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MONUMENT FUND AGAIN INCREASED

Parkton Women Give a Most Enjoyable
Entertainment.

MOST INTERESTING PROGRAM

More Than Seventy Five Dollars
Raised to add to Fund—Fine Ad-
dress by the Rev. Mr. Smith—
Refreshments Served—Sofa
Pillow Sold High.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 14.—A most interesting and delightful entertainment was given by the ladies of Parkton and community on Thursday evening, March 8th, in aid of the Confederate monument fund of Robeson county. From the raising of the curtain until the finish the audience was held in close attention,—yes I might say delighted—by the touching, timely and exquisitely rendered recitations and charming old time songs beautifully and effectively sung by a bevy of beautiful and cultured young ladies.

The evening was dark and rainy and sadness and disappointment hung on every brow and fell from every lip. Nevertheless by 8 o'clock the clouds had partially rolled by and the bright, beautiful March moon could be seen peeping through the passing clouds, as belated, but willing aid and abettor to the occasion.

The following program was charmingly rendered:

Prayer.

Address, by Rev. James A. Smith, of Wilmington.

Recitation—"Bivouac of the Dead."—Miss Cobb.

Recitation—"Music on the Rappahannock."—Miss Mary R. Watson.

Chorus—"Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching."

Recitation—"Conquered Banner."—Miss Baker.

Drill—"Bonnie Blue Flag."

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Wilmington, who is a native Robesonian, gave a vivid, eloquent and touching description of the part taken by the soldiers of Robeson in the memorable conflict—placing the total number of the brave boys from Robeson in the struggle at least 2,000, of which number he safely estimated 1,000 sacrificed their lives or were maimed for life. His address was not only eloquent, but brimming full of patriotism and deeply interesting facts and figures.

After the exercises, oysters and other refreshments were served by the deft hands of beautiful and patriotic ladies. This was followed by an animated and long continued contest in the presentation of a beautiful sofa pillow to the prettiest lady in the audience. The decision was made by voting,—at a penny a vote. The candidates placed in nomination for this honor were, Misses Mary R. Watson and Miss Effie McMillan.

These young ladies proved to be so popular and their friends and admirers so evenly divided, that for more than two hours it was often a tie vote, but Miss Watson finally won on a vote of 2,808 to a vote of 2,225 for Miss McMillan. We never saw such a tightly contested election; neither did we ever see such beautiful candidates. But didn't that sofa pillow bring a price, \$45.28. The total proceeds of the evening were \$76.85. This amount will doubtless be increased by subscription

to at least \$100.00 by the patriotic citizens of this progressive town. M. G. McK.

DECISION IS AGAINST POWERS.

United States Supreme Court Refuses to Take Cognizance.

Washington, March 12.—The Caleb Powers case was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States today against Powers. The opinion was delivered by Justice Harlan and held that the case was not removable from the State to the Federal courts. The case was therefore remanded to the Kentucky State courts. The opinion was based on the ground that the equal rights statute, section 641 Revised Statutes, does not apply unless recognized by State laws of the State constitution. Justice Harlan said that the Supreme Court of the United States could take cognizance of the case on a writ of error. The opinion was unanimous.

Powers has been tried three times by the Circuit Court of Scott county and each time found guilty, once receiving a sentence of death, and twice a sentence of life imprisonment; but the Kentucky Court of Appeals interfered in each instance to prevent the execution of the verdict. Last May the case was presented to Judge Cochran, sitting in the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Kentucky, and he granted a writ of habeas corpus, ordering removal from the State courts to his court.

The proceedings in the Supreme Court of the United States, which terminated today, were instituted by the State of Kentucky for the purpose of securing the restoration of the case to the State courts. Hence practically the only question involved was that of jurisdiction.

MR. M. G. MCKENZIE IS NOW COUNTY TREASURER.

Elected to Succeed Mr. A. A. McLean,
Who Died Last Week—Several
Candidates.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday, Mr. M. G. McKenzie, of Maxton, was elected county treasurer to succeed Mr. A. A. McLean, who died last week. In addition to this, considerable other business was transacted, principally matters pertaining to the county roads.

The selection of Mr. McKenzie as county treasurer meets with popular approval, it seems. It was thought that as Mr. McLean was a Maxton man, his successor ought to come from that part of the county. Mr. McKenzie is well and favorably known in the county. He is a Confederate veteran, and one always delights in seeing these brave men rewarded.

There were a number of candidates for the position, many of them bringing with them strong petitions and backed by interested friends. Considerable interest was manifested in the election, but just how the vote stood was not learned.

Reliable information has just reached here that Mr. A. Y. Wilson, formerly of Lumberton, but now residing in Bellingham, Washington, will be married soon to Miss Amelia Laurason, of Cumberland county. Miss Laurason has also visited Lumberton on several occasions.

Mr. A. Weinstein will leave in a few days for the northern markets to buy his spring stock of clothing and gents furnishing.

PRES. MOORE WRITES OUR COTTON GROWERS

EDITOR ROBESONIAN:

Every county I visit wants to know about Robeson. What is Robeson doing about organizing farmers clubs? Have Robeson farmers paid their dues and bale levy? Will Robeson cut acreage, as called for by our association? Have Robeson farmers sold their 1906 crop?

To all these questions I answered, "Hold Robeson and save the State."

I tell other counties that Mr. Livermore, in the presence of six hundred "Macs," assured me that Robeson would stand loyal to the cotton association. I am confident that she will. I am pleased to tell the Scotch that the man who sells his cotton for future delivery is now a marked man in North Carolina. He is regarded as a Wall street Bear. Banks, merchants, farmers, women and children, are afraid of him, he is not spoken of harshly, but with pity, everybody is sorry for him, all would have

him act the man as a man and stand loyal to his neighbor. I had no idea of the extent of condemning the man who sells for future delivery until I got into South Carolina. He is without friends in this section. Since my visit to Robeson I have been active and am pleased to inform you that Eastern Carolina cotton counties are now all organized, they will reduce 25 per cent from 1904, they are organizing township clubs and they are watching Robeson, the big cotton county of North Carolina.

Farmers of Robeson, I beg you to attend your club meetings, be at every session, have your neighbors there, take your wife and daughter, read about the cotton association, write to the paper about it, talk about it, dream about it. Remember the pledge you made to Mr. Livermore in the court house.

C. C. Moore, Pres.
N. C. Div. Southern Cotton Assn.

RED SPRINGS NEWS NOTES.

Red Springs, March 14.—Dr. Vardell has gone South for a little pleasure trip and also incidentally in the interest of his college. He expects to take in all the dispersed abroad,—although he has about as many girls as he can well handle, yet he thinks that while those absent Robesonians are making their money out of Robeson, they should educate their girls in Robeson. I have noticed one difference between North Carolina and Virginia. A Virginian never loses touch with his native land. Once a Virginian, always a Virginian, seems to be his motto. But when a North Carolinian leaves his native heath, his allegiance to his native soil then is lost. There are exceptions, of course, to this, but the exceptions seem to be the few. The "Home Comers" week at this place last year was a good thing to stir up the latent home feeling of our absent sons.

Forty-one years today, Sherman and his hordes were devastating our county. Can we older men ever forget it? There are men today born since those days of rapine, murder and robbery, who, on account of false instruction from Yankee text books after the war, and in default of proper home teaching, are grossly ignorant concerning the origin, conduct and result of the late war. It was some time after the war that the U. C. V. organization began to investigate our school legislation and instituted reforms in that particular. Some of us can complain about the results of the war after we throw down the gauge of battle, and when we were finally compelled to surrender, but it was the aftermath of reconstruction that, as Vance expressed it, held the cup of hell-broth to our lips and forced us to swallow it. Some great Macaulay will yet arise, whose history will set the world aright on the question of secession and the rights of State sovereignty.

As the next meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association will be at this place, I hope the adjoining townships will rally up and let us have a full meeting. Dr. Vardell will let us have the use of the auditorium for the occasion and with good music and good speaking,— "What wad ye wish for more, man."

Mr. J. H. Wishart is opening up a large line of notions in the store room next to his grocery business. Miss Janie VonGlahn will be in charge.

MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Maxton, N. C. March 14 Mr. W. L. McKinnon, of Wadesboro, was in town one day last week.

Dr. Evans, of Clarkton, passed through here last Wednesday en route to Fayetteville, where he went on business.

Mr. B. C. Glass spent several days in Charlotte last week on business.

Mr. Z. M. Moore, of Charlotte was a visitor here Friday.

Miss Annie Neill McLean and brother Murphey spent Sunday here with Miss Florence Wooten.

Mr. E. H. Schirmer, of Charleston, S. C., travelling salesman for the Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co. was in town several days last week.

Mr. Murphy C. McNair, of Winston, arrived here Monday and is the guest of uncle Mr. W. S. McNair.

Mr. J. G. McCormick, of Lumberton, was here Monday night.

Mr. J. D. McLean spent Tuesday in Lumberton on business.

Rev. W. T. Walker, of Rowland was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. S. L. McRae went to Laurinburg Tuesday on business.

Mr. W. C. Currie, of Laurel Hill, spent Sunday here. Mr. Currie has purchased a half interest in the grocery business of D. W. Townsend.

Miss Ida McKinnon, of Misses Patterson & McKinnon, Milliners, is in Baltimore this week, buying their new line of spring goods.

Dr. H. W. McNatt went to Wilmington yesterday on professional business.

Watch Your Label.

As announced elsewhere in today's Robesonian, we with this number begin filling out the unexpired subscriptions to The Argus. We have made no contract to carry any but the subscriptions paid in advance. We are sending this number to a large number in order that they may see the paper and decide for themselves whether or not they will take the paper. While the rule has been often violated, our subscription is payable in advance. Look at the label on your paper and see if your subscription has expired. We have taken over the accounts of The Argus and must urge that those in arrears make payment as soon as possible.

Mrs. Fannie Peterson and Miss Josephine Breece will have their opening on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th and 29th. Public cordially invited.

WITH THE MASONS.

Lumberton Members Have Pleasant Trip to Board.

On Wednesday, March 14, Dr. R. T. Allen and Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Q. T. Williams, J. T. Bigge, L. B. Townsend, J. P. Stansel, T. W. Hutchins, W. P. Barker, J. P. McNeill, E. J. Britt and Dr. N. A. Thompson, all members of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114, A. F. & A. M., attended a communication of Boardman Lodge, No. 586, A. F. & A. M., Boardman, N. C. The occasion was the "Raising" of Mr. J. Abner Barker, who is now in charge of Boardman High School, to the degree of a Master Mason.

This was a very pleasant and profitable trip to the members of St. Alban's Lodge. The Boardman Masons have a fine Lodge, and are in good working order in fact, it is doubtful if there is any Lodge in North Carolina that can do better work than they can. They gave the visiting members a most cordial welcome, and entertained them royally.

After the degree work was over an informal reception was given the visiting Masons when delightful refreshments were served, after which the visiting Masons returned home, feeling that they had been amply rewarded for their trip.

Mr. O. J. Peterson, formerly editor of The Argus, has just returned from Fayetteville, where he partially matured plans for the issue of a paper. However, since his return, he has received a communication concerning his freedom to accept the editorship of a daily in a western city of twenty thousand population, which opening he will investigate.

MR. JOHN MCNEILL, SR., DIES AT AGE OF 98

Perhaps Oldest Man in Robeson County
—Funeral Today at
St. Pauls.

Mr. John D. McNeill, Sr., died at his home, near Rennett, Wednesday evening, in the ninety-ninth years of his age. The funeral will be held today from St. Paul's Church and the interment will be in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. McNeill was perhaps the oldest man in the County. He was popularly known as "Honey" John McNeill, this name having been given him on account of the large number of bee hives he kept and amount of honey he produced on his farm. Although having attained an age that few men reach, he had much of the activity of his younger days.

He is survived by four children: Messrs. John McNeill, Jr., Bub McNeill, Miss Mary McNeill and Mrs. Joseph Evans, the latter of St. Pauls.

Mr. Blackburn Ready.

Greensboro, March 15.—The attorneys for Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn are very much surprised over the report sent out from Washington to the effect that the cases against him will not be tried before October. They are at work preparing his defense and will be in readiness for trial at the special term of Federal Court called jointly by Judges Boyd and Pritchard to convene here April 17th. The presiding judge has not yet been designated. Congressman Blackburn's attorneys are ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., Solicitor A. L. Brooks and Messrs. G. S. Bradshaw and E. J. Justice, all of this city.

GRAND SECRETARY VISITS OUR TOWN

Mr. Woodell Talks of Wonderful Growth
of Odd Fellows.

MILLION AND HALF MEMBERS

Mr. Woodell Visits Lumberton Lodge and is Much Pleased With Town—Says That new Building Will be Dedicated at Next Grand Lodge.

Mr. B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North Carolina, was in Lumberton Tuesday night, when a most enjoyable meeting of the Lumberton Odd Fellows was held. Mr. Woodell has been Grand Secretary of the order in this state for twenty-one years and he has filled the position with credit to himself and the state organization. He is familiar with every detail of the work. To a representative of The Robesonian he talked of the work in a most entertaining manner.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he said, has the largest membership of any fraternal body in the world. The membership now numbers 1,500,000. Odd Fellows will celebrate the eighty-eighth birthday of the order on the 29th of next April. The organization now dispenses annually for the relief of its membership over \$5,000,000. In addition to this, supporting and maintaining thirty five houses for the care and education of orphan children, or care of aged and indigent members.

In North Carolina they inaugurated a home for the care of orphan children, and now have in their charge eighty-five in the home at Goldsboro. During the last year a house has been erected and at the coming session of the Grand Lodge in May, will be dedicated, another building at the same place for the care of aged and infirm members and widows. This building is estimated to be worth \$50,000.

The year 1905 was the greatest year of increase in the history of the order in this state. More than twenty five new lodges have been established and a large influx of new members initiated, giving the largest increase in its history. There are now in the state near 200 subordinate lodges, 25 Rebecca Lodges, and about the same number of encampments, with a membership, all told, of near fifteen thousand. The disbursements for relief, which does not include either of the homes, amount to more than \$25,000 annually.

Want it Closed on Sundays.

Norfolk, Va., March 15.—At an interdenominational meeting of ministers of Tidewater, Va., here today, the question of the opening of the Jamestown Exposition on Sunday was discussed and two Episcopal ministers, Rev. Dr. William A. Barr, of Norfolk, and Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Portsmouth, favored the opening. The meeting voted against the proposition, however, and authorized the appointment of a large committee of laymen to urge Sunday closing and to take such steps as will bring this about. A communication was received from President Tucker, of the exposition company, saying that the question would, at the ministers' request, be brought before the board of directors at their next meeting.