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COUNTY BUSINESS.

Commissioners in Regular Session Monday and Many Claims Audited--Petition for Special Term of Court--Special Tax Elections Ordered--Floods Necessitate Outlays for Bridge Repairs--To Meet Again Monday.

The county commissioners met in regular session Monday and transacted much business. The damage to bridges throughout the county wrought by the recent floods made extra business. On account of the fact that in the arrangement of Superior Courts for Robeson county by the Legislature of 1907 the September term was omitted, no provision being made for a civil term of court from June until December, and there being such an accumulation of cases as to make a special session necessary, it was ordered by the board that Governor Glenn be requested to call a special term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases for one week, beginning October 5.

The commissioners will be in session again next Monday, the 14th. The following claims were passed:

Jail and Prisoners--F. J. Adams, conveying Arthur Leak to jail, \$5; conveying Jno. Platt to jail, \$5; Lumberton Electric Light Department, lights for August, \$11.90; H. J. Carlyle, conveying Bill Floyd to jail, \$3; J. M. Deese, repairing water works in jail, \$3.50; E. E. Shott, repairs, \$3.50; K. M. Biggs, supplies, \$6.30; J. H. Floyd, jailer, for August, \$94.95; E. G. Sipher, supplies and work, \$3.50; D. E. McNair, conveying Bill Wilson to jail, \$5.65. Total, \$138.80.

County Home and Paupers--W. G. Reynolds, keeper, for August, \$60.50; Martha Platt, \$3 per month, Henry Avery, \$2.50, and both placed on regular list; Mary T. Baxley, monthly allowance increased to \$3; Wm. Woodell, \$2.50 per month for September, October and November; Oliver Thompson, \$1.50 and placed on regular list.

Court House and Court--H. L. Lazenby, inspector of work on new court house, salary for August, \$100; B. F. Smith Construction Co., ninth estimate of work on new court house, \$3,144.08; Freeman Printing Co., for register's office, \$2.30; for sheriff's office, \$108.80; for treasurer, \$4; for clerk of court, \$9.80--all for supplies; W. H. Humphrey, clerk Superior Court, work for county, \$10.50; McAllister & French, rent for offices of Sheriff and treasurer and lights, \$13.50; W. C. Cape, insolvent costs in State vs. H. M. Quick, \$4.40; Walter Quick, in same case, \$4.35. Total, \$3,301.82.

Bridges--E. T. Taylor, labor and material on Maysville bridge on Big swamp and bridge on Ten Mile swamp, \$28.13; A. S. Wishart, work on Inman bridge, \$12.25; Warren Phillips, work on Williams' bridge, \$1; Walter McMillan, two bridges on Big Raft swamp and two bridges on Little Raft swamp, \$22.20; Thomas Pittman, repairing bridge on Gunn swamp, \$3.18; E. Barnard, labor and material for bridges on Ashpole swamp, \$18.44; Make McRae, work on New Red Banks and Harper's Ferry bridges, \$12.50; Jack Purcell, repairs on McGirt bridge, \$8.80; Hector Morrison, repairs on Alma Bridge, \$5. Total, \$111.32.

A petition for the rebuilding of the Davis bridge across Rock Fish creek was referred to A. R. McEachern with instructions to confer with a committee appointed by the commissioners of Cumberland county.

Miscellaneous--D. W. Biggs, special corner, holding inquest over body of Henry Washington, \$13.60; J. A. Hodgins, G. C. Biggs, J. C. Gibson, E. G. Hodgins, M. J. McPhaul, jury in above inquest, \$2 each; Pope Drug Co., salary for county physician and supplies, \$24.40; G. E. Rancke, coroner, investigating death of Foster Thompson, \$5; A. Nash, register of deeds, calculating and copying State school poll and property taxes for 1908, \$352.75; E. J. Britt, attorney for the board, \$50; D. A. Winkerson, conveying Mary Ann Purnell from Raleigh to Lumberton, \$3.60; Daniel Wilkerson, two days services holding prohibition election in Smith's township, \$4. Total, \$465.35.

A. Nash, clerk to the board, was ordered to turn over to Sheriff E. C. McNeill the tax books for the year 1908 with the order endorsed thereon, as prescribed by law, for the collection of the taxes therein enumerated.

How to Get Strong.

P. J. Daly, of 1217 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become strong: He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c.

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Under the head, "In a Nutshell," the book discusses various subjects treated in the platforms of the parties. The question is asked: "Shall we tax large incomes in America as is done by the progressive republics of Switzerland and France, also in Germany and England?" and the answer is printed: "The Democratic platform says yes; the Republican platform is silent.

DRAINAGE AND GOOD ROADS.

Important Meeting to be Held in Lumberton Next Monday

There is no question of greater importance to the people of Robeson than drainage of swamp lands and good roads. Those who have studied the matter at all agree that the only solution of the road problem in this county is proper drainage, and proper drainage means also the reclamation of much land that is now overflowed. This all-important subject will be discussed by experts at a meeting which will be held in Lumberton next Monday, and it is to be hoped that as many citizens as can do so will attend. This meeting has been provided for by Congressman H. L. Godwin, who has secured experts from Washington on drainage and good roads to accompany him on a brief tour of this district. Congressman Godwin is sending out the following letter announcing this meeting:

"There will be a meeting of the citizens of Robeson county, who are interested in the drainage of swamp lands and good roads, at Lumberton, on the 14th inst, at 11 o'clock a. m. The Agricultural Department at Washington has agreed to send two experts, one on swamp drainage and one on good roads, to address this meeting. I trust that you will attend, and notify your neighbors and friends of the meeting and request them to attend, as subjects of vital importance to the farmers will be discussed. The farmers are the backbone and the mainstay of the country, and less has been done for them by the government than has been done for any other class. This is an evil that I desire to correct, but it cannot be corrected until the farmers of the country become aroused and show a strong public interest in their own behalf.

"Swamp drainage and good roads are public questions that lie at the very doors of the people, and are at present agitating the minds of the citizens to a great extent, and I sincerely hope that the farmers and business men of Robeson county will forego their private duties on Monday, the 14th of September, to come out to Lumberton to assist in studying these public questions."

Yours very truly,
H. L. Godwin.

President Roosevelt in his final annual message to Congress probably will recommend an increase in the numerical strength of the army to at least 100,000 men. At present the army is on a footing of 60,000 men, the number provided for in time of peace.

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It is a "far cry" from the old times of Floral College to the present day in Washington City, but my mother, Maria McQueen, was "to the manor born" and the family of negroes to which Wash belongs I remember as being for fidelity, intelligence, morals and manners, the most remarkable one I ever saw.

There may be none living who ever saw Col. James McQueen, of Queensdale, as he died before he was an old man, and I grieve to know that few of his own descendants are familiar with the history of his splendid life--and yet in his day "one blast upon his bugle horn was worth a thousand men."

The gray-hair'd sires who know the past To strangers point the Highland-cast, And moralize on the decay Of Scottish strength in modern day!

Every instinct of a native Highlander was a natural Knight-errant--seeking as often wrongs--and James McQueen landed on this side of "the sounding sea" with deeply rooted prejudices against the institution of slavery. When inexorable conditions compelled his surrender to the inevitable, he formulated by way of expiation, forsooth, a system of ownership so uplifting and beneficent that every bond-servant felt him or herself to be as actual an integrant part of the family and home as any son or daughter whom they served. I never read in the Book of Ruth the salutation of Boaz to his reapers without being reminded of the spirit that prevailed on the old farm at Queensdale between master and slave. "And Boaz said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee." Ruth 2:4.

I remember to have heard my mother say that when any rascality broke out in "the quarters" and my grandfather sought to know "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," young Washington was invariably summoned, with the uniform result that the mischief was sure to land on the well-known wise but wily Bonaparte.

Holding in most grateful remembrance the affection and devotion of this deserving family, and feeling assured that the faithfulness of the old representative who now seeks the kindly sympathy of his people in his declining days has only ripened and mellowed with age, I commend him most tenderly to Him from whom all gifts come (James 1:17), and who has power to turn hearts in obedience to His will (Prov. 21:1), believing that He will be as mindful of this faithful servant in his father's need as He was of the faithful one of old before whom and with whom He sent an angel and prospered his way. (Gen. 24:7, 40, 45).

Chattie McE. Beall.
Washington, D. C.

H. L. Edens.
[The above communication has been on hand for some time but we have been crowded with other matter; and, too, we wanted to find time for brief comment. Here's hoping that Prof. Edens will not, because the editor takes this time-honored privilege of subjoining comment, accuse him of being "unfair," as some less discerning ones have accused him of being for taking the same privilege in another connection. But we are sure he will not.

In hastily commenting on Prof. Edens' former communication we perhaps did not make ourselves clear. In every issue of The Robesonian we violate the rules laid down by Prof. Edens, and our remarks were merely intended to justify ourselves in so doing. We believe that in so doing we are conforming to best newspaper usage, though we did not mean to put up such usage as the standard. We believe, however--and Prof. Edens will agree with us in this, we think--that the tendency is more and more to make the rules of grammar conform to best newspaper usage. Newspaper usage, however, varies. Every paper has a style of its own. Some papers use capitals in writing certain words; that other papers write lower case, though of course any particular paper's usage should be uniform.

However, we only want to forestall criticism of The Robesonian's usage by the rules laid down by Prof. Edens. We have forgotten about all the rules we ever learned, and we are frank to admit that the boys and girls would better follow Prof. Edens' rules than to follow the editor's practice. --Editor.]

Passed Examination Successfully.

James Donahue, Mew Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes. I did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Remedy. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Remedy cures backache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. Sold by all druggists.

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Prof Edens Submits Further Remarks About the use of Capitals and Further Comment is Subjoined.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: The editor of The Robesonian does not think the rules submitted by me will square with the best newspaper usage. Perhaps not. But will they square with the rules laid down by the best grammarians? It is the usage of the most accurate writers and speakers reduced to a science which is the standard guide. Grammars, and not newspapers, are the most accurate exponents of this science. Scholarly editors, to say nothing of differently qualified correspondents, writing in haste often depart from accepted authority. I do not think the editor would have us accept newspapers as more correct standards than grammars. The editor of The Robesonian asserts what Hill's general rule admits, that "no hard and fast rule can be laid down for the use of capital letters" except where usage is uniform. When grammarians agree as touching a rule or custom, newspaper license cannot set it aside. Such agreement among authors makes it a hard and fast rule for us. The editor says, "The fairly good usage does not demand capitals in the following: The Governor of the State will speak in the County near Lumberton River, by invitation of the Sheriff." In the above, common names become substitutes for special or proper nouns; as, Governor for Glenn; State, for North Carolina; County, for Robeson; Sheriff for McNeill. The capital "T" in "Lumber River" is correctly used, or if not The Robesonian contradicts Swinton, Hill, Crippie, Maxwell, Lockwood and others. Dr. W. Smith says, "when a written reference is made to the river flowing by your town, or the town in which you live, if writing from that town, write the 'River.'"

The tendency is to use fewer capitals and commas. Being a composite language, the English presents many difficulties. Now, boys and girls, readers of The Robesonian, preserve the paper of August 20th and with the aid of your teachers criticize the editor and me. It will furnish good exercise on subjects selected because of their difficulties, and because of very irregular usage.

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