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RED SPRINGS WILL WANT RAILROAD

Will Bound Into Arena in the Event Road is Extended.

CONCERT DECIDED SUCCESS

Mr. D. P. McEachern Returns From Southern Trip—Zetesian Society to Give Entertainment—Academy Loses in Baseball Games.

Red Springs, March 28.—It is to be presumed that Red Springs will bound into the arena to contend that any extension of the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad toward Lumberton should pass this way. There is a proposition to extend it and Lumberton is at work. Surely no surpassing farming fields nor finely wooded lands can be traversed by any other route. Not only so, but the passenger traffic as well as the freight traffic would in all probability exceed that of any other route. This is almost, but another way of saying that a larger number of folks would be accommodated and enriched by this route. It is up to Red Springs to show its hand. Presuming that John Blue and J. F. L. Armfield are in earnest there is an opportunity. If the road can be had it must be paid for like everything else.

The Old Folks Concert by the Epsilon Chi Literary Society at the college Monday night was a pronounced success. The enjoyment was rich. Nobody failed to be entertained. The readings, songs, music, were repetitions of what was the latest and best in the long ago. In some it was a revival of the past and for others it was a telling for the first time how meritorious the entertainments of the boyhood and girlhood days of the fathers and mothers were. The refreshments too were dainty and keenly relished and something was realized for the furnishing of the hall of the society.

MR. D. P. MCEACHERN RETURNS.

Mr. D. P. McEachern reached home from his Southern trip last Saturday night. He returns altogether rejuvenescent. Something had a decided fattening effect upon him. Evidences of buoyant youthfulness are apparent. No doubt he accumulated a new fund of old yarns with Scotch flavor. The world is brighter and more beautiful to his eyes. And folks are not altogether so bad. Defects are not so numerous in man's fabrics. It is good to go away and refresh the mind and body. We have tried it. Life is lengthened and made happier. We are glad to see the face and hear the voice of our friend again.

The Zetesian Society would not have anybody forget the fair and refreshments at the College next Monday afternoon and night. It will be a great day and night. The entertainment is to be elaborate. The younger element will enjoy the reception. The proceeds are to be expended in furnishing the new hall, which is to be built it is thought by and by. A big crowd is invited and expected.

ACADEMY BASEBALL GAMES.

The base ball team of the North Carolina Military Academy went down to the Welch Neck High School at Hartsville, S. C., and played two games with

its team last week and lost both games on a score of 8 to 1 and 5 to 1. It is said there is much of chance in these ball games, at least.

The Oak Ridge base ball team came down to play two games last Monday and Tuesday with the boys at the North Carolina Military Academy and beat them in Monday's game 14 to 0, and Tuesday by a score of 3 to 1. The winning team is made up of the best players from a much larger crowd of students and ball players.

Dr. J. L. McMillan and his wife reached home Monday night from Florida. They report a most delightful outing. He could not have been absent at a better time. Everybody well nigh stayed well all the time. In China the physicians are paid while their patrons are well, but they get no pay when sickness develops. What the people want is health and not sickness and are ready to pay for it.

Call at Townsend and Throwers store and try a drink of home-made ginger ale made of the Red Spring mineral water at the new bottling works plant. Those who are competent judges speak of it in the highest terms.

Miss Lena Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hall, of Lumber Bridge, left home ostensibly for Red Springs last Monday afternoon, but went on to McCall, S. C., where she and Mr. Breeden were married. The couple returned home at once, not far from Lumber Bridge.

Mr. John W. Graham came back from a delightful visit to friends and kindred in Marlborough.

Dr. H. H. Hodgkin, of Ripon, Alabama, is spending several weeks at the old homestead.

Quite a number of young folks from Maxton were present at the Old Folks concert Monday night given by the Epsilon Chi Society at the College.

Mr. Daniel McLeod, who has been confined to his room with an attack of grippe, is on the streets again.

MASONS HOLD A MOST INTERESTING MEETING.

After Work in Third Degree, Oyster Supper Was Served—Many Visiting Masons.

An interesting and well attended meeting of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114, A. F. and A. M., was held in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening. There was work in the third degree and the local Masons were assisted in the work by a large number of members from Red Springs and Rowland. There were a number of interesting short addresses, which were greatly enjoyed and warmly applauded.

After the degree work, an oyster supper was served by Mr. C. B. Redmond in the Knights of Pythias hall. In addition to the large attendance of the members of St. Alban's Lodge, the following visiting Masons were present:

From Red Springs Lodge.—R. F. Currie, P. W. M.; L. M. Cook, P. W. M.; John F. Brown, G. A. McKay, J. C. McPhail, J. F. McKay, W. E. Tiedly, J. M. Brown, I. T. Brown.
From Rowland Lodge.—D. W. Bullock, Wm. Richardson, Selma Lodge No. 32D, Selma, N. C.
From Ashpole Lodge.—E. Fisher, W. M., G. W. Thomson, A. S. Thompson, Robert Inman.
From Independence Lodge, No. 23, Donalds, S. C.—F. P. Yates.

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THE McNEILL FAMILY.

Explanatory.

The preceding chapters on the "McNeill Family," called out by Mr. Pearson, of Moravian Falls, to aid him in his contemplated history, etc., were published in The Argus. In Scotland and England Kings ruled, but here, it is the people. Scotland never was conquered by the tyranny and greed of Kings, as is clearly shown in their great victory at Bannockburn, but could be in a mere choice between ruling houses, as shown in their defeat at Culloden. Love, as in the religion of the Roses, only could win here! Not so Ireland, and sad her plight today! The people are greater than thrones and those who aid them in love, in their need, feel it.

I spoke something of Baptist and Presbyterian belief and Calvinistic doctrines, and may say that I have an abiding love for the Methodists also. Dr. Craven, of blessed memory, was my teacher for years, and his college my Alma Mater. Our salvation in after life was full of love. He was a mighty man of God and a great scholar. He was of the American view, that Christians could fall from grace, and as to the mode of baptism, candidates could choose as they believed. I can only say, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and know that our eternity with such men as he, Rev. John Monroe and Dr. Hill would be a joy to me.

Mr. Pearson will readily understand why so few names, showing characteristics of the Clan Argyle and Colonsay are used. It is simply that the few illustrate the whole in general traits and otherwise. For instance, bravery, physical strength, piety and longevity are clearly seen in the great ages and noble lives of Rev. George and Sheriff Hector McNeill. To individualize would be an endless task. What we know well, is all that needs be told, for but few names made all clear to Queen Victoria's time, and but few, make all clear till this day.

Then, after the pleasant day with our friend, his lovely daughter and the "bonnie" cadets—your scribe cast his eye, in sweet memory glances over the busy city, (then unburned) its thriving college and military school and entering his buggy gave "dandy gray Jim" loose rein and was soon over the twelve miles of lovely country, good roads and bright river, at home in Scotland.

And "wee," dear wife and daughter fair,
Make all things bright and happy there,
For 'Tis the heart that makes the home in its beauty bloom."
Mrs. McNeill was a daughter of the late esteemed Chas. Liv-

ingston of Scotland and her grand mother was Catharine Campbell (wife of Rev. D. White) whose brother Duncan Campbell, by pleading with the King, saved Rev. D. McArthur from banishment, and stopped the evil work! Mrs. White was a land owner, close to head of class. His mother, a McNeill, his wife a Robeson, his children educated and refined, as our family custom for age, in Scotland as well as for the time being in this "Land of the Free." Thus, literally beginning the education of children long before their birth, as is said to be right. He a Presbyterian and I a Baptist—both firm in the faith—conversion faith, love, and obedience, essentials, and in the Calvinistic doctrine, that God will save all thus prepared, who love, obey and trust Him. The Baptists obey the ordinance of Baptism as they understand it and the Presbyterians as they do. We are not to judge We are to love all His children, of all creeds, and sing in unison—"Nearer my God to Thee."

Without a thought of self or boast, may I not here add, that with such men as he, John A. and M. H. McBryde, of "My ain Countree," right by me in Wadesboro, with other warm friends—the Ashes, Bennetts, Allens, McLaughlins, Marshalls, Covingtons, Laddys, Folks, Ingrams, Coppes, Leaks, Burns and many such near by, with Wilmington's, Charleston's, Raleigh's, and Charlotte's strength added, with our whole Southland pulsating in unison, with Shelby throwing wide her gates, with my banner on her towers, that the eyes of the Argus might clearly see and point out the horrors of "carpet bag" rule and "negro domination" over our devoted Southland. To this end all the railroads of the State were opened to me and the princely William Johnston, of Charlotte, opened, free to me, his railroad through South Carolina into Georgia. From the sea to the mountains the highways were thrown wide, till final triumph came through well directed efforts, under God's own ruling power, and true man took the reins.

Yes, Thomas Dixon, Jr.'s, version of the horrors were true.

No crowned king on his throne ever received the love and homage willingly accorded by the people to those who earnestly helped them then. It was a trying time, but triumphant.

Mr. Pearson will note the high esteem the Colonsay McNeills were held in by kings and people through the centuries down to the present time. The "bloody hand" favorite—the brave general and kind ruler in India, hundreds of years later, and then a

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Number of Important Sales in Robeson County Realty.

The following are among the recent deeds filed in the office of Mr. D. W. Bullock, register of deeds, for registration:

Robeson Mercantile Company to Red Springs, Trading Company, one lot in Red Springs, consideration \$10,000.

Hubert Atkinson to W. R. Atkinson and others, one dollar and other considerations, 204 acres in Back Swamp township.

Mary E. Legget to Daniel H. H. West, 37 acres in Ten Mile Swamp, \$1.00 and other valuable considerations.

W. L. Sanderson and wife to Richard Rogers, 2 acres in Lumberton township, consideration \$40.

Giles Rozier and wife to Richard Rozier 2½ acres in Lumberton township, consideration \$50.

A. L. Jones to Oak Haywood, one lot in White House township, consideration \$130.

Jesse Ford and wife to D. R. Ford, 200 acres, consideration, \$500.

Neill W. Willard to G. D. Willard, 82½ acres in Alfordsville township, consideration \$1500.

W. H. Edwards and wife to Frank, Gough, 3 acres in Lumberton township, \$20, and other considerations.

S. F. Phillips and wife to W. E. Phillips, 50 acres in Wisharts township, consideration \$50.

Mary J. Parker and others to Cuzie Herring, 28 acres in Britts township, love and affection the consideration.

E. E. Shooter and wife to E. D. McNeil, one lot in Lumberton, consideration \$200.

J. P. Price to Haynes Barnes, one lot in Sterling township, consideration \$55.

W. R. Surles and wife to J. P. Price, one lot in Sterling township, consideration \$350.

W. R. Surles and wife to H. Barnes and J. P. Price, 267 acres in Sterling township, consideration \$300.

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COTTON GROWERS TO MEET AT RED SPRINGS

Next Meeting of County Association Will be Held There Monday--

Acreeage Reports.

The County Cotton Growers Association will meet at Red Springs Monday morning. Secretary A. P. McAllister says that a large attendance is desired and expected. It is the purpose of the County Association to hold the meetings at different towns in the county. Heretofore the Association has been meeting in Lumberton, but this time it will meet at Red Springs and late meetings will be held at other towns.

Blanks have been sent to the township secretaries, with the request that a report of the acreage last year and the amount for this year be made. It is hoped that the secretaries will be able to make reports at the meeting Monday. This is an important meeting and should be largely attended. The work is no carried forward with the same energy and enthusiasm with which it was begun, the Association will be unable to accomplish the desired end.

Never judge the cigar a man gives you by the price he claims to have paid for it.

The poor we have always with us—especially poor excuses.

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Ashpole to Have Improved Service For Uncle Sam's Mail.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

Rev. D. C. McMillan Dead—Bachelors Move Into Their Quarters—Spring Millinery Opening This Week—County Convicts are at Work.

Ashpole, March 28.—We were very sorry to learn on our return home that Rev. D. C. McMillan was dead. It was a great shock to his family who hoped he would, as usual, improve as soon as sent to the hospital. He as one of the best men of our neighborhood, a gentleman of the old school and will be greatly missed.

We are very glad to hear that there is a prospect of great improvement in our post office at an early date. The postal business is steadily increasing and our worthy postmaster hopes to give us a more up to date equipment in the near future.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, P. R. Floyd, F. G. Taylor and Capt. Clyde Devane and son have all fitted up bachelor quarters in the brown building on Main Street, where they feel very much at home.

Mr. W. W. Ward's grocery stock on Main Street will be moved into the Stephens building on Center Street formerly occupied by C. S. McKenzie.

Dr. Brown brought back from Florida a real alligator as an ornament for the new Ashpole Drug Co's. store. Call and see him.

Miss Kate Saunders stopped on her way to South Carolina for the Spring Millinery season and spent awhile with Mrs. Stephens.

The county chain gang is here to do some repair work on public roads and also to open the new road running south from here.

Work is begun on the double store building of Mr. Frank Pitman on Main Street. It will be of brick one story in height.

Mrs. Z. V. Straghan was quite sick last week with grippe. We are glad to report her much improved.

F. S. Floyd and family moved last week into their comfortable new residence on Floyd Street.

The ladies are looking forward to the millinery opening of Floyd and Thompson next Friday.

Miss Lizzie Taylor is spending awhile with Mr. Will Thompson on her way home to Virginia.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley is very ill.

NATIONAL COTTON MILL

Practically all of the \$125,000 capital stock of the National Cotton Mill has been subscribed. Every dollar of the amount subscribed was taken by Robeson county people, a sign of enterprise that is highly encouraging.

Mr. J. W. Kaneer, formerly superintendent of the Lumberton Cotton Mills, has resigned that position to become superintendent of the new National Mill. The site for the mill has not been selected; four options being in the hands of the promoters, from which a selection will be made. The mill will be located within two miles of Lumberton.