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## CARNESVILLE GEORGIA.

### Mr. Peterson is Located and Writes Interestingly of His Home.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

In compliance with your own request and that of several friends, I take the liberty of writing for your paper.

We are in Georgia and that, doubtless, to many of your readers suggests the South and turpentine woods. But, really, Carnesville is almost as far north as Lumberton and it is many miles to a pitch pine. On the contrary, rocks and red hills abound, while looming a few miles to the northwest is the Blue Ridge.

We have not come to a large place, nor even to a railroad town. To many of my readers the thought of living ten miles from a railroad is disturbing. But do you know that one of the best citizens of Lumberton told me a few weeks ago that he hadn't seen a train since November? O, yes; it is possible to live off the railroad, as the majority of your readers know from experience.

Carnesville is the county seat of Franklin county, one of the oldest and formerly one of the largest counties of the State. It, like your neighbor Bladen, is a mother of counties. Its last child is scarcely over a year old, but it will give birth to no other. The division came after an attempt to move the county seat to a railroad point, but did not benefit the ones most anxious for the change, since they are still in Franklin and are now helping to build a \$45,000 court house. The walls of the building are nearly complete. The architecture consists of a combination of concrete and pressed bricks and presents a handsome appearance. To see such a structure being erected by this small county shames old Robeson, that it should retain its old hulk.

The town is named for one of the members of the first supreme court of Georgia and dates back to a century. It is a straggling village, typical of a mountainous section. Its chief institution is the school, whose building is a commodious brick one, and whose enrollment last year reached beyond the 300 mark.

Already three other teachers have been chosen and I deem that a fortunate selection has been made. The music teacher, Miss McCullers, hails from Clayton, N. C. She has won quite a high rating in music, having continued her studies at Berlin, Germany. You may be sure that this writer will welcome another Tar Heel. Teachers are better paid over here than in North Carolina. To illustrate, our first assistant, a lady, gets \$50 a month and was secured at that price only because her brother lives here, and the second assistant gets \$30 but would have charged \$50 elsewhere, while a Carnesville lady who teaches in South Georgia gets \$60 a month.

All the salaries, as well as the principals, are guaranteed by the leading citizens of the community. So it seems that the teacher has at last begun to be considered "folks," and this writer hopes yet to make something out of his chosen profession—that for which he is best fitted, even if it should be impossible to convince Lumberton people of the fact, though it is not surprising that they should be skeptical. However, it is a proverb that it is hard to get printers' ink off one's fingers.

It was with regret that we heard of the death of that clever fellow, Bruce Morrison, and of another death on our old square, making at least five within little more than a year.

O. J. PETERSON,  
Carnesville, Ga., Aug. 18th.

### With Our Advertisers.

H. B. Ward advertises drugs of quality.

Everybody welcome to the Cumberland fair, Fayetteville. The ninth annual session of Barker's high school will open September 11th. It teaches all high school courses. Highly recommended teachers.

The Iona Supply Co., McDonald, has a full line of everything and invite you to call and be convinced.

Kate Sinclair has qualified as executrix of Thomas M. Sinclair.

Townsend Bros. calls attention to needs in the clothing line for the school days, which are fast approaching.

The partnership of Opie Odum & Co. has been dissolved.

## Call to Cotton Growers.

Township meetings for cotton farmers are called at their respective meeting places in each cotton growing township in the State at 3 o'clock p. m. Saturday the 25th inst. These meetings are for the purpose of obtaining accurate information as to crop conditions, number of bales of cotton now being held and any other information that will be of benefit to the Southern Cotton Association. Also to select delegates to attend the county meetings to be held in the court house Saturday, Sept. 1st, at 12 o'clock, or the usual hour for meeting.

Active work by the association will begin with these meetings and it is hoped every person interested will attend. President C. C. Moore expects to attend the meeting of the presidents of the several State divisions of the Southern Cotton Association at Hot Springs, Ark. early in September and wants accurate information as to crops and the condition of the association for that occasion; therefore please mail all reports so as to reach the undersigned not later than Sept. 3, to be of value the reports must be accurate, giving exact conditions. A report that is not accurate is worse than no report for it is misleading. We want to know exact conditions.

Every person who is interested in the welfare of the Southern Cotton Association, or who is interested in the continued success of the Southern cotton farmers and the prosperity of the South is invited to attend these meetings and use his influence to make them the most successful yet held.

At these meetings membership fees, the bale levy and other things of importance to the Association should be attended to. The Association is in need of funds to carry on the work which is so important at this time. Let us be up and doing.

T. B. Parker, Sec. N. C.  
Div. S. C. A.  
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 20th.

## Hearing Before Special Master.

A meeting was held at the court house Tuesday before Mr. H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, sitting as special master of the United States Circuit Court, in the suit of the Union Trust Co., et al, vs. the Southern Saw Mills & Lumber Co., et al, to consider and pass upon the amount of liability of the complainants to the Kingsdale Lumber Co. on account of the destruction of the machine shops by fire.

When the Kingsdale Lumber Co. purchased the property the plant was complete. After the sale, and before the confirmation, the machine shops were burned without insurance. Thereupon, Judge Pritchard signed an order providing that if the purchasers would pay in the purchase price it would be without prejudice to filing a claim for the value of the property destroyed. To determine this value was the purpose of the hearing Tuesday. At the hearing the Kingsdale Lumber Co. was represented by Messrs. McIntyre & Lawrence, while Messrs. Iredell Meares and R. E. Lee appeared contra. The master reserved his decision.

## Corporation Commission Acts.

Some time ago Mr. Sylvester B. McLean, of the law firm of McLean & Black at Maxton, made complaint to the Corporation Commission at Raleigh, that the road bed of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, between Hamlet and Wilmington, was in dangerous condition and requested the commission to make an investigation. In consequence of this complaint the members of the Corporation Commission made a tour of inspection of the road on yesterday, and will make their report soon. Unfortunately, under our present law, the commission has no power to force the railroad company to put its track in good condition, even if it finds same in dangerous condition.

Mr. McLean is now a candidate for the house of representatives, and we understand he will, if elected, introduce a bill in the Legislature giving to the Corporation Commission ample powers to enforce its orders in reference to this and other matters in which the railroads disregard the orders of the commission. It will be remembered that only a week or two ago we had an editorial in this paper along these same lines, and we earnestly hope that the much needed legislation will be enacted.

As a result of the primaries in Georgia yesterday Hoke Smith, candidate for Governor, carried the State by a big majority.

## STREETS IMPROVED.

### Big Immersion of Colored Baptists—Ashpole Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mayor Blue is having some needed work done on the streets and much improving their appearance.

Mrs. F. S. Floyd and Master Hoke are visiting F. S. Floyd, Jr., at Sellers, S. C.

Mrs. McDaniel and Miss Mamie have returned from a delightful visit to Sampson county, the former home of Mrs. McDaniel.

Mrs. W. F. Stephens is spending awhile with home folks in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Sim Brown and children, of Chadbourn, visited Mrs. A. L. Jones last week.

Messrs. W. F. Mitchell and Jim Pitman spent a few days in Wilmington last week.

Messrs. Floyd, Carmichael and Grooms spent Sunday at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Roberts and Miss Pearl Atkinson, all sisters of Mrs. J. W. Ashley, spent last week with her.

Miss Downing and sister, of Cumberland, are visiting the Misses Jenkins.

Mrs. Frank Hargrave and children, of Eastman, Ga., visited relatives here last week. Miss Hargrave was formerly Miss Annie Rowland and was raised near here.

Mr. Joe Jones is visiting home folks at Mt. Olive.

As a result of the colored folks meeting last week fifty-two members were immersed last Sunday morning in the mill race above here. The process attracted a large crowd.

The friends of the Methodist ladies are being invited to make fancy articles for the bazaar. They are in earnest about it and mean to make a success of it.

Master Claude Cashwell came home from Wilmington last week and left Monday to enter school at Buie's Creek Academy.

Master Giles Lewis, of Waycross, Ga., is spending a few days with his grand-mother, Miss Caroline Floyd, on his way to Wake Forest College, where he will enter school.

Master Archie Robinson and sister Fannie, of Rowland, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. C. T. Cashwell.

Master Carl Thompson is visiting relatives in Maxton.

Prof. Royall, principal of the school, has arrived in town.

Mr. Clem B. Thompson has accepted a position as book keeper for the tobacco warehouse.

Ashpole, N. C., Aug. 21st.

### Messrs. Bond and McGowan.

Mr. Editor:

In the affairs of any county of this State, undoubtedly the most important duties are performed by the board of commissioners. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary and essential to the well being of any county that the men upon whom this honor is to be placed should be men of integrity, good judgment and business capacity. Though the pay attached to the office is purely nominal, yet the Democratic party has never yet been compelled to select any man unworthy of the trust. This much to prove that the Democratic party is not of the "pie eating" kind, and that its best men, in a measure, will sacrifice their own business interests, to promote the common good.

To the Democratic party and to its convention, to be held on the 6th day of September next, I present the names of two gentlemen, without their knowledge or consent, who possess all the qualifications before stated, namely, R. S. Bond, Esq., of Rowland, and D. Z. McGowan, of Lumber Bridge. These gentlemen, with three others, will serve the county and handle its affairs well and faithfully.

"Lumber Bridge."

### J. B. McLeod for Commissioner.

Mr. Editor:

Among the many names suggested for county commissioners of Robeson county none strikes the popular cord of the Democratic heart with more force than the name of J. B. McLeod, of Thompson township. The county's finance could not be placed in more competent hands. He is well versed in road building which is now one of the most important questions confronting our people of Robeson county.

Voters of Alfordville.

Rowland, N. C., Aug. 22d.

As a result of the primaries in Georgia yesterday Hoke Smith, candidate for Governor, carried the State by a big majority.

## MR. BERRY GODWIN DEAD.

### One of the Town's Most Successful Business Men Dies After Brief Illness—Native of Johnston County But Lived in Robeson Over Half Century—The Funeral Services.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Berry Godwin died Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock at his home in Lumberton. The end came after a serious illness that confined him to his bed Saturday morning.

Mr. Godwin would have been 80 years old at his next birthday—the first of October. He was born in Johnston county and was a son of the late Simon Godwin, of Selma. A brother, Mr. Perry Godwin, the last surviving member of his father's family, died several weeks ago. Mr. Godwin came to Robeson county about 1855 and engaged in the turpentine business in St. Pauls township. He later had business connections at Allenton and Maxton. He erected the first business building that was built at Maxton. Mr. Godwin moved to Lumberton about the close of the war and until two years ago was engaged in business with various parties. Two years ago he dissolved partnership with the firm of O. C. Norment, & Co. and since then has done little but look after his interests in his real estate and business enterprises with which he was associated.

Mr. Godwin enjoyed exceptionally good health all his life. He had a strong constitution and led an active life. Since he retired from active business he went daily to his former place of business and remained throughout the day. For some days before his serious illness his friends noticed a decline in his usual health. Saturday morning he went down street but was later carried to his home, where he remained unconscious most of the time until he died.

Mr. Godwin was very successful in business and when he died left an estate valued at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The most of it is in real estate. He owns some stock in the Bank of Lumberton, of which he was a director, and some stock in the cotton mills. He owned valuable town lots and some fine farming and timber lands in the county. Mr. Godwin was not avaricious but gave to worthy causes and was not oppressive.

Immediate relatives surviving Mr. Godwin are daughter, Mrs. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro, and two grand-children, Mrs. A. W. McLean and Mrs. Geo. French, of Lumberton. Mrs. Godwin died about 18 months ago.

The funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Durham, pastor of the Baptist church. There was a large attendance of friends. The remains were interred in the new cemetery, the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Godwin was a member, taking part in the exercises.

Shannon Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

We learn that the farmers picnic at Lumber Bridge was called off on the 18th on account of the protracted meeting at the Baptist church which continued until Friday the 17th. We have not learned the date when the picnic will come off.

Miss Lillian Smith, of Rowland, is visiting Mrs. J. C. McPhail at Shannon this week.

We are glad to report Mr. J. C. McPhail convalescent after a few days sickness.

Messrs. Blanchard T. Howard are putting down their saw mill this week and expect to commence sawing in a few days.

Mr. Alf H. McLeod came up Saturday morning and remained over Sunday with his family at his mother-in-law's. He and his wife and children returned to their home in Lumberton Monday.

Miss Pauline Stamps returned home Monday after a visit of several days at the home of Mrs. R. Jane Smith, near here.

Mr. A. McMillan has resigned his position as agent at Shannon and is succeeded by Mr. Crosswell.

For two or three weeks our items are one issue behind our expectation.

The attendance at the singing is better this week than last.

Shannon, N. C., Aug. 21st.

## Newsy Rowland.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Dr. W. E. Evans has returned from his trip to Canada and other northern points. He reports having had a most pleasant time and returns to his work much refreshed.

Mr. R. S. Bond was in Lumberton the first of the week.

Mr. G. L. Robertson and daughter, Miss Mary, are spending a while at Jackson Springs.

Mrs. Mary McCallum is spending some time at Jackson Springs.

Misses Selma and Olga McCullum are in the western part of the State seeing the sights and enjoying the mountain breezes.

Misses Bessie and Eva McKay spent a few days at Wrightsville Beach last week.

Mrs. H. B. Ward and Ben, Jr., are spending a while at Jackson Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bullock, of Lumberton, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Pearl Floyd, of Lumberton, visited relatives in town the latter part of the week.

Mr. Tracey Stackhouse visited High Point and Greensboro last week.

Mrs. Annie Hargrave, of Georgia, visited Mr. W. W. Rowland and family part of last week.

Mr. Jno. Pat Smith visited Asheville, Hendersonville and other mountain resorts last week.

Mr. Jim Rowland, a prominent farmer of Marlboro county, was in town last Saturday.

Dr. W. L. Grantham, of McDonalds, was greeting friends here last Friday.

Messrs. Charlie Rankin and Clyde McCullum are "doing" the North and while away will visit New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and perhaps Niagara Falls.

Miss Lettie Peacock, of Benson, spent several days here last week with her brother, Mr. Leoa Peacock, our clever night operator.

Mr. A. B. Hedgpeath and Dr. C. H. Lennon spent Sunday at Wrightsville Beach.

Aaron Martin, an old and respected negro, died last Sunday after a short illness.

Aaron was honest, humble and industrious, and belonged to that class of ante-bellum negroes which is fast disappearing. It is a great pity we haven't more of this kind instead of so many worthless ones.

Mr. Donald McIntyre and family spent Saturday and Sunday at Reedy Creek Springs.

Dr. Robt. Graham has opened his dental parlors over the Bank of Rowland, where he is well equipped to serve those who want dental work done.

Misses Anna and Florence McQueen and Mr. A. D. McKenzie are attending a house party at the home of Mr. Richard McCall, at Bennettsville, S. C.

Mr. V. G. Pleasants spent Saturday and Sunday at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. E. M. Hines and family are spending a while at Hendersonville.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ashby, conducted protracted services at Centenary last week. We understand they were largely attended and much good accomplished.

Charming Miss Rebecca Ward, of Lumberton, visited at the home of Mr. Jno. W. Ward at Echo last week.

Miss Carrie Loud, of Williston, S. C., is spending sometime with Miss Willie Reedy.

Mr. O. H. Bracey, of Lumberton, spent several days here last week.

Miss Sallie McArn was the charming hostess at a very pleasant "Afternoon Tea" last Monday, complimentary to Miss Lettie Peacock.

Rowland, N. C., Aug. 20th.

### Would Accept If Nominated.

Mr. Editor:

Neill Arch McLean is the best known man in the county. Since his name appeared in print as a possible candidate the people almost with one voice say he is the man for the place. Some say he could not afford to accept a nomination and would not have it I wrote to him at Cleveland Springs, where he is now spending a short vacation, and asked him if he would accept the nomination. He replied, among other things, "I am in no sense of the word a candidate for any office but if my people, with practical unanimity, wish and demand my services in any capacity I shall yield and bear true allegiance to the oath I shall take to serve all the people without fear or favor."

The sentiment of exalted patriotism.

H. L. Edens.  
Marietta, N. C., Aug. 18th.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. A. E. White has received a dozen fancy driving horses.

Tomorrow is the day for the picnic at Ten Mile, Howellsville township.

The Misses Rowland will open school in the Normal school house September 3rd.

The Building and Loan Association will meet at the court house this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. C. M. Fuller leaves today for St. Louis, Kansas City and other points in the West to buy horses.

The Republican congressional convention for the Sixth district will be held at Wrightsville Beach next Tuesday.

License have been issued for the marriage of Mr. Jim Lee, Jr., of Bladen county, and Miss Jonnie Thompson, of Lumberton township.

The pastor, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeath, assisted by Rev. R. G. Kendrick, of Mt. Olive, closed a meeting at Galeed church Monday of this week. Thirty-six were baptized, eleven of whom had previously made profession.

Mr. R. W. Davis, an attorney of Southport, and chairman of the Republican Congressional committee of the Sixth district, was here a few days this week as the guest of Mr. S. A. Edmund. He returned home last night.

Mr. L. E. Tyner, a prominent citizen of Lowe, was in town yesterday, carrying his left arm in a sling. Monday Mr. Tyner's left hand was caught in a saw and was badly lacerated. Fifteen stitches were taken in the hand and the small finger was amputated. Dr. Pope dressed the hand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bridgers have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rufine J. Bridgers, and Mr. Robert David Stephenson, which will be solemnized at their home in Lumberton Tuesday afternoon, August 28th, at 3:30 o'clock. They will be at home at Lonaconing, Md., after September 20th.

Mr. Leonard Willoughby, of near Kingsdale, was painfully hurt Monday afternoon. About 5 o'clock he was in a wagon, crossing the railroad track at Kingsdale. In the wagon was a circular saw. An engine backed against the wagon and threw Mr. Willoughby against the saw. Parts of his head were badly gashed by the saw. His limbs were also scratched. Dr. Thos. Norment was called to dress his wounds.

Mr. Gerald Pitman, who underwent an operation in Wilmington for appendicitis, has sufficiently recovered to return home. He arrived Monday afternoon.

Messrs. R. C. Lawrence, R. D. Caldwell and other request us to notify all citizens against whom the town has claims for street paving in front of their property, to meet in the court house tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, to consider some concerted plan of action in regard to the liability on account of such street paving and to formulate some plan whereby the same can be taken up and adjusted with the town authorities. A full attendance is desired. If you can not be present in person give some person a written proxy, authorizing him to vote in your name upon questions presented to the meeting.

### Complete Course.

To The Robesonian.

Prof. D. F. Lowrey has recently returned from Piedmont Business College, of Lynchburg, Va., where he has successfully completed the college course in English, including also phonography, rapid calculation and penmanship.

Pates, N. C., Aug. 21st.

### Prof. Massey Tonight.

Prof. J. M. Massey, the Blind Musician, will be the attraction at the opera house this evening and tomorrow evening. The entertainment begins at 8 o'clock. Admission: 15, 25 and 35 cents. The programme is as follows:

PROGRAMME: "Hercules at the Bells," in recitation; "Hercules at the Bells," in recitation; Vocal Solo; Fox. Vocal March; Violin. Recitation; Song in Two Steps; J. W. Co. and Cater; Comic Recitation; Mark Twain.

Fish's Hornpipe, Yankee Doodle and Dixie, as I rendered at the same time on the piano. Song: "Who is Dat Tickin' Me?" District Melody. Descriptive Ballad: "Old Church Bells."

Teller: Dedicated to General Joe Wheeler. Anthony's Farewell to Cleopatra: "I'm Dying, Oh, My Darling, Oh, My Darling." Banjo Imitation on Violin: "Rare Back, Rare Back." Recitation: "The Negro in His Camp Meeting Glory," which never fails to create mirth and admiration.

Tickets on sale at Pope's drug store.

## DEATH OF MR. BARNES.

### Aged Citizen of the County Passed Away The People of Long Branch on the Move.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fodder-pulling is in fine progress, though it rains every day. Late corn is looking fine for a good crop this year. Cotton is holding up very well, it does not seem to be shedding much yet.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. Stephens Barnes, which occurred Thursday, 16th. The interment took place at the old h-me grave yard, near the meadow landing hill. He leaves a wife, a son and two daughters to mourn the loss of a fond old father.

Mr. Barnes was 84 years old and was well known in Robeson county. He always carried a smile on his face and always appeared to take every thing easy. Never was he in any wise retreating regardless of what might come in his pathway.

Rev. I. P. Hedgpeath is holding a protracted meeting in Bladen county and therefore did not fill his appointment at Long Branch Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Thompson is spending about two weeks with relatives at Rowland.

Mr. L. H. Britt is all smiles these days. It is a black haired girl.

Mr. June Ivey, of Orrina, was the guest of Miss Maud Britt Sunday.

Misses Emma Rowland and Belle Rozier and Mr. Frank Nash, of Lumberton, were guests of Mrs. Johnnie Lewis Sunday.

Miss Eva Wilson and Miss Ada Lee were united in the bonds of matrimony Tuesday evening at the bride's father's, Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. A. L. Stone officiating.

Mr. Jeter Williamson of Kingsdale, visited his parents at Bladen, Columbus county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Britt, of Kingsdale, attended services at Long Branch Sunday.

Messrs. Fred and Claud Roberts, of Lumberton, visited their father, Mr. J. F. Roberts, Sunday, Lumberton, R. F. D. No. 4, Aug. 20th.

### The Naptha Launch and the Fish.

The fish in Lumber river, and the stream is famous to some extent for the quantity and variety of the funny tribe found there, are quite vive recently. Some days ago, for several consecutive evenings, they looked up to find the water covered with millions of "sand flies," which proved good and bountiful food to them. They hadn't fully recovered from the delights of that until there was something else to divert their attention. Sunday morning a naptha launch went skimming over the water and produced consternation among them. Where formerly they were wont to bask in the shallow water along the banks, to meet the new conditions they were forced to retire to holes or to shock out to the river. What the automobile is to the land animals, the naptha launch is to the inhabitants of Lumber river.

The launch is owned by Messrs. W. H. Bryant and H. M. McAllister. It weighs about 10,000 pounds, is 31 feet long and can be made seat 30 people. It is six horse power. A name will be selected for it in a few days.

### DEATH OF MRS. J. A. SMITH.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The death of Mrs. John A. Smith occurred this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. McNair, on Railroad street. Mrs. Smith has been confined to her bed for about 18 months. She suffered a stroke of paralysis in February, 1905, and has been a constant but patient sufferer ever since. She was about 75 years of age and is survived by her husband, Capt. John A. Smith, 3 sons, Walter, Leak and L. D. Smith, and two daughters, Mrs. W. S. McNair and Mrs. Rogers and several sisters. Mrs. Smith was almost estimable lady and was especially popular with the young people, every one of whom will mourn her loss. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and the funeral services will be preached by her pastor, Dr. H. C. Hill. The interment will take at Oakwood cemetery.

Maxton, N. C., Aug. 20th.

The first bale of new cotton raised in the State this year was marketed at Morven, Anson county, Thursday, being a product of that county, and raised by Mr. P. E. Ratliff. It weighed 455 pounds and sold for 13 cents a pound.