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LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1906.

WHOLE NO. 2101

MEETING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Much Business Transacted in Regular Session Monday.

MANY BILLS ORDERED PAID

It was ordered that W. R. Britt, convicted of assault, be hired out—Jurors drawn for next term of Superior Court—Popular alliances made.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session, at the Court House, Monday morning. Those present were Messrs. C. A. Oliver, J. W. Carter, A. R. McEachern and J. A. Hodgins. In the absence of Chairman, R. R. Barnes, Mr. A. R. McEachern acted as Chairman, pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The regular pauper list was allowed.

It appeared to the Board of Commissioners that it would be for the best interest of the public that W. R. Britt, who was convicted of an assault and sentenced to work on the public roads for six months, and who has served a part of the said sentence, be hired out for the remainder of the term for which he was sentenced to work on the said public roads, it is therefore rendered and adjudged that the said W. R. Britt be, and he hereby is hired out for the remainder of said term of sentence which he has not yet served, to Joel Stone upon the payment of said Joel Stone to the Treasurer of Robeson county of the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Ordered that Mrs. Lula Smith be allowed rebate on \$200 in Howellsville.

Ordered that D. W. Biggs be allowed \$12.20 for repairs to jail.

Ordered that F. J. Meares be given charge of the County Home for the year 1906.

Ordered that E. J. Britt be allowed \$2.33, freight.

Ordered that G. W. Kinlaw be allowed \$10.00, repairs on stock law fence.

Ordered that Elias Collins be allowed rebate on \$200 in Britts township.

Ordered that Thomas Collins be allowed rebate on \$250 in Britts township.

Ordered that A. E. White be allowed rebate on \$,200 in Lumberton.

Ordered that bond of G. E. Rancke be filed and recorded.

Ordered that Wm. Locklear be allowed rebate on \$125 in Burt Swamp.

Ordered that N. A. Ratley, be allowed \$3.00 for conveying two prisoners from Ashpole to Lumberton.

Ordered that R. H. Wallace be allowed \$4.50 for conveying prisoner from Pembroke to Lumberton.

Ordered that E. H. Prevatt be allowed rebate on \$100 in Britts.

Ordered that F. J. Meares be allowed \$91.00 for keeping County Home for December.

Ordered that Marietta Lumber Co., be paid \$27.84, lumber for bridge on Ashpole Swamp.

Ordered that J. A. Campbell be allowed \$21.25, repairs on stock-law fence.

Ordered that Daniel Reid be allowed \$14.30, transportation and clothing for Mattie Thompson and Mahala Harrell, inmates of Goldsboro Hospital.

Ordered that rebate of \$17.00 be

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ASHPOLE NEWS LETTER.

Number of Real Estate Transfers in the Town.

Ashpole, Jan 4.—Mr. H. G. Mitchell, Jr., has accepted a position as salesman for A. J. Floyd in place of Berry Mitchell, who left for Florida last week. Mr Mitchell and family will live in "Brooklyn".

Miss Suddie Edmonsun, our popular music teacher, returned Monday night to resume her duties. We are sorry to learn that Miss Blackwell will not return.

Dr. J. P. Brown has bought the town property of Jno. F. McNair, of Laurinburg, and has some desirable lots for sale.

Messrs Mears, of Fair Bluff, and Lloyd, of Barnesville, have bought lots here and expect to erect nice dwellings for rent.

Miss Lizzie Taylor who is teaching music at Bladenboro spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. G. W. Thompson.

Rev. P. R. Law preached in the Methodist church Sunday from a delightful Christmas holiday.

Miss Lizzie Parker, of Boardman visited Mrs. O. I. Floyd, last week.

Misses Annie Lewis and May Floyd spend a few days with relatives and friends in Whiteville during the holidays.

The Byrd hotel is now in the capable hands of Mrs. J. D. McLean, who no doubt will conduct it successfully.

Dr. F. H. Pittman and bride are expected back from their southern tour. We gladly welcome her among us.

Miss Roza McKaughan spent Christmas at Mt Airy and visited Mrs. Cashwell on her way back to her school.

PETITION FOR AN ELECTION.

In Proposed New Special Tax District in the County.

A petition signed by one-fourth of the freeholders in the below proposed special school district, was considered by the commissioners of Robeson county at their regular meeting. The petition is for a special tax election to ascertain the will of the people within the special school district as to whether or not there shall be levied, in the district, a special annual tax of not more than 30 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, and 90 cents on the poll, to supplement the public school fund. This tax will be apportioned to the district by the County Board of Education in case the special tax is voted. The special school district is included in within the following boundaries:

Commencing at the new dam on the east side of the Old Field Swamp, at the Marion road; thence going about North with a road to Elias Jenkins; thence going with a road about North, taking in Charlie and Sandy Thompson's places; thence about North-east to a branch between W. P. Barker's and Civil Stephens', and running with said branch about East, for about three or four hundred yards, east of Civil Stephens' place; thence about East including Joe Bowman's place and Len Willoughby's; thence to the Marion road, taking in the Jim Collins' place; thence taking in Isham Lamb's and Ed. Small's; thence running to Hog Swamp and down said swamp to Atkinson's mill, leaving out Frank Lamb and Andrew Freeman; thence to the Red Hill Church; thence with said branch taking in Smith Floyd's place; thence going about South to the Old Swamp and with said swamp to the beginning.

ISSUES CALL FOR A MASS MEETING

Cotton Growers and Others to Meet in New Orleans.

DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED

By the State Associations and County Conventions—Roads will give special rates—Many questions of importance will be discussed.

President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, has issued a call for a mass meeting of the members of the Association, and for bankers, merchants and business men generally, throughout the cotton growing states to meet in New Orleans on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 11th, 12th and 13th of January, 1906, for the purpose of discussing and determining several questions of considerable moment to the Association and to the cotton industry, which have become concrete in the past twelve months.

Last January when the cotton growers of the South met the bankers, spinners and merchants of the South at New Orleans for the purpose of organizing the Association, over 3,000 delegates attended, and the campaign for higher prices, the holding of cotton away from speculative influences, the diversification of crops, warehousing and the general good of the cotton producer, was inaugurated and followed up with a success never before recorded in the history of farming in the South.

President Jordan also has announced that Saturday, December 23rd, was the time for a general meeting of those interested at their respective county headquarters, when delegates to the New Orleans Convention will be named. Absolutely no restriction is placed upon the number which may be sent, but on the contrary, President Jordan is especially desirous to see even a greater attendance than at the inaugural convention last January.

The railroads all over the cotton belt have been asked to make a low rate for this convention, and this rate will be announced in due time. The final day of the convention being Saturday, the delegates may remain over in New Orleans for Sunday, and then proceed to the meeting at Hot Springs, scheduled for the following Tuesday, the 16th.

President Jordan requests that the names and the postoffice address of those delegates elected, to be forwarded to him at Atlanta, Ga. From those delegates, as well as from the outside, will be selected speakers of force and prominence, who will discuss specific topics. The continued holding of cotton for 15 cents will be emphasized, stress will be laid on diversification of crops and measures will be taken looking to the reporting, by the United States Department of Agriculture, of statistics, relating to the consumption and manufacture of cotton goods, contemporaneously with the issuance of the government crop reports.

Many questions of highest importance will have to be decided by the members of the convention, all of which they have had time to discover and ponder upon during the year of remarkable activity and power experienced by the organization newly formed.

PITTMAN-NEWLAND.

Pretty Home Wedding at Chadbourne Christmas.

Miss Estella Newland, was united in marriage to Mr. Henry B. Pittman, at her home at Chadbourne, Thursday evening of December 28th, 1905, in the presence of a large number of friends. The ceremony was impressively performed by the pastor of the bride, Rev. J. E. L. Winecloff.

The bride is a lad of most attractive personality, being one of Chadbourne's most popular young ladies, and is well known and admired throughout the eastern part of the State. The groom is a young man of highest character integrity and sterling worth. After the wedding the happy young couple left for Fort Barnwell for a visit to relatives of Mr. Pittman. They will make their home at Chadbourne.

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION.

Tendered Mrs. Parmele and the Misses Norment.

An elegant reception was tendered Mrs. A. T. Parmele and Misses Emma and Laura Norment, by the ladies of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon from four to five o'clock. Chocolate and cake were served. During the hour Rev. A. E. Baker presented to them, in the name of the Missionary Society, a handsome silver bowl; also resolutions attesting their love and appreciation. The reception was a proof of friendship and the high esteem in which they were held. The best wishes of our people follow them to their new home in Fayetteville.

NINE THOUSAND PEOPLE

Attended New Year's Reception at White House.

Washington, January 1.—New Year's day was observed at the White House today with all the traditional brilliancy of the President's reception. Crisp, sunshiny weather brought out crowds and by actual count 9,052 people shook the President's hand. Last year 7,115 were received. Mrs. Roosevelt remained until the end of the reception. A feature of the public reception was the large number of children who passed the receiving line.

Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth mingled with the guests in the east room. Miss Roosevelt wore a gown of slate blue chiffon over pink silk, cut low. She also wore a diamond necklace and pendant, and a huge bunch of orchids. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a gown of pale blue chiffon, built over white silk. The bell skirt was trimmed with rows or ruffles which fell from a shirred girdle. The waist was trimmed with white lace and her only ornaments were a few diamonds. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, preceded by the military and naval aides to the President, and the several White House aides, all in special uniform dress, descended the marble stairway leading to the second floor. Entering the blue room they took up their position to the right of the door leading from the bed room. The first to wish them a happy New Year were the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, who passed behind the receiving line and stood to the right of Mrs. Roosevelt.

There will be a meeting of the Odd Fellows this (Thursday) evening for the purpose of electing new officers. All members are requested to be present.

MOORE PRESIDENT MCKINNON V-PRES.

State Cotton Growers Association Elects Officers.

HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND

Ten Delegates Elected to New Orleans Convention—Three Cents on Each Bale Assessed for Expenses—Parker Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—With over a hundred delegates from thirty counties out of forty seven, the North Carolina division of Southern Cotton Growers Association, closed a long session at 1 o'clock this morning. The officers elected were President, Charles C. Moore, of Charlotte; vice president, A. J. McKinnon, of Robeson; secretary and treasurer, T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, re-elected; executive committee, Ashley Horne, Clayton; H. C. Dockery, Rockingham; S. B. Alexander, Charlotte; A. C. Green, Wake; R. H. Speight, Edgecombe. Members executive: J. A. Brown, of Columbus and J. P. Allison, of Cabarrus. Although Mr. McKinnon was nominated for president, he withdrew his name, and was not a candidate for the office.

Ten delegates were elected to the New Orleans meeting. The association decided to assess one cent a bale for the National and two cents a bale for the state association, the county associations to assess as they wish. Reports showed the association flourishing and splendid prospects. President Moore will be paid \$2,500 a year and some expenses. Secretary Parker, \$1,000. The determination to hold the reduced acreage of 1905 and not to dump cotton on market in the fall but to market slowly, was expressed in an address to the cotton farmers, while building warehouses to store cotton and hold for top-notch prices was advised.

BULLOCK-ODUM.

Robeson County Woman Weds Virginia Man.

Raft Swan p, Jan. 4.—On Wednesday evening, December 27, Mr. D. J. Bullock, of Newport News, Va., and Miss Maud Odum were united in marriage, Mr. L. E. Tyner, J. P., officiating. The happy young couple left at once for Newport News, Va.

Mr. B. Y. Tyler left Tuesday for Wake Forest College, after spending the holidays at home with relatives and friends.

School opened again Monday, after being closed one week for the holidays. The teachers, Misses McMillan and Leitch, spent the holidays at their respective homes, Raeford and Rowland.

The condition of Miss Belle Tyner is not much improved. She is in a hospital at Raleigh with typhoid fever.

Miss Edna Tyner leaves this week for Buies Creek, to resume her studies after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Annie Powell is spending some time with relatives near Dillon, S. C.

Misses Cora and Daly Grantham and Mr. Willie Grantham, of South Carolina, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Dora Barnes moved to Orum last week. We regret her departure from our midst. Mr. H. C. Bullock and wife, of McCallie, S. C., spent the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hodges, Jr., have moved to Fayetteville where Mr. Hodges holds a position with the Fayetteville Furniture Co.

Mr. W. R. Townsend and wife, of Buies, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Messrs. J. A. Parham and J. A. Carlyle, of Fayetteville, spent Christmas at home with relatives and friends.

Mr. J. E. Carlyle is at Raleigh attending the cotton growers convention.

Musician at the Opera House.

Prof. John Landrum, the noted blind pianist and musical wonder of the age, will be at the Opera House Monday night, the 8th inst. He comes highly recommended. It is said by some of our citizens who have heard him perform, that his equal has never been in our town. His prices are 25, and 35 and 50 cents.

Prof. Johnson Improved.

Prof. N. D. Johnson, of River-ton, spent a few days in town this week. For several months past he has been a great sufferer from rheumatism. He visited Hot Springs, Ark., and other health resorts in search of benefit. Since his returned to River-ton two months ago, his health has greatly improved. He is now as he said "himself again."

Mr. W. P. Barnes Dead.

Mr. W. P. Barnes died at his home here Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. He was stricken with apoplexy after which he lived but a short while. Mr. Barnes has been a great sufferer for years. He was one of the oldest citizens of our town.

TWO KILLED IN A TORNADO

Town of Albany, Georgia, Swept by a Terrific Storm.

Alabany, Ga., January 4.—A tornado of terrific passed over Albany at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, coming from a south-westerly direction and spreading ruin and desolation over portions of a dozen blocks. Two persons are dead, others will die, as the result of their injuries and many are more or less seriously hurt. Viewing the wreckage left by the tornado, it seems a miracle that scores were not killed outright, the tribute claimed in the way of human lives being astonishingly small.

The known dead are:

Ben Jones, a negro machinist in the employ of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

Jake Johnson, a nine year old negro boy.

Conference of Ministers.

The ministers of the Baptist Union held at Ten Mile church last week decided to hold a ministers' conference at Lumberton January 16, 17 and 18. Conferences will be held twice each day, morning and afternoon and public services in the evening. A visiting minister will probably conduct the services each night.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mr. Lewis Humphrey was stricken with paralysis at his home in Saddle Tree township, Thursday. His right side was paralyzed and his condition is considered critical.

Officers For Matron's Club.

At the meeting of the Young Matron's Club Thursday afternoon, the following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lizzie Precourt; Vice President, Mrs. T. W. Hutchison; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. McLean.