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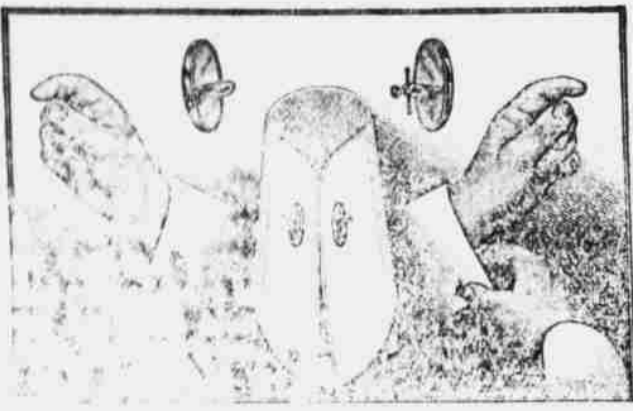
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Resources:

Loans and Discounts,	\$158,055.29
Overdrafts Secured and Unsecured,	1,205.80
Furniture and Fixtures,	3,383.27
All other Real Estate,	510.00
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks,	76,557.01
Total,	\$239,711.37

Liabilities:

Capital Stock,	\$50,000.00
Undivided Profits, Less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid,	9,188.06
Rediscouunts,	20,000.00
Bills Payable,	None
Total Deposits,	160,523.31
Total,	\$239,711.37

The Bank of Lumberton Calls Attention to the Excellent Condition of the Bank, as shown in the above statement. Total Deposits in Commercial and Savings Departments, \$249,685.12.

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WITH AUNT BECKY.
Raising Cotton to Buy Corn and Forage—A Dog Story—About Hats.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The morning dawned rainy and flustered, but I see from my doorway on the adjoining farm our neighbors are busy planting cotton, and this is the week appointed in the Fork for a general putting in of the great Southern staple.

The 'Squire and I took a trip yesterday into the Midway section about 8 miles east of our home, and on almost every farm on our route a scene of busy activity was presented. Some were planting, some getting ready, and others had been planting last week, and I could see no evidence anywhere of reduced acreage. As we traveled along I kept a sharp look-out for the corn prospect, but with only one exception, saw but two or three acres in a place, and these stuck off in some little corner of a sand-bed. From these prevailing conditions the ever-recurring question arose in my mind, Does it pay to raise cotton with which to buy corn and forage, especially at the present prices?

We visited the home of Mr. Neill McCallum and family, having learned on Saturday of the serious illness of Mr. McCallum, who is a beloved kinsman and one of nature's truest noblemen. We found him some better and hope he may gradually recover his wonted health, as he is one who would be sorely missed in church, community, and all of the relations in life. While in his home, his son Mr. James McCallum, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived, which was a source of great pleasure and comfort to his father and family. On our return home, we called by Mr. W. H. McCormick's, of the Turn Out, who informed us that some murderous animal, presumably a dog, had the night previous visited his back piazza, where a fine little Scotch Collie puppy was sleeping in a box, and spirited him away so noiselessly that nothing was known of his presence until the next morning. The remains of the poor little victim were found some distance from the house, with his head entirely eaten off. A colored man living near by informed us that on the same night a dog of tremendous size was around his house and bit one of his puppies. He made an effort to shoot him, but he escaped. I advised him either to kill or confine his own dog, as the marauder was probably mad. I can not account for the great prevalence of these rabid creatures which are such a menace all over the land. Up to a few years ago such a thing as a mad dog was almost unknown, and in old times there were packs of hounds and hunting dogs on almost every plantation and nothing ever was heard of their going mad. The very idea of hydrophobia is so awful that I often wish there was not a dog in the world, and yet I have always had a liking for canines of good character and habits, and many of them exhibit trails of wisdom and affection wonderful in the brute creation.

During a visit down in Florida once my brother-in-law, Mr. Fickle, and Dr. McRae, of Melrose, Fla., went down on the train one morning to some hammock lands about 30 miles distant, on a quail hunt, taking with them a beautiful and valuable setter of Mr. Fickle's by the name of Flora. They got off at a little railroad station, and hunted the most of the day, so when train time was approaching they found themselves near the next station further down, having traversed about 6 miles from the point at which they disembarked that morning. So they made for the nearest station but found upon arriving there that Flora was missing, and they were both much troubled thereby, but it was now late in the afternoon and they were obliged to get home, so they boarded the train, and when they pulled up to the little station where they got off in the afternoon they were delighted to see Miss Flora sitting upon the platform, apparently waiting "to get on where she had

Army Officer, Looking After Flood Sufferers, Finds a Wonderful Country.

Fayetteville Observer, 15th.

Maj. J. H. McKenney, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Caswell, spent yesterday in this city, under orders from the War Department, at Washington, investigating the condition of the flooded district, with a view to rendering aid.

Maj. McKenney had just come from Pender and Bladen counties, where he distributed seed corn, etc., to the farmers asking for it.

He said he had only \$2,000 available for this purpose. He found the conditions in Cumberland not near so bad as he expected, in fact could find only one man, who it was said needed aid. He said we Cumberlanders, either did not need out side aid, or else we were proud people. He purchased several hundred bushels of seed corn, and left it for distribution at Dunn, where he went yesterday, to consult with Congressman Godwin.

It is certainly very gratifying to learn that despite the damage wrought by the flood, the people in the Cape Fear valley were able to take care of themselves, and recuperate so quickly. It will be remembered that a large sum of money was subscribed in Fayetteville for the flood sufferers, and that so few of them asked or appeared to need aid, that eighty per cent. of the money was refunded to the subscribers. It is indeed a wonderful county.

gotten off." The two huntsmen brought home in their bird-sacks 62 partridges, which supplied several families in town with delicious breakfast dishes. Flora was one of the most sensible dogs I ever saw, and her devotion to her master and his family was akin to that of the human race, but she fell a victim to some fatal climatic disease which prevails in that country, and for which no remedy could be found.

Well, Easter has passed, and so far we have escaped any freezing weather. I think we will have plenty of peaches unless some disaster befalls them later on.

I attended service at Oak Grove on Sunday afternoon, where the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McColl. I saw a few "Easter hats," too, but none on the extreme, as I have been reading and hearing of. Our modest little country girls seem to have no desire to take on "the big head." I was amused at a poem in the Easter number of the Scottish Chief, which described a happy, jolly girl tripping away to church in all the pride and pomp of one of the newest and most gigantic creations of head-gear. She was absent only a brief season, when she returned in tears, her joy turned into sore disappointment and grief, because her hat was so big it could not get in at the church door. Poor little girl, was not she in a desperate fix! Well, I made me an Easter bonnet—at least I made it the week before Easter Sunday but it is for every day wear—a real old-timey calico bonnet, with pastboard splits in it, and it is a regular curiosity to the growing generation, but is very comfortable to an old lady who has neither adopted the bareheaded style nor is fond of wearing some old flopped hat when out and about among the poultry or the garden. Talking of hats reminds me of the 'Squire. We were riding along one of these late windy days. I had a hard time holding mine on, although it was well pinned to my hair, and every few minutes he would grab his with both hands, but finally when he was not sufficiently on the alert a sudden puff of wind lifted his "chapeau" and sailed away with it. He recovered it, though, and I suggested that I would loan him a hat pin, and fasten it on to the scalp, as "he has no hair on top of his head, the place where the wool ought to grow." Now if the 'Squire was "single again" I expect it might be a little dangerous to tell that he is baldheaded, as some people are a little sensitive on this subject.

No news of any local interest in the Fork at present, so I will close.

Aunt Becky.

Old Fork, N. C., April 13, 1909.

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RIVENBARK'S RECORD.
The Man Brought to Jail Here Last Monday Engaged in Extensive Operations.

In Thursday's Robesonian an account was given of the imprisonment here of A. H. Rivenbark, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Friday's Raleigh News and Observer gives the following account of Rivenbark and his extensive operations:

"Allie H. Rivenbark, at one time employed in a cotton mill here, his people being also cotton mill employes, has been arrested at Hamlet by Postoffice Inspector Mitchell for using the mails in swindling transactions, this upon complaints of the Kucanola Company, of Atlanta, Ga., a number of Northern firms, and the Atlantic Coast Line people.

"Rivenbark, who, besides his work as a cotton mill operator, had at one time been a baggage master for the Seaboard Air Line, was arrested at Hamlet in the baggage car on his way to Columbia, his description having been secured from his mother, who lives at Laurinburg. He was taken to Lumberton by Inspector Mitchell and is in jail there, while Inspector Mitchell has gone on to Washington.

"Rivenbark is a young man of about twenty-one years of age, and lately he had talked to several people here, saying that he was going to Wilmington to open up a bottling plant for soft drinks, and that he would also build a knitting mill. His purpose, he said, was to make brick out of sand about Wilmington, which he said was quite easy. Asked how he would do this as he had no means, he said that parties with money were backing him, and that he had valuable property in Norfolk.

"Rivenbark had goods shipped to him in Raleigh under the name of the A. H. Rivenbark Company. About ten days ago a shipment came over the Seaboard Air Line to him from the Burg Compressor Company, of Erie, Pa., but it was not delivered. The materials for a bottling compressing plant were shipped to deliver, but the road was notified immediately after the arrival of the goods not to deliver till the draft sent Rivenbark was paid and presented by him. Rivenbark did not call for the goods.

"Investigation shows that Rivenbark went into the business with a big knife wide open, and that he had ordered some ten thousand dollars' worth of goods, in the consignments being outfits for bottling soft drinks and for making candy, automobiles and other things. He had sent orders to Charlotte firms as well as to Northern firms, the shipments being ordered sent to Raleigh, Laurinburg, and at various points on the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. There are two carloads of goods sent to him here that are held by the railroads.

"Rivenbark sent out notices to firms of his having a company in Raleigh, the firm name being A. H. Rivenbark & Company, with Mr. John T. Pullen, the president of the Raleigh Savings Bank, as president, and Mr. E. N. McDonald, a cotton mill engineer, as a member of the firm. Both these gentlemen deny having any connection with Rivenbark, or of knowing anything about his affairs, a card having been issued to this effect by Mr. Pullen. Rivenbark had mail addressed to D. M. Williams at Raleigh, whom he gave as a reference, this a fictitious name. Securing these letters he would reply, saying the firm was all right. By this means he reported to Bradstreet's that he had \$5,000 in assets in Norfolk, besides real estate.

"Rivenbark's mother and family live at Laurinburg, and great stacks of mail, some fifty letters a day, came to Rivenbark there, it being to Laurinburg that an automobile was shipped to him. The firms sending goods to him began to get uneasy and an investigation was begun through the Postoffice Department. Inspector Mitchell went to Laurinburg and on Tuesday spent the day acting as delivery clerk at the postoffice. Rivenbark's mother called for his mail, but the letters marked "personal," and there were many of these, were not delivered to her. Without knowing what was to happen she gave a description of her son, of whose doings she later declared she knew nothing.

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MISSISSIPPI LETTER.
A Great Cotton Country About County Division Interested in Native County.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

It may not be amiss to many of the readers of The Robesonian to hear from Mississippi, a land in which almost anything will grow and flourish. If cotton don't exactly grow in the woods here, it will come as near it as any country in the world. There are a score or more counties in Mississippi which will average a bale of cotton to the acre, without fertilizing; and even here in the piney woods the bottom lands make a bale to the acre without help.

A great many farmers keep up the ante-bellum habit—make cotton and have their barns and meat houses in St. Louis and Chicago. Habit indulged in for a long time is hard to overcome. Several years since, in company with a friend, I attended the Charleston Reunion of Confederate soldiers. Standing on crowded Meeting street whilst the veterans were marching by a good looking man close by asked me where I was from. I told him from Mississippi. I asked him where he was from; he replied about 20 or 30 miles up the coast. He said, "You people in Mississippi think you can make cotton, but we can beat you here too badly to talk about." I replied, "My friend, how is that?" His answer was, "By our system of labor, improved implements, cultivators, etc." I told him that cotton grows in the woods in Mississippi and all we had to do was to gather it in the fall. His reply was, "That's a—D—die, sir."

I see in The Robesonian that an effort is being made to establish another county out of Robeson territory, also parts of other counties. When I was a boy—years before the civil war—I heard my father and his neighbors' discussing the same thing. The trend of opinion was to make a new county out of upper Robeson and the lower end of Richmond with the county seat at or near "Shoe Heel," now Maxton, the division line starting from the State line south of Rowland, leaving that locality in the new county and running by Pembroke—then known as Lowry's Bridge—and joining Cumberland not far from Lumber Bridge. The way to arrive at a correct conclusion in regard to many things is to put yourself in the place of the other party. Now, I will ask the voters of lower Robeson to put themselves in the place of the voters of upper Robeson. Would they not be in favor of a new county to a man? Remember the golden rule. Cannot the people of Robeson be as just as the people of Richmond. Would Scott and county ever have existed but for putting in practice by the citizens of Richmond county that God-given principle, justice. When another effort is made in the interest of a new county out of Robeson I hope it will succeed. Robeson county is amply able to have two counties, both as regards territory and finances.

I can't do without The Robesonian. Though I have lived in Mississippi thirty-eight years, my interest in the land of my birth is unabated. The Rowland Sun and The Robesonian keep me posted. I read nearly everything in both. Aunt Becky's letters with many others, are instructive. Though the railroads have changed the face of the country, established new towns and postoffices, still from names and other circumstances I can locate most of them. I have written to Congressman Godwin to send me a soil map of the county. This I will appreciate, and am willing to pay the price therefor.

D. McCallum.

Weatherby, Miss., April 12, '09.

Learning from her where Rivenbark could be located, Inspector Mitchell went immediately to Hamlet, where he arrested Rivenbark, whom he found in a baggage car, with Columbia as his destination. He put handcuffs on the man, brought him back to Laurinburg, where his family saw him, and then took him to the Lumberton jail. To the inspector Rivenbark declared that a man in Raleigh by the name of D. M. Williams put him up to the scheme, but no such man has been located here.

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