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SCHOOL MATTERS.

Business Transacted at Called Meeting of County Board of Education.

A called meeting of the county board of education, an account of which has been unavoidably delayed, was held in the office of Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, on Monday last week.

The following school committee members were appointed: Josh Bezzant and J. J. Jones, at Fairmont, succeeding Walter Inman and Joseph Heggans, resigned; R. W. Bullard in place of A. W. Pate, who failed to qualify; I. M. Chavis, district No. 2, Croatan, Alfordville township; C. K. Morgan, J. W. Ford and B. M. Hager, district No. 4, White House, succeeding A. W. Harrington, T. E. Morgan and F. W. Ford, resigned.

H. P. Pitman was transferred from district No. 4, Thompson township, to the district at Fairmont.

Superintendent Poole was instructed to purchase desks for the public school at the Lumberton Cotton Mills at a cost not to exceed \$200 and to make a contract with the officials of the cotton mills recognizing the desks as belonging to the board of education for district No. 5 and agreeing to their use as long as the school is run as a district school.

Superintendent Poole was authorized to purchase 1,000 post cards for the use of teachers in making weekly reports of their schools to the superintendent.

The petition for a division in district No. 4, White House, was continued indefinitely.

The following bills were ordered paid: A. Nash, for recording deeds, \$5.82; J. W. Oxendine, repairs on house in district No. 4, Croatan, Burnt Swamp, \$49.12; J. H. McKenzie, for serving as registrar in special school tax election, \$10; two poll holders in same election, \$2 each—\$4; A. Nash, recording election returns, \$5.82; A. Nash, calculating special school taxes, \$127.50, as follows: St. Paul's No. 4, \$5.55; Saddle Tree No. 1, \$2.55; No. 2, \$1; Parkton No. 1, \$7.05; Maxton No. 1, \$3.25; Lumber Bridge, \$2.10; Saddle Tree No. 4, \$2.60; Howellville No. 2, \$2.50; Burnt Swamp No. 3, \$11.20; No. 1, \$4.60; Red Springs No. 4, \$2.50; Lumber Bridge No. 1, \$5.10; Red Springs No. 2, \$4.65; Lumber Bridge No. 5, \$3.05; No. 3, \$1.40; St. Paul's No. 6, \$2.40; White House No. 1, \$3.85; Britt's No. 1, \$6.10; Wishart's No. 2, \$6.30; Sterling's No. 7, \$5.80; No. 2, \$3; No. 4, \$3.25; White House No. 2, \$2.95; No. 4, \$5; C. Thomson's No. 1, \$10.60; No. 11, \$2.60; No. 6, \$3.05; Smith's, \$3.20; Back Swamp, \$2; Alfordville, \$4.30; Lumber Bridge, \$3.50. Total, \$202.26.

ORRUM OCCURRENCES.

Practicing for Christmas Entertainment—Happy Jack as a Star Debater—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rev. J. J. Scott filled the pulpit here Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie went to Lumberton last Tuesday. Mr. H. Walters was in town Saturday.—Mr. Gregory Stevens was here Sunday.

The students at Stinson Institute are practicing for Christmas exercises, to be given on the night of the 18th. We are all anticipating a good time.

Mr. Henderson Bullard was in this section Saturday and Sunday visiting his son, N. P. Bullard.

Happy Jack was the best speaker in the F. O. I. Society last Thursday night, the query being "Resolved, That Lee was a Greater General than Grant." Happy Jack had words to down his opponents every time. He was on the affirmative. One of his opponents said that when Lee surrendered and he and Grant met there was not a spot on Lee and that Grant was muddy, and that showed that Grant had been fighting. The next time Happy Jack took the stand he said that Grant fell down and got muddy running from Lee. Hurrah for Happy Jack! Miss Lizzie Britt spent last week at Chadbourn visiting her sister.

Simon Orrum, N. C., Dec. 7, 1908.

On Friday night of last week in Little River township, Cumberland county, Robert Rone and James McLean, both colored, became involved in a drunken and violent quarrel, which ended in a death resulting Saturday night. Rone escaped.

Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 85 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 60c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

A certain young lady who shall be nameless here and two certain young men who shall also be nameless figured in a little incident the other day which is worth recording, if only to point out to others the way they should not do and to show that it is sometimes as inconvenient to be caught with the wedding garment on, in a manner of speaking, as it is at other times to be caught without it. The young lady and the young men have their local habitations in Lumberton. The young lady was returning from a week-end sojourn in a certain town in this State and as neither of the young men had seen her for two or three days—which is to say, several ages, as time sometimes has the trick of dragging—they both conceived the idea that it would be an exceedingly pleasant thing to go up the road a piece and meet the young lady as she journeyed home. Each for himself and entirely "unbeknownst" to the other conceived that idea and proceeded to put it into execution. And the blind goddess Fortune, who had planned a surprise for the young men as well as the young lady, made sure that the young men should not know of each other's intentions until just the right moment, so one of the young men was sent by the blind goddess to take a train some twelve hours earlier than he was actually necessary, and the other young man went on a later train. All went well with the first young man for a season. He met the young lady and experienced all those little ticklish, joyful feelings about his heart, and he was entirely happy when he handed the lady into the train at Hamlet and seated himself beside her for the journey to Lumberton. Thus far the goddess had been kind to him, but—look who's here!—the train had barely started when there sauntered into the car the other young man, who had journeyed that far to ride to Lumberton with the selfsame lady!

You can imagine how it was yourself. Everybody's playhouse was torn up. One young man glared at the other young man, and the other young man glared at the other young man, and they had very unholy feelings toward each other. But, as a certain Iredell county man said about a row which did not result seriously, "nobody was kilt and nobody hurt."

A treat in the way of a home-talent play will be given some time in January. The play will be "Under the Southern Cross," by Mrs. Tierman, of Salisbury, whose pen name is Christian Reid, and the fact that that charming play by a gifted Tar Heel writer has been selected and that it is to be given under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy give ample assurance that the occasion will be one of rare pleasure.

The Lumberton correspondent of the Wilmington Star deposes and saith:
"A gentleman spending some time in Lumberton was initiated into the mysteries of 'possum hunting' Wednesday night. The first degree consisted of walking three miles through rough woods. The second caught him in a lake with the water just below his chin and the third was in trying to find his way back to town, which was accomplished about a. m. He swears there is no more hunting for him in strange woods after sunset."

Many marked improvements have been made in Lumberton during the past twelve months. During that time the following buildings have been completed: The graded school building, erected and furnished at a cost of about \$40,000, which would be a credit to any town in the State, regardless of size; Robeson county's new court house, erected and furnished at a cost of about \$90,000, which will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks and which would likewise do credit to any county in the State; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean's new residence, which cost \$25,000 or \$30,000 and which is one of the most elegant residences in the State.

In addition to these, the next few months will see the completion of the new office building of the Lumberton Cotton Mills, now in course of construction on Elm street, Mr. J. P. McNeill's new store building on the same street, and a graded school building which the Lumberton Cotton Mills are erecting for the use of their employes in East Lumberton. All these buildings will be modern in construction and will add much to the town.

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SOUTH AND ITS PROBLEMS.

President-Elect Taft Addressed the North Carolina Society of New York—Urges Break From Sentiment and Traditions of Past.

President-elect William H. Taft, who came to New York to-day to address the North Carolina Society of this city, was given a tumultuous reception to-night by the members of the organization and by prominent men from all parts of the South, at the annual dinner of the North Carolinians at the Hotel Astor. Five hundred members and guests of the society filled the brilliantly decorated banquet hall, which was redolent of the pines of the Tar Heel State, the cones and branches of the resinous trees forming the background for more fragrant blooms which were scattered everywhere over snowy linens and flag-draped walls. Intertwined ensigns of the State and nation were conspicuous in the decorations of the banquet hall and larger flags were displayed in front of the hotel throughout the day and evening.

Mr. Taft, in the course of an address which was confined entirely to the South and its problems, urged again that the voters of the South should break away from the out-lived sentiment and traditions of their past political affiliations and cast their ballots in accordance rather with their economic and real political beliefs. Mr. Taft declared that nothing would give him greater pride during his coming term in the Chief Executive office than to see direct the policy of the national government with respect to the Southern States as to convince the intelligent citizens of the South of the desire of his administration to aid them in working out satisfactorily the serious problems before them and of bringing them and their Northern fellow citizens closer and closer in sympathy and point of view.

At the conclusion of practically every one of his pointed sentences Mr. Taft was interrupted by applause and cheering. He frankly expressed himself regarding the so-called "negro question" and declared that neither he nor the Republican party had any idea of forcing upon the people of the South the dominance of an ignorant class.

Mr. Taft declared that the North years for a closer association with the South and quoted statistics to show that the industries of the South had grown and prospered more during the past decade than any other section of the country. As to the negro, Mr. Taft said he should neither ask nor receive more than an equal chance to qualify himself for the franchise.

Comments Electrocuting and Court of Inferior Jurisdiction.

The grand jury of the recent term of Cumberland Superior Court made the following recommendations in its report:
"We believe in this enlightened age that hanging a man is barbarous and recommend to our representatives to the Legislature that they introduce and try to have passed a bill that all persons sentenced to death shall be taken to the State penitentiary and electrocuted."

"The grand jury has been struck with the large number of cases coming before it for investigation and for trial in court, and believes that many of them ought not to be permitted to take up the time of a court which costs as much to maintain while in session as does the Superior Court, and recommends to our members of the General Assembly that a court of inferior jurisdiction be established which can promptly dispose of the criminal cases, thus offsetting a saving in the jail account and the insolvent account. We believe such court would save money many times its cost to the tax-payers."

"It has been suggested that a county court with a judge and a jury when demanded would come near meeting the present conditions, and recommend that an act be passed providing for such a court."

After being in session an hour, one-half of which time was consumed by a roll call, the House of Representatives, which met at noon Monday for the second session of the Sixtieth Congress, adjourned out of respect to the memory of several of its own members and of Senator Allison, all of whom died during the recess. The Senate, after a session lasting but 15 minutes, adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to the memory of Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, after adopting resolutions expressing the profound sorrow of the Senate over his bereavement.

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