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The meeting of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association in Asheville appears to have been enthusiastically harmonious and highly representative. We see it has fixed the minimum price for this year's crop at 11 cents a pound. While we are wholly unwilling to say aught against any self protective step of a greatly wronged and most important class or section of our country, we dare to express a doubt about the estimate agreed on for the crop of 1905. It will very probably be larger, but it will fall short of the crop of 1904. We would have voted with the representatives of the Carolinas for making the minimum 10 cents in place of 11 cents, but preferring ten cents and a half. The most richly blessed of all the people on the earth are the cotton growers of our section of this great country. But we throw away by bad management or by no management the ease, comfort and prosperity, which we might enjoy. Intelligent and loyal co-operation would make the Southern cotton planter the most independent and prosperous man on earth. Let us strike together.

The report that is the Supreme Court has delivered an opinion in which it says that when trains fail to make connections the roads are responsible and may be made to refund the cost of tickets to the disappointed and delayed passengers. We have not seen this opinion, but we presume that this unqualified statement of its purport is incorrect. There may be cases in which the roads are inexcusably responsible and there may be cases in which no reasonable man would attach any fault whatever to the roads. This is too obvious to spend time in illustrating it. This leads us somehow to remark that the safer course is to wait and see further before condemning the attendants of the asylum in Raleigh of a great crime in the matter of the death of patient Nail, of Chatham. Nail is said to have been a powerful man physically and had a hot temper and was dangerous where swayed by passion. It is possible that these captors who are under fire for inflicting wounds of which he died may have been reasonably moved for personal safety to strike blows wholly unintended to be fatal, but for self protection solely. It is easy to make accusations under such conditions and we are all too ready to paint a gruesome picture of guilt in cases of the kind.

Now that it is clearer that peace is come between Japan and Russia it is also clearer that both parties wanted it. There is no doubt in our mind that there is great gladness in the hearts of the unselfish and greatest leaders in both countries. The riots in Tokio mean little. It was to be expected that some in each country would find fault and show anger. The end of the war was well. It would have been a cause for sorrow if either nation had been utterly crushed. The highest good of the world would be advanced far better if neither of these two peoples should come to the power a sweeping victory might have given. All are agreed perhaps that it would have been a long and sad day if the armies of Russia had been triumphant throughout. The same may have been feared if Japan had actually overwhelmed her foe. We shrink from the state of affairs wherein she, together with the very great influence she wields over China, should come in her own inherent strength to the great power so great success would have brought her.

The amount of corruption in the management of the dispensaries in South Carolina that investigation is bringing to light is surprising and deplorable. It looks like this method of shaping and restricting the evil in the whiskey problem is doomed. There is danger ahead for the real friends of a righteous prohibition of the whiskey traffic. Unless it is admitted that there is so much corruption in the State at large it is impos-

sible to have the system conducted faithfully and honestly, it appears to us that the wisest thing to do is to correct the abuses and continue the system. Over two hundred per cent. more whiskey is consumed in the country at large than is consumed in this State. This speaks well for the method. So great a reduction argues that there is merit in it. In making a change under the existing circumstances and developments there is danger of falling into a worse plan of dealing with the great evil. A leap from the frying pan may be made into the fire. It is no good sign to see the saloon man, all the whiskey organizations and lovers of open grub shops in battle array against the dispensary. Some of them even profess to be in favor of prohibition.

Now here it is again, a new manifestation of the world trying to crush a man because he is courageous, fearless and right in the discharge of his duty to God and his fellow men. It is whispered that the whiskey and other evil influences are going to try to defeat one of the best of our judges, Thomas Shaw, because he is faithful in enforcing the law and making it a terror to evil doers. The same machinery of Satan that is planning to defeat Senator Simmons on account of his bold and fearless stand for temperance, order, the home, the church and all that is good in a great commonwealth. We do not believe that success will come to their efforts in either case. These two upright, able and conscientious officials are going to sweep the fields. Before the day of battle comes the enemy will have hid his head. The power of evil in our State was never so weak as it is today. Moral influences are at play among us far beyond the dreams of the fathers. In fact, the moral element rules.

A Word of Greeting.

To the good people of Robeson County—Friends and Neighbors: In becoming a citizen of Robeson county, I desire first of all to express my very sincere appreciation of the kind and cordial greetings I have received on every hand and the encouragement I have found in the beginning of my work here. I find a deep and widespread interest in the great cause of popular education. Much valuable work has been done here at Barkers, as well as other places in this great county. I do not come as a pioneer in this work, but I have come to help in carrying forward the great work that has been done and is being done throughout this section of your State.

I most earnestly ask and confidently expect your sympathy and co-operation in the effort to build up a great and useful institution here, an institution that will in all respects meet the demands of this growing section. The new school year has begun with a creditable enrollment of students, and with every indication of a prosperous and successful session. Last Monday afternoon a splendid audience gathered in the chapel in our school building, and interesting and appropriate exercises were held to celebrate the opening of the session. Miss Sadie E. Lambert, the teacher of music and elocution, rendered some fine selections on the piano. Miss Ella Humphrey sang two sweet songs, brief addresses were delivered by Mr. J. A. McAllister, Mr. V. H. Taylor and Prof. Loving, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed some humorous recitations by Misses Lambert and Juliette Loving. We promise now that in the near future another and more elaborate programme will be provided, when we hope to have many as possible of our friends with us.

Everybody come to see us, and come often.

Sincerely yours,
W. B. Loving.

Barkers Academy, Sept 9, '05.

Judge Simmons died at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, Tuesday, in his 63th year. He was a colonel with Lee at the surrender, and a member of the constitutional convention of Georgia. He had been on the bench for the past twenty-seven years.

The proceedings of Court will appear in Tuesday's issue.

Cotton Growers Meeting.

By direction of President J. A. McKinnon, the Cotton Growers Association of Robeson County, will meet next Wednesday Sept. 27th to take action with reference to ratifying the action of the Executive Committee of the Southern Cotton Association in fixing the minimum price of cotton at 11 cents and to take such other action as may seem best to promote the purposes of the organization.

Township organizations that have not done so, are requested to send me at once the names and address of their officers and the number, or, if possible, the names and addresses of their members in order that they may be tabulated and reported to the county association. This is a very important meeting and a full attendance is earnestly requested.

J. A. McAllister, Sec.

Letter to Mayor Townsend.

Lumberton, N. C.

Dear Sir: You are so well known that the people have put you in office. They knew what they were about: They didn't do it by accident.

Wouldn't it be a handsome thing to do to paint your house? It is a nice house, has a good substantial commodious look, and isn't rusty at all, you know; but a fresh coat of paint would make it so bright! it's a pity not to.

Devote is beautiful paint, but the beauty of it is: it lasts so long, and does so much more than adorn an already interesting and attractive edifice. House out-buildings and fences. There isn't a man or a woman in town, who wouldn't see them and make some pleasant remark.

Of course you will paint the town property; nothing would mark your administration more, in the eyes of the people; and, having done the same thing at home, it is the most natural thing in the world to do it for them.

Yours truly

F. W. Devoe & Co.
P. S. McAllister Hdw. Co., sells our paint.

Twenty-five villages are said to have been totally destroyed in Italy Friday by one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced. According to latest reports, 600 persons have been killed, and a great number injured. A report says that when the earthquake swept over the country, scenes of indescribable terror ensued.

Women aroused from their sleep rushed half clothed into the streets, screaming with fear, carrying their babies and dragging along their other children and calling for help of the Mondonna and Saints. The men escaped into the open with their families, all calling on their favorite Saints for protection. The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake the crowd gradually melted away until by 8 o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance except in the ruined villages where the inhabitants had no homes to go to.

The general confusion was added to by dreadful cries from the jails where the prisoners were besides themselves with fright, and in some cases mutilated, but fortunately all the prisoners were kept within bounds.

Troops with engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disaster to assist in the work of rescue and salvage. The Ministry of the Interior sent \$4,000 for the relief of the destitute and Minister of Public Works Ferraris left for Calabria this evening.

Improvements on C. C. Railroad.

A special from Wilmington to the Charlotte Chronicle contains the following:

While the officials will not commit themselves, it is well-known that improvements to the road between Wilmington and Hamlet are contemplated. It is said that heavier rails will be put down in the near future. This would be justified, owing to the great increase in the Seaboard's freight business.

We call attention to the ad. of the Southern Life Insurance Company, which appears in this issue.

Philadelphus High School.

Philadelphus High School opened Monday morning with an enrollment of about thirty-five pupils. The faculty is composed of Rev. T. B. Pace, principal; Miss Annie Harrington, assistant; Miss Sallie Steed, teacher of music. Mr. F. P. Humphrey is conducting the boarding department and a number are already enjoying his care and others are soon expected. The community is an excellent one, good water, healthful location and with the splendid faculty in charge, all are looking forward to a most successful school.

At Gaston Superior Court this week Hon. Chas. M. Cooke is holding court. The Gastonia Gazette gives two columns to a synopsis of his charge, a paragraph of which we re-print here:

"The individual is also entitled to security of reputation. In this class of crimes comes the slander of a pure woman. There are some male humus beings. I will not call them men, who like to boast of their conquests over women; old rouses, they are, who like to be known among a certain class for their numerous lustful amours, and exert a pernicious influence upon young men—these old rouses, gentlemen of the jury, deserve your attention. 'Now I wouldn't believe one of 'em—wouldn't believe any man who'll tell on a woman. I will say here what I said in Charlotte: I have no use for a man who is disrespectful to his mother, who would cheat a nigger, oppress a child, or tell on a woman. If any of these fellows has been boasting to you of what he has accomplished in his amours you investigate him.'"

Rev. Mr. Paris suffered a painful injury to his left eye a few days ago. He was driving to the depot with Rev. Luther Bridgers, to hold a meeting at Whiteville, and in slinging the whip around, the end of it accidentally struck him exactly in the eye. He thought at first that he would soon be alright, and continued his journey as far as Proctorsville, but his suffering became such that he had to return. We regret to learn that it is feared that it will be some time before he will be able to use his eye again.

Rev. Jno. Culver, of Canada, will conduct services in the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday morning and evening. He has accepted charge of the Tabernacle work, here, and will conduct services at the Tabernacle, regularly in the future. Rev. Mr. Steinhoff, although delighted with the charge, and wellliked by the congregation, has returned to Durham, as the people there refused to give him up.

The Lumberton Cash Clothing & Shoe Company opens up here tomorrow in the G. G. French store room under the Columbia Hotel. The store is in charge of Mr. Rivers, of Wadesboro. They promise great inducements to purchasers in their advertisement which appears in this issue.

Mr. W. H. McMillan, who was recently appointed agent for the Carolina Northern Railroad at this place, has resigned to accept a position with the Southern Railroad, and will be located in Washington City. He is succeeded here by Mr. T. W. Bullard.

Mrs. Mary Godwin, of Smithfield, accompanied by her son, Mr. Berry Godwin, of Pine Level, arrived a few days ago for a visit to Mrs. L. H. Caldwell. Mr. Godwin returned to his home Wednesday. Mrs. Godwin will remain sometime here with her daughter.

Capt. W. F. Biddell, a former resident of our town, spent several days here this week.

Other Local.

Mr. M. W. McLean, of Raeford is here this week, serving as a juror.

Mr. K. M. Barnes, of Barneville, made us a pleasant call while in town Monday.

Messrs. Blacker Bros. are among our new advertisers today. Read what they have to say.

Mr. J. W. Crawford, of Rowland, spent a few days here this week attending court.

Mr. T. J. Dunn, attorney of Rowland, is spending this week here attending court.

An up-to-date automobile attracted a good deal of attention here a few days this week.

Miss Minnie Lennon is spending several days visiting relatives at Boardman, Wilmington and other points.

Miss Sue Susi McIntyre has returned from Marion, S. C., where she has been the guest of friends for several weeks past.

Mrs. E. O. Anderson, who has been visiting relatives at Statesville and Greensboro, for several weeks past, returned Monday, to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. W. M. Anderson, traveling passenger agent for the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., from Little Rock, Ark., is visiting his brother, Mr. E. O. Anderson.

Miss Sallie Freeman, who has been spending some time visiting relatives around Maxton and Red Springs, arrived Wednesday at the home of Mr. H. O. Freeman.

Messrs. Fulley Bros., have a change of ad. in this issue in which they call attention to new arrivals of stock and to the line of buggies which they are handling.

A number here have received invitations to an "At Home" to be given this evening at the home Misses Linnie and Nina Lawler, at their home at Pembroke.

Mr. Phillip J. Redmond left yesterday morning for Fayetteville, where he will act as relief pharmacist for the Sedberry Drug Company, for the next two weeks.

About twenty-five from here went to Ashpole Wednesday night to attend the installing of a Knights of Pythias Lodge there. Twenty-six were put through.

Miss Belle Tyner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hodges, Wednesday night on her return to Lowe, from Barneville, where she went on a visit to friends, some time since.

Charlotte will in the near future have another addition to its already long list of manufacturing enterprises. It will be known as the Bradley Mfg. Co., with a capital stock of \$250,000. The purpose of the company is to manufacture clothing, shirts, etc.

Mr. Wm. A. Graham, of Rannert, came in Saturday to meet his family, who arrived here Friday evening from Pages Mill, where they have been visiting relatives for the past two weeks.

Mr. W. E. Ashley, spent Friday night here on business, leaving Sunday morning for his home in Greensboro. He received a cordial greeting from many friends here.

This proposition to investigate all of the life insurance companies should not now create any consternation. Most of the companies have undoubtedly profited by the Equitable's experience and have had their books placed in ship-shape.

Secretary Shaw, it is asserted, will engage in private business when he retires from the Cabinet. The nursing of a presidential boom may come under that designation.

Ashpole News Letter.

Mr. Henry Purvis and family have moved into one of the Brown cottages on Mons Avenue. Mr. Purvis is Superintendent of the Leggett and Purvis Gin. We are glad to welcome them to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill returned Saturday from a delightful Northern trip.

A. S. Thompson attended court last Monday.

Rev. J. M. Ashby reports a fine revival at old Bethesda church, one of the oldest Methodist churches in the county we presume.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Fisher, of Parkton, spent Sunday in town, guests of Mrs. Fisher's father, Mr. N. A. Thompson.

A drive to Lumberton shows the good work still going on the Marion road. Not much more will be needed before the horses can trot all the way.

Mrs. Noah Stubbs is quite sick at her father's Mr. John P. Lewis. We hope to hear of her improvement at an early date.

The protracted meeting being held by Revs. J. B. Jackson and J. T. Edmund over in the Baptist church closed Monday night with the baptism of forty-four new members. Large crowds attended from the beginning and no doubt much good was done. Mr. Edmundson is a very attractive preacher.

The gun club is progressing finely and wish the score published.

Baltimore Items.

Picking cotton is the order of the day.

Miss Mary Stewart, of Laurinburg, came back and opened up her school Monday, September 4th. The boys and girls were glad to welcome her back again.

Miss Cattie Atkinson, of Marietta, was visiting Misses Velma and Mantha Floyd last week.

Miss Foda Ansley, of Rex, is visiting friends and relatives in and around Baltimore this week. Miss Foda taught school here last year and won many friends who are always glad to welcome her back.

We understand that the Baltimore baseball team has accepted a challenge from Center baseball team to play on the former's ground, Saturday afternoon, September 23rd, 1905.

Forty-nine baptised and three restored was the result of a series of meetings held at the Baptist church at Ashpole, by Rev. Jackson, and assisted by J. T. Edmundson, of Raleigh.

Mr. G. Ed. Rancke entertained a number of young people at his home Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. E. Parcell is surveying the streets, and the work of paving them will begin within a few days.

Mr. M. N. Culbreth, of Pembroke, came in and added his name to The Robesonian list this week.

We regret to report the condition of Mr. N. H. Wright, who has been very sick with fever, for some weeks past, is very serious.

Mr. Gary, of LaGrange, is here buying tobacco for the American Tobacco Company on account of the continued sickness of Mr. Wright.

Mrs. Manley, a relative of Mr. O. J. Peterson, has arrived from Sanford, Florida, and will assist Mr. Peterson in his newspaper work.

We were pleased to have a call from J. E. Swain, Esq., yesterday. He is now a practicing attorney located in the growing town of Rowland, having been sworn by Judge Fred Moore, at this term of Civil Court.