

THE ROBESONIAN

ESTABLISHED 1870.

Country, God and Truth.

SINGLE COPIES 5 CENTS.

VOL. XXXVI, NO. 73.

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1905.

WHOLE NO. 2085

THE LUMBER BRIDGE NEWS.

LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C.

REV. P. R. LAW, D. D., - - EDITOR.

In these days of lax views and more or less open violations of the law of the Sabbath it is encouraging to see the orthodox doctrine stated and sound Sabbath observance urged in practice. The following paper adopted by the late Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina has the true ring. As a Scripturally observed Lord's day is so inseparably connected with bodily health, length of days, happiness and general prosperity, we commend the paper to all our readers:

1. That the Synod hereby reaffirms its settled conviction that the law of the Sabbath is a divine law, of perpetual binding obligation upon all men.

2. That the obligation for the preservation of the sacred character of the Sabbath day rests primarily upon the members of the Church of Christ to this end; the professed people of God should keep the Sabbath as a day of worship, religious instruction and benevolent activity.

3. That the Synod hereby enters its solemn protest against the popular Sunday newspaper of this age, against the running of Sunday trains, against the so-called sacred concert entertainment, which is kin to the open Sunday theatre.

4. That we earnestly protest against all uses of the Lord's Holy day for sports, games, social functions and worldly pleasures.

5. That the Synod of North Carolina affirms the inalienable right of every man to rest from labor on the Lord's day; and therefore earnestly requests all railroad companies and all directors of corporations of whatever character and all individual employers of labor to so direct their corporations and business enterprises as to secure the minimum of labor and maximum of rest on the Sabbath.

6. That in a court of Jesus Christ we hereby request and urge the heads of families who belong to the congregations of this Synod and who are under our spiritual care that they keep holy the Sabbath day in their homes, that they seek God's blessing in the daily use of the Holy Scriptures and in prayer; and that they be faithful to their children in bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

People love politics. They may get tired if a campaign is opened too early. But they get impatient between campaigns. The sort that is liked is the warm kind. There is little interest if the result is, as it were, a foregone conclusion. As dog fights and fires excite and draw men so does politics. There is nothing discreditable in it. If the promptings are good it is commendable. In a government of popular institutions every man is a part of the sovereignty that rules. Good men must be chosen for office if men do good in exercising their sovereignty. But all men are not governed by what is good in discharging this high function of citizenship. For this reason it costs no little work at times and in places to get good men into the offices of the government. This explains the fact that the better class of citizens begin to look out proper men so early for official places. They know the obstacles in the way. Already we hear of severe scrutinies to which men here and there are subjected as their eligibility for offices, county and other, is passing under review.

The tremendous orders railways are placing for locomotives and cars, the heavy orders ahead in all the car shops of the country, the double tracking of railway lines at great outlay, the utter absence of hard times as if the word had dropped from the universal vocabulary, the begging of individuals or trustees of high standing to take money at two and a half per cent., make up the story of the good times we are living in. This is an exceptionally prosperous year. The 30th of November there will be a great obligation upon all the people to lift their voices in praise and thanksgiving to the

giver of every good and perfect gift for his mercies. No people on earth ever attained so high a place in accumulated riches, creature comforts for the masses and ease in making a living. And the year 1905 has been one distinguished for Providential blessings bestowed upon the nation.

Life insurance matters are playing a more conspicuous role of late than usual. Investigations under the law into the management of several of the very wealthy insurance companies in New York have revealed horrifying abuses of trust by their high officials. Dishonorable and dishonest practices have been both proved and admitted. The restrained antagonism to the action of the Royal Arcanum for raising its rates has at length burst out. Judge Burwell and others of Charlotte have instituted suit against the supreme council and all the funds in the hands of the two councils of the association in Wilmington have been attached. The dissolution of the Cornelius Harnett council of the organization for insubordination is reported. The life insurance company of the South with headquarters at Fayetteville has been organized and taken the field. Governor R. B. must like it as he has made the first application for a policy in it. Other companies in the State have been at work and others still will soon be bidding for public patronage. We are believers in insurance. The only way many men can lay by anything for their families is in this way.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Miss Gertrude Howard, of St. Pauls, is teaching the school at Shannon.

The two cotton gins at Shannon have ginned more cotton this year than they did last year. They are expected to reach the 1100 mark.

Rev. L. Smith has been preaching a series of good sermons to appreciative congregations at Shannon this week.

Among the number who attended the Federal court in Wilmington the past week was D. Z. McGowan. But he did not go as prosecutor, juror or witness.

Mr. D. Klapp is again in the mercantile business.

Mr. Frank Currie, of Red Springs, has been among us this week delivering fruit trees.

Mr. G. W. Watts was elected an honorary member of each of the literary societies at the College in Red Springs. He accepted the honors and sent each society a check for twenty-five dollars.

Mr. Usher one of our good farmers says he planted an acre and a half less land in cotton this year than last year yet he made six more bales.

Mr. MacInnall, the agent at Shannon, has been transferred to Manning, S. C.

Dr. D. Hughes, of Parkton, spent a part of the week at Shannon.

Eleven cents a pound for cotton wreathes the cotton holder's faces in smiles. We are glad there are so many of them.

Mr. Tom McLeod has sold his turpentine plant at Fodie, Ga., for a big price and fine profit.

It is said there will be more changes of tenants this year than ever seen in any previous year.

The Holiness Movement Among the Croatan Indians.

The Lumber River Mission Conference of the Holiness Methodist church met for its sixth annual session at Union Grove church Nov. 2nd, and continued four days. The occasion was largely attended by the Croatan people of Robeson county. The amount of the public collection Sunday was \$100.50. We praise God for his blessings and for the interest our people are taking in the service of God.

Elder H. H. Lowrey, Presbyterian.
Rev. S. A. Hammond, Secretary.

Mr. Asa Clark, of Rosindale, was in town Tuesday.

Southern Chivalry.

My age is such that I can easily see both ends of a half-century. Up to the civil war, when a lady chanced to meet one of her gentlemen friends, he would always lift his hat clear from his head, and if they remained in conversation a few minutes, which was often the case while on the street, his head remained uncovered as long as he was in her presence.

Fifty years ago a lady was recognized and treated as something sacred, and woe to the man who dared cast an insinuation against her fair name. Her gentlemen friends would have very promptly thrashed him for the offence, and his place in society would have been forever canceled. He never dared approach her in his shirt sleeves. Whether in a railroad car at a picnic, or at home, a gentleman would never remain seated while a lady was standing. On every occasion a lady received the very first attention and every act would be accompanied by a very profound bow. No gentleman would dare use tobacco in her presence, knowing full well that every one would stamp him as a sort of a vulgar fellow and hardly fit to associate with the overseer's family.

I remember distinctly, it was in the year 1856, that a gentleman drove up to my father's house. Leaving his negro to attend to the horse, he went in, and there found the object of his search—his sweetheart, who lived hardly a quarter of a mile away. When she was ready to go and his request to accompany her had been granted, they departed at the gait of a lover's stroll. On the way and under the circumstances, he felt assured after gaining her consent, that it would be all right to smoke a cigar. Without thinking, he entered her father's yard, smoking. The old gentleman came forth in a rage and in a volley of cursing for which these slave-owners of the old school were so famous, stated and re-stated that he had insulted his daughter by smoking in her presence, and to leave at once. It so humiliated the young man that he went home that night and within a few days departed for Mississippi and never returned.

Young man, ask any aged person if the picture has been over-drawn. At this end of the half-century, leaders of society will remain seated in a crowded car while some weak and worn-out mother with a little babe in her arms is permitted to stand. If a lady is not known personally she is allowed to hoe her own row.

I recently saw two such gentlemen strolling down street. They were about to meet a friend walking with a strange lady, all were smoking cigarettes, except the lady. The friend addressed the strollers thus: "Hello, boys, let me introduce you to my friend, Miss—" Not a hat was lifted, but one of the strollers elevated his leg and ran a match down the region of the sciatic nerve, for a better light, blew a puff of smoke in the fair one's face and, "I am happy to meet you, Miss—"

After a few remarks two of them walked with her further up the street, one on either side, while her head was completely enveloped in a fog of smoke.

I do not believe there is living today a single, solitary man under forty years of age who could assist a lady in or out of a carriage with such grace and dignity as can Dr. J. B. Alexander, of Charlotte, or Mr. Sim Wooten, of La Grange.

These are gentlemen of the old school. In commercial parlance young ladies, are you not discounting your own paper, or are we old people just simply old fogies?—H. in Charlotte Observer.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

The following marriage licenses were issued from the Register of Deeds' Office during the month of October.

Whites—L. L. McGowan to Hattie D. McArthur; Collier Cobb to Mary B. Hughes; Clifton Blue to Grace B. Sikes; Jno. McLeod to Flora Byrd; G. W. Dawkins to Mollie Tew; J. L. Britt to Nellie Britt; Mack Speight to Ada Speight; Ernest Kinlaw to Lula McDonald; Jno. B. McMillan to Lollie Tyler; D. A. Oliver to E. M. Griffin; James T. McIntyre to Dora Pearl Biggs; J. W. Adcox to Laney Kinlaw.

Negroes—Howard Matthewson to Lizzie Merrick; Elias Thompson to Mary Adams; Jno. Taylor to Mary Austin; Willie Sims to Charity McKay; Wm. McNeill to Manda McLean; Jno. D. Taylor to Mathia Rowland; Hilyard Baldwin to Emma Bethune; Oscar Manor to Cyrena Jackson; Lewis Carmichael, Sr., to Hattie McEachern; Sealey Smith to Harriet Dozier; J. W. Thompson to Everetta McArthur; Grant Odum to Fannie Bethe; Willie Wright to Mandy McNeill; Dick Bullock to Isadora Williamson; James McKinnon to Bettie Lewis; Jesse McKinley to Ross Taylor.

Croatians—Nathan Oxendine to Mary Emma Goodman; Jno. W. Hunt to Jane Watson; Bellamy Cummings to Ruffie Graham; Don E. Hunt to Hattie J. Oxendine; Floyd Oxendine to Amanda Maynor.

Elrod Dies.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. S. Hall, which occurred Thursday 2nd.

Mrs. Maggie Terry of Rockingham is visiting her niece Mrs. R. H. Poole.

Mr. Bob Smith, of Latta S. C., agent for the A. C. L. R. R. is here to relieve our agent for a few days.

Mr. Hughes, of Chadboard, is here this week.

Misses Berta Bullard and Ora Paul returned Saturday from Pates after spending a few days with relatives.

There will be a "Rally Day" at Purvis Sunday a. m., exercises will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Allen Camel and family of Ga., visited the family of Mr. A. T. Stubbs last week.

Mr. L. H. Paul went to Jonesboro last week.

Good many of our people are attending court at Lumberton this week.

Mr. Scotch McCallum's little boy died Sunday.

Mr. D. A. McCall, and daughter, were at Pates Saturday.

Mrs. John Bridgers, and children, spent Sunday at Mr. L. W. Bullard's.

Elephant Helps the Canvasman.

Mary, the big elephant with the John H. Sparks Shows, is not only the best trained, but the most intelligent and docile in America. She loves to work and willingly pushes big wagons about, lifts heavy boxes and rolls of canvas, &c. She displays great intelligence and judgment and does her work quickly and carefully. It is a sight worth anybody's time to see.

Mr. W. J. Prevatt, one of our popular merchants and good advertisers, says that he expects at least a dollars' worth of trade from everybody who attends the circus today.

Mr. John Boyln is at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyln for a few days.

Piano Display at Centenary.

Mr. U. L. Barrett, with the staff of Parker-Gardner Company, of Charlotte, was in town Tuesday, on his way to Ashpole and other points in that section. On the 15th, 16th and 17th of this month, he will give an exhibit of their pianos representing some of the best factories in the world, viz: Ivers & Pond, Chickering Knabe and Wegman, at Centenary School House, about four miles from Rowland. The exhibit will last from 7:00 to 10:30 on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and music, both ragtime and classical will be furnished by Miss Estelle Smith, who has charge of the music department of Centenary school. On Friday evening, November 17th, from 6:00 to 12:00 there will be an oyster supper in the school house. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend the concerts and Mr. Barrett says he hopes to dispose of quite a number of instruments in this wealthy and ever prosperous section.

Roll of Honor of Lumberton Public School.

The following pupils from the different departments, have, during the past months been absent from no duty, and have made an average of 90 per cent or more on all duties:

Advanced—Roy Mears, John McNeill, James Shelby, Portia Taylor, Ethel Taylor, Mary Bennett, Frank Nash.

Intermediate—Freddie Lewis, Oscar Walters, Eddie McNeill, Mamie Pollard, Fannie Walters, Martha Britt, Kate Hogan, Harry McGill, Lonnie Fisher.

Primary—Charlie Bennette, Theodore Collins, David Dease, George Edwards, Herbert Ivey, Willie Shelby, Gilbert Taylor, Marcus Walters.

Average attendance for last month 103.

Barkers Items.

Mr. E. J. Waits came out from Lumberton Monday afternoon and photographed the school and the buildings at Barkers, also a group of the faculty.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Ten Mile church this week, conducted by Rev. J. T. Edmondson.

Mr. V. H. Taylor has about 45 pupils in his school at Ten Mile.

The teachers at Barkers, accompanied by Mrs. Loving and Julietta, attended the "Children's Day" exercises of the Methodist church at Lumberton Sunday night.

Among the callers at the Dormitory Sunday afternoon were several young gentlemen from Lumberton.

McLean-Stewart.

Announcements reading as follows were received by friends here Wednesday:

Mr. and Mrs. Eorace Howard Beard request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their

sister
Estelle Graham Stewart
to
Col. Neill Archibald McLean
Wednesday evening, November the twenty-second, one thousand nine hundred and five, at eight o'clock at their residence
South Congress Street
Yorkville, South Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle Mr. W. J. Pate and Mr. E. B. Freeman returned Monday from Bennettsville, where they went to attend the holiness meeting which has been in progress there for the past two weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Loving and daughter, Miss Juliette, accompanied by Misses Lambart, Whitley and Daniel, visited at the home of Mr. W. H. Humphrey Sunday.

Runaway Wednesday.

While driving down Main street Wednesday Mr. E. B. McMillan and the young son of Mr. H. A. Townsend experienced the misfortune of a runaway. The horse began running in the northern part of town, and just as the First National Bank was reached, Mr. McMillan was pitched head foremost to the ground, where he lay unconscious. He was quickly taken into the Bank, physicians summoned and he recovered consciousness in half an hour. It was found that he was stunned, and rather badly bruised on the head, but no serious injury was done. The horse ran on down the street with the little boy clinging to the buggy, and was stopped at White's Buggy House, having turned from Main street around the old postoffice. The little fellow was not hurt at all.

The crowd gathered around the place where the accident occurred was immense, and excitement was high.

Mrs. Joe Thompson Dead.

We regret to chronicle the sad death of Mrs. Joe Thompson which occurred at her home at Ashpole Monday morning. The Ashpole correspondent writes the following to the Robesonian:

A peculiarly sad death was that of Mrs. Joe Thompson which occurred just before day, very suddenly last Monday. She was a beautiful, loveable woman, much esteemed by all who knew her and leaves a great vacancy in the hearts of a large family connection. The large crowd that attended her funeral which was held in the Methodist church Tuesday morning showed the esteem in which she was held and the sympathy which was felt for her grief-stricken husband and two dear little girls so suddenly bereft of their best friend.

Mr. L. R. Jenkins Dead.

Mr. L. R. Jenkins, who has been in very bad health for years, and whose condition has been considered critical for several months, passed away at his home Wednesday morning at four o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Z. Paris, assisted by Rev. C. H. Durham, and the remains were interred yesterday morning at eleven o'clock, by the side of his mother in their lot in the cemetery in East Lumberton. Mr. Jenkins is survived by a faithful wife, and two sweet little children, Master Walter Lee and little Miss Viola Jenkins.

Serious Cutting Affray at Hope Mills.

Dr. L. T. Watson, a prominent physician of Hope Mills, was terribly cut Monday night by a young man by name of Thomas Thames. Thames was arrested and lodged in jail. Dr. Watson was at once taken to Fayetteville and placed in Highsmith hospital. It is told by Thames that he sent a man to Dr. Watson to get a prescription for some whiskey and that the doctor refused to grant it, saying that he knew what it was for, and used some uncomplimentary remarks about Thames. About seven o'clock he went to the hotel to see the doctor, when he declares the physician cursed him, struck him several times and drew a pistol on him. He says he then lost his presence of mind and drew his knife. He cut Dr. Watson up badly, making a number of frightful gashes on the face, which although not considered serious, will probably disfigure him for life. It was said by some that Thames was drunk, which he denies.

Mrs. Frank Humphrey, of Philadelphia, spent Monday here visiting her brother-in-law Mr. W. H. Humphrey.