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ANNUAL REPORTS COUNTY OFFICERS

The Robesonian Awarded Contract to Publish the Statements.

MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS

Bonds of County Officers Offered Received and Approved—Number of Bills Audited and Allowed—Coast Line Allowed Rebate of Taxes.

Only routine business was transacted at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday. The bonds of the county officers were approved and the annual reports received and adopted. These were ordered published and The Robesonian, having made the lowest bid, was awarded the contract. The reports will appear in a supplement to the Robesonian in a few weeks.

The Atlantic Coast Line Company was allowed a rebate of \$107.50 in special tax for schools in Lumber Bridge township.

It was ordered that as soon as the chain gang completed the work now booked for them that they be sent to Lumber Bridge township to repair a part of the wall across the mill pond near the town of Lumber Bridge.

The bill of J. D. Townsend for \$23.46 for repairs on bridge at Company's mill was ordered to be paid.

R. M. Davis was allowed a rebate on \$200 in Britt's township.

The annual statement of W. H. Humphrey, clerk of court, was ordered to be published and filed.

A road petition from W. R. Smith and others was received and filed. It was ordered that notices be issued.

Mrs. Harlee Townsend was allowed \$15.00 for taking notes in Emerson Bullard case.

The December report of A. A. McLean was filed and recorded.

Joseph Prevatt was allowed \$3.00 for repairs on Caldwell bridge, and \$48.85 for lumber for iron bridge.

Joseph Prevatt was allowed \$4.15 for nails and jack screws for four bridges on Lumber River.

It was ordered that the bill of W. W. Sutton and Company, \$59.60 for lumber be allowed.

E. J. Biggs was allowed \$10.81 for repairs on Williams bridge.

C. A. Oliver was allowed \$7.00 for services as county commissioner, this having been overlooked.

The bond of Archibald A. McLean, as treasurer of Robeson county, was tendered and accepted. The bonds of D. W. Bullock and W. H. Humphrey, register of deeds and clerk of the court, respectively, were filed and approved.

The bond of Sheriff McLeod was received and same was approved and accepted. The annual report of the Sheriff was received and accepted.

W. G. Allen, county supervisor of roads, was allowed \$141.67 as salary for month of November.

The annual report of county treasurer McLean was filed and accepted. The treasurer was instructed to use such funds as he had on hand to pay any outstanding accounts.

ASHPOLE NEWS LETTER.

Mr. McLean Purchases Byrd Hotel of Former Owners.

Ashpole, Dec. 14.—School will close for a ten days' holiday Thursday before Christmas. The teachers will all go home.

The Rev. J. M. Ashby was re-

turned to Robeson circuit, to the delight of all, and after a visit to his old home at Mt. Airy will take up his work next Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Willis has opened a confectionary store on Main street, which was formerly owned by Archie McDaniel.

A revival is being held at Ionia church, Mr. Walker being assisted by Rev. E. A. Baker of Lumberton.

S. J. Smith has bought a house and lot on Cottage street and will move here at once.

Mr. J. Bunyan Stephens is building a dwelling on the new extension of Walnut street in the upper part of town. This is the first, but no doubt others will quickly follow. We believe it is destined to be one of the most popular parts of our town.

We understand that the money for the new school building is in hand and work will be begun in a short time, at which news we all rejoice.

The Methodist Sunday school expects to have a Christmas tree for the pupils on the night of Christmas.

Miss Dovie Bullock had a most delightful birthday party last Monday night. A number of her young friends participated in the pleasures of the evening.

Miss Mamie Kyle is making a lengthy stay in Wilson with friends.

Mrs. J. P. Brown attended conference at Wilson and had a delightful visit among old friends.

Mrs. Mary A. Ivey left last week for New Albany, Ga., where she will spend most of the winter with her son, Mr. B. B. Ivey.

Mrs. W. C. Brown is steadily improving. She had a relapse at the hospital and was very low, but since her return home she has improved very much.

CONTEST FOR GOLD MEDAL

Concert at St. Pauls Friday for Benefit of Library.

St. Paul's, Dec. 14.—A concert which promises to be a most interesting one, will be given in the school building here on Friday evening, Dec. 15. Each number of the program has been carefully selected, and will no doubt be well rendered. By no means a small feature of the evening will be the performance of the famous "Line Kiln Club." This play is capable of holding the attention of any audience and wherever presented, it is received with the greatest enthusiasm.

To arouse a greater interest in oratory a \$5 gold medal has been offered, to be contested for by the schools of Parkton, Centreville, Barkers and St. Paul. After the concert, oysters and coffee will be served by the ladies of the town. The public is cordially invited. Admission for adults 15 cts. for children 10 cts. The proceeds are to be used for the improvement of the school building.

Mr. A. R. McEachern has returned from a trip to Jacksonville Fla. whither he was called to the bedside of his brother, Mr. Hugh McEachern, who still continues critically ill.

Mr. W. L. McNeill spent Thanksgiving at his home at Riverton.

Our school here is in a flourishing condition, having an enrollment of 112. This is the largest enrollment ever known in the history of the school.

In both the music and art departments under the efficient management of Miss Lula Arrowood excellent work is being done. We consider ourselves very fortunate in having secured the services of so competent a teacher.

MONUMENT TO AN EDITOR

The Memory of Editor Gonzales Honored by South Carolinians.

Columbia, S. C., December 14.—Almost within a stone's throw of where he fell mortally wounded on January 15, 1903; within the shadow of South Carolina's capitol and on the widest thoroughfare of the city he loved so well, a beautiful monument was unveiled to the memory of the late N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State. There had been erected a temporary stand on the monument for accommodation of specially invited guests. About this stood a large crowd of citizens who had gathered to pay tribute to the deceased editor's worth. Seated upon the stand were the members of the Gonzales Monument Association; members of the Ladies Auxiliary Association; members of the family of the deceased; local and visiting editors and the clergy of the city. Members of the Columbia chamber of commerce; Knights of Pythias, organizations of which Mr. Gonzales was a member; the Typographical Union and employees of the newspapers of the city attended in a body.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Bishop Ellyson Capers, Episcopal bishop of South Carolina, followed by the hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" rendered by a selected choir. After an address by W. A. Clark, president of the Gonzales Monument Association the monument was formally unveiled.

Rev. Samuel Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, delivered an oration. Then came the formal delivery of the monument by Mr. Clark to Mayor T. H. Gibbs, who received it in behalf of the city with a speech of acceptance. The ceremonies were closed with a benediction by Rev. W. C. Lindsay, pastor of the First Baptist church of Columbia.

The monument is a granite shaft 25 feet high, resting upon a base 20 feet square giving it a total height of 40 feet. The monument is erected by the people of South Carolina, subscriptions for its construction having been made from every county in the state.

The shaft stands at the intersection of Senate and Sumter streets, overlooking the pretty park which surrounds the state capitol.

Rev. J. G. Fisher Dead.

Messrs. John and E. Fisher, of Ashpole, have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their father, Rev. J. G. Fisher, which occurred at his home at Roslin, Tuesday. Mr. Fisher was a Baptist minister, well known in Robeson and Cumberland counties, and his death is heard of with regret. The Fayetteville Observer contains the following: In the death of Rev. J. G. Fisher, who succumbed to his recent paralytic stroke, the county has lost an excellent citizen and upright man, and the church a consecrated minister and tireless worker in the Maker's cause.

Attended State Conclave.

Mr. J. P. McNeill, one of our popular merchants, went to Wilmington Wednesday evening to attend the State Conclave of Plantagenet Command No. 1, Knights Templar, which was held in the Asylum, Masonic Temple, Wednesday night, for the election of officers. Mr. McNeill reports the occasion a most pleasant one.

BAZAAR A GREAT SUCCESS.

Over one Hundred and Eighty Dollars Realized From Event.

The Bazaar given by the ladies of the Methodist church closed Tuesday night. All day Monday the ladies and children were busy arranging the booths and decorating the interior of the store room under the Columbia Hotel. When completed, the sight was indeed an attractive one. To the left from the entrance was the fancy work booth, presided over by Misses Ila Humphrey and Daisy Courtney. To the right was the doll booth, in charge of Misses Lula Humphrey, Lizzie Whitfield and Claudia Davis; next on the right came the candy booth, where Misses Annie Neill Fuller, Amanda McDiarmid and Georgia Whitfield were kept busy waiting on customers. Across the building from the candy booth was the country store, in charge of Misses Lizzie Bridgers, Ruth Whaley, Jean Jones and Messrs. Wallace Norment and Paul Paris. Still further in the rear were a number of prettily decorated tables where edibles were served by attentive and charming little waiters. On Monday and Tuesday nights, oysters, salad and gelatine were served. On Tuesday a bountiful "Thanksgiving" dinner was served from twelve to two o'clock.

The occasion was a most pleasant one in every way, and proved a splendid success for which the ladies, who have been preparing for it for the past several months, deserve much credit. One hundred and eighty dollars was realized, which goes to the new church fund, one thousand dollars of which has been promised by the ladies of the church.

Plotted to Escape.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Governor Glenn gave out a statement to-day that it is a fact that Ed. Utley, of Fayetteville, and James Wilcox, of Elizabeth City, serving terms in the penitentiary respectively for killing Clerk. Hollingworth, of the La-Fayette Hotel, and Nell Cropsey, two of the most famous murders in the State, were found recently to have revolvers in their possession and that the two convicts had plotted to escape. The matter came to the Governor's attention by his having called for the record of Utley in prison with a view of considering an application for his pardon. This work was against him so the Governor dismissed the matter of a pardon. He is now having a rigid investigation made to ascertain who slipped the revolvers to them. The plot was to kill the guard and escape.

CHAPPELL-BRIDGERS WEDDING.

Montgomery County Young Women Marries a Robesonian.

Elrod, N. C., December, 14.—The home of Mr. L. W. Ballard was the scene of a pretty home wedding last Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Nellie Chappell, of Montgomery county, was married to Mr. Rupert Bridgers. The parlor was artistically decorated with vines and chrysantheums. At 4:30 o'clock while Miss Berta Ballard played the march the bridal party entered; first Mr. C. T. Pate, of Paris, with Miss Tiny Chappell, sister of the bride; followed by the bride and groom.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Brady, of Rowland, N. C.

After congratulations of the relatives and few friends present, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgers left for the home of the groom, Mr. John Bridgers, where an elegant recep-

tion was given them. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. This popular couple have the best wishes of their many friends and we are glad to have them in our midst.

Miss Minnie Shipman, of Clarkton, is visiting Mrs. John Bridgers.

Mrs. Chas. Stubbs has returned from a visit to her son, Mr. N. C. Stubbs, of Boardman.

Miss Julia McLean, of Ashpole, spent last week at Mr. R. W. Ballard's.

Mr. Will Collier, of Columbus county, visited his sister, Mrs. John Bridgers, last week.

Mrs. R. T. Poole is visiting relatives at Maxton this week.

Mr. Dan Patterson and sister, Mrs. Baldwin, of Maxton, were here Monday enroute to Proctorville to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Graham.

Mr. J. K. Chappell, of Pekin, is visiting his sisters, Miss Tiny Chappell and Mrs. Rupert Bridgers this week.

Miss Laura Dick is visiting her aunt, Mrs. McRae, at Pates.

Mr. L. W. Ballard went to Maxton Tuesday.

Miss Annie Culbreth and Mr. A. T. Stubbs went to Moss Neck last week to attend the funeral of their nephew, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Stubbs.

The Logic of Cotton Prices.

What an easy thing it is to get eleven cents for cotton now. A year ago the price was just getting ready to drop, now it is ready for a rise. But just let the Southern planters plant a big crop again next year and the same experience will be encountered. Keep down the acreage, up goes the price, or vice versa.—Greenville Mountaineer.

WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music and Expression Pupils of Robeson Institute To-night.

The Music and expression pupils of Robeson Institute will give an entertainment in the Opera House Friday evening, December 15th, at 8 o'clock. A most interesting and entertaining program has been prepared and it promises to be a delightful evening of music, fun and laughter. The program follows:

Music,—Ruth Whaley and Lina Gough.

Reading,—“Eloquence in 175” Irene McLeod.

Music,—Louise Turnley.

Reading,—“Brer Rabbit and the Little Girl,” Lina Gough.

Music,—Irene McLeod and Lillian Proctor.

Reading,—(a) She Displeas It, (b) “When the World Busts Thru,” Annie Ruth Caldwell.

Reading,—“The Freckled Face Girl,” Lillian Proctor.

Music,—Misses McLean and Williams.

Reading,—“Telephonic Conversation,” Miss Edna Prevatt.

Music.

Following this, a play entitled “Boys Will be Girls,” in one act, will be presented. Several pupils will participate in this most entertaining play.

The prices of admission will be 25 and 35 cents.

Mr. Berry Townsend Dead.

Mr. S. Hamilton, the efficient telegraph operator here, was called to Hope Mills Saturday night on account of the critical illness of his uncle, Mr. Berry Townsend. Mr. Townsend lingered until Sunday night, when he passed away. Mr. Hamilton returned home Monday night. During his absence the Western Union office was attended to by Mr. John Boylin.

CONFERENCE WITH RAILWAY OFFICIALS

Truckers Association Promised Better Service by Coast Line.

SEVERAL CONCESSIONS MADE

Strawberry Growers and Truckers Generally Promised Better Service During Coming Season—Southern Express Company Promises Better Service.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14.—An important conference between the executive committee of the Truckers Association, President T. M. Emerson, and Traffic Manager H. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Vice-President and General Manager T. W. Ellis of the Armour car lines was held here Tuesday to discuss the matter of transportation for the coming strawberry and truck movement.

The truckers were given absolute assurance of 2,000 refrigerator cars to handle the crop to be delivered upon requisition of the business agent, Bauman, of the association, through the Coast Line. In the matter of minimum car loads some concessions were granted by the transportation people. The committee also received strong assurances that efforts would be made to prevent overloading and resultant delivery in poor condition. At least 80 per cent of the equipment will be of the large 40 foot cars instead of the 36 foot cars which have been furnished largely in the past. The schedules of trains will remain practically the same as last year, but the railroad people claim they are in better position as to motive power than ever before, ensuring better time.

The truckers committee also had a conference with Superintendent Walter Buckner of the Southern Express Company, relative to an express service on the northbound train from Wilmington at night. Mr. Buckner thought the express people would put the service on the train provided the Atlantic Coast Line would handle the extra car. A sub-committee composed of Chairman Wm. E. Springer and Secretary Bauman, was appointed to confer with the Atlantic Coast Line officials with a view to securing the extra service.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson to Leave.

Mr. E. O. Anderson, who since its installation, has held the position of assistant cashier for the First National Bank here, has resigned to accept a similar position with the First National Bank at Lincolnton. He leaves to begin his duties there Wednesday, 20th. Mrs. Anderson will accompany him. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have won numerous friends during their residence in our midst, and their departure is much regretted. His successor here has not yet been appointed.

Railroad Changes Hands.

The South Carolina Secretary of State, last week issued a charter to the corporation that recently acquired the railroad operating between this point and Marion, S. C. John Skelton Williams is president and Howard S. Graham of Philadelphia, vice president. The charter takes in Charleston, S. C. on the south and Raleigh, northward. The Company is capitalized at \$850,000.

Carlyle's Livery Business Sold.

Mr. J. M. Goddard, of Fayetteville, yesterday purchased the livery business of Mr. W. W. Carlyle, and his son will have charge.