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THE LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS.

LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C.

REV. P. R. LAW, EDITOR.

It is possible, but we do not come to think it is very probable, that the figures about the cotton crop by the agricultural department were either altered in any way before Secretary Wilson affixed his signature or given out clandestinely by subordinate officials of the statistical department to Wall street in advance. We shall assume the parties involved are innocent of so grave an offence until more evidence is adduced and they are proved guilty. The doing of such a thing would be base indeed. It is not easy to find adjectives too severe to properly characterize it. We can see how a dishonest speculator of Wall street could turn such information to account in making money. To the extent to which he could use the information would be the strength of his temptation to make the effort to secure the information. Five thousand dollars would be given readily by such a man for the information if thereby he could make with the use of it twenty thousand dollars. And five thousand dollars would be a tempting bribe to some subordinate who could be made to see the doing of the great wrong could not be traced to them as the guilty parties. And sin makes fools of men. Yet we cannot, either for this or any other reason suggested to us, see our way to conclude that this high crime has been committed. It is well enough to say that the offence should be punishable with very severe penalties. The department should be painstakingly safe-guarded to protect it from the inroads of those who would by any means fair or foul get the facts handled by the department or tamper with them for money making at the expense of the producer.

The administration in Washington is to be commended for its bold endeavor to put an end to offensive abuses of the Chinese exclusive laws. The repetition of these abuses, says the President, shall be ground for the peremptory dismissal of any official from the service. This is a heroic remedy. We hope the order will be faithfully enforced. The masses of the Chinese who would flood our shores are to be excluded. With this view all-right thinking men will agree. But it is quite another thing to subject tourists, students of the higher class and the best of the citizenship of the empire to the same treatment as with its lower orders and more disreputable hordes. It was natural that the government of China should resent this treatment and resort to a system of boycotting that would ultimately have been felt in the decrease of our volume of foreign commerce.

Raleigh has apparently her full share of exposure in violence of unclean doings in social life. The latest is not the least deplorable. We advert to the subject to say we need today the godly life which was once the outcome of what is sometimes called now old, time religion. Clubs, soda fountains, late hours, tramping the streets by unchaperoned girls and such like, now alas so common, has incalculable evil always for its fruitage. The parental government that allows it is altogether bad. It is in violation of the rule that binds father and mother. To violate this rule is to incur the fearful sanctions of a solemn, holy and broken law. We sympathize with the blasted child and heart broken parents, but they have only reaped what they have sowed. The man nevertheless who really and guiltily works the ruin of a young woman is a base and depraved wretch who well nigh makes his very life a forfeit. Nobody wants to hang the man who slays another for ruining his child.

There is a pleasure of a unique sort in going back to ones fatherland or to the scenes of childhood, youth, or early manhood. There may be a commingling of sadness, but there is a pleasure in the thought of it and in the reality.

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Ashpole News Letter.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Ashpole, N. C., June 29.—Master Earl and Miss Christine two children of Mr. John Mitchell, of Bennettsville spent last week here with their grandfather Mr. H. G. Mitchell.

Mrs. H. L. Cook and two children, of Fayetteville, spent last week here with friends.

Mrs. Z. V. Straughan and Master Clyde came over from Chadbourne last Saturday and staid until Tuesday with friends, who were delighted to see them again.

Mrs. Martha Brown left Monday for her home in Raleigh after an extended visit to her relatives here. We were sorry to give her up and hope she may soon return.

By an arrangement of the Fayetteville Presbytery Rev. P. R. Law, of Red Springs will preach in the Presbyterian church every fourth Sunday. He filled his appointment for the first time last Sunday preaching both morning and late afternoon, fine sermons which were much enjoyed by the congregations.

Mrs. C. A. Floyd and little daughter returned last week from a delightful visit to Concord and other places, to relatives.

Mr. D. W. Galloway's family returned Saturday night from a months stay with home folks in Smithfield, and their many friends are glad indeed to have them back. Mr. Galloway has returned also from Newbern.

Dr. J. B. Brown went to Wilmington Monday on a business trip.

Miss Lizzie Andrews, of Latta is spending a while with relatives and friends in town and near by.

Miss Blanche Hayes, of S. C., spent part of last week here with her brother, Boyd Hayes Esq. She had been attending the Sunday School Training School at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. A. L. Jones returned from Savannah last Saturday and is spending a few days at Cleveland Springs.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will clothe an orphan at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. This is a step in the right direction and we hope they will soon be as generous toward this Institution as the members of the Baptist church are to their Orphanage at Thomasville.

Do Good roads Pay.

The following item is taken from a Jacksonville, Florida exchange:

If you will call upon J. C. Slorb, real estate dealer, he will tell you of a small tract of land near the new object lesson road that a few months ago was offered for sale at \$600. That, along with other property near this new road grew in value, and when he had an offer for this tract of \$3,200 he found it had just been sold at \$2,700 and his offer of \$3,200 which was over five times its former rate, would not buy the property. This increase in value all came from the building of this simple road. The increase in value of this small tract would pay for over one-half mile of the cost of the road, and the increased value of the abutting properties for one-half mile would pay the cost of building or extending this line a distance of ten miles.

The improvement in prices at which lands are selling along these rock roads wherever they have been built will be from five to ten times its former value. If this is so, or if we are sure property will even double in value, should we not improve our principal highway at the earliest possible day?

Eight Lynched.

A Special to The Evening Chronicle from Athens, Ga., on Thursday, says: Lon J. Aycock, white, and Rich Robinson, Claud Elder and Lewis Robinson, colored, charged with the murder of F. M. Holbrook and wife near Watkinville, a few months since, Rich Allen, colored, under sentence of death for murder, Sandy Price, colored, charged with an assault intent to rape; Eugene Yerby, colored, charged with burglary, and Bob Harria, colored, charged with shooting two negroes, were taken out of the jail at Watkinville this morning at 2 o'clock their bodies tied to fence posts and literally shot to pieces. Only one negro was left in the jail, and he was a gambler who escaped the notice of the mob.

The immediate cause of this outbreak was the attempt of a negro, named Sanday Price, to assault Mrs. Weldon Dooly in the suburbs of Watkinville, Tuesday afternoon while she was at home and her husband absent. Every effort will be made to ferret out the mob, but it is believed that the effort will be fruitless, as all the members of the mob were masked and none spoke but the leader and he was not recognized by his voice. The crime which led primarily to the lynching was the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holbrook, at their home near Watkinville, a few months since. They were beaten to death with a piece of iron and Mrs. Holbrook was shot also. Their store was robbed of over \$300. The three negroes confessed to the crime and implicated Aycock.

Maxton.

Chief.

We are glad to report Mr. J. W. Carter, who has been quite sick, much improved and able to be out.

Mr. J. W. O'Brien and family, of Red Banks, moved to Maxton last week, and are occupying the Croom Cottage, on Railroad street.

Mr. Malcom McNair, brother of Messrs. W. S., H. C. and A. M. McNair, of this place, who has resided in San Francisco for the last 21 years, arrived in Maxton Monday morning.

The largest cantaloupe of the season, was shown us yesterday by Mr. Will Gaitley, raised on his farm near town. Our truckers will begin shipping the last of this week.

We spent a few hours in the progressive little city of Raeford Friday. No place in this beautiful farming section has grown faster, or is more prosperous, or has brighter future prospect than Raeford, and now that it has a bright new newspaper, it will grow faster than ever before. Bro. Pool is making "Facts and Figures," a live sheet, brimming full of spicy locals. No better people live than the true blue Scotch around Raeford.

The committee appointed to select and secure site for the Cotton Warehouse, have several locations under consideration, and the building will doubtless be under way of construction in a few weeks.

It is to be fire-proof and built of brick. This is one of the very best moves the farmers and business men have adopted and if a sufficient number of like buildings are constructed, it will be a long step in the direction of controlling the price of the staple, besides a great convenience and blessing to the entire community. Let everybody put their shoulder to the wheel and help push this laudable enterprise to completion.

Herald.

Misses Isla and Nettie McKenzie passed through town Tuesday morning en route to Rowland to visit their uncle, Mr. Sandy McKenzie.

B. F. Clayton has purchased W. S. Ivey's pretty cottage near the corner of Main street and 12th avenue. Mr. Ivey and family have vacated the cottage and will spend the summer at Jackson Springs.

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Sunday morning at 2 o'clock two stores and a livery stable belonging to J. L. Bain near the Dillon mill were destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed that the buildings were fired by parties who had some grudge against Mr. Bain. The stores contained a quantity of merchandise which was a total loss. The horses and a number of vehicles and a lot of harness were saved from the burning stables. A pool table in one of the back rooms was destroyed.

Just at this time Dillon is experiencing a very severe epidemic of measles. Among those suffering from the disease are Mrs. J. H. Westbrook, Mrs. C. M. Poozer, two of Mr. Westbrook's children, a small child of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brunson's, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stubbs' two small children and a number of others. The disease is accompanied by an extremely high fever and many of those in its clutches are very sick.

Negro Killed at Rowland.

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Mr. J. H. Wishart, accompanied by her little son Welt., spent Wednesday and Thursday in Wilmington, for the purpose of having little Welt's eyes treated. We regret to learn that the physician says the sight of his left eye is permanently injured.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Six persons were killed and twenty injured, sixteen of the latter seriously, in the storm that struck Phillipsburg, Kan. Thursday. The destruction to property and crops will run far into the thousands.

There are now 112 applications for admission to the Raleigh hospital on file, 92 for females alone. The building is now crowded. The new wing will give quarters for 150 women by assigning two to a room. Only one death occurred this year—a man of consumption.

In New Hanover Superior court late yesterday afternoon an absolute divorce was granted Mrs. Jessie K. Wise, sister of Mrs. H. Flagler, from her husband, J. C. Lisle Wise, who now believed to be a citizen of Birmingham, Ala. The grounds upon which the divorce was granted, were infidelity and abandonment. The care of a ten year-old daughter of the marriage is committed to the mother.

Mrs. Charlie Hendrick with her children, the youngest being in the carriage. She stopped in front of one of the stores to go in, forgetting to lock the carriage, which ran off the sidewalk in front of a wagon, drawn by a mule. The wheels of the carriage got entangled with the wagon. The mule ran down the street as far as the railroad crossing, smashing the carriage and throwing the baby out. It is miraculous how the baby escaped being killed. There were bruises on the child's body, but it is not thought the little one is fatally injured.

An invitation has been extended to Secretary of War to attend and address a mass meeting in San Francisco, July 5, the particular object of which is the consideration of the Chinese exclusion law and the recent order of President Roosevelt pertaining thereto.

Hurrah for the Fourth!

Mr. H. C. Rancke, of Rockingham, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. George McNeill, of Wilmington, came down yesterday for a visit to friends.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen spent Sunday at Clarkton, visiting their cousin, Mrs. Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ashley have moved to Chadbourne, where Mr. Ashley has accepted a position.

Mr. J. D. Crawford and grandson, John Crawford, of Echo, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Regular meeting of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114 A. F. & A. M. Tuesday night. All members are requested to assemble promptly at 8:15.

Secretary Hay died at 12:25 Friday morning at his home, "The Fella." His death comes as a shock, his sickness not having been considered serious.

Alex Scott shot and killed John McQueen near Elrod Sunday morning, as a result of a dispute between them. An inquest was held Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Dilworth, who has been the guest of Mr. C. P. McAllister for the past two weeks, returned to his home in Grotoes, Virginia, yesterday morning.

Hon. John Henry Currie will address the Robeson County Cotton Growers Association at the Court House here today at 11 o'clock. Don't fail to come out and hear him.

We regret to learn that Mr. R. M. N. Stephens is very sick. He has been quite sick for several weeks, but Sunday night was taken much worse, with something like a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. J. H. Wishart and children leave this week for an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Aydlette, at Henderson. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Janie Von Ghlon, who has been visiting here for the past year.

ROWLAND DEPARTMENT,

ROWLAND, N. C.

GEO. K. McNEILL, Editor.

WILL SMITH, Editor.

A Obituary is a speech at the funeral of a deceased person. It is the only occasion when the whites can offer to the color of the negro. Here is a reformer evidently bereft of one of the most important of the five human senses. Whew, take it away!

If the meeting of the much mooted peace conference is delayed very long and no armistice declared, it can be very appropriately changed into a funeral service when Oyama has paid his respects to Lincolnton.

Our local list-taker has evolved a new theory. He holds that a liberal dispensation of the "forbidden beverage" on listing days would increase the valuation of taxable property in Robeson to an untold extent. He is right. Any man can feel rich under the influence of the proper incentive.

To see a small negro come swaggering down the street with a string of sun perch, pikes and "kittens" trailing behind, while we swelter in the shade and attempt to sidestep the dust as we catch every cloud-chip that passes, wondering if it carries a cargo of rain, is an attitude propitious for a memory resurrection. It brings back the time when we were barefoot and irresponsible, a companion of the black ooze, the home of the crawfish, the eel and the water moccasin. And it almost seems a creative injustice—this lengthening of years and pants.

The most brilliant social event of the season was the reception given by Mr. A. L. Bullock and clerks at their handsome home, "The Bachelors Club," Tuesday evening. There were one hundred guests present, and the two spacious parlors and porch teemed with the jolly crowd. The receiving was done by Misses Katie Bullock, Minnie Townsend and Patience Alford, and Messrs. Bernard Edens, Dan McLaurin and Charley Sinclair, and the good cheer of the evening was in every way worthy of the tireless efforts of this committee. Cake and cream were served as refreshments, and the regaling of a number of songs and instrumental selections added much to the already seeming full measure of pleasure. The hours sped swiftly on the wings of unalloyed merriment, bringing the time for departure all too soon. And as the hosts were showered with expressions of appreciation of a delightful evening, it must have warmed their generous hearts to note the social success they had scored.

Mr. Bullock and his coterie of clerks are as handsome a number of young bachelors as one could find anywhere, and "there are few things sweeter than the mirthsome jollity of bachelorhood."

The public is cordially invited to attend a picnic at Centenary July the fourth. There will be a "Cool Drink" stand on the ground and a general good time is promised. Come out everybody.

Miss Maggie Pate, who for the past two years has served faithfully as operator of the Lumberton Telephone Exchange, has stopped for a month's rest. During her absence the position will be filled by Miss Janie Prevatt.

Messrs. Rudolph Carlyle and Simon Caldwell, of Lumberton, were in Wilmington Friday.—Wilmington Messenger.