



## COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Large Attendance at all the Events of Commencement Week--Thursday Graduating Exercises

Red Springs, N. C., May 23.—The art exhibit and reception at the College Tuesday afternoon was attended by throngs of people. It is scarcely possible to conceive of more apparent enjoyment. Everybody appeared happy and nearly all were apparently talking at the same time. The beaux and the belles, what an exquisite round of pleasure were theirs. The art exhibit won unstinted praise both from the more and less cultured visitor. It was all through a fascinating picture. The work of the year has not been surpassed and this is saying a great deal. The very accomplished teacher in charge, Miss Ewing, added greatly to her already high reputation.

Monday was Senior Class Day at the College. At night they appeared in meeting on the rostrum, bright with electric lights and beautiful with lovely flowers, for the last time. In orderly and natural manner and with wit and humor they recounted their first meeting and earlier experiences in college life, their defeats and victories, their peculiarities, their nicknames, their weight and height, all with wonderful vividness and all round cleverness. A prophecy of each one was told and the last will and testament of the class was read. The president announced in brief but pathetic words, the time had come to separate. Upon suggestion the class song was sung and as the echoes of the words of the chorus, we are going away, were falling, the class marched off the stage and disappeared, making a sad minute to all. In a moment it re-appeared and gave the college yell of the class of '06. Lovely bouquets were rushed to the young ladies in great profusion. A great audience saw and heard the exercises with the keenest interest and delight. The scholarship of these young ladies pleased greatly the lovers of higher education.

The piano forte recital of Miss Georgie Pearsall, assisted by Miss Mary Black, soprano, attracted a fine crowd to the College auditorium last Friday night. The lover of music was delighted with the presentation of a carefully wrought and high grade programme. For lack of space it is impossible to go into details and point out all the excellencies of the very fine presentation. There was a technical finish, a tone-shading, attractive warmth and enthusiasm that won high praise. The grace and ease and technique she exhibited were really captivating. The rendition throughout stamped her as an accomplished young pianist. She won great applause. Miss Black sang three groups of songs sweetly and skillfully and captured all hearts.

The visitors have been pouring into town on all trains until we feel all our large and hospitable homes must be full. Year after year the attractions of commencement exercises at the College appear to grow. There is a thrill, a stir, a town-wide commotion here. The halls and grounds of the College and all the streets are scenes of folks coming and going.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Rôse preached the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday to a large audience. Bishops Caligan and Pace dispensed with services at their churches and their flocks, in a true, pastoral way, followed them to hear this solemn annual sermon in honor of and in behalf of especially the graduates for the year. The preacher fully sustained his high reputation.

His text was Luke 8:23 and his theme, "The claim of Jesus upon the love and self-sacrificing devotion of redeemed womanhood." The great proposition was emphasized by apposite scriptural illustrations with great earnestness and clearness. It was an appropriate sermon in all of its parts. A crowded auditorium heard it with unabated interest.

Hon. G. B. Patterson will have a magnificent audience tomorrow to hear the story of the work and progress of the College from the beginning. The past and the prophecy of the future will be inspiring, we dare say in advance.

The Pythians have sent over thirty-eight thousand dollars to the relief of the San Francisco sufferers. The next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pythians in this State will be held in Greensboro and will convene 12th of June. Mr. J. P. McNeill, of the lodge here, is the representative. Rev. P. R. Law, who has been a member of the Grand Lodge about fifteen years and is chairman of the Orphans' Committee, will also be expected to attend the meeting.

Rev. Angus Johnson, of Texas, now 97 years old and able yet to preach, is present as a visitor at the General Assembly in Greenville, S. C. He has been in the ministry 71 years. A half a century and more ago he preached in this section and told us of it when we met him a year ago. He moved from Robeson to Texas early in his ministry and has labored there during all these long years.

Mrs. L. Shaw, of St. Pauls, who had come prepared to attend all the commencement exercises of the College was called to Parkton Tuesday morning by the serious sickness of Mrs. J. C. D. McNatt, her sister-in-law. We hope to hear of the speedy recovery of Mrs. McNatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Stamps, of Alderman, were visitors in town during a part of the commencement season.

Miss Essie Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, attended the commencement at the College.

Mrs. Jane McNeill is the administratrix of her son, D. A. Smith.

There are to be few changes in the faculty of the College for the year 1906-1907.

Professor J. A. McArthur was one of the notable visitors at the commencement this week.

Mr. J. L. Shaw was in town last Saturday.

### RECITAL AT OPERA HOUSE

A Musical Programme to be Attracted—Tickets on Sale at McLean-Rozier's.

Miss Bason, violinist, Miss Black, soloist, and Miss Lindsey, pianist, of the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music, Red Springs, will give a recital in the Lumberton Opera House this (Thursday) evening. The reputation of these young ladies as capable musicians is well known and it is not necessary to say that the Lumberton lovers of music who go will be well entertained.

The entertainment will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets are on sale at Messrs. McLean-Rozier's Drug Store. The admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents.

### New Train on R. and C. Road.

The Raleigh & Charleston railroad will put on a new train beginning Sunday, June 3rd. This train will carry passengers, mail and express. It will leave Lumberton at 10:25 in the morning for Marion, S. C. Returning, it will arrive at Lumberton at 5:25 in the afternoon.

The mixed train on this road will leave Marion at 6 in the morning and arrive at Lumberton at 10 o'clock. It will leave Lumberton at 12:30 for Marion.

This new train and schedule make it convenient for passengers between Lumberton and Marion.

## PURPOSE AND MEANING OF THE RATE BILL

Passed Senate by Vote of 71 to 3--Inter-State Commission and its Powers.

After several days of almost continuous deliberation, the Senate passed the railroad rate bill by the practically unanimous vote of 71 to 3. The three negative votes were cast by Senator Foraker, Republican, of Ohio, and Senators Morgan and Pettus, Democrats, of Alabama.

The principal purpose of the rate bill passed is to permit the inter-State commerce commission to fix rates. The provisions conferring this authority is found in the fourteenth section of the bill and amends section 15 of the inter-State commerce law so as to accomplish that result. That section directs the commission to investigate complaints of unjust and unreasonable charges on the part of common carriers in the transportation of persons or property, or of regulations or practices affecting such charges. It also authorizes an inquiry as to whether the rates or practices are "unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential or prejudicial," or otherwise in violation of the act, and in case any of these conditions are found to exist, the commission is empowered to determine and prescribe what will be just and reasonable and fair. Further, authority is given the commission to enforce its orders, and they are to go into effect within 30 days and continue in force for two years unless suspended, modified or set aside by the commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction. Other powers conferred by this section are:

To apportion joint fares, establish through rates and maximum joint rates and prescribe their division, and to determine the compensation to be paid to shippers doing service for carriers. Section 16 of the present law is so changed to provide for an award of pecuniary damages to complainants found entitled, and in case of payments not promptly made in accordance with this award the beneficiary is authorized to file suit in a United States Circuit Court to compel compliance. The findings of the commission is to be received as prima facie evidence of the facts in such suits and the petitioner is absolved from all liability for costs. Another provision renders legal the service of the orders of the commission through the mails and provides that these orders shall take effect 30 days after service unless suspended or modified by the commission or set aside by the courts. A penalty of \$5,000 for each offense in disobedience of the order is imposed, and the penalty is to accumulate at the rate of \$5,000 a day in case of continuous violation. Orders other than those for money payments are to be enforced by the Federal courts through writs of mandamus or injunction, and in case of appeal to the Supreme Court these cases are to be given precedence over all others except those of a criminal character.

The bill was amended by the Senate so as to give the United States Circuit Courts jurisdiction to entertain suits brought to annul or change the orders of the commission and also to provide against the granting of interlocutory decrees without hearing and making appeals from such orders direct to the Supreme Court.

Other provisions extend the definition of the word "railroad" so as to make it include switches, spurs, tracks, terminal facilities, ties, freight depots, yards and grounds and defines "transportation" so as to make it embrace cars and other facilities for shipment or carriage, "irrespective of ownership or of any contract," the intention being to make the railroads responsible for all special car service. It is made the duty of carriers to furnish special car service upon reasonable request.

Senate amendments include oil pipe lines, express companies and sleeping car companies under the head of "common carriers" and makes them amenable to the requirements of the bill. Other Senate modifications prohibit the issuance of passes or the granting of special favors to one class of passengers over another, prohibit railroad companies from transporting commodities produced by themselves; require combines to put in switches at reasonable request of shippers; prohibit the granting or acceptance of rebates, and reinstate the imprisonment penalty for violation of the law.

There are also changes in the law relative to the reports to be required of common carriers, and a penalty of \$100 a day is imposed for failure to comply with the report requirement. The commission is given access to the accounts of the companies affected by the act, but examiners are forbidden under penalty of heavy fine and long imprisonment from divulging the facts ascertained. Fines of \$500 for each failure to keep proper account is provided. A falsification of accounts is made punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Circuit and District Courts of the United States are given jurisdiction over all complaints by the commission of failure to comply with its orders, and such courts are required to issue writs of mandamus compelling such compliance.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

J. R. Poole and wife to A. B. Small and wife; lands in Wishart township; consideration, \$1,000.

Wm. Hooper and wife to National Cotton Mills; 188 acres in Lumberton township; consideration, \$1,800.

Isaiah Jenkins and wife to Stephen McIntyre; one-fourth acre in Lumberton township; consideration, \$100.

J. C. Caskill and wife to Roscoe Letterlough; lot in Maxton; consideration, \$45.

Wm. Sampson and wife to Deep Branch Baptist church; lot one-half mile north of Sampson's bridge; to be used as church site; consideration, conditions.

J. W. Caulk and wife to C. T. Pate; 113 acres in Alfordville township; consideration, \$672.

W. L. McKinnon to E. L. Crumper; timber on land in Smith's township; consideration, \$50.

W. K. Culbreth et als. to Chas. P. Culbreth; lands in Back Swamp township; \$5 and other considerations.

Anna J. McCall to Geo. M. Pate; 35 acres in Alfordville township; consideration, \$250.

E. M. Hines and wife to J. H. McArn; lands in Thompson's township; consideration, \$400.

Dr. N. A. Thomson to Eliza Barton Tait; lot in Lumberton, cornering at Pine and Fourth streets; consideration, \$2,800.

## THE GILLILANDS MAY ATTEND WHITE SCHOOL

Supreme Court Decides Against School Board in Noted Case From Buncombe.

Tuesday the Supreme Court handed down its opinion in the case of Gilliland vs. the Board of Education of Education of Buncombe county finding no error. This case involved the attendance at the white schools of pupils alleged to have been tainted with African blood.

Associate Justice Hoke, writing the opinion for the opinion for the court, says: "That after a very full investigation the jury have answered the issues in the plaintiff's favor, and if this answer has been given after a trial fully free from error, the verdict must stand and should be and end of the matter."

The opinion then treats the several exceptions from the trial in Buncombe before Judge McNeill, on which the appeal came up, and finds no error or any of the exceptions. In conclusion the court says:

"While the defendants (board of education) have no doubt acted throughout from conscientious purposes to do their full duty in the premises, and while the exigencies of the case may have made it desirable and perhaps necessary to bring the matter before the jury for decision, we deem it not improper to say that we have examined the records in which the entire testimony is set down, and are of the opinion that the Jury have rendered a righteous verdict and that the truth of the matter has been established that is, that there is no negro blood in the plaintiffs and that they are entitled to attend the white schools."

**MARRIAGE OF POPULAR COUPLE.**

A Pretty Home Wedding at Rowland in Which There Was an Affectionate Interest.

Correspondence The Robesonian.

A marriage in which the entire community felt an affectionate interest on account of the popularity of the couple, was that of Miss Nina McGirt and Mr. K. Steele Monroe, which took place Wednesday evening, the 16th, at the home of the bride, near Rowland. The decorations were simple, but effective, consisting of roses and potted plants. The color scheme was pink and white. Mendelssohn's march was beautifully rendered by Miss Mary Lee Bullock, of Rowland. The groom entered with his best man, Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick, of Maxton; the bride with her sister, Miss Margaret Alice MacGirt. The brief, but impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Walker, of Rowland, pastor of the bride.

The bride's dress was a lovely creation of white chiffon cloth over white taffeta. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor wore white mule and carried pink carnations. The gentlemen were dressed in conventional black, wearing white vests. At the conclusion of the ceremony and after hearty congratulations to the wedded pair, they departed amid a shower of rice for the home of the groom's uncle, Mr. M. A. Monroe, where they were given a delightful reception. Miss Mary Kate Moproe was assisted in receiving by Miss Ida Martin MacKenzie, of Maxton, and Mrs. J. G. MacRae, of Midway. After the guests had been received they were ushered into the dining room, where a most sumptuous supper was served. The decorations were beautiful, white and green being used.

The bride is the lovely and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacGirt, of Rowland. The groom is a popular young business man, of Midway.

The presents were numerous and beautiful—cut glass, silver, china, etc., attesting the high esteem in which the young couple are held.

Maxton, N. C., May 19.

**CARD FROM MR. TOWNSEND.**

EDITOR OF THE ROBESONIAN:

The action of the Board of County Commissioners in hiring out the chain gang to the Cottingham Lumber Co., a private corporation, does deserve and should have the condemnation of all good people. The action of some of the citizens of Howellsville township, in appearing before the board at their meeting held May 14th, protesting against the action of the board, should be approved by the whole people of the county. It was stated on the hearing at that time that the action of the board was unlawful for the reason that they had no right under the law to interfere with the judgment of Superior court judges, in hiring to private parties persons who had been sentenced by the judges to work on the public roads of the county. They have certainly exceeded their authority, and the road law of the county most assuredly bears out this contention. It seems to me that it is a dangerous thing for the board to go aside and disregard the law in this matter. The road law was gotten up by the board of commissioners, and they ought to have known that it expressly provides that persons sentenced to chain gang should be worked on the public roads. Besides, labor is hard to get for road work, which is so much needed and it is not right that this convict labor should have been lost to the public in this manner. The roads in Howellsville township and other townships in the county need this convict labor and they should be given the benefit of it. It has been said that this agreement, to hire out the chain gang, was all arranged by Mr. J. W. Carter, chairman of the board, over long distance telephone, before the board was even called together, and that it was then called together and the action of the chairman carried out. The chain gang was hired out to a corporation known as the Cottingham Lumber Co., of which the chairman of the board was and is now president. It is true that he stated on the hearing that his interest in the company was very small, but it seems to me that his interests are sufficiently large for him to hold the most important office in connection with this company, that of president. If the board is allowed to do these things what will they do next? I do not pretend to say that they have acted corruptly in this matter, but I do say that public officials should avoid the very appearance of evil. The people should demand that the board meet at once and set aside their unlawful contract and put the chain gang back on the public roads where it belongs and where the law says it should be. If they don't do this and do it promptly, they should be made to do it. I understand Mr. Barnes was not present at the meeting when the contract was made and that Mr. Oliver opposed the action of the other members of the board. If this is true they are not responsible for what the chairman and other members did. I have nothing against the board of commissioners. Personally, some of them are my very best friends, but I think they have done the tax payers of Robeson county an injustice and should correct it at once.

L. H. TOWNSEND, May 22nd, Howellsville, N. C.

If money really made people unhappy everybody would have it.

## SOUTHERN SAW MILLS AND LUMBER CO. CASE

Superior Now Engaged in Trial--Number of Witnesses Have Been Examined--Cases Continued

Superior court this week has been engaged in the trial of the case of A. H. Slocumb, receiver of the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber, against the Philadelphia Construction Company, W. H. Saunders and R. H. Lynn. This is an action brought to have the mortgage of Messrs. Saunders and Lynn set aside and to have the Philadelphia Construction Company made trustee of the property for the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company. A number of attorneys are appearing in the case and several witnesses have been examined. The case will consume a large part of the term. Miss Davis is the court stenographer.

The following cases were continued to next term: Rowland Hdw. Co. vs. M. A. Buie, B. W. Townsend et al. vs. Seaboard Air Line Ry., Breece and McCormick vs. Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co., E. M. Hines vs. Mack Murphy, Neill Baker et al. vs. Alma Lumber Co., O. C. Norment vs. Mutual Reserve Fund Association, J. C. McCaskill vs. Sarah E. Walker, M. A. Pate et al. vs. Richard Carter et al., International Tailoring Co. vs. McAllister Hdw. Co., Kelly McKinnon vs. Martha McKinnon, O. N. Britt vs. C. N. R. R. Co.

The following jurors were excused for the term: M. E. Buie, J. E. McInnis, R. A. McEachern, J. C. Johnson. The jurors serving this week are: Willis Barnes, W. P. Burns, William H. Barnes, R. T. McIntaine, A. H. Perry, W. B. Powers, J. C. Griffin, J. W. Taylor, J. W. Sessoms, E. A. Singletary, W. H. Hedgepeth, D. D. French, J. D. Taylor and F. P. Edwards.

**RAFT SWAMP NEWS.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Last Wednesday night the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend and took from them Ruthie, the little fourteen-months-old daughter. The sorrowing parents have our sincere sympathy in their great loss, which is Heaven's gain.

Miss Leona Prevatt is visiting friends at Barnesville this week.

Mr. Rowland Carlyle and sister, Miss Mamie, visited relatives at Ashpole last week.

Messrs. L. E. Tyner, W. F. Prevatt and Rev. John Prevatt visited relatives at McCall's, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. Archie Hedgepeth and family, of Rowland, visited relatives here Sunday.

Sorry to report Mrs. C. Biggs on the sick list this week.

Mr. H. C. Carlyle, of Ashpole, visited his brother, Mr. J. E. Carlyle, here Sunday.

Lowe, N. C., May 21st.

**Commencement Day.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

A nice programme is being arranged for the close of the Croatan Normal School at Pates, Friday, June 1st. A good time is expected. Prominent speakers will be present and address the school and public generally.

The friends are expected to bring a well filled dinner basket from far and near so as to accompany the programme with a nice dinner. A most enjoyable time then "will" be witnessed. A nice table will be arranged on the yard. Come.

About thirty invited guests attended a reception Monday evening at the home of Mr. L. H. Caldwell Parlor games were played and refreshments served. An interesting feature of the occasion was a guessing contest. Miss Ethel Williams won first prize and Mr. Charley McAllister the booty. Decorations were used to beautiful effect.