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LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1906.

WHOLE NO. 2114

## PROPOSE BUILDING A NEW RAILROAD

To Reach From Lumberton to St. Pauls Section.

## LUMBERTON IS INTERESTED

Meeting Held at Which Committee to Investigate was Appointed—Citizens to Furnish \$1000 for Every Mile That is Built.

There was quite a number of the business men of Lumberton present at the meeting of the Board of Trade Thursday evening when the proposed railroad from here to St. Pauls and the effort necessary to get it were discussed. No definite action was taken at the meeting, but it was referred to a committee composed of Col. N. A. McLean, Sheriff G. B. McLeod and S. McIntyre. The committee will have a conference with Capt. T. C. McNeely, one of the promoters, and report to a subsequent meeting of the Board of Trade.

The meeting Thursday night was called to order by the President, Mr. R. D. Caldwell. Mr. J. B. Gough acted in the capacity of secretary. Before the regular business for which the meeting was called was taken up, a few minor matters were discussed and disposition made of them. The plans of the promoters of the proposed railroad from here to St. Pauls was then stated by Sheriff McLeod.

Mr. McLeod said that none of the big companies would build into the "backyard" of another company and if we are to have a railroad from the North it must be an independent line. Those interested in the movement proposed to build the road if the people of Lumberton will subscribe \$1,000 for every mile of the road built. It is thought that if the road is built from here to St. Pauls there will be an opportunity for the road to connect with some other line there and give us an outlet on the North to Fayetteville and perhaps other towns.

The proposition was also discussed by Col. McLean and Messrs. J. B. Gough and A. E. White. Finally the motion of Col. McLean to appoint a committee prevailed and the chair named those above mentioned. The meeting then adjourned.

A special from Fayetteville says the Carolina Northern has made a preliminary survey for a road from Lumberton to Fayetteville.

## CONDUCTOR THOMPSON KILLED.

Fatal Wreck Saturday Morning on Durham and Southern.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—Capt. Cary Dod Thompson, of Dunn, a passenger conductor of the Durham and Southern railway, was instantly killed in an accident on that road near Holly Springs this morning. He had brought in his passenger train to Apex and with others was on an extra engine going to Varina to bring in an extra freight train, when within a quarter of a mile of Holly Springs, on a curve, running backwards, the tender jumped the track. The engine followed and toppled over.

Capt. Thompson and Fireman Wilborn were on the engine which was in charge of Engineer W. J. Angier. The engine turned completely over and pinned Capt. Thompson under it, crushing his life out instantly, the chest and upper part of the body being badly crushed. The others suffered little injury.

## KICKED A WOMAN. And Fined One Hundred Dollars and Cost.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 15.—The criminal charge against A. A. Featherstone for assault upon Mrs. Wiggins of the Salvation Army was closed in the Superior court this morning when Judge W. R. Allen fined the defendant \$100 and costs. An effort had been made by the defense to have the case remanded to the police court, but this Judge Allen refused to do, and in pronouncing sentence he said that it was only on account of the defendant's past record, his age, other circumstances connected with the case that he did not send him to jail.

## MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Maxton, Feb. 17.—Messrs. M. L. McLean Lamar McCallum and F. L. Black went to Alfordville, Wednesday night, where they attended a Valentine Party given by Miss Mary Eliza McCallum.

"The Wolf" of Lumberton appeared in Maxton Thursday, having escaped from its quarters at that place. It is needless to say that it created quite a favorable (?) "sensation."

Dr. Luther McMillin of Red Springs was here Thursday on his way to Lumberton.

Dr. L. H. Kirkpatrick went to Fayetteville Thursday on professional business.

Col. W. S. Cobb of Lumber Bridge was in town Thursday, the guest of his friend Mr. M. G. McKenzie.

Mr. R. C. Everett of Laurinburg was in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. S. Lathrop of Wilmington was in town Friday.

Mr. J. D. McLean went to Charlotte on business Thursday.

## SUNDAY FIRE DESTROYS BLOCK IN RED SPRINGS

Hotel, Two Residences, Number of Stores, Barber Shop, and Post-office go up in Flames.

Red Springs, Feb. 18.—Practically the entire business district of Red Springs was destroyed by fire today. Eighteen stores and two dwellings were consumed, involving a loss of \$80,000, with an approximate insurance of \$40,000. The fire originated from a defective flue in a restaurant in the rear of one of the stores.

The following were burned out: J. A. Huggins, 5 stores, dwelling and merchandise; Parlor Grocery Company; Miss Katie Brown, millinery; J. B. McColman, dry goods; Ed. D. McLean, merchandise; postoffice, Red Springs Drug Company; Garrett & McNeill, grocery; L. M. Cook, groceries and furniture; W. J. Connell, dry goods; T. J. Bostick, dry goods; A. D. Black, Son & Company, mill supplies; Cope & Turner, merchandise and market; J. N. Hadley, dry goods; Frank Jessup, groceries; R. B. Lovlin, groceries; Red Springs Mercantile Company, millinery; Archie Kinnon, insurance; C. H. Hacklebee, barber shop; J. M. Pope, office; Knights of Pythias and Masonic Hall; Jno. G. Browne, dwelling and furniture. Owing to the fact that the town is without fire-fighting facilities, little or nothing could be done to check the progress of the flames.

Lumber River out of Banks. The water in Lumber River has been very high during the past few days. Many of the inhabitants in Brooklyn had to move out of their houses and some went to and from their houses in boats. The waters have now subsided.

## AN INTERESTING PAPER IS FOUND

Proceedings of Meeting of Lumber River Agricultural Club.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS NOTES

Favors Judge McNeill for Candidate for Re-election—Melon Growers of County to Organize—Munsey's Magazine Contains Interesting Article.

Red Springs, Feb. 17.—Looking over some old papers the other day I came across the proceedings of the meeting of the Lumber River Agricultural Club, dated Feb. 8, 1868, nearly 40 years ago, John Johnson president and D. P. McEachern secretary. Subject for discussion, Will it Pay to use Guano (the term fertilizer was not then used) Subject discussed with animation. The question for next meeting, What is the Best Mode of Cultivating Corn, in the Cross or in the Drill (all corn was at this time planted in the check.) Two premiums were offered—\$25 for 10 acres of the best corn. For 10 acres of the best cotton, a silver cup. On motion, the secretary was directed to notify Dr. A. D. McLean and John G. Blas of these selections by the club to deliver addresses on agricultural subjects on April 8th, 1868. Dr. A. D. McLean offered 1 Brinly plow for the best five acres of corn and to cotton planter for best five acres of cotton. This is old history, but it might interest some of your readers.

The February Munsey gives a sketch of Maximilian (an old friend in Lumberton at that time persisted in calling him McMillan) and Charlotte's advertiser in Mexico. She lost her mind at her husband's failure and is still living in that condition. Maximilian's invasion of Mexico was the South's opportunity, but our rulers were such sticklers for the Monroe doctrine, that they gave him no encouragement. The French government was friendly to the Confederacy, but the people were not, while the English rulers opposed us. If we could have gotten French aid we might have succeeded, but there were too many dunder heads in Richmond, chief of whom was Alex. Stephens, to do anything. We had too many home obstructions to succeed, among which was the negro's lot, that kept thousands out of our ranks. A writer in the News and Observer accuses Governor Vance of keeping 15,000 out of the ranks. It was neck or nothing with us, and we ought to have halted at nothing, that would have retarded success. I firmly believe that if General Lee had been made dictator with General Jackson commander of the infantry and General Forrest of the cavalry, success would have crowned our army, if success could have come with the world as a recruiting ground for our enemy. Some one has said the Lord intended freeing the negroes, and could only do it by killing Jackson. Jackson was a man of prayer. If the South could have foreseen the hell broth that reconstruction offered us we might have succeeded after all.

We have societies for improving school houses, for betterment of county stores and for many other things too numerous to mention, but if there was a movement to make farmers improve their surroundings by fixing up their premises and beautifying their surroundings it might do good. Farmers get into the habit of being uncouth in their dress and of disregarding the amenities of life. A society that could induce the average farmer to shave and change his shirt twice a week would be one of incalculable good. With the coming of hundreds of spring so comes the matterings of another election. We must by all means try and return Judge McNeill to the bench, and if we all heartily endorse his re-nomination and work for it, there is no doubt of his triumphant return. He is prominent in his profession and Robeson would be proud of such a man.

The melon growers of Lumber Bridge, Maxton and Red Springs, met here Wednesday to organize a melon growers' association. H. C. McNair is president and W. S. Cobb secretary and treasurer. Next meeting at Maxton Feb. 23rd. They want to be incorporated. Object, to disseminate knowledge of cultivation and judicious marketing of the crops.

Mr. Abley, foreman of the grand jury, so the Citizen states, says he don't want any new court house—there now; what are you going to do about it?

The Rev. Z. Hinohara, of Japan, will lecture here on Feb. 21st at 8 o'clock, p. m., in the Methodist church. On the night of the 22nd he will lecture in the auditorium. Foreign Missions is his subject.

Gone to Parts Unknown. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 16.—Grover Cleveland Hall, whose arrest several weeks ago on complaint of Mr. L. Thomas, of Spencer, who charged him with larceny, created a sensation, has left Salisbury, and nothing is known of his whereabouts. Mr. Hall was in Mr. Thomas' employ as chief clerk and was one of the most popular young men in Spencer. Tried on the charge of store breaking and robbing Mr. Thomas' safe, he was discharged. Later he was accused by Mr. Thomas of larceny and bound over to the Superior court. He put up a cash bond of \$100, and when court convened Monday morning he was on hand. Yesterday it was proposed to increase the bond to \$400, and it was about this time that Mr. Hall disappeared.

Negro Bishop's Ravings. Macon, Ga., Feb. 15.—In an address before the 500 delegates attending the convention of negroes in this city to discuss racial problems, Bishop H. M. Turner declared the American flag to be a dirty and contemptible rag. He further said that hell was an improvement on the United States, when the negro was involved. In closing he said:

"If a little ignorant and stupid white man who was never heard of and never would be heard of until ten thousand years after the resurrection triumph wishes a little notoriety he begins to believe and slander the negro and bounds into popularity. And I challenge any one or all of them to meet me in public discussion and I will show that the negro is a far better man than they are."

## Case of Simple Assault.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 16.—Sam Barbee, a negro, was before Justice Owens this afternoon on the charge of attempting to assault a negro woman several days ago. It proved to be "Much Ado About Nothing," and the negro was fined \$5 and cost for simple assault.

On the charge of vagrancy Major Hamlin, a white man, was today fined \$40 and cost. He could not pay the amount and went to the roads.

## A. C. L. BUSY AT WILSON. Buying Property There But Keeping Quiet as to Its Purposes.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 18.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad this week purchased about fifteen additional acres of land in the southern section of the city adjacent to their tracks. This road has been quietly buying property in Southern Wilson for the past two months, and for the past few weeks has been having moved the many dwellings located on their newly acquired property.

We are unable to ascertain for what purpose this valuable property was acquired, and the fact that it is located where the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound railroad will cross the Coast Line causes a suspicion that the purchases were made on account of the new road, either for the use of that road if the Coast Line recently, when it was sold, bought it, or otherwise to prevent the new road from securing the property. However, Raleigh and Pamlico Sound railroad is reported to be owned by Standard Oil interests, the same parties who recently secured the Norfolk and Southern, and the Atlantic and North Carolina, and it may be that the Coast Line will use the property for yard purposes.

## A Delightful Entertainment.

Miss Flora Neill McMillan entertained at her pleasant home Wednesday evening. The number of young people present was large, and the evening was one of enjoyment to all. Various games were played, and well rendered music, both instrumental and vocal, added to the lively conversations, wit and laughter of the delighted guests, made the occasion one of rare pleasure. Cream and cake were served.

## COL. SLOCUM SAYS THAT TOWN IS IDEALLY LOCATED

Thinks That a New Depot and Court House are Badly Needed in the Town.

Col. A. H. Slocum, receiver of the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company, spent a portion of last week in Lumberton. Col. Slocum has already turned over the plant at Kingsdale to the newly organized Kingsdale Lumber Company, who are now operating it, of which Mr. J. W. Sitterding is president and Mr. George D. Yeakel, who has been connected with the properties through the various changes of management, is secretary treasurer. Mr. J. A. Duke remains as superintendent for the new company.

Col. Slocum has spent considerable time in Lumberton since he has been receiver of the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company. He regards the location of Lumberton an ideal one. "By the prettiest river of North Carolina," but thinks that a new court house and a new depot are badly needed.

## Laundry Company at Maxton.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—The Secretary of State granted a charter for the Southern Laundering Company, of Maxton; capital \$2,650 by P. E. Linnell and numerous citizens, also to the Selma Knitting Mills Company, capital \$25,000 by M. C. Winston and others.

## Confederate Monument Fund.

Previously reported \$157.50  
Cash of W. B. Conoly 100.00  
Cash of S. S. Phillips 1.00  
Total Cash paid in \$258.50  
J. A. McAllister  
Treas. Confed. Mon. Fund

## TWO INTERESTING WEDDINGS OCCUR

Miss Daisy Randle Becomes Bride of Rev. E. M. Snipes.

## ASHPOLE NEWS AND NOTES

Miss Annie Parker Becomes Bride of Mr. John Lytch, of Laurinburg—Rev. A. E. Baker Will Preach Next Sunday—Ashpole May Have New Steamery.

Ashpole, N. C. Feb. 17.—Messrs. Williams and Rouse of the Furniture Co. are receiving appreciative thanks, from the ladies especially, for a new department, that of framing pictures. They have in a lot of beautiful molding and doing a rushing business. This has been needed a long while.

Prof. J. D. Heel and wife spent last Wednesday night in and gave Ashpole citizens another chance of throwing away money by giving one of the "bummest" shows ever seen.

Rev. A. E. Baker, of Lumberton, is expected to preach in the Presbyterian church on the fourth Sunday morning filling the regular appointment of Rev. P. R. Law, of Red Springs, who is in Florida.

Miss Ida Floyd has been too sick to teach school all this week. Her little pupils miss her greatly but Miss Lillian Mitchell has filled her place wonderfully well for so young a lady.

Received two late to mention in last paper, was an invitation to your correspondent to attend the marriage of Miss Annie Barker one of our most lovable ladies and Mr. John Lytch, of Laurinburg. We regret exceedingly to lose Miss Annie but trust she may be happy in her new home.

A marriage of interest to former friends here was that of Miss Daisy Randle, of Durham, to Rev. E. M. Snipes, of Darlington, which happy event took place last Wednesday. Miss Randle lived here when a child and afterward taught in this school and has many friends who wish for her husband and herself great happiness.

Messrs. Reves and Chambers are agitating the building of a Steamery here. It seems quite an appropriate move; this being the largest tobacco market in the county and we hope they will succeed.

Mr. Cox and Miss Bass both of R. F. D. No. 1, came into town Wednesday and were quietly married by A. S. Thompson, J. P.

Misses Maggie Floyd, May Thompson and Mary Ashley went to McDonalds Friday afternoon with Miss Bessie Elwanger.

Mr. J. R. Chambers, of Asheville, arrived Wednesday last and is attending to tobacco interests.

## Dark Tobacco Association.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 15.—The Dark Tobacco Growers' Association of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia was formed here today, representatives from the three State associations meeting together. Vice presidents are to be selected from each State. The association is for the purpose of cooperation in sale of dark tobacco. Representatives from the Interstate Bright Tobacco Growers' Association of Virginia and North Carolina were presented and cooperated. A mass meeting is to be held tomorrow, when prominent tobacco organizers and growers of Tennessee and Kentucky will be speakers.