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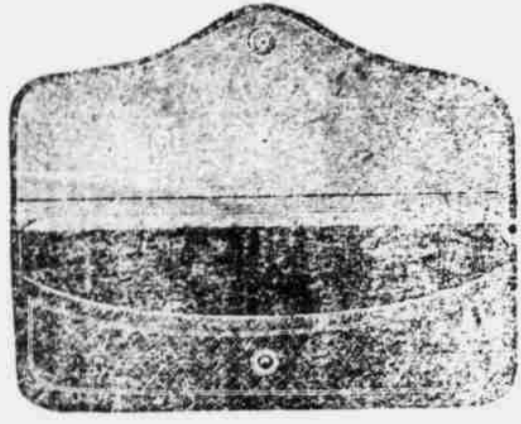
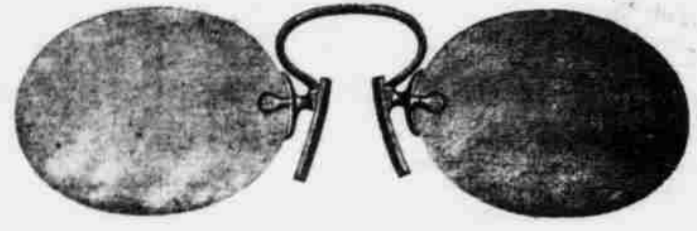
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BUSINESS CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK.

Some Prominent Business Men of Lumberton Give Their Views as to Business Conditions and Prospects—Cause to be Satisfied With Past Year's Results—Lumberton Has Not Suffered Much and Business Conditions Better Than in Other Towns of its Size—Some Reasons Why Prospects are Good—Some Instances of Increase in Business.

Last year was a panic year, a year of hard times, but it does not seem to have been felt so much in Lumberton as in many other places. Of course it was felt, in a way, and a few merchants report a falling off in the amount of business done, but others report an increase. In order to get a view of conditions in Lumberton through the eyes of various people a representative of the Robesonian called on some of the business men of the town and asked for an expression of opinion as to the conditions that obtain in their particular line of business.

"I think the people of our town and county have cause to be satisfied with the year's results. The crop yield in Robeson county in 1908 was usually good. The tobacco crop brought a good price, and there is every reason to advise our farmers to plant an increased acreage in tobacco in 1909. The cotton crop of the county is as large as, and perhaps larger than, in former years. The total number of bales raised in the county for the season of 1908 will approximate fifty thousand. The price of cotton, however, has been much lower than for 1907, and the total cash realized from the cotton crop for 1908 will be at least a half million dollars less than that realized for the crop of 1907.

"This loss in the price of cotton and the decrease in price and output of the saw mills of the county have naturally caused considerable reduction in the money supply, but notwithstanding these things, Robeson county, with its great agricultural resources, has withstood the panic perhaps better than any other section of the State.

"The town of Lumberton has not suffered very much from the general business depression, if we may judge from visible conditions. During the past two years our people have constructed two new cotton mills with an aggregate investment of nearly four hundred thousand dollars, and these, with the old mills, are now running on full time. In addition to the mills, within the past year, buildings have been completed, or are now in course of construction, involving a total investment of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

"That sounds pretty well for the future," was asked. "Well, I see no reason why we should not do better in the future. I have always had confidence in the future of this town, and I have more confidence in it now than ever.

"The business conditions here are better than in any town of its size in the South. Real estate is still going up. As an example of this, a block of improved land in town sold six or eight years ago at the rate of \$400 a lot, and one lot in this same block sold recently for about \$2,000 for the same size lot.

"Another important enterprise should not be overlooked. I refer to the new railroad connection which the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad will furnish. This road is now being rapidly built, and will probably be completed to Hope Mills in six months from now. I predict that this new line of transportation will do our town more permanent good than anything that has ever been accomplished. Besides giving us a competing line for freight, it will give us direct passenger accommodations to the extreme upper end of the county at Reaford.

"Will you not give some information, Mr. McLean, about some of the business enterprises in which you are interested. How about the Bank of Lumberton?"

WITH AUNT BECKY.

Reminiscences of Olden Days on the Farm—A Family of True Patriots—News Items.

We are having delightful weather these days, almost summertime, and the farmers are getting busy preparing for another crop. Stalk-cutters and two-horse plows are much in evidence, and I hear the music of the farm bells at the noontide hour. What changes have occurred during the past forty years! I often wonder nowadays, seeing the modern labor-saving machinery of various kinds at work, how the old-time farmers managed to get on with their crude home-made implements and want of conveniences. Even the bells carry me back to old plantation days and the old "dinner horn", which in case of my father's absence I was called upon to blow when dinner time came, as it so happened I was the only one of womankind on the place who had acquired that accomplishment and, being a little girl, was very proud of it.

"The owner of this unique musical instrument was a dear little Scotch lady, an aged widow, who in the course of the years became companionless. Some of her children had gone to the bridal and some to the tomb, her slaves had been freed, and she was left very lonely, but so attached to her home that she refused the persistent efforts of her married children to move with them. She was a great church-goer, a strong Presbyterian, and, rain or shine, was always in her accustomed place. Finally she grew so aged and feeble that she was unfit to go alone and drive her gentle old horse Jim, and she would stop at our home for me to go with her and I would be very happy to get to drive. So for some time we joggled back and forth to church, and the dear old lady never failed at the close of the journey to lay her palsied hand upon my head and in her quaint Scotch brogue say, "Oh, bless you! It's yourself that is the good smart child." But by and by the time came when my sweet old lady gently faded away from earth, radiantly happy to enter "the land of the dead", and my heart was very sore for the loss of one whom I dearly loved and who was mourned by the whole community.

"She was lovingly known as "Granny Morrison," and was the grandmother of the late lamented John H. Morrison, of your town, who was a worthy descendant of noble Scottish ancestry. This was also a family of true patriots, and during our civil war seven grandsons of the widow Morrison marched away in defense of their country—even as brave and gallant souls as ever breathed, the pride and chivalry of our country, stalwart and handsome as they were brave, and three of the seven fell in battle on the bloody plains of Virginia.

"I see there is a movement on foot in the Pension Bureau at Washington to continue the pensions of civil war veterans (U. S.) up to the year 1950; and I am wondering if the patriarchal age has returned, with the length of days which existed in Methuselah's time. I cannot well curb my slumbering Southern indignation at the injustice of Southern money going to pension Union soldiers, when I see within three miles of my home three poor old worn-out Confederate veterans who are sorely in need of aid.

"I have no local news of interest to communicate. Prof. Reynolds and Miss Mitchell have resumed their school duties at Oak Grove, after a suspension of two weeks for the holidays, which they spent at their respective homes.

"Mrs. Colin Edens, of Red Springs, accompanied by her two grandchildren, Harry and Katharine McLean, spent some days last week among relatives in the Fork.

"I enjoyed the late interesting letter from your Dillon correspondent and hope he will write more frequently.

"I am missing the entertaining and breezy letters of our esteemed Alabama friend, Rev. A. L. Davis, which always carry us back in memory to "Auld Lang Syne" and the blithesome days of my youth. "AUNT BECKY." Old Fork, N. C., Jan. 6, 1909.

Reuben Barbee, of Durham, who was discharged two weeks ago by the mayor of Durham because of the insufficiency of the evidence against him, was re-arrested on the 7th upon the grand jury's finding a true bill against him for the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt, and is again in jail, where he will await trial until the May term of court.

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