

THE ROBESONIAN

ESTABLISHED 1870.

Country, God and Truth.

SINGLE COPIES 5 CENTS.

VOL. XXXVI, NO. 85.

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1905.

WHOLE NO. 2097

GOOD SHOWING IS MADE BY ROBESON

Many New School Buildings and More
Special Tax Districts.

REPORT OF SUPT. J. R. POOLE

Made Before the Meeting of
County Superintendents at Raleigh Last Week—Educational
Conditions Were Never Better.

Few county superintendents had a better report of the past year's work in the public schools throughout the state than Mr. J. R. Poole, superintendent of schools for Robeson county, at the meeting of superintendents held at Raleigh last week. Mr. Poole has returned and reports a most interesting and profitable occasion. The meeting was presided over by State Superintendent J. Y. J. Y. Y. Y. We take pleasure in publishing for the benefit of subscribers to The Robesonian the report for Robeson county, which is as follows:

The educational conditions in Robeson county are better than ever before. Three years ago we did not have a public school building in the county that was worth five hundred dollars. We have built in the last two years, three buildings that cost two thousand dollars each, and two that cost one thousand each, and six at an average cost of five hundred dollars. These buildings have been constructed according to plans approved by the State Superintendent. In addition to this many houses have been ceiled, and various improvements made. We are building a house now at a cost of three thousand dollars.

About twenty of our white schools are using patent desks, and nearly all of the other white schools have the wooden desks. Four of our public schools are taught in connection with the high schools of the county. This gives the children of these districts the advantage of comfortable rooms, patent desks, black boards, etc.

We make our examinations somewhat rigid, so as to secure the best grade of teachers. We pay the first grade male teacher, from forty to sixty dollars per month and lady teachers from thirty to forty dollars per month.

We have eleven special districts in the county, five of which were secured this year. The six districts in which the special tax was in force last year, increased the length of term upon an average from fourteen and one-fifth weeks to 29 and four-fifth weeks. Three more elections to be held in January for special tax have been approved by the board. We think now that these elections will be carried for the tax without much opposition.

We are debarred from consolidation of districts to a certain extent on account of the geographical conditions of the county. In the last two years we have only made four consolidations, but in these districts it has proven very successful.

Robeson has her full quota of eighteen rural libraries. I find that these libraries are doing a great deal of good. The average attendance in these schools has increased and the children seem more interested in their work. After reading these books, they are discussed in their homes and their parents become more interested and are willing to sacrifice

(Continued on 8th, page.)

ASHPOLE NEWS LETTER.

Number of Christmas Weddings to Occur There.

Ashpole, Dec. 21.—O. I. Floyd will leave Christmas for Cary, where on the twenty-seventh he will be married to Miss Lydia Paamore, formerly music teacher at Stinson Institute. Miss Paamore has many friends here who will rejoice at her return.

Mr. Marsden Oliver, of R. F. D. No. 2, will marry on Wednesday afternoon to Miss Iaman, of Ionia, and bring her to his home near town. We are glad to welcome this charming young woman to our community and wish them much happiness.

Another popular young couple will be joined in marriage Friday afternoon, being Dr. F. H. Pitman and Miss Maed Mitchell. Their many friends wish for them the best of life in every way.

The Christmas trade is remarkably active. Messrs. W. B. Cooper & Co., Floyd Bros., and E. W. Floyd have the largest display of toys, but other stores are selling quantities of goods of all kinds.

Walter Mears, of Fair Bluff, and Gillespie Barnes, of Barnesville, were visitors in town last Monday.

A. L. Jones and little daughters, Bessie and Amick, are spending a few days with relatives at Liberty. Clem B. Thompson arrived home from Lynchburg, Va., last week and will spend Christmas at home.

Mr. Walter Singletary and family will leave Ashpole the first of the year. They will return to Union, S. C.

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas exercise next Sunday morning.

Mr. Berry Mitchell expects to leave next Sunday for Florida where he expects to enter business.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul spent last Saturday in Wilmington.

BAPTIST UNION MEETING

Baptist Association Will Meet At Ten
Mile Church Next week.

The Fifth Sunday Union Meeting of the Robeson Baptist Association will be held at Ten Mile Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 29-31. These meetings are always enterprising and profitable and as this meeting is at the close of a good year's work it promises to be of especial interest. An interesting program has been arranged. It follows:

Friday, 11 a. m.—Sermon by the Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

1:30 p. m.—"The Difficulties and Advantages of Combining Fields of Labor in the Robeson Association," L. E. Tyner and W. B. Loving.

2:30 p. m.—Home Missions, O. P. Meeks and S. McIntyre. Saturday, 10:30 a. m.—Devotional Service, conducted by E. J. Britt.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon, by the Rev. C. H. Durham.

1:30 p. m.—"The Duty of Individual Systematic Giving," R. T. Allen and E. A. Paul.

2:30 p. m.—"Is it advisable for Our Churches to Make Pledges to the Various Objects of the Convention?" P. S. Vann and J. J. Scott.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Sermon, by the Rev. J. B. Jackson.

Charlotte Cotton Today.

Sixty-three bales of cotton were sold on the local market today and the prevailing price was 11 65 cents. On the same date last year the receipts were 68 bales and the price was 7 1-2 cents.—Monday's Chronicle.

REMEMBER.

Oh, mothers in homes that are happy,
Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where the children are dreaming already
Of the merriest day in the year;

As you gather your darlings around you,
And tell them the "story of old,"
Remember the homes that are dreary!
Remember the hearts that are cold!

And, thanking the love that has crowned you,
With all that is dearest and best,
Give freely that from your abundance
Some bare little life may be blest!

Oh, go where the stockings hang empty,
Where Christmas is naught but a name,
And give—for the love of the Christ-child!
'Twas to seek such as these that He came!

—Ellen Manly, in Ladies' Home Journal.

PROGRAM WELL RENDERED. SALE OF C. N. R. R. CONFIRMED

Music and Expression Pupils of Robeson Institute Give Entertainment.

The entertainment at the Opera House Tuesday evening by the music and expression pupils of the Robeson Institute was well attended and very much enjoyed by those present. The program was well rendered and reflected credit upon the pupils and instructors alike. The receipts went to the Institution to be used in needed improvements.

Several musical numbers were on the program and these were very well executed and greatly enjoyed. Among the recitations and readings were: "Brer Rabbit and the Little Girl," by Lina Gough; "Elopement in 1875," by Irene McLeod; "She Displeases I," and "When the World Busts Through," by Annie Ruth Caldwell; "The Freckled Face Girl," by Lillian Proctor; and "Telephonic Conversation," by Miss Edna Prevatt.

A short play entitled "Boys Will be Girls," in one act, was presented at the close of the program. This represented a typical public school and the parts were well taken and the drama as well rendered. In this little Miss Lillian Proctor sang as a solo a catchy selection from the comic opera, "Babes in Toyland," which called for much applause and laughter. The names in the song were changed in order to give it a local interest and while it gave discomfiture to the few, it added to the merriment of the audience.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. S. A. Edmund, of Kingsdale, spent Wednesday here on business.

Mrs. J. D. Norment and child have returned from a short visit to Bladenboro.

Mr. Otas. Hunsucker left yesterday for Red Springs for a few days visit to relatives.

Misses Claudia and Vivian Townsend went to Wilmington Wednesday morning.

Messrs A. W. McLean and R. E. Lee went to Raleigh on business Tuesday afternoon.

Ada, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Blacker has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Robeson and Miss Annie Robeson, of Tar Heel, visited Miss Lucy Allen Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre and Mrs. Arch McIntyre, of Kennert, spent Tuesday here shopping.

Miss Ruth Tedder, of Charlotte, will spend Christmas here visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. L. Correll.

Judge Purnell Signs Order at a Hearing in Chambers.

In chambers Tuesday Judge Purnell heard the motion made for the confirmation of the sale of the Carolina Northern Railroad, which was sold under foreclosure proceedings by the bondholders by Special Master R. T. Gray, of Raleigh. Judge Purnell, after hearing the argument, announced that he would sign an order confirming the sale. The objectors took an exception to the order and were given ten days in which to file exceptions in the case they decide to appeal.

The objections to the confirmation were insufficiency of prices, a technical objection that the sale had been unlawfully postponed, postponed from one until two o'clock by the special master and that Mr. Williams had "chilled the bidding" at the time the sale was had at Lumberton. None of the objections were considered by the Court to have any merit.

The Carolina Northern was one of the three corporations of which Mr. W. J. Edwards was at one time the receiver.

At the sale of the road the property was bought in the interest of the bond holders whose bonds aggregate about 500,000.

Mr. Prevatt Ill.

Mr. Daniel Prevatt is very sick at his home with typhoid fever. The services of a trained nurse have been secured. During his illness, his position as rural route carrier is being well filled by his brother, Mr. Emory Prevatt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Phillips will spend the holidays with Mrs. Phillips' parents at Clyburnville.

Mr. Marcus Smith, a prosperous citizen of Lumber Bridge was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Cook and sister, Miss Francis Hall, and Misses Lennie and Nina Lawler, of Pembroke, spent Tuesday here shopping.

Mr. Mack Curtis, who formerly resided in Lumberton, now a student at Chapel Hill, is in the city for a few days visit on the way to his home at Dillon, S. C., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Fleming Ramsour accompanied by her three children passed through here Monday on way to Raynham from her home at Fort Lawn, S. C., for a visit to her mother, Mrs. S. M. Oliver.

Mr. Julian Pope has been made manager of the Pope Drug Company which was recently incorporated. Mr. Pope is a graduate in pharmacy and promises his friends the best of service. He extends a cordial invitation to the public to call and see him. Look for new advertisement in next paper.

Stephens—Seasons.

Mr. Frank Stephens was nited in marriage to Mrs. Annie Seasons at her home at Bellamy Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are at present boarding at the home of Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Stephens is a young man of many admirable traits, and sterling worth. He holds a position at the Seaboard depot here. Mrs. Stephens is a woman of most estimable qualities, and enjoys the high esteem of many friends.

Barnes—Brown.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. John Brown, near Red Springs N. C. on Dec. 18th, 1905. Mr. K. M. Barnes and Miss Mary Agnes Brown were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, Rev. J. A. Caligan, officiating. The contracting parties are both members of prominent and highly respected families. The bride, who is an attractive young woman of culture and education, has been a teacher in the Public Schools of the county for some years. They enter life together under fair promise of happiness and success.

Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas exercises of Lumberton Public School will be held in the Court House Friday evening. The exercises will be in celebration of North Carolina Day, and an interesting program, which was published in Tuesday's edition of The Robesonian, will be rendered. Prof. Dockett is expected to be present and make an address. The public is invited.

Dinner at County Home.

We are requested to again call attention to the fact that Miss Lizzie Caldwell will take dinner to the county home Christmas, and all who will contribute edibles should be sure to send them to her home by Friday afternoon.

TWO CARS LEAVE THE TRACK

Bad Accident on Seaboard Near Allenton Monday Evening.

There came near being a serious wreck on the Seaboard at Allenton Monday evening. The baggage and express cars of West-bound train No. 44 were derailed, but fortunately no one was injured in the accident. The train was just pulling away from the station when the cars took a notion to leave the track. The train came to a sudden stop but the passengers were not in the least hurt by the accident.

The Eastbound train went on to the scene of the trouble and the passengers were transferred. The mail and express were delayed and the Wilmington mail did not arrive here until Tuesday evening. The damage to the rolling stock was slight as the engine and passenger coaches did not leave the track.

Many Jugs Received.

Great rows of jugs, of many sizes and kinds, was what a representative of The Robesonian saw when he walked into the express office one day this week. They had been shipped here from different points out of the state and were being held until the consignee should call and get them. Of course it was not necessary to conjecture as to the contents of the jugs. The names of the shippers were proof as to the nature of the shipment. And yet there are people who think whiskey is necessary to have a good time during the season that the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

THREE BIG BANKS FAIL IN CHICAGO.

Caused by Lending Much Money to the
Principal Stockholder.

J. R. WALSH CAUSED PANIC.

Drew Money From Bank and Invested in Railway Projects—
Big Runs are Made on Them—
Condition Normal now.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Three of the largest financial institutions in the West, the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh, of Chicago, and in great measure owned by him, suspended operation today. Their affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible and they will go out of business.

Mr. Walsh, who was the president of the Chicago National Bank and of the Equitable Trust Company, and all the other officers and all the directors of the Chicago National Bank, have resigned. National Bank Examiner C. H. Bosworth, has succeeded Mr. Walsh at the head of the Chicago National Bank, and the places of the directors have been filled by men appointed by the Chicago clearing house.

The immediate cause of the collapse of the institutions controlled by Mr. Walsh is said to be the large amount of money which they have lent to various private enterprises of his, notably the Southern Indiana Railway and the Bedford Quarries Company, of Indiana. Mr. Walsh says that if he could have had a little more time, and had been left untrammelled in his operations, he could have saved his banks, and made enormous profits for himself and his associates. He bases this statement on his estimation of the value of the bonds of the Southern Indiana Railway Company.

The deposits in the Chicago National Bank were \$14,483,000, and there is due to other banks \$2,088,851. The Home Savings Bank had savings deposits of \$3,560,000. The Equitable Trust Company had outstanding certificates of deposit and accrued interest amounting to \$1,289,000 and deposits in trust valued at \$2,096,600. There is no question of the availability of the assets of the two latter institutions and only a doubt as to the value of the bonds of the Southern Indiana Railway among the securities held by the Chicago National Bank.

The liabilities of the three institutions are estimated in the aggregate at \$26,000,000. Against this amount the banks and the trust company have resources that are, on a conservative estimate, worth \$16,000,000. The bonds of the Southern Indiana Railroad Company are estimated by Mr. Walsh at \$16,000,000.

The Chicago National Bank was publicly supposed to be one of the strongest and most conservatively managed institutions in the West. Excitement ran high when it was announced in extra editions of the morning papers that the banks were involved. The statement of Comptroller Ridgely and the published announcement of the Chicago clearing house to the effect that the other banks of the city had pledged that all depositors would be paid in full on demand relieved the tension, however.