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It is a notable fact that conceit about the knowledge of the law of the State abounds everywhere. There are celebrities. The county capitol or court house, justice of the peace and the cross roads justice of the peace is to be distinguished in any elaborate discussion of this theme. The amount of learning in the law these officials think they possess would transform the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. They can solve at once with ideal complacency questions of law which the Supreme Court would take an advisari upon with despairing spirit. Ejection proceedings and contingent remainders are as easy as falling off a log after letting loose. Not all are so learned. We write of such as may be found. It is an evil. The result is that many a tangle has been fallen into and not a few, titles to land, is defective, which means fearful law suits sooner or later. The experienced lawyer knows little enough in view of the coveted avoidance of future law suits and losses, then what may be expected in view of the abounding of so many ignorant advisors through the country.

Most fortunately for Robeson it has no large town in it. And equally fortunate is it that most of its towns are young. It is old towns that breed most that is corrupting. Our town folk are largely folk who had other country folk to move up to them round about and thus make our towns. The purest, and strongest, and most conservative of our town people are country born and bred. They have not learned to pose with ease and grace in ways that are townish. If forsooth any of the more artistic social functions are attempted in a fell hour they appear awkward and green in the rendition. They have not learned how. Many, perhaps most, do not want to learn how. And nobody wants to be laughed at for trying to do what they do not know how to do. They are proud of their country life and point to it often with pride. In this fact lies a source of our strength and purity as a county. It is a real rural population whether the residence of its people be in town or country. So we again say Great is Robeson. Everything goes to subserve the end of making it a source of power and wholesome influence in the State.

The response of Rockefeller in Cleveland a few days ago contained some good advice to the young. It was a dissuasive to making the getting of money the chief good in the plans of the young. There is a higher aim for a life he emphasizes. It is a life devoted to doing good to others. He is wise in talking that way. Such advice from him is but the more emphatic. He has made much money and knows as few men have known, the effect upon his life of the possession of great wealth and also the consequence of the labor and the methods of acquiring it. It is always important to place wholesome conceptions of how to live in the minds of the young. That the amassing of riches is not the chief good needs to be pointed out. Success in doing it is no proof of greatness of mind. The holding of large sums of money does not attest the possession of the nobler qualities of head and heart. A man of low and sordid impulses, of mean and corrupt character, may be rich. The coarse and boorish may wear fine clothes and drive fine horses. He is a fool in life and death who is rich in this world and poor in the next. The biggest fools are the rich fools who lose in both worlds. Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

It is exceptionally dusty. No rain has fallen for a number of days. The sun has been shining with August heat. Everybody is complaining about the dust. It is disagreeable. Now is a good time to say a word about how much we are debtors to it. In the language of another it is one of

our best friends and the finer the better. If there were no dust the sky would not be blue, there would be no rain drops, no snow-flakes, no hail stones, no clouds, no gorgeous sunsets, no beautiful sunrises. The instant the sun passed out of view we would be in darkness. The dome of the sky in the day would be as dark as it is on a bright moon light night. The moon and stars would shine by day in all their brightness. The light we call day light is the light of the sun's rays reflected from the particles of dust in the air about the earth. Dustless air can have no clouds. The watery vapor which is constantly rising from the earth gathers on dust particles, and thus fogs and clouds are formed. Dust appears to be everywhere. It really can go wherever, it is said, that water can go. Air expands when hot and contracts when cold. It is ever contracting and expanding as the temperature rises or falls and it carries dust with it everywhere, in clocks, watches, closets, trunks and elsewhere without end.

The work on the main street of Lumberton marks progress for the town. It is highly creditable. A good example is set. The other towns of the county cannot afford to hesitate about falling in line and improving their streets as well or better. From the depot to the law office of Messrs. McIntyre & Lawrence the sidewalks are to be overlaid with some kind of concrete and the cart way macadamized. The work is going under contract. We are told it is in the hands of an expert. The concrete we were assured would not crack through its main body nor crumble at the edges. Visitors will get a good initial impression about the town as they go up to the hotels from the depot walking or riding. We congratulate our capitol town in view of its enterprise and evidences of prosperity.

The editors of the Charlotte papers are as happy as schoolboys, says the Statesville Landmark. While their papers still show the effects of the printers' strike they are coming out daily and constantly presenting an improved appearance. But the great joy of the Charlotte newspaper men is not alone because they have whipped in the strike,—it is because they have won freedom. For years they have been dominated by the union, until they could scarcely call their souls their own. The tyranny became unbearable, they threw it off and now they are enjoying the liberty of running their business their own way. The union will control these offices no more.

Mrs. T. H. Leavitt and children expect to leave tomorrow for Kansas, where Mr. Leavitt has been for some time, and where they will make their future home.

Among those who attended quarterly meeting at Barkers were, Dr. J. D. Regan and family, Misses Ella and Lula Humphrey, Messrs. Lloyd Townsend, O. Bracey, Fred Singletary and Malcom Rozier.

An organ factory is the latest acquisition to High Point's already numerous manufacturing industries. A capital stock of \$25,000 was raised in a very short time, by the gentleman promoting the enterprise.

Mr. R. M. N. Stephens, who several months ago was stricken with paralysis, is steadily improving. He was able to walk a short distance down the street one day last week. His friends rejoice with him in his recovery and hope to soon see him at his post of duty again.

The Seaboard Air Lines' fast passenger train from the North to Florida came near running into a burning bridge over Jumping Gully, near Camden, S. C., Saturday, the train stopping within a car's length of the bridge. The passengers went to work and extinguished the flames. The train was delayed six hours.

## Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music.

The Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music began its tenth year most auspiciously on Wednesday, Sept. 13th.

During the summer an additional brick building had been erected, furnished six class rooms and twenty-eight dormitories. This addition gives the College 100 large and conveniently arranged dormitories in the brick buildings. These rooms are entirely full.

The student body has come from Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi. The enrollment of day pupils is unusually large. The students were exceedingly prompt in coming in, a large majority being present the day before school opened. The entire faculty with the exception of the professor of Bible and allied topics was on the ground. The friends of the College will be glad to know that the Rev. H. M. Dixon now pastor of the Presbyterian church of McColl, S. C., has accepted the call to this important chair, and expects to begin work Oct. 1st.

It is the custom of the college to begin work straightway, consequently recitations were begun the day after school opened, and now work is progressing smoothly.

Miss Anderson, the Dean, spent her summer travelling the Continent, in England and Scotland. Miss Ewing of the Art department studied in Italy. Mrs. Short, instructor in organ is spending the winter in Paris, studying under Guilmant. She took with her Miss Ellen N. and Rosalie F. Williams, and Miss Clara DeVane, all graduates of the Conservatory. These three young ladies are now studying under Moszkowski.

The personnel of the student body leaves little to be desired. They are an earnest lot of young women and a fine year's work is anticipated.

The entire faculty and student body are very much interested in the coming meeting of Synod. This body is to be the guest of the College, and the young ladies are preparing to make the Synod have an interesting, or as some of the girls say, "a perfectly beautiful time." It is of interest to note that requests are coming in from members of other Synods that they be allowed to attend this meeting of Synod and partake of the gracious hospitality of a bevy of young college students.

## Maxton Items.

Mrs. J. A. McLean's condition is considered quite serious and her many friends have grave fears as to recovery.

Capt. A. J. McKinnon is attending the Horse Show at Lynchburg, Va., this week.

A telegram from Washington, N. C., tells the satisfactory news of the successful operation upon Mr. Dickson McLean of this place for appendicitis. Much concern has been expressed as to his condition by his many friends in Maxton.

Miss Mary McLean, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Mrs. M. B. McLean, of this place, was united in marriage last night (Wednesday the 3rd) to Mr. Robert W. McCutchen, a popular young farmer of Lee county, S. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Euclid McWhorter of the Methodist church at the home of the mother of the bride. Only a few near friends and relatives were present. The happy couple left today for their future home in South Carolina where they will be given a reception to night.

The Graded School, under the management of the new professor, A. S. Webb, is progressing finely and have in number 112 pupils. October 5th 1905.

## Important Litigation.

The impression has gone abroad that the differences between the strawberry growers and the Armour Company have been settled and that the truck men have been paid for the losses sustained by reason of the failure to supply cars to transport the crop. It seems that this understanding is incorrect for the Truckers' Journal of this week says:

"The truckers have by no means given up the idea of instituting suits against the Atlantic Coast Line, Fruit Growers Express and Southern Express Company for damage caused by the lack of cars and transportation in the handling of the berry crop last May. It is true that an agreement was reached with the Armour Car Line by which many claims were settled, but there are claims still pending. Some 30 or 40 cases are to be brought and they will, in all probability be brought in the same county. The majority of the suits will be brought by Messrs. Rountree and Carr, which firm represents the Truck Growers' Association. The suits may be brought in New Hanover county, but no matter in what county they are brought, the governor will be petitioned to call a special term of court to try them. For the past three months those who intend to bring the suits have been collecting data in regard to the special shipments on which the suit is to be brought. There will be several points regarding transportation brought out in these cases that have never before been passed upon in the North Carolina courts. If these points prove to be well taken and the truck growers are sustained, it will be of great advantage to the truckers in the future. These suits will very likely be brought in the next few weeks."

The greatest robber in the way of transportation in America is this refrigerator car trust. It "holds up" railroads that are not in league with it, furnishes such services as it pleases, and shippers offer lose money for the lack of adequate service. Luckily for the strawberry shippers, whose crops rotted last spring, they have the Atlantic Coast Line between them and the refrigerator car trust and a statute passed by the Legislature of 1899 provides heavy penalties for failure to furnish prompt transportation. That law and the Atlantic Coast Line's liability alone saved the strawberry growers last spring. And yet some fellows comes about telling us that it is "dangerous to try to regulate transportation corporations by law, and that owners of railroads ought to be permitted to run their own business as they see fit." If that doctrine had prevailed, where would the strawberry growers of Eastern North Carolina be today?—Raleigh Observer.

## At Baptist Church.

"How to Worship", will be the subject discussed at the Young People's Society at the Baptist church this (Monday) evening. The discussion of this important subject should be of interest to all. A good attendance is desired and expected.

## Yellow Fever Situation.

New cases 19; total to date, 8,195; deaths, none; total to date, 410; new foci, 4; under treatment, 200; discharged, 2,585. The above report was the last received from New Orleans before going to press.

Miss Mary Hughes, of Parkton, visited at the home of Mrs. Rebecca Toon, last week.

Mr. R. B. Shaw, an experienced piano tuner, is spending a few days here. See special notice.

## Lumber Bridge Locals.

Passing by a home at the noon hour when the large neighboring dinner bell was ringing a voice notable for its piquancy and wit rang out the words, there is the "Home Coming" bell. It was but an echo of the memorable Home Coming week at Red Springs. And we are to have another and better.

Cards are out announcing the marriage in the Presbyterian church at Parkton Wednesday, Oct. 13th, at 7:30 p. m. of Miss Mary Bethune Hughes, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. Hughes, and Mr. Collier Cobb, son of Col. S. J. Cobb. Many good wishes to our young friends in advance.

Lumber Bridge is setting a noble example and serving herself fully as well as otherwise by employing as far as practicable, teachers of her own rearing in her school. Why not do this everywhere when capable workers can be had at home. It is usually cheaper. And nothing need be lost in quality and quantity of the work done.

Mr. J. H. McEachern is spending a few days at St. Luke's Hospital in continuance of the treatment there which has been of so great benefit to him.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, so well known to a large number of our people, is to come back from Virginia to his native State. He has accepted the pastorate of the Tenth Avenue church in Charlotte.

A day in Shannon last week revealed a scene of activity. Mr. J. C. McPhail had his coat off and sleeves rolled up weighing, marking and delivering fifty bales of his fine cotton crop, sold on contract and at good price. Messrs. Hughes and Singleton were running their gins at full speed. They had ginned over 500 bales.

Mr. John Johnston, one of the really helpful citizens of the community in which he lives, was quite sick the past week.

We once talked freely to a man about a prominent lawyer, to be told snavely by our interlocutor at the last that the said distinguished lawyer was his father-in-law. We promptly and fearfully made a retrospect of the colloquy to view the adverse things said, and to our agreeable surprise we found none. But our friend ought to have told us early of his relationship. But he did not know our ignorance.

## The State Fair Begins Oct. 16th.

At Raleigh, October 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1905, will be the State Fair. The amusements, free attractions and midway will be on a grander scale than ever before. The exhibits will be more varied, showing the various farm products, manufacturing, stock raising, improvements in machinery, dairy products, etc. Among the many free attractions to be seen daily are: Good racing every day; Mlle. Zingarella in her wonderful spiral tower act; Madam Leon Bonni, in her high trapeze cloud web act; Mat Gay, diving from ninety foot ladder, turning backward somersault; Hatchison, the human bomb; Rollin's trained wild animal exhibition. These will be performed twice each day. The Fair will be opened Tuesday, 17th, by Governor Glenn; Wednesday will be Old Confederate Veteran's Day; Thursday, Pres. Roosevelt Day; Friday, Educational Day; prominent educators will be in attendance.

## List of Letters

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice, Oct. 9, 1905. If not called for in one week will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C. Parties calling will please say advertised:

N. A. Barnes, W. J. Braswell, W. S. Allen, Miss M. J. Buie, E. C. Clark, S. F. Hardee, Miss Rosa Jackson, J. H. Lewis, Jim McNeill, Jerry McNeill, D. H. McIntyre, Warren Phillips, Willie Townsend, Miss L. J. Richardson, Mrs. A. J. Rody, F. L. Smith, Baxter Winbern, Willie Yarbrough, W. I. Yarbrough.

R. M. Norment, Postmaster.

## Millinery Opening.

The millinery opening of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle was a great success. The decorations in every department were elaborate and beautiful. The color scheme was green and white. Both Miss Bowlers, their New York milliner, and Miss Amelia Linkhaw, spent several weeks on northern markets, selecting and purchasing the most desirable and stylish of fall head-gear, and their display during the past week was a credit to the establishment. The sales were large. Besides Miss Pearl Floyd who has been assistant milliner with the firm for the past year, the efficient services of Mrs. W. G. Reynolds were secured as saleslady. The opening was, as it has been each time, a great success.

## Retard is Coming.

A concrete stone manufacturing plant is to be established in Raeford at once. A good strong company has been organized and the machinery ordered and the business will be in operation shortly. Also a sufficient amount of capital has been subscribed to ensure a cotton mill at Raeford, and active operation toward building will begin within a few weeks. The capital is \$125,000.

Hon. J. A. Brown will deliver an address at the Normal School, at Pates, on Thursday, October 19th, at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There was a Sunday School Missionary Rally at Barkers church Sunday, at which a fine program was rendered and a collection amounting to \$40 taken up.

The telephone lines are about straight again at last, to the relief of those who have been accustomed to using the phone. A phone is not appreciated until it can't be used.

Mrs. Fuller, after spending a few days visiting her son, Mr. C. M. Fuller, leaves tomorrow for her home at Ashboro. She will be accompanied by Miss Jessie Fuller who will visit relatives at Greensboro before returning.

The Maxton Guards and Maxton Lodge of Masons have arranged for a big carnival and Fall Festival to be held at Maxton during the week of October 28th to October 29th. A contract has been closed with the Jones & Adams Carnival Company, and the committee promises a week of fun and amusement.

Miss Mary McLean, daughter of Mrs. M. B. McLean, of Maxton, and Mr. Robert McCutchen, a prosperous young farmer of Bishopville, were married Wednesday evening at 8:30 at her home. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. E. McWhorter. Mr. and Mrs. McCutchen left on Thursday morning's train for their future home at Bishopville, S. C.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Grace Britton Sikes, daughter of Mr. W. H. Sikes, of Red Springs, to Mr. Clifton Blue, son of Mr. John Blue, president of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, which will take place on October 26th. Both these young people are well known in North Carolina and this announcement will be heard with interest.

Mr. Brassington, of Durham, has purchased the Lumberton Bottling Works from Mr. Shepard, who has owned it for the past several months. Mr. John McIntyre has taken a position as manager of the plant. Mr. Shepard has gone to Wilmington to join his mother, who has been visiting there for some time. From there they will go to their former home near Darlington.