 and dislodged our troops, forcing them northward. Our cavalry outposts at Haiingchen were dislodged on the same day. We dispatched a force of volunteer chasseurs, who were met with an artillery fire by the enemy. Japanese infantry were visible in the mountains. The enemy resumed the offensive in Corea June 22, and attacked our advance guard, consisting of cavalry, who retired a skirmish."

ITO'S MESSAGE TO ROJESTVENSKY

Tokio, June 29.—Admiral Viscount Ito, chief of the general staff, has sent his aide to the naval hospital at Sasebo to visit Vice Admiral Rojostvensky.

Admiral Ito, through his personal representative, inquired into the condition of the Russian commander, expressed his regret over the suffering he had undergone and his admiration at the desperate defense of the Russian.

Rojostvensky is progressing well and sent his thanks to Admiral Ito for his visit and inquiry.

Red Springs.

The largest spring turnip we ever saw was brought to us this morning by Mr. H. B. Ashley. It came from his farm and weighed six pounds and three ounces.

Mr. J. A. Singleton was in town Wednesday. He has several buildings going up, and drops in once and awhile to look around. His dwelling is nearly completed and good headway is being made on the stores.

Wm. McLean, one of our oldest and most reliable colored subscribers, killed a snake on the farm of Mrs. Parrell on Downing Creek last week, measuring over seven feet in length and having forty seven rattles. He sold the monster for \$1.50.

ROWLAND DEPARTMENT, ROWLAND, N. C.

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Miss G. L. ...

Miss Nina Carmichael, of Mar. ...

Miss Blanche Covington, who has been visiting Miss Minnie Townsend, left for her home at Rameur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton McCollum left for Alabama Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Thomas, of Norfolk, Va. is visiting the family of Mrs. J. W. Webster.

Miss Bessie Stewart, of Carthage, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Evans.

Miss Ruth Smith, of Edenton, N. C. is visiting her grand-father, Mr. W. B. Thompson.

Rev. Bradley is in Red Springs "on business" this week.

Misses Maggie and Edna Blue of Laurinburg are the guests of their sister Mrs. Campbell McCollum.

Gaddysville Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville, S. C., June 28.—Several were inquiring why the Gaddysville Items didn't appear last week. It was because the correspondent was away from home.

The good rains of late have put a move on crops and they look very promising now for a bountiful harvest.

Tobacco curing is on hand now; most all who planted the weed this year filed their barns Monday and Tuesday.

Quite a number of the young folks in the community attended church at Union, S. C., Sunday morning.

Miss Hallia Lytch, of Rowland, accompanied by a friend passed through here Tuesday on her way to visit friends in the Gaddy section.

Mr. J. W. Crawford, one of Rowland's most progressive farmers, was in town one day last week on business.

Miss Dora McCormick, of Rowland, returned home Sunday from a visit to Miss Bettie Burns.

Mr. Jno W. Gaddy and sister, Miss Lizzie, spent last Friday in Lumberton with relatives.

Mr. H. L. Curtis and family spent Sunday with relatives in the Hamer section.

Mr. Marvin Gaddy, of Gaddy, was here last Friday shaking hands with relatives and friends. He has just returned from Wofford college and we wish him a pleasant vacation.

Mr. R. K. Hayes, of Pages Mill, was in town one day last week.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. Curtis Rogers and wish for his speedy recovery.

A number of the boys went fishing at the mill pond one day last week. They report a pleasant time and say they caught lots of fish, but we think they had "Fishermans Luck".

H. T. Hall, trustee of S. H. Kefauver to secure a certain indebtedness of S. H. Kefauver to the Central Mfg. Co., a corporation of Roanoke, Va., gives notice that the sale which was to have been on July 3rd, has been postponed to July 17th.

Miss Maggie Hodges, who has been visiting her mother here for some time, has returned to her home at Lowe.

Mr. Martha Gibbs left Wednesday for Johnson Springs to spend several days.