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NOTED LECTURER SPEAKS TUESDAY.

Rev. Peter MacQueen to Appear at
Southern Presbyterian College.

RED SPRINGS NEWS NOTES.

Coming men of America Have an
Enjoyable Time at Banquet—
Music Teacher Fails to Come—
Mr. D. P. Shaw and Bride Re-
turn—Personal Items.

Red Springs, Feb. 1.—Rev. Peter MacQueen is to appear in the college auditorium next Tuesday night, February 6th, in a lecture on "Romantic and Literary Scotland: Land of Scott and Burns." Do not forget the date. A large audience is anticipated. It is expected that many in all the nearby towns, and large numbers from the country round about are coming. An exquisite treat is no doubt in store. The lecturer is a scholar of nice literary taste and wide range of learning. His mind is well stored with knowledge gathered by travel in all parts of the earth as well as by extensive reading and study. It is to be no heavy and prolix performance. However long it may be, as measured by a watch, it will be short. Brightened by wit, anecdote, eloquent narrations and pleasing fluency of speech it will prove a delightful hour.

G. M. A. GIVES BANQUET.

One of the new guilds in the earth is the "G. M. A." or "Coming Men of America." The name of the order is significant. It is an organization in which everybody should feel an interest. The hope of the republic depends upon the young men of today who are to be the regnant men of tomorrow. The guild is young. It was founded at Oak Park, Illinois, in 1886. The minimum age for membership is 14 and the ordinary maximum age is 21 though upon occasion men are admitted over 21. Mr. F. C. Jones is the president of the lodge here and the membership now numbers six. It was chartered last October. Monday night the young men gave a banquet to raise money for current expenses and needed supplies. Seventeen dollars was raised for the purpose. Miss Nettie Culbreth was voted the prettiest girl present.

PRESIDENT VARDELL BUSH.

Miss Hibernia McArthur, the music teacher from Florida, did not come. Those who went to the railway station to meet her met in place of her a telegram saying she had changed her mind. This is a reserved privilege, it is often said. Another will be forthcoming in due time. The number of pupils coming to the college has in all the history kept the versatile president active in providing both teachers and dormitories. There has been no college like it among us.

Mr. D. P. Shaw reached Lumber Bridge with his bride from Washington city Monday evening. The congratulations of his numerous friends were warm hearted indeed. Everybody loves him in that community. His bride won at once by her gracious manner the hearts of the people. For her father's sake as well as her own she met with exceptional cordiality.

MRS. LIVERMORE ENTERTAINS.

Mr. O. S. Hayes, brother of Mrs. R. W. Livermore of our town, came up from Winder, his Georgia home, and spent a part of

the past week with his sister. Mrs. Livermore gave a reception Monday night in honor of his presence that was largely attended and much enjoyed.

The Masonic lodge had an interesting meeting Monday night and a good attendance. Messrs. Britt, Hutchinson, McNeill and Allen, of the Lumberton lodge, came up and their presence was enjoyed richly. They returned home after the meeting.

Rev. A. N. Ferguson is very well and has not been able to preach in several weeks. But he is reported better. We hope he will be able to resume work quickly. He is one of the best men and most useful pastors we ever knew.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Judge T. A. McNeill may well be congratulated, for we are told that the Supreme Court held with him in every case appealed from his decisions on the last circuit here. We are proud of this record of our countryman.

The churches of the Ashpole circuit have increased Rev. J. M. Ashby's salary. This is well. The example is worthy of copy. The cost of living is higher and money is more plentiful. Every pastor in the county ought to have his salary increased.

Mr. J. M. Graham, of Hasty, was a visitor in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. A. T. McCallum has been installed in his new office and it is a cozy corner indeed.

The material is in part on the ground to build a long needed hotel at Elrod. It is to be erected by Johnston Branch.

Mrs. Covington, who has been

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ASHPOLE NOW HAS MUCH BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Freight Train Carries Through Pouch—
New Street Being Opened—Local
and Personal News.

Ashpole, N. C., Feb. 1.—By a late arrangement the freight train which arrives from Chadbourn at 2:30 and returns from Elrod at 4 carries a through mail pouch from Wilmington to Ashpole and back. This is a much appreciated improvement especially so to the merchants and other business men of the town.

Town Marshal, H. J. Carlyle and force of hands are building a new street across the Stephens farm which will now be in town. There are some very desirable lots in this new part of town.

No cotton is being marketed here. 10½ cents wont bring it in when the owners are as able to hold it as most of our farmers

Rev. P. R. Law had a good crowd at the Presbyterian church last Sunday and all were pleased with his fine address.

Messrs. W. T. Mercer and Geo. Baldwin, of Wilmington, spent apt of last week here enjoying a most successful bird hunt.

A. S. Thompson and others attended the Cotton Growers Association in Lumberton last Monday.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul spent part of last week in Charlotte among the wholesale druggists.

Messrs. Leggett and Purvis ran their gin last Saturday. How is that for the last of January?

Mr. Lawrence Still Improving

Mr. S. McIntyre returned Tuesday from Charlotte, where he went for a short visit to Mr. R. C. Lawrence, who is in a hospital there. The friends of Mr. Lawrence will be glad to learn that he is daily improving, and the physicians have hopes of his full recovery.

ECHOES COTTON GROWERS MEETING.

Extracts From Speech of President
Charles C. Moore.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION PLANS.

At Meeting Other Short Speeches
Were Made—Planters Agree to
Decrease Acreage ten per cent
—A County Organizer and Lec-
turer Chosen.

The meeting of the Cotton Growers Association was called to order on Monday, the 29th inst. by President R. W. Livermore. After a short address by Mr. Ragsdale, State Lecturer, for the Farmers' Alliance, Mr. A. J. McKinnon in a brief speech introduced State President C. C. Moore. From the beginning of Mr. Moore's speech, it was evident that while he laid but little claim to oratory, he was thoroughly at home with his subject and was prepared to give his hearers something more substantial than sounding phrases or glowing expressions. He briefly compared the present conditions with those at a time when cotton was four and one-half to five cents a pound, and set forth the position of manufacturers and speculators toward the producers of cotton. The present improved condition he credits to the activeness of the Cotton Growers Association, and he gave abundant proof of his statement. The burden of his speech was to urge the importance and necessity of more perfect organization on the part of the farmers showing that in case of manufacturers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, in fact in every industry in the world, organization had been perfected and the results had been to benefit those by whom they were formed. "In fact," he remarked, from birth to burial we are confronted with organization and combination; for the doctors who usher us in, and the under-takers who carry us out are both organized, and if the farmers would accomplish all that is possible for them the same tactics are necessary." It was his effort to impress the idea that the organization of the farmers was not to antagonize any other interest, but for protection and to secure to themselves such advantages as must necessarily result therefrom and the chief of these, he emphasized as placing before the agricultural people, the actual results of what they were accomplishing and the cost of such accomplishment. The main thing which he considered necessary for the farmers to know were those things with which men in other lines of business were thoroughly conversant; that is, the cost of the article, which they produce, the expense of marketing them and the net profits to be derived from them. Such information as was necessary to the farmers could only be secured through that cooperation, possible only in organization.

After Mr. Moore's address others were called on for brief remarks. Messrs. W. S. Johnson, of St. Pauls, K. M. Biggs, of Lumberton, Robert McEachern, of Lumber Bridge, E. F. McRae, of Maxton, responded, briefly stating their thorough sympathy with the movement and their determination to exert themselves to their utmost to further

its end.

President Livermore said that to accomplish what was most desirable, two things were necessary. The first was to reduce the acreage, if not still further than last year, to at least maintain that acreage and to avoid under any and all circumstances, selling cotton now for Fall delivery at ten cents a pound. He called for those who were willing to maintain the acreage the same as last year, to hold up their hands and those present responded, almost unanimously. Mr. W. P. Barker made a motion to extend the thanks of the County Organization to President Moore for his able and instructive address. After the speaking was over the meeting was called to order by the President, for the transaction of such business as might come before it. On motion duly seconded it was ordered that an executive committee of five be elected, who should act under the instruction of the State Executive Committee. This motion resulted in the election of Geo. B. McLeod, E. F. McRae, J. E. Carlyle, A. S. Thompson, and W. S. Johnson.

The following resolution, which was unanimously adopted was introduced by Mr. A. J. McKinnon:

Resolved: That the Executive Committee of Robeson county see that a properly constituted committee, or representative, wait on the merchants in the county of Robeson, and request them to urge their customers to reduce their acreage in accordance with the suggestion of the Cotton Growers Association and to discourage the sale of cotton for future delivery. After the adoption of the above resolution the Association adjourned until its next regular meeting.

At three o'clock the meeting of the Executive Committee according to appointment was called to order and after discussion of the best means to secure the necessary organization throughout the county, it was decided that the county be divided into four groups, as follows:

First group, Lumberton, Howellsville, Wisharts, Britts, Back Swamp, Raft Swamp and Saddle Creek. For this group, Mr. J. E. Carlyle was elected as organizer to act under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Second group, Sterlings, White House and Thompson. Mr. R. Gainey was elected organizer for this group

Third group, Smiths, Burnt Swamp, Maxton, Alfordsville. Mr. M. G. McKenzie was elected organizer for this group.

Fourth group, Lumber Bridge, Parkton, Red Springs, Blue Springs, St. Pauls, and for this group, Mr. E. F. McRae was elected organizer.

The organizers were advised that their duties would consist in making one or two organizations in every township where no organization has been heretofore made and see that a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer were elected. In those townships where organizations already exist, they were instructed to perfect such organization and exert themselves to add to the membership. It was ordered that said organizers should report each week to the members of the executive committee or some officer of the Association in their section and said officer should in turn, report to the county secretary and treasurer. It was also ordered that a quarterly dues of 25 cents should be levied on each member of the Association throughout the county and that 10 cents on each bale of cotton

held, should also be levied. All of the dues and one half of the amount levied on each bale of cotton shall be remitted to the county secretary and treasurer, and it shall be his duty to remit one half of each due of 25 cents received, and 3 cents of each bale of cotton, to the State Treasurer of the Association.

Messrs W. P. Barker, Joseph Prevatt, Giles Robertson, W. S. Cobb, D. P. McEachern, A. S. Thompson, J. D. McGougan, Jos. N. Buie, M. G. McKenzie and W. A. Law, were appointed a committee to wait on the merchants and business men of the county, to solicit funds for the assistance of the organization.

The meeting on the whole, was the largest in attendance and most enthusiastic which has ever been held here and the indications are that a more perfect organization will be accomplished and better work done in the future than in the past. Our people are realizing that it is the only way and they are making haste to avail themselves of it.

We desire on behalf of the Association to thank the Robesonian for space for this report and for the offer of such use of its columns in the future, as may be necessary to set before the Association such matters as may be of interest generally.

SECRETARY.

Real Estate Deal.

Mr. Arch Spivey has purchased a lot from Mr. A. W. McLean in Belvedere, facing the lot owned by Mr. A. W. Prevatt, and will build a residence there at once. The lot recently purchased from Mr. Q. T. Williams, on the east edge of town, he expects to sell.

MR. DAN. MCBRYDE TO BECOME A BENEDICT.

Former Principal of Parkton School to
Wed Music Teacher, Miss
Lucy Pender.

Parkton, Feb. 1.—Mr. Dan. McBryde, who was the Principal of the school here up to last Christmas, is to be married 7th instant. It is the heart of Miss Lucy M. Pender, of Tarboro he has won. She was his Music teacher here. Everybody is surprised. The cunning of the couple was consummate. Even the faintest suspicion was eluded. The entire community wishes for them all that is good.

The McNatt Hotel has had a fine run since since first of the month. At times it has been full. The Proprietor is planning to build a new larger and more commodious house.

Mr. J. C. D. McNatt has sold the timber on his McNatt tract at McNatt to Mr. H. M. Dew who will place a saw mill out on the old plank road at an early day.

Mrs. Bettie McCormick who has been visiting her children near Ocala, Florida, several months and had a fall which dislocated her hip, is convalescing nicely.

Mr. H. Welsh has an imposing residence in process of erection. It is on the lot adjacent to the lot on which the Methodist church stands.

Mr. John B. McCormick accompanied by his son, Mr. John D. McCormick, have been basking in Florida air several weeks. Miss Lizzie McCormick, of Laurinburg, is the new salesman in Mr. J. C. D. McNatt's store.

Mr. D. B. Timmons, the new railway agent, here proves to be a very competent official.

Mr. Collier Cobb is building a new residence. The frame has been erected.

MALICE CHARGED AGAINST TAFT

Manager of Pacific Steamship Company
Hits Hard Blow.

CANAL MANAGEMENT SCORED

Condition of Railroad on Isthmus
Growing Worse Under Govern-
ment Ownership—Tehuantepec
Road—Equipment Deteriorated—Other Charges.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Robert P. Schwerin, general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was before the Senate committee on inter oceanic canals yesterday. Regarding Secretary Taft's criticism of service between Panama and San Francisco for its part in contributing to the congestion of freight at Panama, he said:

"Secretary Taft's statement was made either through malice tending to injure an American industry, or through ignorance of the causes of the difficulties, of which he has complained." He said that since the canal commission took charge of the Panama railway, freight had accumulated on the wharves, all commercial shipments having been held up by the movement of canal materials and the difficulty, Mr. Schwerin asserted, was due to "culpable negligence on the part of the Panaman railroad, and utter indifference to their obligations as a common carrier."

The equipment of the railroad, he added, had deteriorated greatly during the two years prior to the sale of the property of the United States. "As soon as control of the road passed to the United States," said Mr. Schwerin, "the conditions described began to grow worse. The railroad management cut the wages of men working on the docks, which caused a strike and labor followed."

Mr. Schwerin said the Tehuantepec Railroad across Central America, will be completed by June 1st, and declared that it will kill the American commerce which now crosses the Isthmus. He said that it would put the Panama railway and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's line out of business, as by the new line there would be a reduction in the time from San Francisco to New York from 24 to 26 days.

Mission Lecture Tuesday Night.

Miss Lizzie Davis, a returned missionary from China, lectured in the Methodist church Tuesday evening to a full house. Miss Davis is well informed on the subject of missions, and her talk was a very interesting and instructive one, and listened to with close attention by the audience. A solo excellently rendered by Rev. Luther Bridgers, and a song by the male quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, R. O. Edmund, Luther Bridgers and C. B. Skipper added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Death of Little Child.

Carman, the little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prevatt, died Tuesday night, after a long illness. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement. The interment was made in the family cemetery at the home of Mrs. Prevatt's mother, Mrs. M'Waters, six miles from here in the vicinity of Barkers.